

CHURCH CALENDAR

August 1st-14th: Dormition Fast

Sunday, August 8th: Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Monday, August 9th: 7:00pm– Paraklesis for the Theotokos

Tuesday, August 10th: 7:00pm– Paraklesis for the Theotokos

7:00 P.M.– Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday, August 11th: 7:00pm– Paraklesis for the Theotokos

Thursday, August 12th: 7:00pm– Paraklesis for the Theotokos

Friday, August 13th: 7:00pm– Paraklesis for the Theotokos

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

Tuesday, September 7th: 7:00pm– Liturgy for the Nativity of the Theotokos

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



SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



Sunday, August 8, 2021

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

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

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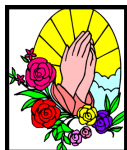
Schedule of Services

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.

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 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)
August 29, 2021:	Ray & Leila Trabulsi	Health of Family
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
October 24, 2021:	Fouad & Marianne Alzaibak	1st Wedding Anniversary
October 31, 2021:	Patricia Kilsey	Memory of Steve Kilsey (2 years)
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 8 in the Holy Orthodox Church, during the after-feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord Jesus Christ, we commemorate our righteous father Emilianos the Confessor, archbishop of Kyzikos. Verses Since Emilianos made much of his soul's salvation, He made little of the flesh even until his ending. On the eighth a furrow received the bones of Emilianos. Emilianos was archbishop in the time of the wicked Emperor Leo the Armenian, the iconoclast. Refusing to carry out the imperial directive on the removal of icons from the churches, he was, along with other Orthodox bishops, sent into exile. Emilianos spent five years in exile, enduring many ills and much humiliation for the sake of Christ. He died in 820, and joined the company of the citizens of Heaven. On this day, we also commemorate Myron, archbishop of Crete. By the intercessions of Thy Saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.



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



Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

Tone: 6 Eothinon: 7

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION: TONE 6

When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb; and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF THE TRANSFIGURATION: TONE 7

When, O Christ our God, Thou wast transfigured on the mountain, Thou didst reveal Thy glory to Thy Disciples in proportion as they could bear it. Let Thine everlasting light also enlighten us sinners, through the intercessions of the Theotokos. O Thou Bestower of light, glory to Thee.

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

*O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.
Unto Thee, O Lord, will I cry, O my God!*

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans. (15:1-7)

Brethren, we who are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let each one of us please his neighbor for that which is good for his edification. For Christ also did not please Himself; but, as it is written: “The reproaches of those who reproached Thee fell on Me.” For whatever was written beforehand was written for our learning, that we might have hope, through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures. Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be of the same mind with one another, according to Christ Jesus, that with one accord and one mouth you may glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, receive one another, even as Christ has also received you, to the glory of God.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (9:27-35)

At that time, as Jesus passed on from there, two blind men followed him, crying aloud: “Have mercy on us, Son of David.” When He entered the house, the blind men came to Him; and Jesus said to them, “Do you believe that I am able to do this?” They said to Him, “Yes, Lord.” Then He touched their eyes, saying, “According to your faith be it done to you.” And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly charged them, “See that no one knows it.” But they went away and spread His fame through all that district. As they were going away, behold, a dumb demoniac was brought to Him. And when the demon had been cast out, the dumb man spoke; and the crowds marveled, saying, “Never was anything like this seen in Israel.” But the Pharisees said, “He casts out demons by the prince of demons.” And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity.

Orthodox Vocabulary

Confession of Faith

Confession of Faith: to “confess” at a confession which forms part of the sacrament of repentance is, as we know, to “admit”, to “declare”, to “recognize” one’s sins. But there exists another meaning, which is to “perform an act of faith”, to recognize what God is and what we owe him. In Greek, there are two distinct terms: *exomologesis* (confession of sins) and *homologia* (confession of faith). In reciting the Creed, for example, we proclaim what we believe in. To this expression of our faith, we ascribe the significance of a personal commitment, which is the same as that of the other faithful who express it, who “confess” it with us, and with whom we constitute the Church, the Body of Christ.

This is the nature of love: to the extent that we distance ourselves from the centre [of the circle] and do not love God, we distance ourselves from our neighbor; but if we love God, then the nearer we draw to him in love, the more we are united with our neighbor in love.

~Dorotheus of Gaza



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





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.

Visitations

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

ONLINE BULLETIN

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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

Mary Massiwer
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury



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



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 Gaudioso
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.*****

Coffee Hour

Today, Coffee Hour is being sponsored by Walid, Mirna, Farah & Dakhil Nakhoul for the Health of their Family. Coffee hour will be held at the Parish Center following Liturgy. All are welcome to attend.



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Feast Day Weekend- August 13th, 14th & 15th

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 12th (set-up), Friday, August 13th Saturday, August 14th, & Sunday, August 15th.

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*

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