

## CHURCH CALENDAR

**Sunday, January 30th:** The three great hierarchs and ecumenical teachers  
4 P.M.- General Assembly Meeting on Zoom.

**Wednesday, February 2nd:** 9:00 A.M.- Divine Liturgy for The Feast of The Presentation

**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:** 7:00 P.M.- 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:** 7:00 P.M.- 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:** 7:00 P.M.- 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:** 7:00 P.M.- Parish Council Meeting

**Sunday, May 15th:** Sunday of the Paralytic

**Sunday, May 22nd:** Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

**Sunday, May 29th:** Sunday of the Blind Man  
Memorial Service for Charitable Gift Participants

**Monday, May 30th:** Memorial Day



## SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



*Sunday, January 30, 2022*

*The three great hierarchs and ecumenical teachers: Basil the Great,  
Gregory the Theologian & John Chrysostom*

***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**  
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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](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.

**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 30, 2022:**

**February 6th:**

**February 13th:**

**February 20th:**

**February 27th:**

**March 6th:**

**March 13th:**

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**April 3rd:**

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**May 1st:**

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**May 15th:**

**May 22nd:**

**May 29th:**

**June 5th:**

**June 12th:**

**June 19th:**

**June 26th:**

**July 3rd:**

**July 10th:**

**July 17th:**

**July 24th:**

**July 31st:**

**August 7th:**

**August 14th:**

**No Coffee Hour Today**

**Russell & John Kandalaft**

*available for sponsorship*

*available for sponsorship*

**St. Mary Church**

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**Charitable Gift Program**

*available for sponsorship*

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*available for sponsorship*

**Dr. Zeyad & Norma Morcos**

*available for sponsorship*

*available for sponsorship*

*available for sponsorship*

*available for sponsorship*

**Memory of Elias Kandalaft (1 year)**

**Luncheon for Antiochian Women Project**

**Palm Sunday  
Great & Holy PASCHA**

**Charitable Gift Program Participants**

***Health of Elias Morcos (son)***  
***Memory of Elias Morcos (father)***

## **THE SYNAXARION (Plain Reading)**

On January 30 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate our Fathers among the Saints and Ecumenical Teachers Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian and John Chrysostom.

### **Verses**

*The Three Morning Stars it is fitting to reverence,  
Who welled up triply-shining light in their lifetime.  
The gold triple sun shone with one light on the thirtieth.*

This common feast of these three teachers was instituted a little before the year 1100, during the reign of the Emperor Alexis I Comnenus. The common feast ended a dispute and strife that arose among the notable and virtuous men of that time. Some of them preferred Basil (calling themselves Basilians), while others preferred Gregory (Gregorians), and yet others preferred John Chrysostom (Johannites), quarreling among themselves over which of the three was the greatest. To end the contention, the three Saints appeared together to the saintly John Mavropous, a monk who had been ordained Bishop of Euchaita in Asia Minor. They revealed to him that the glory they have at the throne of God is equal, and told him to compose a common service for the three of them, which he did with great skill and beauty. Saint John of Euchaita (Oct. 5) is also the composer of the Canon to the Guardian Angel, the Protector of a Man's Life. On this day, we also commemorate the Hieromartyr Hippolytos, pope of Rome; Virginmartyr Chrissa of Rome; New-martyr Theodore of Mitylene; and Julian, priest of Aegina. By the intercession of the Three Hierarchs, O Christ God, and of all the Saints, cast down the uprisings of the heresies and preserve us in oneness of mind and a peaceful condition, and deem us worthy of Thy heavenly Kingdom; for blessed art Thou unto the ages of ages. 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.**



## ***The three great hierarchs and ecumenical teachers: Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian & John Chrysostom***

**Tone: 7 Eothinon: 10**

### **RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION: TONE 7**

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy. And didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercy.

### **APOLYTIKION FOR THREE HIERARCHS: TONE 1 (\*original melody\*)**

The three most great luminaries of the Three Sun Divinity \* have illumined all of the world with the rays of doctrines divine and true; \* they are the sweetly-flowing rivers of wisdom, \* who with godly knowledge \* have watered all creation in clear and mighty streams: \* The great and sacred Basil, and the Theologian, wise Gregory, \* together with the renowned John, \* the famed Chrysostom of golden speech. \* Let us all who love their divinely-wise words \* come together, honoring them with hymns; \* for ceaselessly they offer entreaty for us to the Trinity.

### **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.



## THE EPISTLE

*Their sound hath gone forth into all the earth. The heavens declare the glory of God.*

### **The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (13:7-16)**

Brethren, remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the Word of God; consider the outcome of their life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings; for it is well that the heart be Three Hierarchs; “Zacchaeus” strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited their adherents. We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through His own blood. Therefore, let us go forth to Him outside the camp and bear the abuse He endured. For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city, which is to come. Through Him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge His Name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

## THE GOSPEL

### **The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (19:1-10)**

At that time, Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. And there was a man named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector, and rich. And he sought to see Who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Jesus, for He was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today.” So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, “He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner.” And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold.” And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham; for the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost.”



## Orthodox Vocabulary

### **Altar Table**

The entire church building is centered around the altar table. The altar table does not merely symbolize the table of the last supper. It is the symbolic and mystical presence of the heavenly throne and table of the Kingdom of God. The Book of the Gospels is perpetually enthroned on the altar table. It is on the table that we offer the “bloodless sacrifice” of Christ to the Father. And from the altar table we receive the Bread of Life, the Body and Blood of the Lord’s Passover Supper. This table is the “table of God’s Kingdom.” (Luke 28:30). In Orthodox Tradition the altar table is often carved wood or stone. It is usually vested. It should always be of proportional dimensions, often a perfect cube, and is always free-standing so that it may be encircled. On the altar table one always finds the antimimension. This is the cloth depicting Christ in the tomb which contains the signature of the bishop and is the permission for the local community to gather as the Church. “antimimension” means literally “instead of the table.” Since the bishop is the proper pastor of the Church, the antimimension is used instead of the bishop’s own table which is in his own church building, the place where the bishop has his chair (cathedral). The antimimension usually contains a relic of a saint which shows that the Church is built on the blood of the martyrs and the lives of God’s holy people. This custom comes from the early Church practice of gathering and celebrating the eucharist on the graves of those who have lived and died for the Christian faith. Usually, a relic of a saint is embedded in the altar table itself as well. Also on the altar table there is a tabernacle, often in the shape of a church building, which is a repository for the gifts of holy communion that are reserved for the sick and the dying.

~Rev. Thomas Hopko, The Orthodox Faith.

*Blessed is the person who has consented to become the close friend of faith and of prayer: he lives in single-mindedness and makes prayer and faith stop by with him. Prayer that rises up in someone’s heart serves to open up for us the door of heaven: that person stands in converse with the Divinity and gives pleasure to the Son of God. Prayer makes peace with the Lord’s anger and with the vehemence of His wrath. In this way too, tears that well up in the eyes can open the door of compassion.*

~St. Ephraim the Syrian





## 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](http://www.stmarypawtucket.org)

### 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  
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

Alan Matook  
Offered by: Nora Abdelahad  
Elaine Agaty



### 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

Yvette Al Cheikh  
Offered by: Fouad & Marianne Alzaibak

Mitchell & Nellie Hallal  
Offered by: Lorice Hallal

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.*

*Thanks*

### Coffee Hour

There will be **NO** Coffee Hour Today.



## Feast of The Presentation of our Lord Jesus Christ in The Temple

*The Feast of The Presentation falls on February 1st. St. Mary Church will celebrate the Feast with the Divine Liturgy on Wednesday, February 2nd at 9:00A.M.*

### Troparion of the Feast, Tone:1

*“Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, full of grace; for from Thee arose the sun of justice, Christ our God, lighting those who are in darkness. Rejoice and be glad, O righteous elder, carrying in thine arms the deliverer of our souls, who granteth us the resurrection.”*

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD IN THE TEMPLE. Presenting a child to God forty days after its birth originated in the Jewish faith and continues to this day in Orthodox. John the Baptist's father, Zacharias, was the chief priest of the temple and he had the Theotokos stand in the place of the maidens in the temple and not in the area of the married women. A man named Symeon was directed by the Holy Spirit to go and see Jesus in the temple that day. The Holy Spirit told him. “That he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ.” And Symeon said. “Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word for my eyes have seen Your salvation.” It was said that he was about 250 years old. Then Anna, who was a prophetess and a widow of about eighty-four years of age, saw Jesus, “and spoke of Him to all those who looked for redemption in Jerusalem.” Soon after, an angel of God directed Joseph to take Jesus and the Theotokos into Egypt to escape Herod's soldiers who were sent to kill the baby Jesus.



### 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.

## Today- Annual Parish Meeting

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

- \* 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 today at 4pm. Zoom log-in information and the General Assembly Meeting “Booklet” was emailed to parishioners last Friday.**



## Luncheon for the Antiochian Women Project & Lord'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**