

CHURCH CALENDAR

2022

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

40 Day Memorial Service for Violette Habib

Memorial Service for Christos Theodoris (15 years)

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

Memorial Service for Elias Kandalaft (1year)

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)

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

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

Daylight Savings Time

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

Tuesday, April 12th: 7:00pm– Parish Council Meeting

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

Tuesday, May 10th: 7:00pm– Parish Council Meeting

Sunday, May 15th: Sunday of the Paralytic

Sunday, May 22nd: Sunday of the Samaritan Woman



SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



Sunday, January 23, 2022

Thirty-First Sunday After Pentecost

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**

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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

Date:

Sponsored by:

Sponsored for:

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| January 23, 2022: | The Parish Council | Health of the newly Chrismated Catechumens |
| January 30, 2022: | <i>not available</i> | General Assembly Meeting |
| February 6th: | Russell & John Kandalajt | Memory of Elias Kandalajt (1 year) |
| February 13th: | <i>available for sponsorship</i> | |
| February 20th: | <i>available for sponsorship</i> | |
| February 27th: | St. Mary Church | Luncheon for Antiochian Women Project |
| March 6th: | <i>available for sponsorship</i> | |
| March 13th: | <i>available for sponsorship</i> | |
| March 20th: | <i>available for sponsorship</i> | |
| March 27th: | <i>available for sponsorship</i> | |
| April 3rd: | <i>available for sponsorship</i> | |
| April 10th: | <i>available for sponsorship</i> | |
| April 17th: | <i>not available</i> | |
| April 24th: | <i>not available</i> | |
| May 1st: | <i>available for sponsorship</i> | |
| May 8th: | <i>available for sponsorship</i> | |
| May 15th: | <i>available for sponsorship</i> | |
| May 22nd: | <i>available for sponsorship</i> | |
| May 29th: | Charitable Gift Program | Charitable Gift Program Participants |
| June 5th: | <i>available for sponsorship</i> | |
| June 12th: | <i>available for sponsorship</i> | |
| June 19th: | <i>available for sponsorship</i> | |
| June 26th: | <i>available for sponsorship</i> | |
| July 3rd: | <i>available for sponsorship</i> | |
| July 10th: | <i>available for sponsorship</i> | |
| July 17th: | <i>available for sponsorship</i> | |
| July 24th: | Dr. Zeyad & Norma Morcos | Health of Elias Morcos (son) Memory of Elias Morcos (father) |
| July 31st: | <i>available for sponsorship</i> | |
| August 7th: | <i>available for sponsorship</i> | |

THE SYNAXARION (Plain Reading)

On January 23 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the holy Hieromartyr Clement, Bishop of Ancyra, and the holy Martyr Agathangelos. Verses The thirst of the inclement sword hath been sated on the blood of Agathangelos and Clement. Ye were felled on the twenty-third, O Agathangelos and Clement. Clement was born in 258 in the city of Ancyra in Galatia of a pagan father and a Christian mother. Clement was so famous because of his virtuous living that he was elected bishop of Ancyra at the age of 20. In his young years, he attained the wisdom of a mature adult, and by great restraint he tamed and conquered his body. During the reign of Diocletian, he was tortured so horribly and spent 28 years in difficulties and in dungeons. Clement considered it a great honor to be tortured because, as he said, “even the mouth of my Lord Jesus Christ was also beaten and struck in the face and behold, I, the unworthy, now became worthy of that!” Finally, he and Saint Agathangelos of Rome were beheaded together in 312. On this day, we also commemorate Paulinos, bishop of Nola.

*By their holy intercessions, O Christ 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.



Thirty-First Sunday After Pentecost

Tone: 6 Eothinon: 9

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. CLEMENT OF ANCYRA: TONE 4

Thou didst blossom forth for the faithful, O most sacred Clement, as a branch of holiness, a staff of contest, a most sacred flower, and a sweet God-given fruit. But as a fellow-sufferer of martyrs and a fellow-prelate of hierarchs, intercede with Christ our God that our souls be saved.

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 PRESENTATION OF CHRIST: TONE 1

Thou, O Christ God, Who by Thy Birth, didst sanctify the Virgin's womb, and, as is meet, didst bless Simeon's arms, and didst also come to save us; preserve Thy fold in wars, and confirm them whom Thou didst love, for Thou alone art the Lover of mankind.

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 have I cried, O Lord, my God.

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to St. Timothy. (1:15-17)
Timothy, my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. And I am the foremost of sinners; but I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display His perfect patience for an example to those who were to believe in Him for eternal life. To the King of Ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory to the ages of ages. Amen.

THE GOSPEL

The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (18:35-43)
At that time, as Jesus drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging; and hearing a multitude going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, “Jesus of Nazareth is passing by.” And he cried, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” And Jesus stopped, and commanded him to be brought to Him; and when he came near, Jesus asked him, “What do you want me to do for you?” He said, “Lord, let me receive my sight.” And Jesus said to him, “Receive your sight; your faith has made you well.” And immediately he received his sight and followed Him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.



Orthodox Vocabulary

Faithfulness

Faithfulness: the truly faithful one is the person who fulfills his obligations out of love and not only from a sense of duty. God has never stopped showing his faithfulness to the people of Israel. Christ will be "the faithful servant" foretold by Isaiah. Christians are called "the faithful," because they are committed to respect the Lord's commandment and to follow him.

That God may forgive us, let us forgive men. We are all on this earth as temporary guests... Prolonged fasting and prayer is in vain without forgiveness and true mercy. God is the true Physician; sins are leprosy. Whomever God cleanses, God also glorifies. Every merciful act of men, God rewards with mercy. He who returns sin with sin perishes without mercy. Pus is not cleansed by pus from infected wounds, neither is the darkness of the dungeon dispelled by darkness, but pure balm heals the festering wound, and light disperses the darkness of the dungeon.

~St. Nicholas Velimirovich



Orthodox Vocabulary

Veneration of the Saints

Venerating and invoking the saints has been an ancient practice in both East and West. In the New Testament, Christ Himself indicated such veneration through His promises to the Apostles. Intercession of the dead for the benefit of the living is found in the parable of Dives and Lazarus. Elsewhere in the New Testament, saints of the Old Testament are described as ‘a cloud of witnesses’ whom Christians are to imitate together with the martyrs who pray before the throne of God and wear white robes as a reward of their martyrdom. However, it was St. Paul with his doctrine of the Mystical Body of Christ who provided a theological basis for venerating and invoking the saints. According to it, all members have their particular office as ‘fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God’, (Ephesians 2:19). It has been this teaching about the Church that supplied the Biblical foundation for the practice of devotion to the saints. The first documentary witness of the devotion to saints in the early Church comes from the ‘Martyrdom of Polycarp’ (about 156). St. Polycarp’s followers express their intention to ‘celebrate the birthday of his martyrdom’ in all days to come. At the same time this practice was supplemented by the growing veneration of the relics of those who had suffered martyrdom. And besides the actual martyrs, those who had survived their sufferings were also accorded special honors and their power of intercession was sought after their death. Origen was the first Father to provide a theological foundation for the veneration of martyrs. He included it within his doctrine of the Communion of Saints and taught that the prayers of saints are efficacious, provided the faithful follow in their footsteps. Devotion to the Saints spread rapidly in both East and West from the 4th Century onwards. St. Cyril of Jerusalem made a distinction between the saints commemorated at the Eucharist who offer our prayer to God and the ordinary dead who would benefit by the Eucharist. The same distinction is made by St. Chrysostom who asked his listeners to believe in the intercession of the martyrs. About this time, the ranks of saints were enlarged by the addition of ‘confessors’ and ‘virgins’ on the ground that a life of holiness equals the achievements of those who had in fact died for Christ. Thus, ascetics such as Anthony and bishops such as St. Athanasios and Chrysostom were soon venerated in the East as was St. Augustine in the West. In answer to charges of idolatry, a distinction was made by theologians between the worship of God, expressed by the Greek word ‘Latreia’ (worship) and the veneration and imitation due to the saints, expressed by the term ‘douleia’ (servitude). Among later Fathers who contributed to the theology of devotion to the saints must be mentioned the names of St. John of Damascus and St. Gregory the Great.



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).



Family Camp 2022 Memorial Day Weekend May 27-30th

Registration Now Open at: <https://events.circuitree.com/av/>

Greetings Villagers!

After 2 long years, we are so excited to bring back Family Camp this summer!

This year we will be joined by guest speaker, Fr. John Salem! Fr. John is a longtime AV camper and staff member, and is currently the pastor of St. Elijah Church in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma!

Registration for Family Camp 2022 is NOW OPEN!



Memorial Services



- ♦ A Memorial Service is being offered for the servant of God *Violette Habib* and is being offered by Emad Amirhom & Family.
- ♦ A Memorial Service is being offered for the servant of God *Christos Theodoris (15 years)* and is being offered by Evanthia Theodoris.

May God grant them peace and may their memories 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

Alan Matook
Cindy Hayes
Offered by: Sandra Matook & Family

Nabil Khoury
Faraj Freij
Emad Amirhom & Family
Evanthia Theodoris
Saliba, Robin, Bianca, Michelle Saliba
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

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

Louis DiPrete & Family
Offered by: Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian

Elias Morcos
Every Covid positive person in the whole world
Offered by: Dr. Zeyad & Norma Morcos

George, Kristen, Gabriella & Juliana Baalbaki
Elias N. and Michael Baalbaki
The Baalbaki Families
The Salhany Families
Fred Kilsey and Family
Patricia Kilsey and Family
All our Family and Friends
Offered by: Nabil & Gloria Baalbaki & Family



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.

Special Prayers of Good Health and Blessing are being offered for Mary Massiwer on the occasion of her Birthday. May she enjoy many more!

Offered by: Her Family & Friends



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

Violette Habib
Christos Theodoris
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Anastasia
Ioannis
Martha
Maria
Offered by: Evanthia Theodoris

Margaret DiPrete
Offered by: Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian

George & Nora David
Offered by: Their Children & Grandchildren

Louis (My cousin's husband in Beirut-Lebanon)
Elias Morcos (31 years)
Offered by: Dr. Zeyad & Norma Morcos

George H. and Antwanet Baalbaki
George A. and Georgette A. Saggal
Abdullah and Mary Shaghouri
Fouad and Aboud Shouaa
William and Ruth Salhany
Michelle Kilsey
Steve Kilsey
All our Deceased Families and Friends
Offered by: Nabil & Gloria Baalbaki & Family



There are many unsponsored
Coffee Hours. If you would
like to sponsor one, please
contact:

Latifa Alarmani- (781)414-6281

Thank you for your support.



Coffee Hour

Today, Coffee Hour is being offered by St. Mary Parish Council for
the Health of the newly Chrismated Catechumens. Coffee Hour will
be held at the Parish Center following Liturgy.
All are welcome to attend.



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 as soon as possible.
- * 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.

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.



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**