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).

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Twenty Third Sunday After Pentecost
Church Office hours: Monday – Friday 9am-1pm
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“A parish of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America”

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& 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.

Prayer Line
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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

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.

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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

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**FAMILY NAME(S)**

____________________________________

**AMOUNT OF DONATION**

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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.

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**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 EPISCLE

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 to-
gether 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 to-
ard 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.”
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THE SYNAXARION (Plain Reading)

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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.

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:

Keen 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 Betol
Offered by: Elie, Julia & Naji Karam
Faraj Freij
Victoria Hallal
Karen Vachon, Jimmy Hallal & David Hallal & Families
Saliba, Robin, Bianca, Michelle Saliba
Offered by: Nabi & Salwa Khoury
Tony and Fadia Kabak
Nabi 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: Veki Hallal
Victoria Hallal & Family
Offered by: Walid & Mima Nakhouli
Victoria Hallal & Family
Zak Nassaney & Family
Offered by: Dianna Hashway
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Relatives & Friends
Offered by: Lily Massiwer

Victoria Hallal (beloved aunt)
Offered by: Ken, Rania & Family
Karen Vachon, Jimmy Hallal & David Hallal & Families
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Victoria Hallal, Children & Grandchildren
Offered by: Elaine Gauthier
Vickie Hallal
Offered by: Nora Abdelahad
Elaine Agaty
Sandra Matook

Betty Ayoub
Offered by: Sammy & 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
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John & Patricia Massiwer
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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
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John Massiwer
Tom Andrew
Albert Hallal
Janice Hallal
Elaine & John Swistak
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Dentry & Victoria Ganim
Offered by: Vicki Hallal

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Ralph & Louise Cahaly & Family
Jeffrey & Laura Ristaino & Family
Michael & Sharon Burdulis & Family

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Robert Gorab
Offered by: Joe & Marlene Samra

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

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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Pray for the poor Souls of the Unforgiven
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Christmas Liturgy

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

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 Serod 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

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