

## CHURCH CALENDAR

**Sunday, August 14th:** Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

### **Friday, August 19th- Sunday, August 21st: Feast Day Weekend**

**Sunday, August 21st:** Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

**Sunday, August 28th:** Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

**Saturday, September 3rd:** 6:00 P.M.– Arabic Liturgy

**Sunday, September 4th:** Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

**Sunday, September 11th:** Sunday before Elevation of the Cross

First Day of Church School & Church School Luncheon

**Tuesday, September 13th:** 6:00 P.M.– Parish Council Meeting

**Sunday, September 18th:** Sunday after Elevation of the Cross

**Sunday, September 25th:** Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

**Saturday, October 1st:** 6:00 P.M.– Arabic Liturgy

**Sunday, October 2nd:** Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

**Kick-Off Luncheon for Bazaar**

**Sunday, October 9th:** Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

**Memorial Service for William Salhany (1 year)**

**Tuesday, October 11th:** 6:00 P.M.– Parish Council Meeting

**Sunday, October 16th:** Fathers of 7th Ecumenical Council

**Sunday, October 23rd:** Apostle James, Brother of God

**Sunday, October 30th:** Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

### **November 4th-November 6th– Annual Holiday Bazaar**

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

**Sunday, November 6th:** Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

**Tuesday, November 8th:** 6:00 P.M.– Parish Council Meeting

**Sunday, November 13th:** John Chrysostom; Eighth Sunday of Luke

**Sunday, November 20th:** Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

**Sunday, November 27th:** Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

**Saturday, December 3rd:** 6:00 P.M.– Arabic Liturgy

**Sunday, December 4th:** Tenth Sunday of Luke



## SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



*Sunday, August 14, 2022*  
*Ninth 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**

**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:**

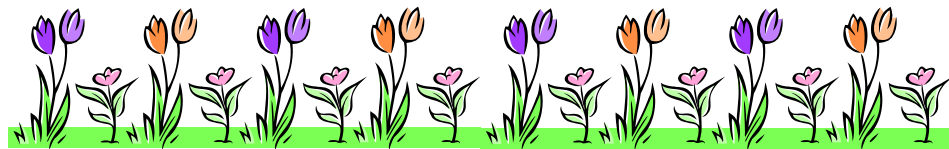
**Sponsored for:**

August 14th:	Karwashan Family	Health of Elias, Nicole & Olivia (happy birthday) Karwashan
August 21st:	<i>not available</i>	Feast Day Weekend Aug. 19th-21st
August 28th:	Will Small	Memory of deceased members of Will Small's family
September 4th:	Matt & Megan Duncan & kids	Health of Family
	Their Loving Family	Adele Shwaery (40 day Memorial)
		Denise Dowd (1 Year Memorial)
September 11th:	St. Mary Church	Welcome back Luncheon for Church School
September 18th:	His Loving Family	Memory of Leon Matook
September 25th:	Their Loving Families	Memory of Michelle Kilsey (12 years), Jacqueline Gorab (10 years), Alice Kilsey (10 years), and Steve Kilsey (3 years)
October 2nd:	St. Mary Church	Kick-Off Luncheon for Bazaar
October 9th:	His Loving Family:	Memory of William Salhany (1 year)
	Barbara and George Moussalli	
	Ken and Rania Salhany	
	Bill and Susan Salhany	
October 16th:	Philip & Bette Ayoub	Health of Ayoub & David Family
October 23rd:	Fouad & Marianne Alzaibak	Anniversary & Health of Family
October 30th:	Ghassan & Family	Memory of Jack Alarmani
November 6th:	NO COFFEE HOUR– Annual Bazaar Weekend	
November 13th:	George & Carol Daikh & Family	Health of Family
November 20th:	<i>available for sponsorship</i>	
November 27th:	<i>available for sponsorship</i>	
December 4th:	<i>available for sponsorship</i>	
December 11th:	Ed & Lisa Ayoub	Suzanne Ayoub (2 year Memorial)
December 18th:	St. Mary Church	Church School Pageant & Luncheon
December 25th:	<i>not available</i>	
January 1, 2023:	<i>available for sponsorship</i>	
January 8, 2023:	<i>available for sponsorship</i>	
January 15, 2023:	<i>available for sponsorship</i>	

## THE SYNAXARION (Plain Reading)

On August 14 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we prepare to celebrate the Dormition of the Most-holy Theotokos, and commemorate the holy and glorious Prophet Micah. Verses I am lifted from the earth, and if I reach Heaven, I, Micah, shall get there thanks to thee, O scaffold. On the fourteenth Micah on wood was lifted up. Of the tribe of Judah and from the village of Morasth, Micah was a contemporary of the prophets Isaiah, Amos and Hosea, and the Judean kings Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah. He denounced the vices of his people and denounced also the prophets who prophesied “of wine and strong drink.” He foretold the fall of Samaria, which would come about because the city’s elders took a bribe and the priests teach for hire, and prophets divine for money. “Therefore shall Zion for your sake be plowed as a field, and Jerusalem shall become heaps.” But, of all his prophecies, the most important are those of the Messiah, and especially of the place of His birth. He named Bethlehem as the birthplace of the Messiah, “Whose goings-forth have been from of old, from everlasting” (5:2). Micah’s relics were found next to the relics of the Prophet Habakkuk in the time of the Emperor Theodosius the Great, by some mysterious revelation to the Bishop of Eleutheropolis. On this day, we also commemorate the New-martyr Simeon of Trebizond.

*By their intercessions, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.*



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)

## Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

**Tone: 8    Eothinon: 9**

### RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION: Tone 8

From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the threeday burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

### APOLYTIKION OF THE FOREFEAST OF THE DORMITION: Tone 4

(\*\*Be quick to anticipate\*\*) In faith, O ye people, leap for joy while clapping your hands; \* and gather in gladness on this day with longing and shout in radiant jubilation. \* For the Theotokos cometh nigh to departing \* from the earth unto the heights; and we glorify her \* with glory as the Mother of God in our unceasing hymns.

### 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.

### KONTAKION OF THE FOREFEAST OF THE DORMITION: Tone 4

\*\*On this day Thou hast appeared\*\*) In the Immaterial \* Spirit, the whole world \* hath been mystically adorned \* upon thy glorious memory; \* and it doth cry to thee joyously: \* Rejoice, O Virgin, thou boast of the Christian race.



## THE EPISTLE

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

### **The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (3:9-17)**

Brethren, we are God's fellow workers; you are God's husbandry, God's building. According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise architect I laid a foundation, and another builds upon it. Let each one take heed how he builds upon it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; everyone's work will become manifest; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire itself will test each one's work August 14, 2022 Liturgy Variables 2 9th Sun. after Pentecost of what sort it is. If anyone's work which was built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, but he himself will be saved, yet so as by fire. Do you not know that you are a temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone corrupts the temple of God, God will corrupt him. For the temple of God is holy, whose temple you are.

## THE GOSPEL

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (14:22-34)**

At that time, Jesus made the Disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He dismissed the crowds. And after He had dismissed the crowds, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. When evening came, He was there alone, but the Disciples' boat by this time was many furlongs distant from the land, beaten by the waves; for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night He came to them, walking on the sea. But when the Disciples saw Jesus walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately He spoke to them, saying, "Take heart, it is I; have no fear." And Peter answered Him, "Lord, if it is Thee, bid me come to Thee on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus; but when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out His hand and caught him, saying to him, "O man of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped Him, saying, "Truly, Thou art the Son of God." And when they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret.

## **THE MOTHER OF GOD AND THE SAINTS**

We can judge the Church's attitude towards women by the high position accorded to the Most Holy Mother of God. The Church glorifies her more than all the saints and even more than the angels. She is praised in hymns as 'more honourable than the Cherubim and beyond compare more glorious than the Seraphim'. The Holy Virgin is the Mother of Christ and Mother of the Church - it is in her person that the Church glorifies motherhood, the inalienable inheritance and privilege of women. It is interesting that some Protestant Churches that have entrusted the celebration of the Eucharist and other priestly functions to women neither venerate the Mother of God nor pray to her. Yet without the Mother of God the Church community loses its fullness in the same way that it is incomplete without the priesthood. If fatherhood is realized in the Church in the episcopate and the priesthood, motherhood is personified in the Most Holy Mother of God. The Orthodox Church glorifies the Mother of God as ever-Virgin. This term was upheld by the Fifth Ecumenical Council in 533 and emphasizes the virginity of the Mother of God before, during and after Christ's birth. Christ's 'brothers', mentioned in Matthew 3:3, are regarded by Church Tradition to be the sons of Joseph from his first marriage. She is also called Most Holy, Most Pure and Immaculate. The Orthodox Church follows Early Church tradition in believing that at her death the Holy Virgin was assumed bodily into heaven like Christ and the Old Testament saints Enoch and Elijah. Very little is said about Mary in Scripture: her place in the New Testament is very modest compared with the place she occupies in the life of the Church. The veneration of the Mother of God is based not so much on Scripture as on the centuries-old experience of many people to whom, in one way or another, the mystery of the Holy Virgin was revealed. The Mother of God stands at the head of the host of saints glorified by the Church. In accordance with ancient tradition, the Church venerates the saints and addresses prayers to them. Accusations that the Church worships mere human beings in the same way as God are unfounded. Greek theology makes a clear distinction between the worship (*latreia*) of God and veneration (*proskynesis*) of the saints. The latter are not venerated as gods, but as people who have attained a great spiritual height and who have become united with God. The saints are closely connected with each other and with Christ. In venerating the saints we venerate Christ, who lives in them.



# St. Mary Feast Day Celebrations

## *Mahrajan*



***Friday, August 19th, Saturday August 20th  
AND Sunday, August 21st***  
(Outdoors- Rain Or Shine)

*Music, Food, Entertainment and Fellowship!*

**Friday, August 19th:** 5:00 pm til 9:00 pm

**Saturday, August 20th:** 12 noon til 11:00 pm

**Sunday, August 21st:** 9:00am: Matins  
10:00am: Divine Liturgy  
Feast Day Following Liturgy– 5:00 pm

### **Free Admission**

Authentic Middle Eastern Food  
Hookah available  
Raffles  
Full Cash Bar

*Saturday Entertainment by George Maalouf– 5pm-11pm*  
*Sunday Entertainment by (DJ) Gaby Almassih– 1pm-4pm*

***One St. Mary Way, Pawtucket, RI 02860***

### **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  
Ghassan & Latifa Alarmani & Family  
Saliba, Robin, Bianca, Michelle Saliba  
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

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

Phil & Bette Ayoub  
Ed Ayoub  
Lorice Hallal  
Offered by: Walid & Mirna Nakhoul

Mary Winstanley O'Connor  
Offered by: Joe & Marlene Samra

Lorice Hallal  
Dr. Nabil Khoury  
Tony Kabak  
The Shwaery Family  
Laura Sullivan  
Mary Kilsey  
Daniel Shea  
Elaine Gauthier  
Amen Kilsey  
Offered by: Bill & Mary Lou Catelli



### **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

Adele Shwaery  
James Sullivan  
Offered by: Bill & Mary Lou Catelli

Julia Vale  
Offered by: Sandra Matook & 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.

### **Coffee Hour**

Today, Coffee Hour is being offered by The Karwashan Family for  
the Health of Elias, Nicole & Olivia (Happy Birthday) Karwashan.  
Coffee Hour will be held at the Parish Center following  
Liturgy.



## Orthodox Vocabulary

### **Dormition**

Both the English and the Greek term figuratively refer to the anniversary of the death of the Virgin Mary. Only the feast of the Virgin Mary's dormition will be dealt with here. An account of the essential theological differences between the Orthodox term 'dormition' and the Roman Catholic 'assumption' will be touched upon in the entry on MARY the Mother of God. The first clear evidence about this feast goes back to the years of the Third Ecumenical Council at Ephesus (431). However, this evidence refers to a preexisting feast of Mary's Dormition. At the beginning of the 5th century an Armenian Anthology, for example, called the 15th of August 'the day of Mary the Mother of God' But feasts of this kind in both East and West were devoted to the memory of Mary in general, not particularly to her dormition. Gradually, though, these feasts began to converge on the believed day of her death, August 15, perhaps as an indirect result of the erection at Gethsemane of a church in her honor that included in it her very grave, according to tradition. Extensive celebrations were taking place there and a great number of pilgrims gathered to pay homage to the Mother of God. By the end of the 6th century, the feast of the Dormition on August 15 had been established by custom and was also decreed by emperor Mauricius to be observed throughout the Byzantine empire. A little later, the same date was adopted in the West and became the preeminent feast in honor of the Virgin Mary. And at least since the 10th century, a 15-day fasting has been observed preceding the feast day of the Dormition. Also a series of hymns in her honor invoking her prayers in favor of the faithful, known as the Parakletic Canon [see PARAKLESIS], is being Sung every evening during this 15-day period. It should be noted in this connection that the mediaeval invocation of the Holy Mary 'All-Holy Mother of God, save us', has been substituted with, 'All-Holy Mother of God pray for us', thus preserving the Orthodox teaching by which there can be only one Savior, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Come, let us wonder at the virgin most pure, wondrous in herself unique in creation, she gave birth, yet knew no man; her pure soul with wonder was filled, daily her mind gave praise in joy at the twofold wonder: her virginity preserved, her child most dear. Blessed is He who shone forth from her!

~St. Ephraim the Syrian



Every day, every night, let us think that God is watching us, that He hears our prayers, that He sees the depths of our spirit. This does not mean, of course, that we see God as He is, but it creates an atmosphere which allows us to perceive each day's imperfections, the dissipation of our 'mind, our faults in our relations with others, and so on.

~Archimandrite Sophrony



## Menu for Coffee Hour

**Fasting Sundays:** tray of salad, 4 dozens zaatar, fruit and one kind of sweet.

**Regular Sundays:** tray of salad, 4 dozens of assorted crescent, fruit and one kind of sweet .

***This is to clarify the new menu when booking a coffee hour (and want Latifa to take care of the coffee hour) the cost is \$200 and includes the above food items.***

## Feast Day Weekend- August 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>

***St. Mary Church needs our Parishioners help to make our Feast Day Weekend a success. We are relying on volunteers to help with making the weekend a successful one. Please sign up for a day & time that is convenient for you. We appreciate any time you can give us! We need help on Thursday, August 18<sup>th</sup> (set-up), Friday, August 19<sup>th</sup> Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, & Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup>.***

### We need help with: Kitchen, Bar, Cleaning, Serving Food

<u>Name</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Area to help</u>

***We are also looking for monetary donations to help with: food supplies, bar supplies, tents, entertainment, water, soda, misc. Please contact Walid Nakhoul(401)692-1250.***