

CHURCH CALENDAR

2022

Sunday, January 9th: Sunday after Theophany (Epiphany)

One Year Memorial Service for Elias Kandalaf

Sunday, January 16th: Twenty-Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Memorial Service for Michelle Kilsey (11 years)

Memorial Service for George (58 years) & Antwanet (Kasatli Baalbaki (1 year)

Sunday, January 23rd: Thirty-First Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, January 30th: 4 P.M.- General Assembly Meeting on Zoom.

Saturday, February 5th: 6:00 P.M.– Arabic Liturgy

Sunday, February 6th: Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Tuesday, February 8th: 7:00pm– Parish Council Meeting

Sunday, February 13th: 33rd Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, February 20th: Pharisee & Publican

Sunday, February 27th: The Prodigal Son

Luncheon for the Antiochian Women Project & Lorda's Tuiton

Saturday, March 5th: 6:00 P.M.– Arabic Liturgy

Sunday, March 6th: Sunday of Cheesefare (Forgiveness)

Sunday, March 13th: Sunday of Orthodoxy– First Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 20th: Gregory Palamas– Second Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 27th: Holy Cross– Third Sunday of Lent

Saturday, April 2nd: 6:00 P.M.– Arabic Liturgy

Sunday, April 3rd: John Climacus– Fourth Sunday of Lent

Sunday, April 10th: Mary of Egypt– Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sunday, April 17th: Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 24th: Great & Holy PASCHA

Sunday, May 1st: Sunday of St. Thomas

Saturday, May 7th: 6:00 P.M.– Arabic Liturgy

Sunday, May 8th: Sunday of Myrrh-bearers

Sunday, May 15th: Sunday of the Paralytic

Sunday, May 22nd: Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

Sunday, May 29th: Sunday of the Blind Man



SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



Sunday, January 9, 2022

Sunday after Theophany (Epiphany)

Saint Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church
“A parish of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America”

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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.

*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

Date:

Sponsored by:

Sponsored for:

January 9, 2022:	Russell & John Kandalaft	Memory of Elias Kandalaft (1 year)
January 16, 2022:	available for sponsorship	
January 23, 2022:	The Parish Council	Health of the newly Chrismated Catechumens
January 30, 2022:	not available	General Assembly Meeting
February 6th:	available for sponsorship	
February 13th:	available for sponsorship	
February 20th:	available for sponsorship	
February 27th:	St. Mary Church	Luncheon for Antiochian Women Project
March 6th:	available for sponsorship	
March 13th:	available for sponsorship	
March 20th:	available for sponsorship	
March 27th:	available for sponsorship	
April 3rd:	available for sponsorship	
April 10th:	available for sponsorship	
April 17th:	not available	Palm Sunday
April 24th:	not available	Great & Holy PASCHA

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 SYNAXARION (Plain Reading)

On January 9 in the Holy Orthodox Church, the third day of the After-feast of the Theophany of Christ, we commemorate the holy Martyr Polyeuktos of Melitene in Armenia. Verses Polyeuktos, whose passion was beheading, Through much prayer, O Word, had Thy grace to suffer. On the ninth, O Polyeuktos, the glaive's stroke gave thee great glory. There were in the town two friends who were officers: Nearchus and Polyeuktos, the former baptized and the latter unbaptized. When a decree went out from the Emperor Valerian that all Christians were to be killed, Nearchus prepared himself for death. On the following day, Polyeuktos related to Nearchus a dream: the Lord Himself had appeared to him in light, stripped his old clothing from him, clothed him in new and shining raiment and set him upon the saddle of a winged horse. Polyeuktos was baptized, and then went off to the town, tore up the royal decree on the persecution of Christians and smashed many statues of idols. The blood of Polyeuktos was spilled in the year 259. Nearchus later became a martyr for Christ in the fire. On this day, we also commemorate the Venerable Eustratios the wonderworker; New-martyr Parthenas; and Philip, metropolitan of Moscow.

By their holy intercessions, O God, have mercy upon us and save us. Amen.

Epiphany 2022- Blessing of Homes

With the celebration of The Feast of Epiphany and the Great Sanctification of the Water, house blessings are starting for the new year. If you would like to have your house blessed, please contact Fr. Elie and schedule an appropriate time. While it is traditional to begin house blessings following Epiphany, homes may be blessed throughout the year. May the Blessing of the Jordan River sanctify and protect each and every home and family in our community.



Sunday after Theophany (Epiphany)

Tone: 4 Eothinon: 7

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION: TONE 4

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying: Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION OF THE THEOPHANY: TONE 1

When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan, worship of the Trinity wast made manifest; for the voice of the Father bore witness to Thee, calling Thee His beloved Son. And the Spirit in the likeness of a dove confirmed the truth of His word. O Christ our God, Who hast appeared and enlightened the world, glory to Thee.

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 THE THEOPHANY: TONE 4

(**The original melody**) On this day Thou hast appeared * unto the whole world, * and Thy light, O Sovereign Lord, * is signed on us who sing Thy praise * and chant with knowledge: Thou hast now come, * Thou hast appeared, O Thou Light unapproachable.

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THE EPISTLE

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

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (4:7-13)

Brethren, grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore, it is said, "When He ascended on high He led a host of captives, and He gave gifts to men." (In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that He had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is He who also ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) And His gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

THE GOSPEL

The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (4:12-17)

At that time, when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth he went and dwelt in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulon and Naphtali, so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "The land of Zebulon and the land of Naphtali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of Heaven is at hand."



Luncheon for the Antiochian Women Project & Lorda's Tuition

Sunday February 26th immediately following Liturgy.

The menu will include:

Kibbe, Grape leaves, Lubia, Rice and Salad

\$15.00 for adults,
\$5.00 children 10 under
Under 5 free.

**thanks
for the
support**



Happy Birthday to everyone who has a birthday during the month of January.

Ghassan Alarmani
Jiana Daikh
Therese Haddad
Mary Kilsey
David Maurice
Michael Muller
Madison Saliba
Marlene Samra
Deb Whyte

Philip Ayoub
Maher Daoud
Lorice Hallal
Lily Massiwer
Anthony Mechrefe
Alexi Najjar
Joseph Samra
Fred Shwaery
Charlie Ziud

John Chamoun
George Delaleh
Jim Harvey
Mary Massiwer
Jamie Mitri
Renna Salhany
Joseph Samra III
Philip Spenard

*****if you have a January birthday and do not see your name– we do not have it in our database– please email or call the church office to have you and your family members added.*****



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).

ONLINE BULLETIN

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

Bulletin Submissions

Please help us provide a quality weekly bulletin by submitting all prayer requests and announcements to the church office by Noon on Wednesdays. Any requests received after this time will be in the following week's bulletin. Thank you for your cooperation.

Visitations

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

Cemetery Plots

If you wish to purchase a cemetery plot at Walnut Hill Cemetery, the cost is \$1,000. Please contact Ed Ayoub for more information or to purchase a plot.

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



One-Year Memorial Service



A One-Year Memorial Service is being offered for the servant of God *Elias Kandalaft* and is being offered Russell & John Kandalaft. Coffee hour is being sponsored in his memory following Liturgy. All are welcome to attend.

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
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Victoria Hallal
Offered by: Ron Hallal

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

Nabil Khoury
Maria Eugenia Gonzalo
Faraj Freij
Cindy Hayes
Saliba, Robin, Bianca, Michelle Saliba
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

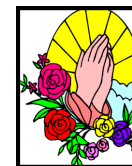
Tony and Fadia Kabak
Nabil and Salwa Khoury
Mack and Louise Megalli
Mother Xenia Minihan
Ronald Muller
Elmer and Cheryl Stanley and Family
Madison Tucker
Offered by: Michael, Nancy, Jacob & Victoria Muller



Bishop JOHN & Family
Lois & George Kilsey & Family
Leon & Judy Josephs & Family
Elaine Gauthier
Stephanie & Bryan Chowning & Family
Tawfik & Olga Hawwa
Offered by: Bill & Mary Lou Catelli

Bryan, Stephanie, Nick, Leila & Emily
Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurchigian
Offered by: Elaine Gauthier

Christine Briggs & Family
Mary Jane Wehbe & Family
Russell & John Kandalaft
Offered by: Nora Abdelahad
Elaine Agaty
Sandra Matook



Our life depends on the kind thoughts we nurture. If our thoughts are peaceful, calm, meek and kind, then that is what our life is like. If our attention is turned to the circumstances in which we live, we are drawn into a whirlpool of thoughts and can have neither peace nor tranquility.

~Elder Thaddeus of Vitovnica



IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Janice Hallal
Offered by: Her Loving Husband Ron

Fred Hashway
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

Elias Kandalaft
Offered by: Joe & Marlene Samra

Matilda Josephs
Christopher Gauthier
Offered by: Bill & Mary Lou Catelli

Matilda Josephs
Christopher Gauthier
Offered by: George, Lois, Christopher & Mary Kilsey

Auntie Tillie
Christopher
Offered by: Elaine Gauthier & Family

Florence David
Offered by: Nora Abdelahad
Elaine Agaty
Sandra Matook

Elias, Mary & Joyce Kandalaft
Offered by: Lorice Hallal

William & Ruth Salhany
Zaki & Mary Moussalli
Elias Kandalaft
Offered by: George & Barbara Moussalli



Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 30th on Zoom at 4pm.

- * All Church Organizations and standing committees are kindly reminded to submit their annual reports to the Church Office before January 20th.
- * All parishioners in good standing who “accept, profess and practice the faith and discipline of the Holy Orthodox Faith” are welcome to participate and to vote at the meeting. Practicing the discipline of the faith involves regular and consistent attendance at Divine Liturgy and participation in the Sacraments of the Church, as well as completing a stewardship pledge for the year 2021 and making a pledge commitment for the year 2022.

Orthodox Vocabulary

Paraskeve

Paraskeve: the eve of the sabbath, or Friday. The day of the sabbath, according to the Mosaic Law, is a day of rest consecrated to God. The eve, or *paraskeve*, is a time of preparation for this holy day. This name is particularly used to designate Holy Friday (Jn 19:14). The week always has a strong significance in the customs and practices of humanity; as well as in both the Old and New Testaments. Its prototype is the creative activity of God, who created the world in six days and rested on the seventh (Gen 1:1-31; 2:3). A woman martyr, who is venerated particularly in Russia and in Greece, is called Paraskeve (or Praskovia), in other words, "preparation." The troparion sung on her feast day (July 26) indicates that she well deserved her name, as she was always "ready" to fight for the faith.

A possession ought to belong to the possessor, not the possessor to the possession. Whosoever, therefore, does not use his patrimony as a possession, who does not know how to give and distribute to the poor, he is the servant of his wealth, not its master; because like a servant he watches over the wealth of another and not like a master does he use it of his own. Hence, in a disposition of this kind, we say that the man belongs to his riches, not the riches to the man.



The General Assembly Meeting will be held on Zoom on Sunday, January 30, 2022 at 4:00 P.M. Zoom log-in information and the General Assembly Meeting “Booklet” will be emailed to parishioners prior to the meeting.