

## CHURCH CALENDAR

**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

One Year 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

**October is YOUTH MONTH~**

**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 following Liturgy at Parish Center

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

**Saturday, October 23rd:** Teens/Sunday School Halloween Party

**Friday-Sunday November 5th-7th Annual Bazaar**

**Saturday, November, 20th:** Teens Thanksgiving Basket Distribution

**December 2nd:** Ladies Christmas Dinner



## SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



*Sunday, August 1, 2021*

*Sixth Sunday After Pentecost*

***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**

**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:**

August 1, 2021:	Ghassan, Latifa, Elissa & Elias Alarmani	Health of Family
August 8, 2021:	Walid, Mirna, Farah & Dakhil Nakhoul	Health of Family
August 15, 2021:	<i>not available</i>	Feast Day Weekend
August 22, 2021:	Their Loving Family	Frederick Hallal (6 years)
		Sophie Hallal (11 years)
		Paula Hallal (1 year)
		Health of Family
August 29, 2021:	Ray & Leila Trabulsi	
September 5, 2021:	<i>available for sponsorship</i>	
September 12, 2021:	Matt & Megan Duncan	Sunday School welcome back luncheon
September 19, 2021:	Helen & Sami Morcos	Health of Family
September 26, 2021:	Lorice Hallal & Family	Memory of Ed Hallal (20 years)
October 3, 2021:	Daikh Family	Health of Family
October 10, 2021:	St. Mary Church	Bazaar Kick-Off Luncheon
October 17, 2021:	Elaine Wilbur	Memory of Fred Hashway, Russell
		Wilbur, Mary Samra & Joseph Samra
		1st Wedding Anniversary
October 24, 2021:	Fouad & Marianne Alzaibak	
October 31, 2021:	<i>available for sponsorship</i>	
November 7, 2021:	<i>not available</i>	Annual Holiday Bazaar
November 14, 2021:	<i>available for sponsorship</i>	
November 21, 2021:	<i>available for sponsorship</i>	
November 28, 2021:	<i>available for sponsorship</i>	
December 5, 2021:	Cindy Hayes	Health of Family
December 12, 2021:	St. Mary Church	Choir Appreciation
December 19, 2021:	St. Mary Church	Sunday School Pageant & Luncheon
		Memory of Sue Ayoub (1 year)
December 26, 2021:	<i>available for sponsorship</i>	



## THE SYNAXARION (Plain Reading)

On August 1 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we celebrate the Procession of the honored and lifegiving Cross. Verses Let the whole world entire worship the Cross through Which it truly knew to worship Thee, O Word. This multi-dimensional feast was established as a memorial of the simultaneous victories of the Russians over the Bulgars and the Greeks over the Saracens. In both battles, the soldiers carried crosses from which a heavenly radiance shone forth. A memorial was therefore instituted that, on August 1, the true Precious Cross be carried from the Church of Saint Sophia in Constantinople, first around the interior of the church and then through the streets to allow the people to venerate it. The Precious Cross consecrated the earth and the air, and protected against sicknesses. Finally, on August 14, the eve of the Dormition of the Theotokos, it was taken back to the church in the imperial palace. In the Russian Church, this feast is also combined with the remembrance of the Baptism of Rus on August 1, 988. On this day, we also commemorate the holy Seven Martyrs, the Maccabees: Abim, Anthony, Guria, Eleazar, Eusebona, Achim and Marcellus; their mother Solomone and Eleazar their teacher.

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



### ONLINE BULLETIN

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

## *Sixth Sunday After Pentecost*

**Tone: 5    Eothinon: 6**

### RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION: TONE 5

Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For, He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

### APOLYTIKION FOR THE HOLY CROSS: TONE 1

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance, granting to Thy people victory over all their enemies, and by the power of Thy Cross preserving Thy commonwealth.

### 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 TRANSFIGURATION: TONE 7

Thou wast transfigured on the mount, and Thy Disciples, in so far as they were able, beheld Thy glory, O Christ our God; so that, when they should see Thee crucified, they would remember that all Thy suffering was voluntary, and could declare to all the world that Thou art truly the effulgent Splendor of the Father.





## THE EPISTLE

*Thou, O Lord, shalt keep us and preserve us.  
Save me, O Lord, for the godly man is no more.*

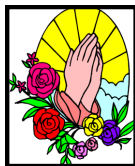
### ***The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans. (12:6-14)***

Brethren, having gifts that differ according to the grace that was given to us, let each use them accordingly: whether prophecy, let him prophesy according to the proportion of the faith; or ministry, let him give himself to the ministry; or the teacher, to the teaching; or he who exhorts, in the exhorting; he who gives, let him do it with simplicity; he who presides, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. Love one another with brotherly affection; in honor preferring one another; in diligence not slothful; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing steadfastly in prayer; communicating to the necessities of the saints; given to hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless, and do not curse.

## THE GOSPEL

### ***The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (9:1-8)***

At that time, Jesus got into a boat, crossed over and came to His own city. And behold, they brought to Him a paralytic, lying on his bed; and when Jesus saw their faith He said to the paralytic, “Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven.” And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, “This man is blaspheming.” But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, “Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise and walk’? But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—He then said to the paralytic—“Rise, take up your bed and go home.” And he rose and went home. When the crowds saw it, they marveled, and they glorified God, Who had given such authority to men.



## 25 Week-Multi Raffle

Tickets are still available for our Multi Raffle—  
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***

### **WINNERS:**

***Week 1– Philip G. Ayoub***

***Week 2– Cindy Hayes***



**Happy Birthday to everyone who has a birthday during the month of August.**

**Elissa Alarmani  
George Arees  
Bettte Ayoub  
Bria Bleasdale  
Mery Deeb  
Lilla Mechrefe  
Alexis Najjar  
Samuel Whatley**

**Chadi Estephan  
Paul Graham  
Keith Hallal  
George Kilsey  
Madelyn Marshall  
Mary Mechrefe  
Nicholas Saed**

**Jonathan Gaudio  
Peter Graham  
Salwa Khoury  
Alexander Lazieh  
Sam Matook  
Nancy Muller  
Dimitrios Sterpis**

***\*\*if you have a August birthday and do not see your name– we do not have it in our database– please email or call the church office to have you and your family members added.\*\****

## 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 at the Parish Center.** 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.

Please contact Megan Duncan at [megan.duncan09@gmail.com](mailto:megan.duncan09@gmail.com) for any questions.



### 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!



### 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  
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa

Eliza DeAngelis  
Offered by: Nora, Leah & Michael Matook

Gloria Baalbaki  
Victoria Hallal  
Offered by: Sandra Matook

Aunt Julia Al-Amir  
Walid Nakhoul  
Bette Ayoub  
Offered by: Lorice Hallal

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

Nancy Muller  
Offered by: Michael, Jacob & Victoria Muller

Donnie, Lauren, Allison, Dan, Liz and Sarah  
Offered by: Cindy Hayes

Mary Massiwer  
John & Patricia Massiwer  
Maureen, Paul & Mary Gurghigian  
Mary & Bill Franklin  
Billy & Brittany, Jon & Meagan  
Diane Andrew & Paul Burnier  
Laura, Jim & Noelle Arrighi  
Holly, Jordan & Alexander Lazieh & Bob Dessaint  
Cheryl, Anthony, Emma & Evan Nassaney  
Nancy, Demitri, Steven & Nicholas Sterpis  
Lil Massiwer  
Diana Hashway  
Mitchell Massiwer & Family  
Offered by: Cindy Hayes & Family



Salwa & Nabil Khoury  
Phil & Bette Ayoub  
Ray & Leila Trabulsi  
Samy & Helen Morcos  
Offered by: Walid & Mirna Nakhoul

### 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

Abdalla Alzaibak  
Joseph & Souad Youakim  
Offered by: Marianne & Fouad Alzaibak

Fred Hallal  
Mary Samra  
Offered by: Lorice Hallal

George & Nora David  
Offered by: Their Children, Grandchildren & Great-Grandchildren

Joseph & Mary Samra  
Offered by: Joe & Marlene Samra

Mary Samra  
Offered by: Fr. Michael & Selma Abdelahad & Family  
Nora Abdelahad  
Elaine Agaty  
Sandra Matook & Family

Don Hayes  
John Massiwer  
Tom Andrew  
Sophie, Fred & Paula Hallal  
Sarah, George, Emile & Abraham Massiwer  
Moses Lazieh  
Louis Hashway  
David Massiwer  
Julia & Bob Vale  
Offered by: Cindy Hayes & Family

**Coffee Hour**

Today, Coffee Hour is being sponsored by Ghassan, Latifa, Elissa & Elias Alarmani for the Health of their Family. Coffee hour will be held at the Parish Center following Liturgy. All are welcome to attend.



**WELCOME & THANK YOU**

St. Mary Church would like to welcome and thank Fr. Gregory Harrigle for celebrating Liturgy with us today while Fr. Elie is out of town.

**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.*

**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***