C H U R C H  C A L E N D A R

October is YOUTH MONTH~
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
Saturday, November, 6th: 6:00 P.M.– Arabic Liturgy
Sunday, November 7th: 20th Sunday after Pentecost
    Daylight Savings Time ends
Tuesday, November 9th: 7:00pm– Parish Council Meeting
Sunday, November 14th: Eighth Sunday of Luke
Saturday, November, 20th: Teens Thanksgiving Basket Distribution
Sunday, November 21st: Entrance of the Theotokos
Sunday, November 28th: Twenty Third after Pentecost
    One Year Memorial Service for Albert Hallal
Thursday, December 2nd: Ladies Christmas Dinner
Saturday, December 4th: 6:00 P.M.– Arabic Liturgy
Sunday, December 5th: Tenth Sunday of Luke
    One Year Memorial Service for Elias Kandalaft
Sunday, December 12th: Forefathers (Ancestors) of Christ
    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, October 3, 2021
Fifteenth 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.

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.

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:
October 3, 2021: Jack & Paula Elkhoury Jack & Paula Elkhoury & 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: Mery Deeb & Family Health of Family
November 28, 2021: His Loving Family Memory of Albert Hallal (1 year)
December 5, 2021: Russell & John Kandalaft Memory of Elias Kandalaft (1 year)
December 12, 2021: St. Mary Church Choir Appreciation
December 19, 2021: St. Mary Church Sunday School Pageant & Luncheon
December 26, 2021: Ghassan, Latifa, Elissa & Elias Health of Family
January 2, 2022: available for sponsorship
January 9, 2022: available for sponsorship
January 16, 2022: Fred Kilsey & Family Michelle Kilsey (11 years)
January 23, 2022: Her Loving Family Antwanet Kasatli Baalbaki
January 30, 2022: not available General Assembly Meeting
February 6th: available for sponsorship
February 13th: not available Soup Kitchen Luncheon (Outreach)
February 20th: available for sponsorship
February 27th: available for sponsorship

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.

Enter in Quietness, Rest in Prayer,
Worship in Reverence, Depart in Peace to Serve
Eighth Day: We have meditated a great deal about the significance of God's rest on the seventh day, blessed and sanctified after six days of creative activity during which heaven and earth, and everything in them, were created. We have also reflected at length on the symbolism of this first week of the world and of each of its days. When the Word, the Son of God, was incarnate, became man, the week of his passion, which culminated in his resurrection, was seen somehow in the light of "the first week" of creation. The Lord Jesus also took his "rest" when he was placed in the tomb. But on the day following that sabbath, on Sunday, there was an incredible event: the Lord arose, and his resurrection is a pledge that we too shall rise. Sunday was henceforth called "the Day of the Lord," the first day (Jn 20:1), which is also the Eighth Day, the day of entrance into eternity. For Christians, this day keeps its essentially paschal character—a new era, beyond time—and remains, par excellence, the day of the eucharistic liturgy. Many Fathers have written that the first day of the world, on which light, a symbol of divine light, was created, was a Sunday, the first day.... The day of the resurrection is unique, at once the first and the eighth day: "For the day following the sabbath, the first day of the week, was also the eighth in the cycle of days succeeding one another, without ceasing being the first" (Justin, Dialogues, 41). St Basil shows that the mystery of time and eternity is summarized in the significance of Sunday:

It is therefore in order to direct our thoughts toward the life to come that Scripture has named this the first day, for it is the image of eternity, the first-fruits of the days and the contemporary of the light, the holy Day of the Lord, which the Master has honored by his resurrection. (2nd Homily on the Hexaemeron, SC 26 bis)

In another text, St Basil writes:

We stand for prayer on the day of the resurrection to remind ourselves of the graces we have been given: not only because we have been raised with Christ and are obliged to seek the things that are above, but also because Sunday seems to be an image of the age to come. Notice that although Sunday is the beginning of days, Moses does not call it the first day... Therefore "one" and "eight" are the same, and the "one" day really refers both to itself and to the "eighth day,"... a day without sunset, nightfall, or successor, an age which does not grow old or come to an end. (On the Holy Spirit, XXVII, 66)
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 EPISTLE

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance. Unto Thee will I cry, O my God. The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (4:6-15) Brethren, seeing that it is the God who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, the same also shone in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the exceeding greatness of power is from God, and not from us. We are pressed on every way, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; smitten down, but not destroyed; always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus may also be manifested after Pentecost in our body. For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus’ sake, that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our mortal flesh. So, then, death is working in us, but life in you. But having in us the same spirit of faith, according to that which is written, “I believed, and therefore I spoke,” we also believe, and therefore we also speak, knowing that the One who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up through Jesus, and will make us stand together with you. For all things are for your sakes, that the grace, which is multiplied through the thanksgiving of many, may abound to the glory of God.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (6:31-36)
The Lord said: “As you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for He is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.”

Harvest Haflı

Saturday, October 16th, 2021
Renowned Composer & Singer: Salah Kurdi

ST. MARY PARISH CENTER
DOORS OPEN- 7:30PM ~ DINNER- 8PM
SUBSTANTIAL MAZA & DESSERTS
CASH BAR

Tickets: VIP $100 / Regular $75
For tickets & to RSVP-
Contact Fr. Elie Estephan (240)205-9079
Walid Nakhoul (401) 692-1250

St. Mary Church School & Teen SOYO News

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

Join us for the annual St. Mary Harvest Party! Saturday October 23 from 5:30p-8pm. Look for an invite via email to RSVP!
Greetings!  

Fall 2021  

I hope this letter finds you well. St. Mary is busy preparing for its 42nd Annual Bazaar. As in previous years we are assembling the BEST holiday bazaar in the area, which will include our delicious Middle Eastern food and pastries for all to enjoy. **St. Mary Holiday Bazaar will be held November 5th, 6th and 7th, 2021.** We anticipate over 1000 visitors over these three days.  

We hope you would consider sponsoring this fantastic event. It is a wonderful and rewarding way to show your support for St. Mary's. For businesses it is a great opportunity to display your support of a local event and receive excellent recognition.  

The tax-deductible sponsorships are divided into four tiers; Platinum, Gold, Silver & Bronze sponsors. Each Sponsor will have an appropriately sized banner, depending upon the level of the gift, prominently displayed in the Parish Center.  

Complete your sponsorship as soon as possible using the form below. *We are counting on your help to make this event a success!* Please let us know if you have any questions. Thank you!  

Fr. Elie Estephan  
Walid Nakhoul  
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**St. Mary’s Holiday Bazaar  
2021 Sponsorship Form**  

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Yes! I/We wish to sponsor the November 5th, 6th & 7th, St. Mary’s Holiday Bazaar as follows:  

$500 Platinum Sponsor  
$300 Gold Sponsor  
$200 Silver Sponsor  
$150 Bronze Sponsor  

Listing for sponsorship recognition:  

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Contact Person:  

Phone:  

Email:  

Please make your tax-deductible donation to: St. Mary’s Bazaar, earmarked “bazaar sponsorship” and send it with this form to:  

St. Mary Church  
249 High Street  
Pawtucket, RI 02860  

Thank you!
THE SYNAXARION (Plain Reading)

On October 3 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the holy Hieromartyr Dionysios the Areopagite.

Verses

He Who said: Take up thy bed and walk, to the Paralytic,
Said: Take up thy head and run, O Dionysios.
On the third, O Dionysios, thou takest thy severed head and runnest.

He is counted among the Seventy lesser apostles. Dionysios was studying in Egypt when Lord Christ breathed His last on the Cross, and the whole world was darkened for three hours. Then Dionysios cried out: ‘Either God the Creator of the world is suffering, or the world is ending.’ Returning home to Athens, he married a woman called Damaris and had sons by her. He was a member of the highest court in Greece, the Areopagus, and was always thereafter known as the Areopagite. When the Apostle Paul preached the Gospel in Athens, Dionysios was baptized with his whole household (Acts 17:34). Paul consecrated Dionysios bishop of Athens and he travelled widely with Paul, coming to know all the other apostles. He went especially to Jerusalem, to see the most holy Mother of God, and wrote of his meeting with her in one of his works, being present at her burial. After Paul suffered martyrdom, Dionysios went off to Gaul to preach the Gospel among the barbarians, accompanied by Rustikos, a priest, and Eleutherios a deacon, whom we also commemorate today. By their labors, many were turned to the Christian faith and Dionysios built a small chapel in Paris where he celebrated divine service. When he was ninety years old, Dionysios was seized and tortured for Christ, together with Rustikos and Eleutherios, until they were all beheaded in the year 96. His famous writings include: On the Divine Names, On the Heavenly Hierarchies, On the Ecclesiastical Hierarchies, and The Mystical Theology.

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

Schedule for Bazaar Cooking:
Saturday, October 9th: 9:30am– Grapeleaves
Saturday, October 23rd: 9:30am– Sfeeha

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

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

Lamb Drive Donation Form

Quantity _______@ $30 each  Total enclosed: ________
Name(s): __________________________________________________________
Address: __________________________________________________________
Phone: ____________________________________________________________
Payable to: St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church
Attention: Bazaar Committee

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.
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

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**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
- Week 9— Maria Saad
- Week 10— Nabil Baalbaki

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**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)

St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church | St. Mary Parish Center
One Saint Mary Way | Pawtucket, RI

For more information please call 726-1202 or view our website at www.stmarypawtucket.org
You are cordially invited to the St. Mary Bazaar Kick-Off Luncheon on October 10th at 12:00pm (following Liturgy) at the Parish Center. All proceeds will support the cost of undertaking our annual bazaar.

Donation: Adults: $15 / Children 12 years & under: $7

Hope to see everyone at the Kick-off Luncheon in support of our Annual Bazaar.

Please don’t forget your shower gifts! (gifts to be used for silent auction & penny social)

Menu:
Lasagna, Pizza, Salad, Coffee & Dessert

*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 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…..