

## CHURCH CALENDAR

**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

Bazaar Kick-Off Luncheon

**Saturday, October 16th:** Harvest Hafleh



## SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



*Sunday, July 25, 2021*

*Dormition of Righteous Anna, mother of the Theotokos  
& Fifth Sunday of Matthew*

***Saint Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church***  
***"A parish of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America"***

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**His Eminence Metropolitan JOSEPH, Archbishop of New York  
& Metropolitan of all North America**

**His Grace Bishop JOHN, Auxiliary and Bishop of the  
Diocese of Worcester and New England**

**V. Rev. Father Elie Estephan**  
Cell- 1-(240) 205-9079

**Sub-Deacon Emad Amirhom**  
**Sub-Deacon Elijah Vollendorf**

**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](mailto: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.

**Coffee Hour Committee:** 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.**

**Date:**

**Sponsored by:**

**Sponsored for:**

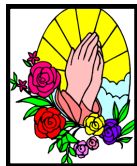
July 25, 2021:	Her Loving Family	Antwanet Kasatli Baalbaki (6 months)
August 1, 2021:	Ghassan, Latifa, Elissa & Elias Alarmani	Health of Family
August 8, 2021:	available for sponsorship	
August 15, 2021:	not available	Feast Day Weekend
August 22, 2021:	Their Loving Family	Frederick Hallal (6 years)
		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:	available for sponsorship	
September 26, 2021:	Lorice Hallal & Family	Memory of Ed Hallal (20 years)
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 25 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Dormition of Saint Anna, Mother of the Most Holy Theotokos. Verses The Virgin-mother Maiden's Mother now dieth, 22 Who for child-bearing mothers is swift salvation. On the twenty-fifth died Anna, the assuager of hard travail. According to tradition, Anna, the ancestor of God, lived for 79 years, and her spouse Joachim, for 80, who preceded Anna in death. They were married for 50 years and prayed to God for a child— male or female—to comfort them in their old age. Anna gave birth to the one who would bear God in her womb. The Theotokos had been orphaned of both her parents when she was 11 years old, when she was living in the Temple. Saint Anna is invoked for conceiving children, and for help in difficult childbirth. On this day, we also commemorate our righteous mothers Olympias the deaconess of Constantinople; and Eupraxia of Tabenna.

*By the intercessions of Thy Saints, O Christ God,  
have mercy upon us. Amen.*



### ONLINE BULLETIN

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## *Dormition of Righteous Anna, mother of the Theotokos*

**Tone: 4 Eothinon: 5**

### **RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION: TONE 4**

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying: Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy.

### **APOLYTIKION FOR THE DORMITION OF ST. ANNA: TONE 4**

O Godly-minded Anna, thou didst give birth unto God's pure Mother who conceived Him Who is our Life. Wherefore, thou hast now passed with joy to thy heavenly rest, wherein is the abode of them that rejoice in glory; and thou askest forgiveness of sins for them that honor thee with love, O ever-blessed one.

### **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.

### **KONTAKION OF THE DORMITION OF ST. ANNA: TONE 2**

(\*\*Thou soughtest the heights\*\*) We celebrate now \* the mem'ry of Christ's ancestors, \* while asking their help \* with faith, that we may all be saved \* from all manner of tribulation as we fervently cry aloud: \* Be Thou with us, O Lord our God, \* Whose pleasure it was to glorify them both.





**THE EPISTLE**

God is wondrous in His saints. In the churches, bless ye God. The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (4:22-27) Brethren, Abraham had two sons, one by the handmaid, and one by the free-woman. But the one from the handmaid is born according to the flesh; whereas the one from the freewoman is through the promise. These things are an allegory, for these women are two covenants. One is from Mount Sinai, bearing children for bondage, which is Hagar. For Sinai, which corresponds to Hagar, is a mountain in Arabia, and resembles the present Jerusalem, for she is in bondage with her children. But the Jerusalem that is above is free, and she is the mother of us all. For it is written, “Rejoice, O barren one who does not bear; break forth and cry out, you who are not in travail: For many are the children of the desolate, much more than of her who has a husband.”

**THE GOSPEL**

**The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (8:28-9:1)**  
At that time, when Jesus came to the country of the Gergesenes, two demoniacs met Him, coming out of the tombs, so fierce that no one could pass that way. And behold, they cried out, “What have we to do to Thee, O Son of God? Art Thou come here to torment us before the time?” Now a herd of many swine was feeding at some distance from them. And the demons begged Him, “If Thou castest us out, send us away into the herd of swine.” And He said to them, “Go.” So they came out and went into the swine; and behold, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and perished in the waters. The herdsmen fled, and going into the city they told everything, and what had happened to the demoniacs. And behold, all the city came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw Him, they begged Him to leave their neighborhood. And getting into a boat He crossed over and came to His own city.

**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**

**Feast Day Weekend-** August 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>

*St. Mary Church needs your help to make our Feast Day Weekend a success. We are relying on volunteers to help with making the weekend a successful one. Please sign up for a day & time that is convenient for you. We appreciate any time you can give us! We need volunteers on Thursday, August 12<sup>th</sup> (set-up), Friday, August 13<sup>th</sup> Saturday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, & Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup>.*

**We need help with: Kitchen, Bar, Cleaning, Serving Food**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Area to help</u>

*We are also looking for monetary donations to help with: food supplies, bar supplies, tents, entertainment, water, soda, misc. Please see Walid & Mirna Nakhoul, Ghassan, Latifa Alarmani, or Salwa Khoury.*

## 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.

So save the dates, more info and registration info to come soon! If you are interested in helping out, please contact Megan Duncan at [megan.duncan09@gmail.com](mailto:megan.duncan09@gmail.com)



### Visitations

Please contact Fr. Elie with any names of parishioners that are in need of visitation either at home, in hospital or nursing homes.

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### 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!



### Memorial Service



A six-month Memorial Service is being offered for the servant of God, *Antwanet Kasatli Baalbaki* and is being offered by Her Loving Family.

***May God grant her peace and may her memory be eternal.***

#### **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

Ken & Rania Salhany & Family  
Elias & Samar Baalbaki & Family  
Nabil & Gloria Baalbaki & Family  
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

George, Kristen, Gabriella & Julianna Baalbaki  
Elias & Michael Baalbaki  
Riad & Rosette Eid & Family  
Rowayda Shouaa & Family  
Elias & Samar Baalbaki & Family  
Ken & Rania Salhany & Family  
Myrna Brahisha  
All our Families & Friends  
Offered by: Nabil & Gloria Baalbaki

Renna, Kenny & Joe Salhany  
Offered by: Ken & Rania Salhany

Maureen Gurchigian  
Mack & Louise Megalli  
Mother Xenia Minihan  
Ronald Muller  
Madison Tucker  
Offered by: Michael, Nancy, Jacob & Victoria Muller

Walid & Mirna Nakhoul  
The Baalbaki Family  
The Salhany Family  
Offered by: Philip & Bette Ayoub

Victoria Hallal  
Offered by: Lorice Hallal

Ken & Rania Salhany & Family  
Elias & Samar Baalbaki & Family  
Nabil & Gloria Baalbaki & Family  
Walid & Mirna Nakhoul  
Ray & Leila Trabulsi  
Phil & Bette Ayoub  
Offered by: Samy & Helen Morcos

Do not approach the words of the mysteries contained in the Scriptures without prayer and without asking for God's help. Say, "Lord, grant that I may receive an awareness of the power that is within them." Consider prayer to be the key to the understanding of truth in Scripture.

~St. Isaac the Syrian



**IN LOVING MEMORY OF:**

Janice Hallal  
Offered by: Her Loving Husband Ron

Fred Hashway  
Offered by: Elaine 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

Antwanet Kasatli Baalbaki  
Offered by: Elias Baalbaki & Family

George H. & Antoinette Baalbaki  
George A. & Georgette A. Saggal  
Aboud & Foad Shouaa  
Abdalah & Mary Shagoury  
Marie Claire Chouha  
All deceased Families & Friends  
Offered by: Nabil & Gloria Baalbaki

Antwanet Kasatli Baalbaki (Beloved Mother & Grandmother)  
Offered by: Ken & Rania Salhany & Family

Antwanet Kasatli Baalbaki  
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Antwanet Kasatli Baalbaki  
Offered by: Philip & Bette Ayoub

Denise Dowd  
Offered by: Lorice Hallal

Antwanet Kasatli Baalbaki  
Offered by Samy & Helen Morcos



**Coffee Hour**

Today, Coffee Hour is being sponsored in memory of Antwanet Kasatli Baalbaki by Her Loving Family. Coffee hour will be held at the Parish Center following Liturgy. All are welcome to attend.



**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.

Bulletins are now available on our website every Sunday morning. Other important information, flyers, recipes, etc. can also be found on our website at [www.stmarypawtucket.org](http://www.stmarypawtucket.org)

**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***

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