CHURCH CALENDAR

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: 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

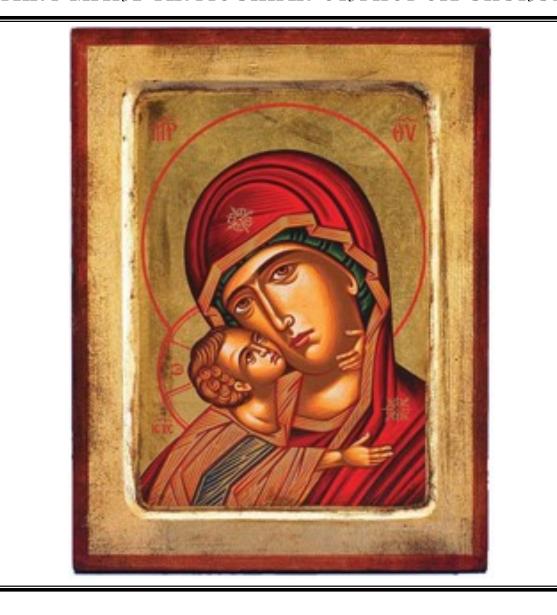
Looking Ahead:

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

February 12th: Valentines Hafleh



SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



Sunday, September 5, 2021 Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

Saint Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church

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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.

Diocese of N.E. upcoming events

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

Charismata

Charismata signify a Christian's blessings from above, spiritual and temporal, enabling him to fulfill his vocation in life. In a more Biblical sense, the term is used specifically for the supernatural gifts Christians need to carry out the specific tasks expected of them in promoting the spiritual welfare and advancement of their fellow-Christians. In his I Epistle to the Corinthians (12:8-11), St. Paul gives a list of these charismata that include wisdom, knowledge, prophesy, discerning of spirits, tongues, and the interpretation of tongues, as also the charismata given to Apostles, prophets, teachers, and those to whom the government of the Church is entrusted.

When the burden of the righteous is too heavy, their ship will sink, while if it is moderate, it floats and sails safely. Indeed, our life is similar to sailing, the world-to a sea, the body-to a ship; the soul within the body is like a man inside the ship, and a man's deeds are the freight. If the ship is empty, the wind will cause it to capsize. If it is overloaded, it can easily sink even if there are no waves and no wind-and if waves and wind arouse, it will soon sink. It is only by moderate loading it that you will be able to sail safely

St. John Chrysostom



Bulletin Submissions

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

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.

Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

Tone: 2 Eothinon: 11

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION: TONE 2

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF THE PROPHET ZACHARIAH: TONE 4

(**Joseph was amazed**) In the vesture of a priest, according to the Law of God, * thou didst offer unto Him well-pleasing whole-burnt offerings, * as it befitted a priest, O wise Zachariah. * Thou wast a shining light, a seer of mysteries, * bearing in thyself clearly the signs of grace; * and in God's temple, O wise Prophet * of Christ God, thou wast slain with the sword. * Hence, with the Forerunner, make entreaty that our souls find salvation.

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

The Lord is my strength and my song. The Lord has chastened me severely.

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (9:2-12)

Brethren, you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. This is my defense to those who would examine me. Do we not have the right to our food and drink? Do we not have the right to be accompanied by a wife, as the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living? Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard without eating any of its fruit? Who tends a flock without getting some of the milk? Do I say this on human authority? Does not the law say the same? For it is written in the Law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox when it is treading out the grain." Is it for oxen that God is concerned? Does he not speak entirely for our sake? It was written for our sake, because the plowman should plow in hope and the thresher thresh in hope of a share in the crop. If we have sown spiritual good among you, is it too much if we reap your material benefits? If others share this rightful claim upon you, do not we still more? Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the Gospel of Christ

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (18:23-35)

The Lord spoke this parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the reckoning, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents; and as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him the lord of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But that same servant, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' So his fellow servant fell down and besought him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you besought me; and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also My heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

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.

Sponsored by: Sponsored for: Date:

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** Bazaar Kick-Off Luncheon

October 10, 2021: St. Mary Church Elaine Wilbur October 17, 2021:

Memory of Fred Hashway, Russell Wilbur, Mary Samra & Joseph Samra

October 24, 2021: Fouad & Marianne Alzaibak 1st Wedding Anniversary **Memory of Steve Kilsey (2 years)** October 31, 2021: Patricia Kilsev 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 Haves December 12, 2021: St. Mary Church December 19, 2021: St. Mary Church

Health of Family Choir Appreciation 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: available for sponsorship available for sponsorship January 23, 2022:

not available January 30, 2022:

available for sponsorship February 6th:

General Assembly Meeting

THE SYNAXARION (Plain Reading)

On September 5 in the Holy Orthodox Church we commemorate the glorious Prophet Zachariah, father of the Forerunner.

Verses

For the Divine Lamb of God's sake, Zachariah Is slain like a lamb in the midst of the temple. On the fifth Zachariah lieth slain on the temple's floor.

Herod and the Jews killed Zachariah between the temple and the altar (Matt. 23:35), first, because even after the Virgin Mary gave birth, he continued to refer to her as virgin and number her among the virgins; second, because Zachariah's son John was not found during the slaughter of the Innocents. Zachariah's wife Elizabeth had taken him and carefully hid him, while he was yet an infant, in an unnamed and hidden cave that sprung forth in her prayer to God. Zachariah's blood spilled over the marble and became as hard as stone, remaining as testament to Herod's wickedness. Forty days after Zachariah's death, blessed Elizabeth also entered into rest. The child John stayed in the wilderness, fed by an angel and guarded by God's providence, until that day when he appeared by the Jordan. On this day, we also commemorate Obadiah, bishop of Persia; and the martyrdom of the Holy Passion-bearer Gleb.

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.

<u>Attention All Parents</u>: 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.



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

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

John & Patricia Massiwer
Maureen, Paul & Mary Gurghigian
Cindy Hayes
Donnie, Lauren, Allison, Dan, Liz & Sarah
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
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Maureen, Paul & Mary Gurghigian
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

Holly, Jordan & Alexander Lazieh & Bob Dessaint Cheryl, Anthony, Emma & Evan Nassany Nancy, Demitri, Steven & Nicholas Sterpis Fred & Adele Shwaery Saliba, Robin, Bianca & Michelle Saliba Victoria Hallal Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Holly, Jordan & Alexander Lazieh & Bob Dessaint Cheryl, Anthony, Emma & Evan Nassany Nancy, Demitri, Steven & Nicholas Sterpis Offered by: John, Anita, Reyna & Anthony Chamoun

Special Prayers of Good Health & Blessings are being offered for Anthony Chamoun on the occasion of him beginning his senior year at

Bryant University.
Best of luck!

Offered by: John, Anita & Reyna Chamoun

PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR GOOD HEALTH AND BLESSING OF:

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

Fred Shwaery

Offered by: Nora Abdelahad Elaine Agaty Sandra Matook



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



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 F

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 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
Sarah, George, Emile & Abraham Massiwer
Moses Lazieh
Louis Hashway
John Kerr
Kevin Callahan
Offered by: Cindy Hayes & Family

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

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

Fred, Sophie & Paula Hallal Offered by: Lorice Hallal

Fred & Sophie Hallal

Paula Hallal Offered by: Nora Abdelahad Elaine Agaty Sandra Matook

Richard McNeil, Sr. Offered by: Sandra Matook & 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



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

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



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

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



Leg of Lamb Drive

ST. MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH ANNUAL BAZAAR

NOVEMBER 5th, 6th and 7th, 2021

The Bazaar Commitee 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.



St. Mary's Famous Annual Bayaar 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

4EATURING

Middle Eastern Cuisine
Middle Eastern Pastry
Homemade Candy
Homemade Braided Cheese
Salad Bar
Penny Social



Silent Auction
Vintage Christmas Booth
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



St. Mary Annual Bazaar

*THE HOLIDAYS BASKETS:

Thanksgiving or Christmas

*NIGHT AT THE MOVIES:

*BEAUTY:

*KITCHEN HELPER:

*WINE/LIQUOR:

*BEACH BASKET:

* BABY BASKET:

*SPORTS BASKET

The Bazaar is approaching quickly and the new table "Vintage Christmas" is looking for <u>NEW</u> and <u>SLIGHTLY USED</u> 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.....

*DATE NIGHT BASKET:

*CAR CARE BASKET:

*GAME BASKET:

*CANDLE BASKET:

*BATH & BED BASKET:

*WRAPPING PAPER/BOW BASKET:



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 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



Week 7- Maureen Gurghigian