### CHURCH CALENDAR

October is YOUTH MONTH~

Sunday, October 24th: Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

One Year Memorial Service for Anastasia Theodoris

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

Memory of William Salhany

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, December 26th: Sunday After the Nativity

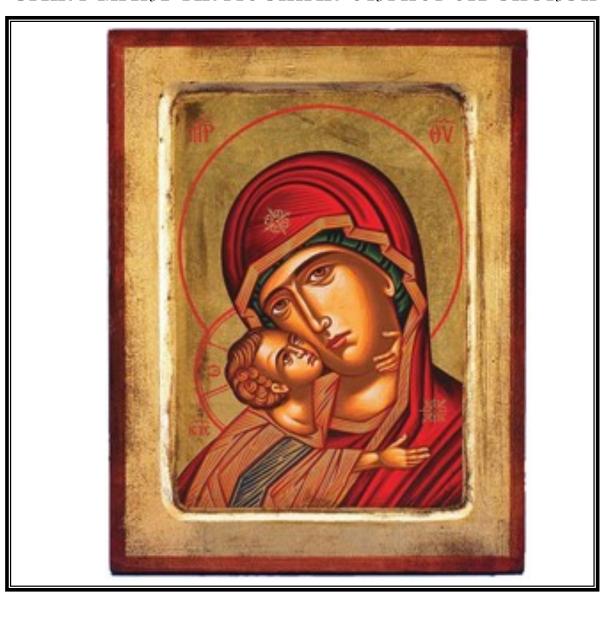
**Looking Ahead:** 

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

February 12th: Valentines Hafleh



# SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



Sunday, October 24, 2021 Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

# Saint Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church

"A parish of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America"

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**Sub-Deacon Emad Amirhom** 

#### 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**.

**Sponsored by: Sponsored for:** Date:

Fouad & Marianne Alzaibak October 24, 2021: 1st Wedding Anniversary October 31, 2021: **Memory of Steve Kilsey (2 years)** Patricia Kilsev November 7, 2021: not available **Annual Holiday Bazaar** 

November 14, 2021: Barbara & George Moussalli Memory of William Salhany (40 day)

& Family

Ken & Rania Salhany & Family **Bill & Susan Salhany & 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 Memory of Sue Ayoub (1 year)

December 26, 2021: Ghassan, Latifa, Elissa & Elias **Health of Family** 

*Upcoming dates:* 

January 2, 2022: available for sponsorship January 9, 2022: available for sponsorship January 16, 2022: Fred Kilsey & Family January 23, 2022: **Her Loving Family** 

January 30, 2022: not available

February 6th: available for sponsorship

Soup Kitchen Luncheon (Outreach) February 13th: not available

February 20th: available for sponsorship February 27th: available for sponsorship



Michelle Kilsey (11 years)

**General Assembly Meeting** 

Antwanet Kasatli Baalbaki (1 year)

# Orthodox Vocabulary

### **Eighth Day**

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)



# Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

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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 ST. ARETHAS & COMPANIONS: TONE 1**

Be Thou entreated for the sake of the sufferings of Thy Saints which they endured for Thee, O Lord, and do Thou heal all our pains, we pray, O Friend of man.

### **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.

### **ORDINARY KONTAKION: TONE 2**

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

### **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

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.

### The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (9:6-11)

Brethren, the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly; and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Let each one do according to what he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly, or under compulsion; for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you; that you, having always all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work. As it is written: "He has scattered abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever"; now He, who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food, will supply and multiply your seed for sowing, and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in all things for every generosity, which works through us thanksgiving to God.

### **THE GOSPEL**

### The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (8:26-39)

At that time, Jesus arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee. And as He stepped out on land, there met Him a man from the city who had demons; for a long time he had worn no clothes, and he lived not in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, "What hast Thou to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech Thee, do not torment me." For Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. [For many a time it had seized him; he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters, but he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the desert.] Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. And they begged Jesus not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged Jesus to let them enter these. So He gave them leave. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how he who had been possessed with demons was healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gadarenes asked Jesus to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so He got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with Jesus; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare all that God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city all that Jesus had done for him.

# Orthodox Vocabulary

### Kenosis

The noun is derived from the verb "he emptied himself" or "annihilated himself" (phil. 2:7). The Son remains God when he becomes incarnate but he divests himself of his glory to the point of being "unrecognizable". Kenosis is the properly divine way of loving: becoming a human being without reservation and without calling for recognition or compelling it. Kenosis refers first to the self-emptying of the Word in the incarnation but this is completed in the self-emptying of the Spirit in the Church, while it also reveals the self-emptying of the living God in creation. The mystery of the covenant stands under the sign of kenosis, for the more far-reaching the covenant, the more complete the union. Our divinization comes through the meeting of the kenosis of God with the kenosis of the human being; the fundamental requirement of the Gospel can therefore be stated as follows: we shall be one with Christ to the extent that we "lose" ourselves for him.

In what does the true wealth of a man consist? In his image and likeness of God, and not in lands, nor money; neither in various earthly sciences and arts, nor in property of various kinds, not in many servants, nor in many clothes, nor in general, in a multitude of earthly blessings, for all these are corruptible, and temporal; while the soul-the image of God- is eternal., and its riches are virtue, holiness, humility, gentleness, temperance in all things, faith, hope and above all, love!

<sup>~</sup> John of Kronstadt

### **Attaining Salvation**

A pilgrim to the Holy Mountain of Athos asked an old hermit, Father, how can I attain my salvation?" The venerated holy man replied, "Every day at dusk go to the cemetery and for an hour hurl insults to the dead. Do that for a month and pay attention to everything that happens around you. Then come and report to me." After a month the pilgrim returned. "Father, I have done what you told me but nothing happened!" The hermit then said, "Go to the cemetery again for another month and sing praises to the dead. Then come and tell me what happened." After a month the pilgrim returned. "Father, I did what you told me but nothing happened!" The holy father then said, "My son, if you wish to attain your salvation, be like the dead, indifferent to insults and indifferent to praise."



# St. Mary Church School & Teen SOYO News

<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).

### Thanksgiving Basket Drive-

The Church School students will be helping with our annual Thanksgiving Drive this year. They will be asked by their individual classrooms to bring in items for the baskets and help assemble them on Saturday, October 20th. Please see Megan or Matt for more information. We are also seeking monetary donations to help defray the cost of the needed foods/turkeys. Please help the Church School students with this project of helping others in need.

### **ONLINE BULLETIN**

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

## **Canned Food Drive**

The Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese is one of the sponsoring organizations for the National Committee for World Food Day (October 16th).

Each parish collects and distributes food each year to the needy in their local community. The collections are published in "THE WORD" magazine.

\*\*Please bring canned foods to the Parish Center starting Sunday, October 17th through December 31st.\*\*





### **One-Year Memorial Service**



A One Year Memorial Service is being offered for the servant of God *Anastasia Theodoris* and is being offered by her daughter Evanthia Theodoris.

### May God grant her peace and may her memory be eternal

# PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR GOOD HEALTH AND BLESSING OF:

Kevin Hashway Mark Hashway Bill & Susan Salhany &Family Ken & Rania Salhany Barbara & George Moussalli Vicky Hallal Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Victoria Hallal Offered by: Ron Hallal

Josephine Karam Ed Betor Offered by: Elie, Julia & Naji Karam

Faraj Freij Latifa Alarmani Fouad & Marianne Alzaibak Fr. Elie, Kh. Rouba Estephan & Family Walid & Mirna Nakhoul Tony & Fadia Kabak Saliba, Robin, Bianca, Michelle Saliba Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

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

Jacob Muller Victoria Muller Offered by: Michael & Nancy Muller

Tony & Fadia Kabak Nabil & Salwa Khoury Offered by: John, Anita, Reyna & Anthony Chamoun Tawfik & Fareed Hawwa Renda, John, Natalia, Julia & Maria Ferrari Dr. Nabil & Salwa Khoury Offered by: Olga Hawwa

Salwa & Nabil Khoury Offered by: Cindy Hayes & Family

Salwa & Nabil Khoury Offered by: Walid & Mirna Nakhoul

Salwa Khoury Offered by: Nora Abdelahad Elaine Agaty Sandra Matook

Salwa Khoury Elaine Wilbur Anthony & Cheryl Nassaney & Family Offered by: Lorice Hallal

Offered by: Sandra Matook & Family

Sandra Matook Offered by: Nora Abdelahad Elaine Agaty

George, Kim, George Frank, & Kassiani Matook Steve, Elaina, Isabelle, Elizabeth, Alexandra & Emily Zabak

Salwa Khoury Offered by: A Friend



#### **IN LOVING MEMORY OF:**

Janice Hallal Offered by: Her Loving Husband Ron

Fred Hashway Edward Hallal William Salhany Al Hallal 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

Farid & Nabila Hawwa Offered by: Tawfik, Olga, & Fareed Hawwa Renda and John Ferrari & Family Rana and Halim Choubah & Family George T. Matook Offered by: Sandra Matook & Family

William Salhany (our beloved father) Offered by: Barbara and George Moussalli & Family

George T. Matook Offered by: Nora Abdelahad Elaine Agaty

Fred Hashway Russell Wilbur Joseph & Mary Samra Jacqueline Gorab Lillian Nassaney Perry Panagakos Offered by: Lorice Hallal



### **Coffee Hour**

Today, Coffee Hour is being sponsored by Fouad & Marianne Alzaibak in observance of their 1st Year Wedding Anniversary. Coffee hour will be held at the Parish Center following Liturgy.

All are welcome to attend.

### **Visitations**

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

# St. Mary's Holiday Bazaar Sponsorship

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!

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| 240-205-9079      | 401-692-1250  | 781-888-4448   | 781-414-1091     | 401-434-887  |
| Fr. Elie Estephan | Walid Nakhoul | Fouad Alziabak | Ghassan Alarmani | Salwa Khoury |

### St. Mary's Holiday Bazaar 2021 Sponsorship Form

| Yes! I/We wish to sponsor the November 5th, 6th & 7th, \$500 Platinum Sponsor | St. Mary's Holiday Bazaar as follows:                   |
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| \$300 Gold Sponsor<br>\$200 Silver Sponsor<br>\$150 Bronze Sponsor            |   |
| Listing for sponsorship recognition:  |   |
| Contact Person:   | <del></del>   |
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| Email:  | -   |
| Please make your tax-deductible donation to: St. Mary's I this form to:       | Bazaar, earmarked "bazaar sponsorship" and send it with |

St. Mary Church 249 High Street Pawtucket, RI 02860

Thank you!



# 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.

| <b>Lamb Drive Donation Form</b> |   |                 |  |  |
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| Quantity                        | @ \$30 each                                       | Total enclosed: |  |  |
| Name(s):                        |   |                 |  |  |
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# 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 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

### **Schedule for Bazaar Baking:**

Tuesday, October 26th: 9:30am- Mamoul-Date



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

### **THE SYNAXARION (Plain Reading)**

On October 24 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the holy, glorious and rightvictorious Great-martyr Arethas (al-Haarith), Abraham, Ruhayma, Habsa, Hayya, Hayya, and the multitude martyred with them in Najran of Arabia Felix (present-day Yemen) in the year 524. Verses Martyr Arethas offered God, when beheaded, multitudinous Martyrs beheaded likewise. On the twenty-fourth thou wast felled with thy friends, O Arethas. When Dhu Nuwas, ruler of the Himyarite tribe in southern Arabia, and a Judaizer, took power, he sought to blot out Christianity, especially at Najran. Led by Arethas—who was 95 years old—thousands of martyrs, including women, children, and babies, valiantly withstood his threats, and were beheaded and burned. After Arethas and the men had been slain, all the free-born Christian women of Najran were brought before the tyrant and commanded to reject Christ or die; yet they rebuked the persecutor with such boldness that he said even the men had not insulted him so viciously. The Ethiopian King Elesbaan—whom we also commemorate today—liberated Najran from Dhu Nuwas soon after and raised up churches in honor of the Martyrs. Najran became a place of pilgrimage until the rise of Islam a century later. At the end of his life King Elesbaan, who was also called Caleb, retired into solitude as a hermit. On this day, we also commemorate the Martyr Sebastiana of Heraclea.

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





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.

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

Week 9- Maria Saad

Week 10- Nabil Baalbaki

