

CHURCH CALENDAR

Monday, August 1st-Friday, August 12th (weeknights only): 7:00pm Parakalesis Services

Sunday, August 7th: Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
Extra Collection for Antiochian House of Studies
Falafel Sale following Liturgy

Tuesday, August 9th: 6:00 P.M.– Parish Council Meeting

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



SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



Sunday, August 7, 2022

Eighth 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**

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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:

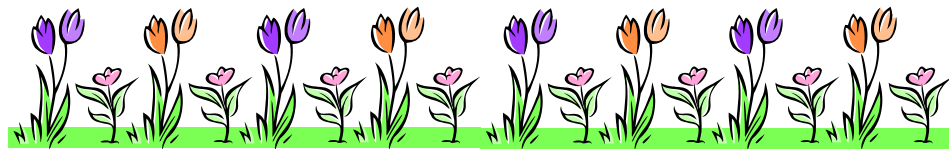
Sponsored for:

August 7th:	St. Mary Church	Falafel Sale
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:	<i>available for sponsorship</i>	
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>	

THE SYNAXARION (Plain Reading)

On August 7 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we continue to celebrate the Transfiguration of our Lord Jesus Christ, and we commemorate the Righteous Martyrs Dometios of Persia and his two disciples. Verses Perhaps thy supreme instruction to thy disciples Was that they contest with thee by stoning, O Father. On the seventh was Dometios stoned to death with two disciples. Born a pagan in Persia in the time of the Emperor Constantine, he came to know the Christian faith as a young man, and then forsook his paganism and received baptism. He was so enchanted with the true Faith that he left all worldly things and became a monk in a monastery near the town of Nisibis. He lived among the brethren for some time, and then withdrew into silence. Dometios attained such perfection through fasting, prayer, vigils and meditation that he was able to heal the sick. When Julian the Apostate later found Dometios in a remote mountain, he sent men to wall him up alive in a cave, along with two of his disciples. Thus died these saints of God, in 363, and entered the Heavenly Kingdom. On this day, we also commemorate Hieromartyr Narcissus, patriarch of Jerusalem; and Martyr Sozon of Nicomedia.

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

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

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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 OF THE TRANSFIGURATION: Tone 7

When, O Christ our God, Thou wast transfigured on the mountain, Thou didst reveal Thy glory to Thy Disciples in proportion as they could bear it. Let Thine everlasting light also enlighten us sinners, through the intercessions of the Theotokos. O Thou Bestower of light, glory to Thee.

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 TRANSFIGURATION: TONE 7

Thou wast transfigured on the mount, and Thy Disciples, in so far as they were able, beheld Thy glory, O Christ our God; so that, when they should see Thee crucified, they would remember that all Thy suffering was voluntary, and could declare to all the world that Thou art truly the effulgent Splendor of the Father.



THE EPISTLE

*The Lord will give strength to His people. Ascribe to the Lord,
O sons of God, ascribe to the Lord honor and glory.*

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (1:10-17)

Brethren, I appeal to you, by the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no dissension among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brethren. What I mean is that each one of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius; lest anyone should say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the Gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

THE GOSPEL

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

At that time, when Jesus went ashore he saw a great throng; and he had compassion on them, and healed their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to Him and said, "This is a lonely place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They said to Him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." And He said, "Bring them here to Me." Then He ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass; and taking the five loaves and the two fish He looked up to Heaven, and blessed, and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children. Then Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He dismissed the crowds.



TEACHINGS ON PRAYER; ITS KINDS AND USEFULNESS

The Holy Scripture tells us how God made the invisible and the visible world only by His Word. He said "let it be done" and it was done. In the same way God created the angels and nature — the light, the plants, the animals. But when God made man, first — God in the Holy Trinity — sought council and said: "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness..." (Gen. 1:26). Man was not made by God's commandment, but God Himself took dust and made man with His own hands. So God gave man a great deal of honor and attention from the time He created him. And then God "breathed into his nostrils the breath of life..." (Gen. 2:7). The Holy Fathers of the Church say that it was this breath of God that imprinted the image of God in man, manifested in him through various powers and spiritual characteristics, namely: reason, will and feelings. The text of the Bible indicates therefore that the heart of man was from the beginning the place of meeting between God and man; after that, following the sin of disobedience, the heart of man became the abode of the devil. This is why it is written: "...an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil" (Lk. 6:45).

Therefore, man, being "in the image of God" is a spiritual being who desires to be in communion with God and tries to move toward God by his good deeds, the most important one being prayer; only prayer brings man to perfection. The likeness of man with God is accomplished by the "grace of God" which leads man toward a deep spiritual life, toward holiness.

God made man out of love, to make him rule over everything He created, and by His divine Grace He imprinted in man three virtues: faith, hope and love. Faith opens the road and counsels the spirit to move toward God, hope gives the spirit courage to soar and desire to unite with the eternal God, and love unites the soul with God because God is love, and man, being the image of God is also love. These three virtues are the foundation of Christian life; love is, however, the most important because one who has love fulfills all of God's commandments.

Love flows from the center of our being and works through the three spiritual virtues, reason, will and feelings, and unites with God. Love is similar to Jacob's ladder, which symbolizes the Mother of God; through her God descended and became incarnate, and the man, by the prayers and under the protection of the Mother of God, rises up to heaven. Therefore, love brings God down into the heart of man and at the same time it raises man to heaven; in this manner the faithful are totally transfigured by the divine love. In the Philocalia and the Patericon we find the examples of many saints who all practiced and described the life of personal and unceasing prayer.

What is prayer? Prayer is a great gift given us by God in order to be able to keep in touch with Him. Through prayer the heavenly and the earthly meet and by their union is born the illumination, the renewal and the sanctification of man. What food represents to the body, prayer represents to the soul. The truly faithful man is a man of prayer. Man must pray with words, in his mind and with good deeds because the deeds are also a form of prayer. Through prayer we get close not only to God but to our fellow man, because only through prayer we realize how close we are to one another. When a Christian prays, his prayer is on behalf of all Christians and for all Christians. This is the expression of the reciprocal love that unites all Christians in the same religion and in the same community of the Church, uniting us with God.

Prayer is the intimate relationship of man with God; it is the raising of the mind and of the will toward God. When we pray we must chase from our mind all cares and direct our spirit with all our might toward God so that "the mind will forget about earthly things and the heart will leap with joy" (Romanian Philocalia, Vol. I, Evagrius, On Prayer).



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
Lorice Hallal
Sarah Kogut
Walid & Mirna Nakhoul
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

Lorice Hallal
Nylah Trabulsi
Tom Trabulsi
David Trabulsi & Family
Fred Shwaery
Offered by: Ray & Leila Trabulsi

Lorice Hallal
Amen Kilsey
Offered by: Joe & Marlene Samra

Amen Kilsey
Nabil Khoury
Lorice Hallal
Offered by: Patricia Kilsey & Family

Renna, Kenny & Joe Salhany
John Salhany
Fred, Linda & Bobby Shwaery
Offered by: Ken & Rania Salhany



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

Leon & Lillian Hattab
Baseem & Valentine Trabulsi
Elaine Swistak
Janice Hallal
Offered by: Ray & Leila Trabulsi

George & Nora David
Offered by: Their Children & Grandchildren

Adele Shwaery
Samar Radwaan
William & Ruth Salhany
Girgi & Nazeera Kasatli
George & Antwanet Baalbaki
Abdullah & Mary Shaghouri
Fouad & Aboud Shooa
Offered by: Ken & Rania Salhany



TODAY

Falafel Sale

**Please join us at the Parish
Center following Liturgy**

Orthodox Vocabulary

Apostolic College

Apostolic College: The word “apostle” comes from a Greek word meaning “sent”. Christ himself, *sent* by the Father, “*apostle* and high priest” (Heb3:1), has chosen twelve disciples (Mt 10:1-16; Mk 3:14; Lk 6:13; Acts 1:13) and sent them out to proclaim the Good News. “As the Father has sent me, even so I send you” (Jn 20-21). They were direct witnesses to the life, the person, and the resurrection of Christ (Acts 1:22). Their role is to proclaim Jesus Christ as the Lord.*

The selection of twelve apostles (after the betrayal of Judas, Matthias replaced him) corresponds to the twelve tribes of Israel: Truly I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of man shall sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel (Mt. 19:28)

The term “college (an assembly of persons sharing the same dignity) *of the apostles*” is generally used to refer to these twelve disciples, of whom the bishops are the successors. The *apostolic succession* is the ever-living foundation of the Church.

You have heaven adorned, earth beautified, the sea populated with its own creatures, the air filled with birds which brighten it in every direction. Studious listener, think of all these creations which God has drawn out of nothing; recognize everywhere the wisdom of God; never cease to wonder, and, through every creature, to glorify the Creator.

~St. Basil the Great



Parakalesis Services

Monday, August 1st-Friday, August 12th

(weeknights only): 7:00pm Parakalesis Services

All are welcome and encouraged to attend

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 19th, 20th & 21st

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 18th (set-up), Friday, August 19th Saturday, August 20th, & Sunday, August 21st.

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.