#### CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, July 11th: Great Martyr Euphemia

Family Day \*\*\*CHANGED TO JULY 18th\*\*\*

Tuesday, July 13th: 7:00 P.M. – Parish Council Meeting

Sunday, July 18th: Fathers of the 4th Ecumenical Council

Family Day at 1 P.M.- Masonic Youth Center, 116 Long Street, Warwick, RI

Sunday, July 25th: Dormition of Anna

Six-Month Memorial Service for Antwanet Kasatli Baalbaki

Sunday, August 1st: Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Monday-Friday, August 2nd-6th: 8:30am-12:30pm- Church School Summer Camp

at the Parish Center

Saturday, August 7th: 6:00 P.M.- Arabic Liturgy

Sunday, August 8th: Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Tuesday, August 10th: 7:00 P.M.—Parish Council Meeting

August 1st-14th: Dormition Fast

Friday- Sunday, August 13th-15th: Feast Day Weekend Celebration (Mahrajan)

Friday, August 13th: 5:00 pm til 9:00 pm Saturday, August 14th: 12 noon til 11:00 pm Sunday, August 15th: 9:00am: Matins

10:00am: Divine Liturgy

Feast Day Following Liturgy- 5:00 pm

Sunday, August 15th: Dormition of the Theotokos Sunday, August 22nd: Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

OneYear Memorial Service for Paula Hallal

Sunday, August 29th: Beheading of John the Baptist Saturday, September 4th: 6:00 P.M.— Arabic Liturgy Sunday, September 5th: Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 12th: Sunday before the Elevation of the Cross

First Day of Sunday School & Welcome back Luncheon

Sunday, September 19th: Sunday after the Elevation of the Cross

Sunday, September 26th: Repose of John the Theologian

Saturday, October 2nd: 6:00 P.M.— Arabic Liturgy Sunday, October 3rd: Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, October 10th: Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost







Sunday, July 11, 2021

Great-martyr Euphemia the all-praised & Third Sunday of Matthew

## Saint Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church

"A parish of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America"

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#### **Schedule of Services**

Sunday: Orthros (Matins) 9:00 a.m. Church School 11:15 a.m. Sunday: Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

> Enter in Quietness, Rest in Prayer, Worship in Reverence, Depart in Peace to Serve

We welcome our Visitors & Guests: Please take a moment to fill out a Visitor Card.

**Receiving Communion**: Only those Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves may approach the chalice for Holy Communion. Everyone is welcome to partake of the Holy Bread after the Liturgy.



#### Prayer Line

St. Mary ~ Internet Prayer Line
Prayer requests can be sent to us via the internet at

#### office@stmarypawtucket.org

All requests must be received by Wednesday noon to be included in that week's bulletin. Any requests received after that time will be included in the following week's bulletin.

<u>Coffee Hour Committee</u>: Latifa Alarmani- (781)414-6281

(Please contact her to sponsor a coffee hour.)

The Parish Council has decided to implement a new system to organize our coffee hours. There are two ways to handle this: when a couple, family, or an individual decides to sponsor the coffee hour, you may do it on your own which entails purchasing the pastry & juice, making the coffee, setting up the table, and cleaning up. The second option is to donate \$200 to the church so that a Parish Council member will handle the coffee hour on your behalf.

## **Coffee Hour Sponsorships**.

**<u>Date:</u>** Sponsored by: Sponsored for:

July 11, 2021: Dr. Zeyad & Norma Morcos Health of Son

Memory of Father

July 18, 2021: not available Family Day \*\*note date change\*\*
July 25, 2021: Her Loving Family Antwanet Kasatli Baalbaki (6 months)

August 1, 2021: Ghassan, Latifa, Elissa & Elias Alarmani Health of Family

August 8, 2021: available for sponsorship

August 15, 2021: not available

August 22, 2021: Their Loving Family

Feast Day Weekend
Frederick Hallal (6 years)
Sophie Hallal (11 years)
Paula Hallal (1 year)

August 29, 2021: available for sponsorship September 5, 2021: available for sponsorship

September 12, 2021: Matt & Megan Duncan Sunday School welcome back luncheon

September 19, 2021: not available

September 26, 2021: available for sponsorship October 3, 2021: available for sponsorship October 10, 2021: available for sponsorship

October 17, 2021: Elaine Wilbur Memory of Fred Hashway, Russell Wilbur, Mary Samra & Joseph Samra

October 24, 2021: Fouad & Marianne Alzaibak 1st Wedding Anniversary

October 31, 2021: available for sponsorship

November 7, 2021: not available Annual Holiday Bazaar

November 14, 2021: available for sponsorship November 21, 2021: available for sponsorship November 28, 2021: available for sponsorship December 5, 2021: available for sponsorship

December 12, 2021: St. Mary Church Choir Appreciation

December 19, 2021: St. Mary Church Sunday School Pageant & Luncheon

December 26, 2021: available for sponsorship

## **THE SYNAXARION (Plain Reading)**

On July 11 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the holy Great Martyr, the all-famed Euphemia, who through a supernatural wonder upheld the Orthodox Tome of Faith at the Holy Fourth Ecumenical Council. Verses Though dead, judge the definitions of the Faith, O Martyr, And confirm that Faith for which thou with love hast contended. On the eleventh, Euphemia setteth the wondrous definition of the Faith. Euphemia, a virgin martyr beautiful in soul and body, is commemorated on September 16, the day on which she suffered in 304. On this day we celebrate the miracle wrought by her precious relics, revealed at the time of the Fourth Ecumenical Council in Chalcedon in 451. This Council was 22 summoned because of the heresy of Dioscorus, Patriarch of Alexandria, and Eutyches, an archimandrite in Constantinople, who falsely taught that there were in Christ not two natures, divine and human, but only one, a divine nature. To resolve the fight, Patriarch Anatolius of Constantinople suggested that the Orthodox and the heretics each write down their confession of faith, and place them into the coffin that contained the relics of St. Euphemia. Two confessions of faith, then, were written and placed in the hands of the great martyr. The coffin was closed and sealed with the imperial seal, a watch then being set over it. They then all spent three days in fasting and prayer. On the fourth day, when the tomb was opened, they saw the Orthodox confession of faith in the saint's right hand and the heretical one beneath her feet. Thus the conflict was resolved by God's power, on the side of Orthodoxy. On this day, we also commemorate Olga (Helen), princess of Kiev.

By their intercessions, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.



#### **ONLINE BULLETIN**

The Bulletin is available online on our website at: <a href="http://stmarypawtucket.org">http://stmarypawtucket.org</a>

## Great-martyr Euphemia the all-praised & Third Sunday of Matthew

Tone: 2 Eothinon: 3

#### **RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION: TONE 2**

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee.

#### APOLYTIKION FOR ST. EUPHEMIA THE ALL-PRAISED: TONE 3

\*\*Thy confession\*\*) O Euphemia, Christ's comely virgin, \* thou didst fill the Orthodox with gladness \* and didst cover with shame all the heretics; \* for at the holy Fourth Council in Chalcedon, \* thou didst confirm what the Fathers decreed aright. \* O all-glorious Great Martyr, do thou entreat Christ God \* that His great mercy may be granted unto us.

#### **TROPARION OF THE DORMITION: Tone 1**

In giving birth, Thou didst keep Thy virginity and in thy repose, Thou didst not forsake the world, O Theotokos, for Thou art the mother of life, and Thou didst pass over into life; and through thy intercession from death Thou dost redeem our souls.

#### **ORDINARY KONTAKION: TONE 2**

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.



#### THE EPISTLE

God is wondrous in His saints. In the churches, bless ye God.

Brethren, since we are fellow workers, we entreat you also not to receive the grace of God in vain—for He says, "At an acceptable season I hearkened unto thee, and in a day of salvation I helped thee"; behold, now is "the acceptable season"; behold, now is "the day of salvation"— giving no occasion of stumbling in anything, that the ministry is not blamed, but in everything commending ourselves, as ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in vigils, in fasts, in purity, in knowledge, in longsuffering, in kindness, in the Holy Spirit, in love unfeigned, in the word of truth, in the power of God; by the weapons of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, by glory and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and yet true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and, behold, we live; as chastened, and not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

## THE GOSPEL

The Lord said, "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is evil, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore, I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink; nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not the soul more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of heaven: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his stature? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon himself in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O men of little faith? Therefore, do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well."

## 25 Week-Multi Raffle

Tickets are still available for our Multi Raffle-first drawing to be announced soon.

Tickets: \$125

Prizes: \$125...plus your number can be pulled

again throughout the 25 weeks!!

To purchase a ticket, please see Edward Ayoub (401) 263-3666

## Orthodox Vocabulary

### **Gospel Book**

**Gospel Book:** this is the book containing the four gospels which is used at liturgical services. The gospels are arranged into a series of "periscopes": (passages), each destined to be read on a certain day of the year, as regulated by the liturgical calendar. This makes it easier for the celebrant to find the appropriate reading. The gospel book is kept permanently on the altar. Father Schmemann, in his *Eucharist: Sacrament of the Kingdom*, on p. 71, writes: "The Gospel is a part of the liturgy not only as something which is read, but also as a book. It is venerated just like an icon or the altar, it is kissed, it is incensed, it is used to bless the people of God." As a book, the gospel is also used at the consecration of a bishop, in the sacraments of penance, at the anointing of the sick, and in processions. This is why, at Sunday matins, we kiss it as we sing: "Having beheld the resurrection of Christ..." The Word of God is the Person of the Son (Jn 1:1 and 14). The gospel book contains the Word. This is why it is the "verbal icon" of Christ.



Our Creator already rules, at the beginning and the end of our lives; why not allow Him to rule our entire lives from start to end? He is the Master of birth and death; may He rule over all the time between birth and death.

~St. Nikolai Velimorvich



## **Coffee Hour**

Coffee hour will be sponsored by Dr. Zeyad & Norma Morcos for the health of their son and in memory of his father.

Coffee hour will be held after Liturgy at the Parish Center.

## **Church School Summer Camp**

We've had enough interest in Summer Camp that we are going to move forward! **Camp will be August 2-6 from 9-12:30pm.** It will be geared for 3-10 year olds, but older kids always welcome to help out. Everything will be free of charge, and kids will bring their own lunches.

We are so excited to have Church Camp this summer! Please use the link to learn more about camp and register your children.

https://forms.gle/EtBknsM28VVMoNk27 Registration due by July 31.

If you are interested in helping out, please contact Megan Duncan at <a href="megan.duncan09@gmail.com">megan.duncan09@gmail.com</a>





#### **Upcoming Memorial Service**

A Six-Month Memorial Service for the servant of God Antwanet Kasatli Baalbaki (Beloved Mother, Grandmother and Great Grandmother) is being offered by her family, **on July 25, 2021,** and will be followed by a coffee hour at the Parish Center following Liturgy.

## Time to pick Grape Leaves

The weather is good, and the picking should be better! Now is the time to help us gather grape leaves for the bazaar! The grape leaves should be blanched, frozen and counted. Please help! Thanks!



## PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR GOOD HEALTH AND BLESSING OF:

Kevin Hashway Mark Hashway

Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Victoria Hallal

Offered by: Ron Hallal

Josephine Karam Ed Betor

Offered by: Elie, Julia & Naji Karam

Jacob, Maria, Sofia, Emilia Khoury Nabil & Salwa Khoury Fr. Elie Estephan (welcome back) & Rouba, Tala, Chadi & Bassam Estephan Walid & Mirna Nakhoul

Ghassan, Latifa, Elissa & Elias Alarmani Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Fred & Adele Shwaery & Family Offered by: Nora Abdelahad Elaine Agaty Sandra Matook

Maureen Gurghigian
Mack and Louise Megalli
Mother Xenia Minihan
Ronald Muller
Madison Tucker
Offered by Michael, Nancy, Jacob and Victoria
Muller

#### **IN LOVING MEMORY OF:**

Janice Hallal

Offered by: Her Loving Husband Ron

Fred Hashway

Offered by: Élaine Wilbur

Al Hallal

Offered by: Ron Hallal

Albert Hallal

Offered by: Rhonda, Keith & Sharyn Hallal

& Family

Janice Hallal

Offered by: Rhonda Hallal, Bob Lienert, Hanna & Emma, Sharyn Hallal, Keith & Maria Hallal, Isabel

& Matthew

Denise Dowd Offered by: Nora Abdelahad Elaine Agaty Sandra Matook



## **Arabic Liturgy**

Arabic Liturgy is being offered the first Saturday of each month at 6:00 P.M. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.



# St. Mary Feast Day Celebrations Mahrajan



Friday, August 13th, Saturday August 14th
AND Sunday, August 15th
(Outdoors- Rain Or Shine)

Music, Food, Entertainment and Fellowship!

*Friday, August 13th*: 5:00 pm til 9:00 pm

Saturday, August 14th: 12 noon til 11:00 pm

Sunday, August 15th: 9:00am: Matins

10:00am: Divine Liturgy

Feast Day Following Liturgy– 5:00 pm

## **Free Admission**

Authentic Middle Eastern Food Hookah available Raffles Full Cash Bar

Saturday Entertainment by George Maalouf—5pm-11pm Sunday Entertainment by Mitchell Kaltsunas — 1pm-3pm

One St. Mary Way, Pawtucket, RI 02860



#### We will provide (FREE!):

+ Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Chips, Condiments, Watermelon & A Hot Grill, Games for Children and Adults

#### Bring you own:

+ Drinks, Salads, Desserts, Lawn Chairs, Swimsuit/Towels, Music, Balls, Bats & Gloves & anything else you would like to grill or make it a better picnic

•There is a swimming pool, baseball field, horseshoe pit, bathhouse facilities, and plenty of sun & shade. Look forward to seeing you!

Donations appreciated to help defray costs.

Any questions, please contact Walid Nakhoul at (401) 692-1250



