

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, August 22nd: Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

One Year Memorial Service for Paula Hallal

Six Year Memorial Service for Frederick Hallal

Eleven Year Memorial Service for Sophie 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

Tuesday, September 14th: 7:00pm– Parish Council Meeting

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

Sunday, September 26th: Repose of John the Theologian

20 Year Memorial Service for Edward Hallal Sr.

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

Tuesday, October 12th: 7:00pm– Parish Council Meeting

Saturday, October 16th: Harvest Hafleh

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

Sunday, October 31st: Two Year Memorial Service for Steve Kilsey

Friday-Sunday November 5th-7th Annual Bazaar

Tuesday, November 9th: 7:00pm– Parish Council Meeting

Saturday, November, 20th: Teens Thanksgiving Basket Distribution

December 2nd: Ladies Christmas Dinner

Sunday, December 12th: Choir Appreciation Sunday

Tuesday, December 14th: 7:00pm– Parish Council Meeting

Sunday, December 19th: Sunday School Pageant & Luncheon

Bishop JOHN visit

One Year Memorial Service for Sue Ayoub

Sunday, December 26th: Sunday After the Nativity



SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



Sunday, August 22, 2021
Ninth 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**

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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.

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 22, 2021:	Their Loving Family	Frederick Hallal (6 years) Sophie Hallal (11 years) Paula Hallal (1 year)
August 29, 2021:	Ray & Leila Trabulsi	Health of Family
September 5, 2021:	John, Anita, Reyna & Anthony Chamoun	Health of Family
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
October 24, 2021:	Fouad & Marianne Alzaibak	1st Wedding Anniversary
October 31, 2021:	Patricia Kilsey	Memory of Steve Kilsey (2 years)
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:	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:	available for sponsorship	
January 2, 2022:	available for sponsorship	
January 9, 2022:	available for sponsorship	
January 16, 2022:	available for sponsorship	
January 23, 2022:	available for sponsorship	
January 30, 2022:	not available	General Assembly Meeting



Orthodox Vocabulary

Dormition

Both the English and the Greek term figuratively refer to the anniversary of the death of the Virgin Mary. Only the feast of the Virgin Mary's dormition will be dealt with here. An account of the essential theological differences between the Orthodox term 'dormition' and the Roman Catholic 'assumption' will be touched upon in the entry on MARY the Mother of God. The first clear evidence about this feast goes back to the years of the Third Ecumenical Council at Ephesus (431). However, this evidence refers to a preexisting feast of Mary's Dormition. At the beginning of the 5th century an Armenian Anthology, for example, called the 15th of August 'the day of Mary the Mother of God' But feasts of this kind in both East and West were devoted to the memory of Mary in general, not particularly to her dormition. Gradually, though, these feasts began to converge on the believed day of her death, August 15, perhaps as an indirect result of the erection at Gethsemane of a church in her honor that included in it her very grave, according to tradition. Extensive celebrations were taking place there and a great number of pilgrims gathered to pay homage to the Mother of God. By the end of the 6th century, the feast of the Dormition on August 15 had been established by custom and was also decreed by emperor Mauricius to be observed throughout the Byzantine empire. A little later, the same date was adopted in the West and became the preeminent feast in honor of the Virgin Mary. And at least since the 10th century, a 15-day fasting has been observed preceding the feast day of the Dormition. Also a series of hymns in her honor invoking her prayers in favor of the faithful, known as the Parakletic Canon [see PARAKLESIS], is being Sung every evening during this 15-day period. It should be noted in this connection that the mediaeval invocation of the Holy Mary 'All-Holy Mother of God, save us', has been substituted with, 'All-Holy Mother of God pray for us', thus preserving the Orthodox teaching by which there can be only one Savior, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Come, let us wonder at the virgin most pure, wondrous in herself unique in creation, she gave birth, yet knew no man; her pure soul with wonder was filled, daily her mind gave praise in joy at the twofold wonder: her virginity preserved, her child most dear. Blessed is He who shone forth from her!

~St. Ephraim the Syrian



Every day, every night, let us think that God is watching us, that He hears our prayers, that He sees the depths of our spirit. This does not mean, of course, that we see God as He is, but it creates an atmosphere which allows us to perceive each day's imperfections, the dissipation of our 'mind, our faults in our relations with others, and so on.

~Archimandrite Sophrony



Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

Tone: 8 Eothinon: 9

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION: TONE 8

From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the threeday burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF THE DORMITION: TONE 1

In thy birth-giving, O Theotokos, thou didst keep and preserve virginity; and in thy falling-asleep thou hast not forsaken the world; for thou wast translated into life, being the Mother of Life. Wherefore, by thine intercessions, deliver our souls from death.

KONTAKION OF THE DORMITION: TONE 2

Verily, the Theotokos, who is ever watchful in intercessions, and whose prayers are never rejected, neither tomb nor death could control. But since she is the Mother of Life, He Who dwelt in her ever-virgin womb did translate her to life.



Bulletin Submissions

Please help us provide a quality weekly bulletin by submitting all prayer requests and announcements to the church office by Noon on Wednesdays. Any requests received after this time will be in the following week's bulletin. Thank you for your cooperation.

THE EPISTLE

Make your vows and pay them to the Lord our God.
God is known in Judaea; His Name is great in Israel.

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (3:9-17)

Brethren, we are God's fellow workers; you are God's husbandry, God's building. According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise architect I laid a foundation, and another builds upon it. Let each one take heed how he builds upon it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; everyone's work will become manifest; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire itself will test each one's work of what sort it is. If anyone's work which was built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, but he himself will be saved, yet so as by fire. Do you not know that you are a temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone corrupts the temple of God, God will corrupt him. For the temple of God is holy, whose temple you are.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (14:22-34)

At that time, Jesus made the Disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He dismissed the crowds. And after He had dismissed the crowds, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. When evening came, He was there alone, but the Disciples' boat by this time was many furlongs distant from the land, beaten by the waves; for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night He came to them, walking on the sea. But when the Disciples saw Jesus walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately He spoke to them, saying, "Take heart, it is I; have no fear." And Peter answered Him, "Lord, if it is Thee, bid me come to Thee on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus; but when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out His hand and caught him, saying to him, "O man of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped Him, saying, "Truly, Thou art the Son of God." And when they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret.

THE SYNAXARION (Plain Reading)

On August 22 in the Holy Orthodox Church, during the after-feast of the Dormition of our Lady the Theotokos, we commemorate the holy, glorious and right victorious Martyr Agathonikos of Nicomedia and those with him: Zoticus, Zeno, Theoprepus, Acindynus, Princeps and Severian. Verses Agathonikos' name, the pledge of goodness, calleth his triumph by the sword very goodly. These men enduring the most violent devices, break the devices of the wicked deviser. On the twenty-second a sword killed Agathonikos. Agathonikos turned the Greeks away from idolatry with great fervor, and instructed them in the true Faith. The imperial governor, on orders from the Emperor Maximian, persecuted Christians with great harshness. He seized Zoticus in a place called Carpe, crucified his disciples and took him off to Nicomedia, where he also seized and bound Agathonikos, Princeps, Theoprepus, Acyndinus, Severian, Zeno and many others. In their captivity, Zoticus, Theoprepus and Acyndinus died from exhaustion and of their wounds. Severian was killed near Chalcedon and Agathonikos and the others were taken to Thrace, to a place called Silybria, where, after torture before the Emperor himself, they were beheaded with the sword and entered into eternal life and the joy of their Lord in the year 298. By the intercessions of Thy Saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.



St. Mary Church School & Teen SOYO News

September 12th, the 2021-2022 St. Mary Church School year will begin with the blessing of the children at Divine Liturgy and the first class of the new year. All parents of Church School aged children are encouraged to sign up their children by contacting Matthew or Megan Duncan with any questions.

Attention All Parents: Please bring your children to the Liturgy before Church School. Church School starts every Sunday following communion (Approx. 11:15am).

The start of the new Church School Year will be on Sunday, September 12th with a Luncheon to follow hosted by Matt & Megan Duncan.

THE MOTHER OF GOD AND THE SAINTS

We can judge the Church's attitude towards women by the high position accorded to the Most Holy Mother of God. The Church glorifies her more than all the saints and even more than the angels. She is praised in hymns as 'more honourable than the Cherubim and beyond compare more glorious than the Seraphim'. The Holy Virgin is the Mother of Christ and Mother of the Church - it is in her person that the Church glorifies motherhood, the inalienable inheritance and privilege of women. It is interesting that some Protestant Churches that have entrusted the celebration of the Eucharist and other priestly functions to women neither venerate the Mother of God nor pray to her. Yet without the Mother of God the Church community loses its fullness in the same way that it is incomplete without the priesthood. If fatherhood is realized in the Church in the episcopate and the priesthood, motherhood is personified in the Most Holy Mother of God. The Orthodox Church glorifies the Mother of God as ever-Virgin. This term was upheld by the Fifth Ecumenical Council in 533 and emphasizes the virginity of the Mother of God before, during and after Christ's birth. Christ's 'brothers', mentioned in Matthew 3:3, are regarded by Church Tradition to be the sons of Joseph from his first marriage. She is also called Most Holy, Most Pure and Immaculate. The Orthodox Church follows Early Church tradition in believing that at her death the Holy Virgin was assumed bodily into heaven like Christ and the Old Testament saints Enoch and Elijah. Very little is said about Mary in Scripture: her place in the New Testament is very modest compared with the place she occupies in the life of the Church. The veneration of the Mother of God is based not so much on Scripture as on the centuries-old experience of many people to whom, in one way or another, the mystery of the Holy Virgin was revealed. The Mother of God stands at the head of the host of saints glorified by the Church. In accordance with ancient tradition, the Church venerates the saints and addresses prayers to them. Accusations that the Church worships mere human beings in the same way as God are unfounded. Greek theology makes a clear distinction between the worship (*latreia*) of God and veneration (*proskynesis*) of the saints. The latter are not venerated as gods, but as people who have attained a great spiritual height and who have become united with God. The saints are closely connected with each other and with Christ. In venerating the saints we venerate Christ, who lives in them.



Memorial Services



- ♦ A One Year Memorial Service is being offered for the servant of God, *Paula Hallal* and is being offered by Her Loving Family.
- ♦ A Six Year Memorial Service is being offered for the servant of God, *Fred Hallal* and is being offered by His Loving Family.
- ♦ An Eleven Year Memorial Service is being offered for the servant of God, *Sophie Hallal* and is being offered by Her Loving Family.

Coffee Hour will be held in their memories following Liturgy at the Parish Center, sponsored by their Loving Family.

May God grant them peace and may their memories 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

Holly, Cheryl, Nancy & Families
Saliba, Robin, Bianca & Michelle Saliba
Victoria Hallal
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Holly, Cheryl, Nancy & Families
Offered by: Lorice Hallal

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

Jessica, George & Donna David
Offered by: Ray & Leila Trabulsi

Tony & Fadia Kabak
Victoria Hallal
Michelle Saliba
Holly, Cheryl, Nancy & Families
Offered by: John, Anita, Reyna & Anthony Chamoun



John & Patricia Massiwer
Maureen, Paul & Mary Gurchigian
Mary & Bill Franklin
Billy & Britt, Jon & Meagan
Diane Andrew & Paul Burnier
Laura, Jim & Noelle Arrighi
Holly, Jordan & Alexander Lazieh & Bob Dessaint
Cheryl, Anthony, Emma & Evan Nassany
Nancy, Demitri, Steven & Nicholas Sterpis
Lil Massiwer
Diana Hashway
Salwa & Nabil Khoury
Offered by: Mary Massiwer & Family

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

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

Jessica David
George & Donna David & Family
Offered by: Samy & Helen Morcos

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

Kevin Hashway
Mark Hashway
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur



Holly Lazieh and sons and Bob Dessaint
Cheryl and Anthony Nassaney and family
Nancy and Demetrios Sterpis and family
Lily Massiwer
Diana Hashway
Mary Massiwer and family
Fred and Adele Shwaery and family
Vickie Hallal
Bill and Mary Lou Catelli
Margaret and Kevin DiPrete
Offered by: Paul, Maureen and Mary Gurghigian

Special Prayers of Good Health and Blessing are being offered for Mary Gurghigian on the occasion of her beginning her senior year.

Offered by: Paul and Maureen Gurghigian



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

Fred, Sophie & Paula Hallal
Offered by Their Loving Family

Fred & Sophie Hallal
Paula Hallal
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Charles Agaty
Offered by: Elaine Agaty

Fred & Sophie Hallal
Paula Hallal
Offered by: John, Anita, Reyna & Anthony Chamoun

Thomas Matook
Charles Agaty
Christopher Spenard
Offered by: Sandra Matook & Family

Fred, Sophie & Paula Hallal
Offered by: Nora Abdelahad
Elaine Agaty
Sandra Matook

Paula Hallal
Fred & Sophie Hallal
Offered by: Lorice Hallal

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

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

Paula Hallal
Sophie and Fred Hallal
Moses Lazieh
Sarah and George Massiwer
John Massiwer
Donald Hayes
Thomas Andrew
Offered by: Paul, Maureen and Mary Gurghigian



2021 Annual Bazaar News...

We have officially started preparations for our Annual Holiday Bazaar being held on November 5th, 6th & 7th. As you may know, this is our biggest fundraiser of the year and would deeply appreciate all the help that you can offer either cooking beforehand, setting up, helping with booths, donating items for the penny social & silent auction, or being a Sponsor for the Bazaar. The first Bazaar meeting will be announced soon.

Thank you,
Salwa Khoury
Bazaar Committee Chairwoman



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— Flo Spenard

Week 2— Philip G. Ayoub

Week 3— Cindy Hayes

Week 4— Maureen Gurghigian

Week 5— Anita Chamoun

Week 6— Fred Slemon

