

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, August 29th: Beheading of John the Baptist

Saturday, September 4th: 6:00 P.M.– Arabic Liturgy

Sunday, September 5th: Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

One Year Memorial Service for Paula Hallal

Six Year Memorial Service for Frederick Hallal

Eleven Year Memorial Service for Sophie Hallal

Wednesday, September 8th: 7:00 P.M.– First Bazaar Meeting in the Church Hall

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 29, 2021
Beheading of John the Baptist

Diocese of N.E. upcoming events

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& 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

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

*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.

Diocese Family Camp– October 1st-3rd

We are excited to gather in person again for our 4th annual Diocese Family Camp the weekend of October 1-3, 2021 at St. Methodios Faith & Heritage Center in Contoocook, NH. This year we welcome Mr. Paul Finley of St. Herman's House FOCUS Cleveland as our guest speaker for the weekend. Many will remember "Uncle" Paul from his many years of service and youth ministry in our Archdiocese, especially as Camp Director at the Antiochian Village in 1990-1991, and more recently as the Executive Director of the Village Conference Center from 2006-2012.

Family Camp is a weekend retreat for families of all ages to get away from the stress and commotion of our daily lives and enjoy a weekend of Christian fellowship, growing in our faith, and enjoying the beautiful outdoors together as a family.

Please visit our website at <http://www.campstherman.org/family-camp.html> for more details, COVID guidelines, and to register.

Update from the Mission in Maine

Over the past year, Fr. Joseph Kimmett, Fr. Ben Kjendal and Deacon Christos Hatzopoulos, have made a total of eight trips north to meet, teach and serve this group on the Central Coast of Maine. Including children, there are about 20 Orthodox Christians, plus another half dozen folks interested in the Faith. They meet almost every weekend for Reader's services and Typika, and gather regularly to sing Akathists. The nearest OCA and GOA parishes are over an hour away so traveling for the sacraments isn't easy. One of the families lives in the town of Union, fifteen minutes inland from the coast and the towns of Rockland, Rockport and Camden. They have a large barn, half of which has been converted to a chapel. The Archdiocese officially recognizes the group as a "Mission Chapel" with St. George Church of Norwood as its mother church.

For the Feast of the Ascension, Fr. Joseph was joined by seven members from Norwood to celebrate the feast in Maine (*see picture below*). With the blessing of our Bishop JOHN, we will hold a multi-day teaching event September 15-18, 2021 to help guide this Mission Chapel to the next steps in the process. We will begin with an evening Liturgy on the 15th (the 16th is the main Feast of Great-Martyr Euphemia). While not official, they have taken her as their patron. The very first Liturgy we served last year was on her July feast day.

If you would like to visit the Mission Chapel in Maine or assist in any way, please contact Fr. Joseph Kimmett at StGeorgeNorwood@gmail.com

- ♦ **2022 - Diocese PLC at the Cape Codder Hotel in Hyannis hosted by St. Mary Church, Cambridge**

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.

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Sponsored by:</u>	<u>Sponsored for:</u>
August 29, 2021:	Ray & Leila Trabulsi	Health of Family
September 5, 2021:	Their Loving Family	Frederick Hallal (6 years) Sophie Hallal (11 years) Paula Hallal (1 year)
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
December 26, 2021:	available for sponsorship	Memory of Sue Ayoub (1 year)
<u>Upcoming dates:</u>		
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

Beheading of John the Baptist

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RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION: TONE 1

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

APOLYTIKION OF THE BAPTIST’S BEHEADING: TONE 2

The memory of the righteous is celebrated with songs of praise, but the Lord’s testimony is sufficient for thee, O Forerunner. Thou wast shown indeed to be the most honorable of the prophets, for in the waters thou didst baptize Him Whom they had proclaimed. After suffering with joy in behalf of the truth, thou didst proclaim even to those in Hades the God Who appeared in the flesh, Who taketh away the sin of the world, and granteth us Great Mercy.

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 NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS: TONE 4

By thy holy nativity, O pure one, Joachim and Anna were delivered from the reproach of barrenness; and Adam and Eve were delivered from the corruption of death; thy people do celebrate it, having been saved from the stain of iniquity, crying unto thee: The barren doth give birth to the Theotokos, who nourisheth our life.



THE EPISTLE

The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord. Hearken unto my voice, O God.

The Reading from the Acts of the Holy Apostles. (13:25-33)

In those days, as John was fulfilling his course, he said, “Who do you suppose that I am? I am not He. But behold, there comes One after me the shoes of whose feet I am not worthy to unloose.” Men, brethren, children of the stock of Abraham, and those among you who fear God, to you is the word of this salvation sent forth. For those who dwell in Jerusalem, and their rulers, because they did not know Him, nor yet the voices of the prophets which are read on every Sabbath, August 29, 2021 Liturgy Variables 2 Baptist’s Beheading fulfilled these by condemning Him. And though they found no cause of death in Him, yet they asked Pilate that He should be slain. And when they had fulfilled all the things that were written of Him, they took Him down from the tree, and laid him in a tomb. But God raised Him from the dead; and for many days He was seen by those who came up with Him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are now His witnesses to the people. And we bring you the good news of the promise made to the fathers, that God has fulfilled the same to us their children, in that He raised up Jesus again.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. (6:14-30)

At that time, Jesus’ Name had become known, and King Herod heard of it. Some said, “John the Baptizer has been raised from the dead; that is why these powers are at work in Him.” But others said, “It is Elijah.” And others said, “It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.” But when Herod heard of it he said, “John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.” For Herod had sent and seized John, and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip’s wife, because he had married her. For John said to Herod, “It is not lawful for you to have your brother’s wife.” And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and kept him safe. When he heard him, he was much perplexed; and yet he heard him gladly. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and the leading men of Galilee. For when Herodias’ daughter came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, “Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will grant it.” And he vowed to her, “Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.” And she went out, and said to her mother, “What shall I ask?” And she said, “The head of John the Baptizer.” And she came in immediately with haste to the king, and asked, saying, “I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.” And the king was exceedingly sorry; but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her. And immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard and gave orders to bring his head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, and brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl; and the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb. The Apostles returned to Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught.

Orthodox Vocabulary

Euchologion

Euchologion A compendium of texts needed by Byzantine rite clergy for celebration of the liturgy, offices, sacraments and other rites, blessings and prayers. In Slavonic the book is called the *Trebnik*, or Book of Needs. The contents vary from edition to edition, but in Greek it commonly has two forms: the Large Euchologion, which includes a very full series of rites, including those only performed by bishops, such as ordinations, the consecration of churches and the confection of the holy *myron* (the complex process by which the chrism is made from a large number of ingredients), and the Small, which contains only those normally needed by a priest in the performance of his pastoral duties. Texts of the choir offices and the liturgies are also published separately in a volume for priests, the *Hieratikon* or, in Slavonic, *Sluzebnik*.

Good and evil deeds are the offspring of freedom. Where freedom is lacking, the doing of (good or evil) deeds is superfluous with respect to receiving a recompense. There is no recompense for what is natural. A reward is bestowed for a conflict, and one does not speak of a victory where there is no struggle.

~*St. Isaac the Syrian*



Bulletins are available on our website. Other important information, flyers, recipes, etc. can also be found on our website at www.stmarypawtucket.org

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.

THE SYNAXARION (Plain Reading)

On August 29 in the Holy Orthodox Church we commemorate the beheading of the holy, honorable, glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John. Verses A defiled and blood-stained hand now cutteth off with the sword The head of him who placed his hand on the head of the Lord. On the twenty-ninth a bronze edge cut the neck of the Forerunner. Herod Antipas, son of the Herod who slew the young children in Bethlehem at the time of the Savior's birth, ruled of Galilee when John the Baptist preached. The evil Herod put away his lawful wife, the daughter of Prince Aretas, and took Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, to live with him while Philip was still alive. John the Baptist stood up against this lawlessness and strongly denounced Herod, at which Herod threw him into prison and ordered him beheaded. The event is recalled in today's Orthros and Liturgy Gospellections. John's disciples took the body of their teacher by night and buried it, but Herod tore out John's tongue with a needle and then buried his head in an unclean place. God quickly punished the evildoers. Prince Aretas, to avenge his daughter's honor, attacked Herod with his army and brought him to his knees. As exiles, Herod and Herodias lived in need and debasement until the earth opened and swallowed them up. Salome, Herodias' daughter, came to a bad end in the river Sikaris. The Church commemorates the beheading today because a church that had been built over his grave in Sebastia by Emperor Constantine and Empress Helena was consecrated on this day. On this day, we also commemorate the Venerable Theodora of Thessalonica; and Theopistis and Joseph the Sanctified of Samaka. By their intercessions, 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.

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

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

John & Patricia Massiwer
Maureen, Paul & Mary Gurghigian
Mary & Bill Franklin
Billy & Britt, Jon & Meagan
Diane Andrew & Paul Burnier
Laura, Jim & Noelle Arrighi
Fred & Adele Shwaery
Offered by: Mary Massiwer & Family

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

Mary Massiwer
John & Patricia Massiwer
Maureen, Paul & Mary Gurghigian
Mary & Bill Franklin
Billy & Britt, Jon & Meagan
Diane Andrew & Paul Burnier
Laura, Jim & Noelle Arrighi
Fred & Adele Shwaery
Linda Dvelis & Family
Peter, Kimberly and Biagio DeSimone
Saliba, Robin, Bianca & Michelle Saliba
Vikki Hallal
Bill & MaryLou Catelli
Offered by: Cindy Hayes & Family

Ghassan, Latifa, Elissa & Elias Alarmani
Saliba, Robin, Bianca & Michelle Saliba
Victoria Hallal
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

Elaine Swistak (on the occasion of her Birthday)
Offered by: Stephanie & Andrea Swistak

Mary Agaty
Elaine Swistak
Offered by: Elaine Agaty

John Massiwer
Don Hayes
Tom Andrew
Offered by: Mary Massiwer & Family

Don Hayes
John Massiwer
Tom Andrew
Lorenzo DeSimone
Offered by: Cindy Hayes & Family

Coffee Hour

Today, Coffee Hour is being sponsored by Ray & Leila Trabulsi for the Health of their Family. Coffee hour will be held at the Parish Center following Liturgy. All are welcome to attend.





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 held on Wednesday, September 8th at 7pm in the Church Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.*

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



Schedule for Bazaar Cooking:

Saturday, September 11th: 9:30am— Sfeeha

Saturday, September 18th: 9:30am— Sfeeha

Saturday, September 25th: 9:30am— Sfeeha

Saturday, October 9th: 9:30am— Grapeleaves

Saturday, October 23rd: 9:30am— Sfeeha



Cheese:

Braiding cheese- Wednesday, September 22nd: 9:30am

Braiding cheese- Wednesday, September 29th: 9:30am

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Everyone is welcome and encouraged
to help with the cooking! Come help us
in making these delicious foods for our
Bazaar.
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Bazaar Committee Meeting

The first Bazaar meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 8th in the church hall at 7:00 pm. Please plan to join us and remember ***SUCCESS starts with YOU!*** If you have any questions, please contact Bazaar Chair Salwa Khoury.

ONLINE BULLETIN

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