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
Wednesday, June 1st: 7:00 P.M. - Liturgy for the Ascension
Saturday, June 4th: 6:00 P.M. - Arabic Liturgy
Sunday, June 5th: Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council
Sunday, June 12th: Holy Pentecost
    Last day of Church School & Luncheon
Tuesday, June 14th: 6:00 P.M. - Parish Council Meeting (please note time change)
Sunday, June 19th: Sunday of All Saints
    Father’s Day
Sunday, June 26th: Second Sunday after Pentecost
    Luncheon in observance of Father’s Day offered by The Ladies Society
Saturday, July 2nd: 6:00 P.M. - Arabic Liturgy
Sunday, July 3rd: Third Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, July 10th: Joseph of Damascus; Fourth Sunday of Matthew
Sunday, July 17th: Fathers of the Fourth Ecumenical Council
    12pm-6pm - Family Day at Buttonwoods
Sunday, July 24th: Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
    Family Day - Rain date
Sunday, July 31st: Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
Saturday, August 6th: 7:00 P.M. - Arabic Liturgy
Sunday, August 7th: Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
    Falafel Sale following Liturgy
Sunday, August 14th: Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Saturday, August 20th & Sunday, August 21st: Feast Day Weekend

Upcoming events:
October 2nd: Kick-Off Luncheon for Bazaar
November 4th, 5th & 6th- Annual Bazaar
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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:
May 29th: Charitable Gift Program Charitable Gift Program Participants
June 5th: Nabil & Salwa Khoury Health of Family
June 12th: St. Mary Church Last Day of Church School & Luncheon
June 19th: Karwashan Family Health of Family
June 26th: Ladies Society Father’s Day Luncheon
July 3rd: available for sponsorship
July 10th: available for sponsorship
July 17th: not available Family Day
July 24th: not available Family Day (rain date)
July 31st: Dr. Zeyad & Norma Morcos Health of Elias Morcos (son)
August 7th: St. Mary Church Falafel Sale
August 14th: Karwashan Family Health of Elias, Nicole & Olivia (happy birthday) Karwashan
August 21st: not available Feast Day Weekend Aug. 19th-21st
August 28th: Will Small Memory of deceased members of Will Small’s family
September 4th: available for sponsorship
September 11th: St. Mary Church Welcome back Luncheon for Church School
September 18th: available for sponsorship
September 25th: Philip & Bette Ayoub Health of Ayoub & David Family
October 2nd: St. Mary Church Kick-Off Luncheon for Bazaar
October 9th: His Loving Family: Memory of William Salhany (1 year)
Ken and Rania Salhany
Bill and Susan Salhany
October 16th: available for sponsorship
October 23rd: available for sponsorship
October 30th: available for sponsorship
Memorial Day Prayers
This year Memorial Day falls on Monday, May 30th. Prayers for the deceased will be held at Walnut Hill Cemetery starting at 9am on Monday, May 30th. Please bring a list of the names of your beloved deceased and give them to Fr. Elie at the central cross for the offering of the Trisagion Prayers (9am).

May God grant the Departed, rest and peace and may their memories be eternal.

Prayers for the Departed
Remember, O Lord, all who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection and of eternal life, our fathers, mothers, brothers and sisters. Orthodox Christians who rest both here and in all other parts of the earth. Place them with Your saints, where the light of Your countenance shines, and have mercy upon us, for You are gracious and love all mankind. Grant, O Lord, to all that have gone before us in faith and hope of the resurrection, remission of sins and keep them in everlasting memory. Amen.

In the place of Your rest, O Lord, where all Your saints repose, give rest to the souls of Your servants, for You alone are immortal. O virgin, alone pure and immaculate that in maiden-motherhood brought forth God, intercede for the salvation of the souls of your servants. With the saints give rest, O Christ, to the souls of Your servants (names), where there is not pain, sorrow or sighing, but Life everlasting. Amen and repose to the beloved deceased and may their memories be eternal!

CHRIST IS RISEN, TRULY HE IS RISEN!

Sunday of the Blind Man
Tone: 5 / Eothinon: 8

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION: Tone 5
Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation; For, He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

TROPARION OF THE DORMITION; TONE 1
In giving birth, Thou didst keep Thy virginity and in thy repose, Thou didst not forsake the world, O Theotokos, for Thou art the mother of life, and Thou didst pass over into life; and through thy intercession from death Thou dost redeem our souls.

THE KONTAKION OF PASCHA; TONE 8
Though Thou didst descend into the grave, O Immortal One, yet didst Thou destroy the power of Hades, and didst arise as victor, O Christ God, calling to the myrrh-bearing women, Rejoice, and giving peace unto Thine Apostles, O Thou Who dost grant resurrection to the fallen

Coffee Hour
Coffee Hour will be held after Liturgy today for both the health and memory of the Charitable Gift Program Participants and is being offered by The Charitable Gift Program. Everyone is welcome!

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

Thou, O Lord, shalt keep us and preserve us. Save me, O Lord, for the godly man is no more. The Reading from the Acts of the Apostles. (16:16-34) In those days, while we the apostles were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit of divination, who brought her masters much gain by soothsaying. She followed Paul and us, and cried out saying: “These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to us the way of salvation.” And she did this for many days. But Paul was annoyed, and turned and said to the spirit: “I charge you in the Name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.” And it came out that very hour. But when her masters saw that the hope of their gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the rulers; and when they had brought them to the magistrates, they said: “These men are disturbing our city, and they, being Jews, are setting forth customs which are not lawful for us to receive or observe, since we are Romans.” The multitude then rose up together against them, and the magistrates tore their garments off them, and commanded to beat them with rods. And when they had inflicted many stripes upon them, they cast them into prison, charging the jailer to keep them safely. Having received such a charge, he cast them into the inner prison, and fastened their feet in the stocks. But about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and every one’s fetters were unfasted. And the jailer, being roused out of sleep and seeing the prison doors open, drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul cried out with a loud voice saying: “Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.” And he called for lights and rushed in, and fell down before Paul and Silas trembling with fear, and brought them out and said: “Masters, what must I do to be saved?” And they said: “Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household.” And they spoke the word of the Lord to him, and to all who were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes, and was baptized, he and his entire household. Then he brought them up into his house, and set food before them, and rejoiced greatly, with his entire house, in that he had believed in God.

Congratulations

St. Mary Church offers its congratulations to all of our young men and women who are or will be graduating from both High School and College in the next few weeks. May God bless them as they continue their education and pursue new work and careers. And may God bless their parents and families for nurturing and supporting them.

Save the Date

St. Mary Family Fun Day
Sunday, July 17, 2022 (rain date July 24, 2022) @ 1:00 pm

Masonic Youth Center 116 Long St., Warwick, RI (Site #6)

We will provide (Free): Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Chips, Watermelon, Hot Grill, Games for everyone!

For more information contact-
Walid Nakhoul (401)692-1250

Save The Date

Feast Day Weekend
Friday, August 19 - Sunday, August 21, 2022

We are planning a Fun Weekend Music and Ethnic food such as SAJ, Zaater and Cheese, Shawarma, Falafel, Knafee, Houka and much more.
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THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (9:1-38)

At that time, when Jesus was passing, he saw a man blind from his birth. And His disciples asked Him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be made manifest in him. I must work the works of Him who sent Me, while it is day; night comes, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” As he said this, he spat on the ground and made clay of the spittle and anointed the man’s eyes with the clay, saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam,” which means “Sent.” So he went and washed and came back seeing. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar, said, “Is not this the man who used to sit and beg?” Some said, “It is he;” others said, “No, but he is like him.” He said, “I am the man.” They said to him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” He answered, “The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash;’ so I went and washed and received my sight.” They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.” They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now they asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, “He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.” Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for He does not keep the Sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?” There was a division among them. So they asked to the blind man, “What do you say about Him, since He has opened your eyes?” He said, “He is a prophet.” The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight, and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” His parents answered, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but how he now sees, we do not know. Nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age, he will speak for himself.” His parents said this because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess him to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue. Therefore, his parents said, “He is of age, ask him.” So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and said to him, “Give God the praise; we know that this man is a sinner.” He answered, “Whether he is a sinner, I do not know; one thing I know, that though I was blind, now I see.” They said to him, “What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?” He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you too want to become His disciples?” And they reviled him, saying, “You are His disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where He comes from.” The man answered, “Why, May 29, 2022 Liturgy Variables 4 Sixth Sunday of Pascha this is a marvel! You do not know where He comes from, and He opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, God listens to him. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, He could do nothing.” They answered him, “You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?” And they cast him out. Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him He said, “Do you believe in the Son of God?” He answered, “And who is He, Sir, that I may believe in Him?” Jesus said to him, “You have seen Him, and it is He who speaks to you.” He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped Him.

THE SYNAXARION (Plain Reading)

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Memorial Service

The Trisagion service will be offered this year in memory of: V. Rev. Isaac Crow, Assad Ayoub, Mary Ayoub, Naseem Ayoub, Suzanne Ayoub, Joseph Bowab, Linda Salhany Bowab, Alice David, Florence David, George David, Mary Elizabeth David, Nora David, Christopher Gauthier, Ronald Gauthier, Esma Gorab, Jacqueline Gorab, John Gorab, Albert Hallal, Edward J. Hallal, Sr., Fred Hallal, Janice Bowab Hallal, Sophie Hallal, Donald Hayes, Matilda Josephs, Theodore Juczyk, Michelle Kilsey, Steven W. Kilsey, Ida Lavin, Theodore Lavin, John Massiwer, Sarah Massiwer, Esma Matook, Wadi Matook, Kamal Nassif, Ruth Ganim Salhany, William Salhany, Rita Sayehg, Joseph Samra, Mary Samra, Jameela Tahmoush and Nora Walker.

May their Memory Be Eternal!

We would also like to offer prayers for the health and safety of the following individuals who have committed to the Charitable Gift Program.

- Rt. Rev. Archmandrite Leonard Faris
- Rt. Rev. Fr. Timothy Ferguson
- Anonymous
- Angela Abosamra
- Charles Abosamra
- Lisa Andrews
- Cindy Antypas
- Bette Ayoub
- Edward Ayoub
- Philip Ayoub
- Philip G. Ayoub
- Janet Bowab
- Christine Briggs
- Liam Burke
- Mary Lou Catelli
- William Catelli
- Bryan Chowning
- Stephanie Chowning
- Linda Dyels
- Fred Elliott
- Renda Ferrari
- Elaine Gauthier
- Maureen Gurghigian
- Paul Gurghigian
- Jim Hallal
- Keith Hallal
- Lorice Hallal
- Maria Hallal
- Paula Hallal
- Ronald Hallal
- Dianna Hashway
- Fareed Hawwa
- Olga Hawwa
- Tawfik Hawwa
- Cindy Hayes
- Daniel Hayes
- Donald Hayes, Jr.
- Sarah Hayes
- Hilda Jarjoura Juczyk
- Fadia Kabak
- Eli Karam
- Julia Karam
- Naji Karam
- Nabil Khoury
- Salwa Khoury
- Audrey Kilsey
- Fred Kilsey
- George Kilsey
- Lois Kilsey
- Melissa Ann Kilsey
- Patricia A. Kilsey
- Steven G. Kilsey
- Robert Laffey
- Lily Massiwer
- Mary Massiwer
- Keith Marshall
- Marlene Marshall
- Mary Mechrefe
- Louise Megalli
- Melanie Ann Merner
- Barbara A. Mousalli
- Mirna Nahkoul
- Walid Nahkoul
- Barbara M. Samra
- Joseph J. Samra
- Joseph J. Samra III
- Marlene Samra
- Rebecca Samra
- Florence Spenard
- Phil Spenard
- Susan Warzycza
- Mary Jane Wehbe
- Elaine Wilbur
- Our Teens

Prayers of Good Health and Blessing are being offered for Fr. Elie & Kh. Rouba on the occasion of their Wedding Anniversary.