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

Sunday, October 24, 2021
Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Church Office hours: Monday – Friday 9am-1pm
249 High Street, Pawtucket, RI 02860
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Web site: http://stmarypawtucket.org
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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
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 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: 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 Michelle Kilsey (11 years)
January 23, 2022: Her Loving Family Antwanet Kasati Baalbaki (1 year)
January 30, 2022: not available General Assembly Meeting
February 6th: not available Soup Kitchen Luncheon (Outreach)
February 13th: not available
February 20th: available for sponsorship
February 27th: available for sponsorship
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, XXVI II, 66)
**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. Then 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.
Attention All Parents: 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.

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.**
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 Choubak & 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
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        Fouad Alziabak        Ghassan Alarmani        Salwa Khoury
240-205-9079           401-692-1250           781-888-4448           781-414-1091           401-434-8877
St. Mary’s Holiday Bazaar
2021 Sponsorship Form
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:

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!

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.

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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

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Address:__________________________
Phone:__________________________

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

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 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

Congratulations!