

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, September 12th: 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

Tuesday, October 5th: 7:00 P.M.– Bazaar Meeting

Sunday, October 10th: Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Bazaar Kick-Off Luncheon following Liturgy at Parish Center
(Lasagna, Pizza, Salad, Dessert, Coffee)

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

Looking Ahead:

Sunday, January 30th: General Assembly Meeting at the Parish Center

February 12th: Valentines Hafleh

February 13th: Soup Kitchen Luncheon (Outreach)



SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



Sunday, September 12, 2021

Sunday before Elevation of the Cross

Diocese of N.E. upcoming events

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

<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**

Orthodox Vocabulary

Praise (Doxology- “Glory Giving”)

The act of glorifying, of celebrating. To sing the glory of God is to praise. It is the Holy Spirit who stirs us to this praise. The angels in heaven sing the glory of God and, at the liturgy, we join them.

Do you know who the Mother of God is and how much honor, how much power, how much mercy she has? She is our Mother because she has mercy for the poor, widows, and all Christians. She prays continually to the Savior Christ for us all. If you want to take her as your Protectress, in the morning read the Akathist with a burning lampada, and in the evening the Paraklesis. You will have help during your life, at the moment of death, and on the Day of Judgment. Do you know that the Mother of God can go before the throne of the Holy Trinity? if it wasn't for her, I believe this world would have been lost long ago.

~Elder Cleopa Ilie



We have the power of the Holy Cross, our holy symbol, the divine grace of Christ, only as long as we have the holy marking of the Holy Baptism, meaning we have denied the devil and sided with Christ, and received the Holy Marking, the seal of the Gift of the Holy Spirit.

~Elder Paisios of the Holy Mountain



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

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.

Sunday before Elevation of the Cross

Tone: 3 Eothinon: 1

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION: TONE 3

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and become the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION OF THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS: TONE 4

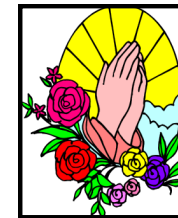
(CHANT) (CHORAL) Thy nativity, O Theotokos, hath proclaimed joy to the whole universe; for from thee did shine forth the Sun of justice, Christ our God, annulling the curse, and bestowing the blessing, abolishing death and granting us life everlasting.

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

(CHANT) (CHORAL) 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

*O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.
To Thee, O Lord, I have cried, O my God.*

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (6:11-18)

Brethren, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the Law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world. For, neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all, who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (3:13-17)

The Lord said, "No one has ascended into heaven but He who descended from heaven, the Son of man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For, God sent His Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him."



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.

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:

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: Ricky & Roula Greigre & Children

Health of Family

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*



Upcoming dates:

January 2, 2022:

available for sponsorship

January 9, 2022:

available for sponsorship

January 16, 2022:

Fred Kilsey

January 23, 2022:

Her Loving Family

January 30, 2022:

not available

February 6th:

available for sponsorship

February 13th:

not available

Soup Kitchen Luncheon (Outreach)

February 20th:

available for sponsorship

February 27th:

available for sponsorship

Michelle Kilsey (11 years)
Antwanet Kasatli Baalbaki
General Assembly Meeting

THE CROSS

The Holy Cross has central significance for the Church. An instrument of death, it has become the instrument of salvation. Basil the Great identifies the ‘sign of the Son of man’ mentioned by Christ in connection with his Second Coming with the arms of the Cross pointing towards the four ends of the universe. The Cross is a symbol of Christ himself and is infused with miraculous power. The Orthodox Church believes that Christ’s energy is present in the Cross. Therefore Christians not only make crosses and place them on the same level as icons in churches, they also wear crosses hung around their necks, make the sign of the Cross over themselves and bless each other with the sign of the Cross. They even address the Cross as something capable of hearing them: ‘Rejoice, life-bearing Cross’, ‘O most honourable and life-creating Cross of the Lord’.

The Church knows about the salvific and healing power of the Cross and of the sign of the Cross from her experience. The Cross protects a person travelling, working, sleeping, praying. Indeed, in all places, through the sign of the Cross, Christ’s blessing comes upon every good deed which we undertake: ‘The Cross is the protector of the whole world, the Cross is the beauty of the Church, the Cross is the power of kings, the Cross is the foundation of the faithful, the Cross is the glory of the angels and the sore of the demons’, sings the Church at festivals of the Cross.

The teaching on the Holy Cross as a symbol of divine dispensation and as an object of religious veneration is expounded by Isaac the Syrian in one of his newly discovered works from the fourth century.

Blessed is God who uses corporeal objects continually to draw us close in a symbolic way to a knowledge of his invisible nature... Let our hearts rejoice in the mysteries of the faith which we hold; let us exult in God who is so concerned with us... How much to be worshipped is the God who, for our salvation, has done everything in the world to bring us close to him, before the time when what has been prepared will be revealed... How much to be worshipped is the symbol of the Cross, seeing that it has given to us all these things, and through it we have been deemed worthy of the knowledge of angels — that is, through the power by which all created things, both visible and invisible, were created.

~Bishop Hilarion Algeyev



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

Tony & Fadia Kabak
Matt & Megan Duncan
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Mack & Louise Megalli
Mother Xenia Minihan
Ronald Muller
Elmer & Cheryl Stanley & Family
Madison Tucker
All students & faculty for a new school year
Offered by: Michael, Nancy, Jacob & Victoria Muller

Tony & Fadia Kabak
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



Receive everyone who comes to you, especially with a spiritual purpose, with a kind and cheerful aspect, although he or she may be a beggar, and humble yourself inwardly before everybody, counting yourself lower than he or she, for you are placed by Christ Himself to be the servant of all, and all are His members, although like you they bear wounds of sin.

~*St. John of Kronstadt*



Church School Welcome Back Luncheon

Today, a Luncheon is being sponsored by Matt & Megan Duncan for the start of the Church School 2021-2022 year and will be held at the Parish Center following Liturgy. All are welcome to attend.





St. Mary's Famous Annual Bazaar 2021

Friday, November 5th, 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Saturday, November 6th, 9:00 am - 9:00 pm

Sunday, November 7th, 11:30 am - 5:00 pm

FEATURING

Middle Eastern Cuisine

Middle Eastern Pastry

Homemade Candy

Homemade Braided Cheese

Salad Bar

Penny Social

Silent Auction

Janice's Vintage Christmas Booth

50/50 Cash Raffle & Grand Raffle

Children's Entertainment: (Saturday at 1pm)
(face painting & balloon animals, storytelling)

Visitor from the NORTH POLE-(Sunday at 2pm)



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For more information please call 726-1202
or view our website at www.stmarypawtucket.org



THE SYNAXARION (Plain Reading)

On September 12 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we take leave of the celebration of the Nativity of the Most-holy Theotokos, and we commemorate the precious staves and contest of the holy Hieromartyr Autonomos, bishop from Italy, who was slain in Bithynia. Verses As a sacrifice set upon Thine altar, O Savior, is Autonomos Thy sacrificer, slain by stoning. On the twelfth Autonomos was beaten to death with staves (sticks) and stones. In Soreoi, Autonomos brought many to the Christian faith and built them a church dedicated to the Archangel Michael. Not far away was a place called Limnae, entirely inhabited by pagans. Autonomos went to this place and quickly brought many of them to the light by the Gospel of Christ. This roused the other pagans, and they hurried to Archangel Michael Church and, during divine service, slew Autonomos on the altar, killing also many other Christians in the church. Two hundred years after his death, Autonomos appeared to a soldier called John. This soldier dug up the saint's relics and found them to be completely uncorrupt, and many of the sick received healing from them. On this day, we also commemorate the Hieromartyr Coronatos of Iconium; and Venerable Daniel of Thasios.

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



St. Mary Church School & Teen SOYO News

TODAY- St. Mary Church School year begins 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 begins today with a Luncheon to follow hosted by Matt & Megan Duncan.

Schedule for Bazaar Cooking:

Saturday, September 18th: 9:30am– Sfeeha
Saturday, September 25th: 9:30am– Sfeeha
Friday, October 1st: 9:30am– Kibbee
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

Schedule for Bazaar Baking:

Wednesday, October 13th: 9:30am– Mamoul- Nuts & Date
Friday, October 15th: 9:30am– Graybee
Wednesday, October 20th: 9:30am– Rolled Baklawa
Tuesday, October 26th: 9:30am– Birds Nest

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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 next Bazaar meeting is scheduled for in the church hall on Tuesday, October 5th 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

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



St. Mary Annual Bazaar *SIGN-UP SHEET*

***THE HOLIDAYS BASKETS:**

Thanksgiving or Christmas

***NIGHT AT THE MOVIES:**

***BEAUTY:**

***KITCHEN HELPER:**

***WINE/LIQUOR:**

***BEACH BASKET:**

***BABY BASKET:**

***SPORTS BASKET**

***DATE NIGHT BASKET:**

***CAR CARE BASKET:**

***GAME BASKET:**

***CANDLE BASKET:**

***BATH & BED BASKET:**

***WRAPPING PAPER/BOW BASKET:**



The Bazaar is approaching quickly and the new table “Vintage Christmas” is looking for NEW and SLIGHTLY USED items...ex: dishes, figurines (santa, snowmen), glassware, serving pieces, flower arrangements, etc. Please bring them down to the Parish Center and leave in the Coat Room.

(This is NOT a White Elephant table. We need high quality items.)

Thank you.....

Listed are some ideas for Baskets needed for penny *social*/silent auction. Please help us in making the baskets & bringing to the Parish Center by Sunday, October 10th.





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 next Bazaar meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 5th 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

Week 7— Maureen Gurghigian

Week 8— Susan Warzycha



Leg of Lamb Drive

**ST. MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH
ANNUAL BAZAAR**

NOVEMBER 5th, 6th and 7th, 2021

*The Bazaar Committee is establishing a
Leg of Lamb Drive Program
to help defray the kitchen costs of our
annual event.*

*Everyone has an opportunity to donate
Legs of lamb at a cost of \$30 each.*

*You simply make your donation,
And the committee will purchase the lamb.*

Just fill out the donation form below and return it to the church with your check. We'll do the rest!

Thanks for your generosity and support.

Lamb Drive Donation Form

Quantity _____ @ \$30 each

Total enclosed: _____

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Payable to: *St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church*
Attention: Bazaar Committee