

## CHURCH CALENDAR

**Sunday, November 28th:** Twenty Third after Pentecost

One Year Memorial Service for Albert Hallal

**Saturday, December 4th:** 6:00 P.M.– Arabic Liturgy

**Sunday, December 5th:** Tenth Sunday of Luke

**Wednesday, December 8th:** Ladies Christmas Dinner *(\*please note date change\*)*

**Sunday, December 12th:** Forefathers (Ancestors) of Christ

Choir Appreciation Sunday

**Tuesday, December 14th:** 7:00pm– Parish Council Meeting

**Sunday, December 19th:** Sunday before the Nativity (Genealogy)

Sunday School Pageant & Luncheon

Bishop JOHN visit

One Year Memorial Service for Sue Ayoub

**Friday, December 24th:** 5:00 P.M.- Christmas Eve Liturgy

**Sunday, December 26th:** Sunday After the Nativity

One Year Memorial for Elaine Swistak

Coffee Hour Sponsored by the Choir in memory of Elaine Swistak



### *Orthodox Vocabulary*

#### Redemption

Redemption: from a Latin word meaning “ransom.” Through the fall, humanity became enslaved to sin and death. In order to restore human liberty, God himself became incarnate and saved all men by his passion and resurrection. St Paul expresses this: “*You were bought with a price [the blood of Christ]*” (1 Cor 6:20).

## SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



*Sunday, November 28, 2021*

*Twenty Third Sunday After Pentecost*

***Saint Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church***  
*"A parish of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America"*

Church Office hours: Monday– Friday 9am-1pm  
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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](mailto: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.



**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).

\* **Sunday, December 19th:** Sunday School Pageant & Luncheon  
Bishop JOHN visit

-Pageant roles will be passed out this Sunday, Nov 28, rehearsals will take place during Sunday School December 5 and 12, and the pageant is Dec 19. Please make every effort to attend all rehearsals!

-On Sunday, December 5, we will be learning about St. Barbara and even cooking Koliva in the kitchen after play practice!

-Gifts for Children's Wishes need to be dropped off by Sunday, December 12. Please bring them unwrapped. If you are unable to buy a gift, we appreciate any donations and are happy to purchase for you.



**THANK YOU to everyone who donated food, time and monetary donations to give 60 Thanksgiving Baskets to families in need.**

We are collecting Christmas gifts for Children's Wishes, an organization that helps children with life-threatening illnesses. Look for the Christmas trees in the Parish Center with gift ideas, purchase a gift, and bring it back to church by Sunday, December 12.

***The Sunday School children appreciate your help as we give to others this year! Please contact Matt Duncan with any questions.***



**Christ is Born, Glorify Him!**

Once again the holiday season is upon us, and, once again, it is time to start thinking about sending Christmas cards to those with whom we worship and love. Every year the choir sponsors a card which is sent to every family in our parish—sending **your** best wishes for a happy and blessed Christmas and New Year.

This letter is to ensure that **all** parish members are approached and have an opportunity to participate in the Christmas card being prepared—we do not wish to overlook anyone!

Below is a form, which you may complete and submit—either in person or by mail—containing your family name and your holiday greetings. Your holiday wishes will be sent to all parishioners. This is a wonderful way to be remembered by our community during this busy season—it is also an inexpensive and easy way to have your card sent to all your friends and relatives. All proceeds go into the choir fund, which is our only source of revenue to continue to upgrade our supplies and continue to provide you with meaningful liturgical music.

In order to be listed in this year’s card, your response must be received no later than Sunday, December 7th. If there are any questions, or if you wish to give your response and donation in person, please contact the church office.

Thank you for helping us in this endeavor. All of us in the choir sincerely appreciate your continued support and look forward to serving you in the coming year.

Sincerely,

The St. Mary Liturgical Choir

FAMILY NAME(S)

AMOUNT OF DONATION:

Please Remember

— LAST DATE TO SUBMIT INFORMATION AND DONATION IS DECEMBER 7th!

By mail, send to: St. Mary Orthodox Church, Choir Christmas Card Fund,  
249 High Street, Pawtucket, RI 02860.

*Twenty Third Sunday After Pentecost*

**Tone: 6 Eothinon: 1**

**RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION: TONE 6**

When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb; and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

**APOLYTIKION OF ST. STEPHEN THE NEW: TONE 4**

(\*Thou who wast raised up\*) Trained on the mountain in ascetical-labors, \* with the whole armor of the Cross thou didst vanquish \* the spiritual arrays of unseen enemies; \* and when thou hadst stripped thyself \* with great courage for contest, \* thou didst slay Copronymus \* with the sword of the true Faith. \* For both these things hast thou been crowned by God, \* O righteous Martyr, blest Stephen of great renown.

**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 PREPARATION OF CHRIST’S NATIVITY: TONE 3**

(\*The original melody\*) (CHANT) (CHORAL) On this day the Virgin cometh to the cave to give birth to \* God the Word ineffably, \* Who was before all the ages. \* Dance for joy, O earth, on hearing \* the gladsome tidings; \* with the Angels and the shepherds now glorify Him \* Who is willing to be gazed on \* as a young Child Who \* before the ages is God.

**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, O Lord, will I cry, O my God.*

**The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (2:4-10)**

Brethren, God, being rich in mercy, through His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead through the trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you are November 28, 2021 Liturgy Variables 2 23rd Sun. of Pentecost saved—and raised us up together with Him, and made us to sit together with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the coming ages He would show the exceeding riches of His grace, in kindness toward us, in Christ Jesus. For by grace you are saved through faith, and that is not of yourselves: it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

**THE GOSPEL**

**The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (18:18-27)**

At that time, a man came testing Jesus and asking, “Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: ‘Do not commit adultery. Do not kill. Do not steal. Do not bear false witness. Honor your father and mother.’” And the man said, “All these I have observed from my youth.” And when Jesus heard it, he said to him, “One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.” But when the man heard this he became sad, for he was very rich. Jesus, seeing him sad, said, “How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.” Those who heard it said, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus said, “What is impossible with men is possible with God.”



2021

**Parish Christmas Poinsettia Fund**

*In anticipation of Christmas, we present our very important  
“Poinsettia Fund” Project*

Please accept my donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
to be used in decorating the Church for Christmas.  
This donation is made with the following intentions.



For the Good Health and Blessing of:

In Loving Memory of:


From: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please remember to return the form to the Parish Office by Sunday, Dec. 12th*

**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.**

<b><u>Date:</u></b>	<b><u>Sponsored by:</u></b>	<b><u>Sponsored for:</u></b>
<b>November 28, 2021:</b>	<b>His Loving Family</b>	<b>Memory of Albert Hallal (1 year)</b>
<b>December 5, 2021:</b>	<b>Falafel Sale following Liturgy at Parish Center</b>	
<b>December 12, 2021:</b>	<b>St. Mary Church Choir Appreciation</b>	
<b>December 19, 2021:</b>	<b>St. Mary Church</b>	<b>Sunday School Pageant &amp; Luncheon</b>
		<b>Memory of Sue Ayoub (1 year)</b>
<b>December 26, 2021:</b>	<b>St. Mary Church Choir</b>	<b>Memory of Elaine Swistak (1 year)</b>

**THE SYNAXARION (Plain Reading)**

On November 28 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Venerable-martyr Stephen the New. Verses Wounded, O Stephen, in the head with a cudgel, A crown which never groweth old thou rightly foundest. On the twenty-eighth the head of Stephen the New was crushed. As aforetime Hannah the mother of Samuel, so Anna the mother of Stephen prayed God to give her a son. When Anna had conceived Stephen, she asked the newly-elected Patriarch Germanus to bless the babe in her womb. He said, “May God bless him through the prayers of the holy First Martyr Stephen.” At that moment Anna saw a flame of fire issue from the mouth of the holy Patriarch. Stephen struggled in asceticism from his youth in Bithynia at the Monastery of Saint Auxentius, and helped many who came to him. During the reign of Constantine Copronymus, Stephen showed his love of Orthodoxy in contending for the Faith. Besides being a fierce Iconoclast, Constantine raised up a ruthless persecution of monasticism. He held a council in 754 that anathematized the holy icons. Because Stephen rejected this council, the Emperor framed false accusations against him and exiled him. Nevertheless, Stephen performed healings with holy icons and turned many away from Iconoclasm. Later, he was stoned, like Stephen the First Martyr; wherefore he is called Stephen the New. Finally, he was struck with a wooden club on the temple and his head was shattered, and thus he gave up his spirit in the year 767. On this day, we also commemorate the Martyr Irinarchos of Sebastia and those with him. By the intercessions of Thy Saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.



**One Year Memorial Service**



A One Year Memorial Service is being offered for the servant of God *Albert Hallal* and is being offered by His Loving Family.

***May God grant him peace and may his memory be eternal***

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

Kevin Hashway  
Mark Hashway  
Salwa Khoury  
Lorice Hallal  
Vicky Hallal & Family  
George & Barbara Mousselli  
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur



Victoria Hallal  
Offered by: Ron Hallal

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

Faraj Freij  
Victoria Hallal  
Karen Vachon, Jimmy Hallal & David Hallal & Families  
Saliba, Robin, Bianca, Michelle Saliba  
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

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

My Children & Grandchildren  
Offered by: Vicki Hallal

Victoria Hallal & Family  
Offered by: Walid & Mirna Nakhoul

Victoria Hallal & Family  
Zak Nassaney & Family  
Offered by: Dianna Hashway

Vicky Hallal & Family  
Zak Nassaney & Family  
Relatives & Friends  
Offered by: Lily Massiwer

Victoria Hallal (beloved aunt)  
Offered by: Ken, Rania & Family

Karen Vachon, Jimmy Hallal & David Hallal & Families  
Offered by: Ken, Rania & Family

Victoria Hallal, Children & Grandchildren  
Offered by: Elaine Gauthier

Vickie Hallal  
Offered by: Nora Abdelahad  
Elaine Agaty  
Sandra Matook

Bette Ayoub  
Offered by: Samy & Helen Morcos

David and Susan Gallant  
Eric and Kristen Hughes  
Kenneth and Rania Salhany and family  
Bill and Susan Salhany and family  
John Salhany  
Victoria Hallal and family  
Offered by: George & Barbara Moussalli

John & Patricia Massiwer  
Maureen, Paul & Mary Gurchigian  
Cindy Hayes  
Donnie, Lauren Allison, Dan, Liz and Sarah  
Mary & Bill Franklin  
Billy & Britt, Jon & Meagan  
Diane Andrew & Paul Burnier  
Laura, Jim & Noelle Arrighi  
Fred and Adele Shwaery & Family  
Victoria Hallal & Family  
Ronald Hallal & Family  
Mike & Joanne Kanakry  
Offered by: Mary Massiwer & Family



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

Donnie, Lauren, Allison, Dan, Liz & Sarah  
Offered by: Cindy Hayes

Mary Massiwer  
John & Patricia Massiwer  
Maureen, Paul & Mary Gurghigian  
Mary & Bill Franklin  
Billy & Britt, Jon & Meagan  
Diane Andrew & Paul Burnier  
Laura, Jim & Noelle Arrighi  
Victoria Hallal & Family  
Ronald Hallal & Family  
Salwa & Nabil Khoury & Family  
Saliba, Robin, Bianca & Michelle Saliba  
Offered by: Cindy Hayes & Family



**IN LOVING MEMORY OF:**

Don Hayes  
John Massiwer  
Tom Andrew  
Albert Hallal  
Janice Hallal  
Elaine & John Swistak  
Offered by: Cindy Hayes & Family



**IN LOVING MEMORY OF:**

Janice Hallal  
Offered by: Her Loving Husband Ron

Fred Hashway  
Albert Hallal  
William Salhany  
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

Albert Hallal (dear husband)  
James & Mary Hallal  
Janice Hallal  
John Hallal  
Deceased Sisters & Brothers  
Demtry & Victoria Ganim  
Offered by: Vicki Hallal

Albert Hallal (dear father & grandfather)  
~forever in our hearts  
Offered by: Karen, Linus, Katie & Lauren  
James, Paula & Joshua  
David, Terri, Jonathan, Nicholas & Jack

William Salhany (dear brother)  
Offered by: Lorice Zahka

William Salhany  
Offered by: Robert P. Zahka

Uncle William Salhany  
Offered by: Janice & Mike Esy & Family

William Salhany  
Offered by: Nancy & Dennis Close

William Salhany  
Offered by: Peter & Camille Zahka & Family

William Salhany  
Offered by: David & Carol Hazerjian & Family

Albert Hallal  
Lillian Nassaney  
Offered by: Dianna Hashway

Albert Hallal  
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Albert Hallal  
Offered by: Walid & Mirna Nakhoul

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Janice Hallal  
Offered by: John Salhany

Albert Hallal  
Offered by: Nora Matook & Family

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Janice Hallal  
Offered by: Elaine Gauthier

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Offered by: Nora Abdelahad  
Elaine Agaty  
Sandra Matook

Albert Hallal  
William Salhany  
Offered by: John & Mary Cahaly  
Ralph & Eloise Cahaly & Family  
Jeffrey & Laura Ristaino & Family  
Michael & Sharon Burdulis & Family

Albert Hallal  
Robert Gorab  
Offered by: Joe & Marlene Samra

William Salhany  
Albert Hallal  
Offered by: George & Barbara Moussalli

John Massiwer  
Don Hayes  
Tom Andrew  
Albert Hallal  
Janice Hallal  
Steven Kanakry  
Offered by: Mary Massiwer & Family

**Christmas Liturgy**



Christmas Liturgy this year will be on Friday, December 24th at 5:00 P.M.

**Visitations**

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

**St. Mary Ladies Society Annual Holiday Gathering**

The Old Grist Mill Tavern 390 Fall River Ave Seekonk  
***Wednesday December 8th at 6:30 PM*** \$50.00 per Person/  
Cash Bar Available Dinner Choices Baked Stuffed  
Shrimp Baked Boston Scrod Grilled Norwegian Salmon  
Includes Salad Bar, Dessert & Coffee A Yankee Swap  
will be held so bring a \$10.00 Gift to participate Please  
confirm with Cindy Hayes by 12/ 5

