

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, February 13th: Sunday of the Pharisee & Publican

Tuesday, February 15th: 7:00 P.M.– Post Bazaar Meeting

Sunday, February 20th: The Prodigal Son

Sunday, February 27th: Sunday of Meatfare

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

Spring Hafli (save the date– more info to follow)

Sunday, May 8th: Sunday of Myrrh-bearers

Tuesday, May 10th: 7:00 P.M.– Parish Council Meeting

Sunday, May 15th: Sunday of the Paralytic

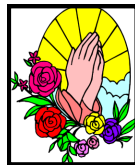
Sunday, May 22nd: Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

Sunday, May 29th: Sunday of the Blind Man

Memorial Service for Charitable Gift Participants

Monday, May 30th: Memorial Day

9:00 A.M.- Prayers at Walnut Hill Cemetery



SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



Sunday, February 13, 2022
Sunday of the Pharisee & Publican

Saint Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church
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**His Grace Bishop JOHN, Auxiliary and Bishop of the
Diocese of Worcester and New England**

V. Rev. Father Elie Estephan
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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:

February 13th:	Ghassan, Latifa, Elissa and Elias Alarmani	Health of Family
February 20th:	Matt & Megan Duncan & Family	Health of Family
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
May 1st:	available for sponsorship	
May 8th:	available for sponsorship	
May 15th:	Loving Family	Memory of Fred, Sophie and Paula Hallal
May 22nd:	available for sponsorship	
May 29th:	Charitable Gift Program	Charitable Gift Program Participants
June 5th:	available for sponsorship	
June 12th:	St. Mary Church	Last Day of Church School & Luncheon
June 19th:	available for sponsorship	
June 26th:	available for sponsorship	
July 3rd:	available for sponsorship	
July 10th:	not available	
July 17th:	not available	
July 24th:	Dr. Zeyad & Norma Morcos	Health of Elias Morcos (son) Memory of Elias Morcos (father)
July 31st:	available for sponsorship	

Orthodox Vocabulary

Sign of the Cross

Sign of the Cross- Orthodox Christians, from the very first days of the faith, have used the Sign of Christ's Cross as a blessing. We make the Sign of the Cross by joining our thumb and first two fingers, touching our forehead, right shoulder, and then the left. The three fingers that we touch together represent the Holy Trinity and the two fingers we touch to the palm of our hand represent the divine and human natures of Christ, in that He was both God and man. Bishops and priests bless others with the "Christogram" making the sign of Christ with their right hands. It is customary for any Orthodox Christian to bless children, food, or oneself placing the person or object in the "Sign of Our Lord. " A traditional Orthodox practice is when parents make the Sign of the Cross (often with an icon or Handcross) over a child, particularly if the child is about to take a journey, go off to college, or get married

Pray like a child, in simplicity of heart, concerning all your needs and sorrows. And entrust yourself to God's will. For the Lord arranges our salvation.

~Saint Nikon



From The Calendar of The Lives of The Saints -February 10th

HIEROMARTYR HARALAMBOS OF MAGNESIA. He was a priest during the second century in his hometown of Magnesia in Asia Minor. He preached openly and into old age during the persecutions of Emperor Servios. At the age of one hundred thirteen, Governor Lukianos who attempted to force Haralambos to renounce Christ arrested him. They tied him to a post in the town square for ridicule. They cut him with knives. He thanked the soldiers for scraping off his old body, his flesh, and renewing his soul. He healed the afflicted that were brought to him and won converts. He drove a demon out of a mad man who had been possessed for thirty-five years. The people protested his proposed death, so the governor sent him to the emperor. He was led through the streets with a horse's bit and crucified, but first he converted the emperor's daughter Gallina. When they ordered him executed, he prayed for the sins of all men and the abundance of the fruits of the earth, and gave up his soul before he could be beheaded. The executioners were converted and Gallina buried his body.

Sunday of the Pharisee & Publican

Tone: 1 Eothinon: 1

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION: TONE 1

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

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 FOR THE PHARISEE & THE PUBLICAN: TONE 4

(*On this day Thou hast appeared*) (CHANT) (CHORAL) Let us flee the Pharisee's * conceited vaunting; * let us learn the Publican's * humility, and cry with groans * unto the Savior: Thou Who alone * art swiftly reconciled, be gracious unto us.



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

Make your vows and pay them to the Lord our God.
God is known in Judea; His Name is great in Israel.

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to St. Timothy. (3:10-15)

My son Timothy, you have followed my teaching, conduct, purpose, faith, long-suffering, love, patience, persecutions, sufferings, what things befell me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra. What persecutions I endured! And out of them all the Lord delivered me. Indeed all who would live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. But people who are wicked and deceivers will proceed from worse to worse, deceiving and being deceived. But as for you, continue in the things which you have learned and have been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and how from infancy you have known the sacred temple writings which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. February 13, 2022 Liturgy Variables 2 Pharisee & Publican

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (18:10-14)

The Lord spoke this parable: “Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, ‘God, I thank Thee that I am not like other men, extortionists, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me a sinner!’ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted.”



THE SYNAXARION (Plain Reading)

On February 13 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate our Venerable Fathers Martinian of Palestine and Simeon the myrrh-streaming, prince of Serbia; Apostles and Martyrs Aquila and Priscilla; and Eulogios, patriarch of Alexandria. On this day, we make remembrance of the Parable of the Pharisee and the Publican, which occurs in the Holy Gospel according to Luke the Evangelist. Verses If you resemble the Pharisee, run far away from the Temple; For inside is Christ before Whom only the humble are acceptable. Verses for the Triodion O Creator of everything heavenly and earthly, receive Thou from the Angels a Trinitarian song, And from us men a noble and reverent Triodion. In our Savior's parable, Jesus uses a Pharisee, a leader of the synagogue, who was regarded in public opinion as virtuous; and a publican, a tax collector, who was regarded as oppressive, greedy and a sinner. In their prayers to God, we discover the real hearts of these two men. We thus learn of the harm that comes from pride and the good that comes from humility. The divine Church Fathers sought to alert and prepare the Christ-loving clergy and laity for the upcoming period of the Great Fast. Therefore, on this Sunday we are reminded that humility is the greatest weapon against pride, as we imitate the humility of the publican to ascend to the divine heights. Through the intercessions of the wonderworking Saints, O Christ our 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.





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

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
Offered by: Flo & Phil Spenard & Family

Nabil Khoury
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
Sandra Matook

Alan Matook
Flo & Phil Spenard
Lois & George Kilsey
Fred & Adele Shwaery
Offered by: Bill & Mary Lou Catelli

Leila Trabulsi
Offered by: Tom, David & Ray Trabulsi



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



Save the date!

Saturday, May 7th



Spring Hafli
(more info to follow)

Orthodox Vocabulary

Cherubim

Cherubim: according to St. John Chrysotom, the word cherubim means “wisdom”, or “fullness of knowledge”. The cherubim are part of the angelic hierarchy. Just as the other immortal beings, angels, seraphim, etc., they fulfill a mysterious role as God's messengers to humanity.

Congratulations & Blessings

St. Mary Church offers congratulations and prayers for the blessing of the newly elected and appointed members of the Parish Council, and their officers:

President: Walid Nakhoul
Vice-President: Ghassan Alarmani
Treasurer: Salwa Khoury
Secretary: Cindy Hayes

Parish Council Members: Fouad Alzaibak, Ed Ayoub, Scott Barnes, Jiana Diakh, Cory Dupont, Matt Duncan, Matt Kelley, Maria Saad, William Small, Jr., Eric Wilmot

May God bless them, strengthen and guide them, that together with their Pastor, Fr. Elie, and with the Arch-Pastoral guidance of Bishop JOHN, they may in unity and concord under take their Ministry to the Glory of God.

St. Mary Church would also like to thank the outgoing members of the Parish Council, Fadia Kabak Florence Spenard and Yacoub (Jacob) Mitri, for their hard work and dedication throughout their terms.

Fr. Elie will bless the Parish Council Members during Liturgy on Sunday, February 20th.



Post Bazaar Meeting

There will be a post bazaar committee meeting for all booth chairs on Tuesday, February 15th at 7pm at the Church Hall. We will be talking about details from last years Bazaar and if anyone has new ideas for our 2022 Bazaar, please join us.

Coffee Hour

Today, Coffee Hour is being offered by Ghassan, Latifa, Elissa & Elias Alarmani for the Health of their Family. Coffee Hour will be held at the Parish Center following Liturgy. All are welcome to attend.



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



Luncheon for the Antiochian Women Project & Lorda's Tuition

Sunday February 27th 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
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