

## CHURCH CALENDAR

**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

**Saturday, September 17th:** 9:00 A.M.– Ladies cooking (Sfeeha) *(Everyone welcome to help)*

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

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

**Tuesday, September 27th:** 9:00am– Ladies cooking (String Cheese) *(Everyone welcome to help)*

7:00 P.M.– Bazaar Committee Meeting at the church hall

**Saturday, October 1st:** 9:00am– Ladies cooking (Sfeeha) *(Everyone welcome to help)*

6:00 P.M.– Arabic Liturgy

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

**Kick-Off Luncheon for Bazaar**

**Saturday, October 8th:** 9:00am– Ladies cooking (Sfeeha) *(Everyone welcome to help)*

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

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

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

**Thursday, October 13th:** 9:00am– Ladies cooking (Walnut Mamoul) *(Everyone welcome to help)*

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

**Tuesday, October 18th:** 9:00am– Ladies cooking (Graybee) *(Everyone welcome to help)*

**Saturday, October 22nd:** 9:00am– Ladies cooking (Sfeeha) *(Everyone welcome to help)*

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

**Saturday, October 29th:** 9:00am– Ladies cooking (Sfeeha) *(Everyone welcome to help)*

**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

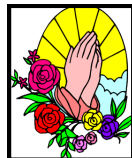
**Sunday, November 13th:** John Chrysostom; Eighth Sunday of Luke

**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, September 11, 2022*  
*Sunday before the Elevation of the Cross*

***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**  
Cell- 1-(240) 205-9079

**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:**

September 11th:	The Order of St. Ignatuis	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)	Kick-Off Luncheon for Bazaar
October 2nd:	St. Mary Church	Memory of William Salhany (1 year)
October 9th:	His Loving Family:	
	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:	Will Small	Memory of deceased members of Will Small's family
November 27th:	Vicki Hallal & Family	In memory of Al Hallal
December 4th:	St. Mary Church	Choir & Chanter Appreciation Sunday
December 11th:	Ed & Lisa Ayoub	Suzanne Ayoub (2 year Memorial)
December 18th:	St. Mary Church	Church School Pageant & Luncheon
December 25th:	not available	
January 1, 2023:	available for sponsorship	
January 8, 2023:	available for sponsorship	
January 15, 2023:	available for sponsorship	
January 22, 2023:	available for sponsorship	
January 29, 2023:	St. Mary Church	Annual Parish Meeting
February 5, 2023:	available for sponsorship	
February 12, 2023:	available for sponsorship	
February 19, 2023:	available for sponsorship	
February 26, 2023:	available for sponsorship	

## Orthodox Vocabulary

### **Praise (Doxology- “Glory Giving”)**

The act of glorifying, of celebrating. To sing the glory of God is to praise. It is the Holy Spirit who stirs us to this praise. The angels in heaven sing the glory of God and, at the liturgy; we join them.

Do you know who the Mother of God is and how much honor, how much power, how much mercy she has? She is our Mother because she has mercy for the poor, widows, and all Christians. She prays continually to the Savior Christ for us all. If you want to take her as your Protectress, in the morning read the Akathist with a burning lampada, and in the evening the Paraklesis. You will have help during your life, at the moment of death, and on the Day of Judgment. Do you know that the Mother of God can go before the throne of the Holy Trinity? if it wasn't for her, I believe this world would have been lost long ago.

~Elder Cleopa Ilie



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

On September 11 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we continue to celebrate the Nativity of the Most-holy Theotokos, and we commemorate our righteous Mother Theodora of Alexandria. Verses Aspect and mind Theodora maketh manlike, And shameth the great mind before her departure. On the eleventh, Theodora resteth with the last sleep. Urged on by a fortune-teller, Theodora committed adultery with another man. Her conscience immediately began to trouble her, and she cut off her hair and dressed in men's garb, then went off to the men's monastery of Octodecatos under the man's name of Theodore. Her labors, fasts, vigils, meekness and tearful repentance were a source of wonder to all the brethren. Driven out of the monastery, she spent seven years wandering in the forests and deserts, caring for a harlot's child. Theodora overcame all devilish illusions by making the sign of the Cross; they all vanished like smoke. After seven years, the abbot of the monastery received her back, and she lived there in asceticism a further two years and then entered into rest in the Lord in the year 490. Only then did the monks learn that Theodora was a woman, when an angel appeared and explained everything. Thus God glorified this true penitent, who, with heroic endurance, spent nine years repenting of one sin. On this day, we also commemorate the Righteous Euphrosynos the Cook. By their intercessions, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

## *Sunday before the Elevation of the Cross*

**Tone: 4 Eothinon: 2**

### **RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION: Tone 4**

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying: Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy.

### **APOLYTIKION OF THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS: Tone 4**

*(CHANT) (CHORAL)*

Thy nativity, O Theotokos, hath proclaimed joy to the whole universe; for from thee did shine forth the Sun of justice, Christ our God, annulling the curse, and bestowing the blessing, abolishing death and granting us life everlasting.

### **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 NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS: Tone 4**

*(CHANT) (CHORAL)*

By thy holy nativity, O pure one, Joachim and Anna were delivered from the reproach of barrenness; and Adam and Eve were delivered from the corruption of death; thy people do celebrate it, having been saved from the stain of iniquity, crying unto thee: The barren doth give birth to the Theotokos, who nourisheth our life.





## THE EPISTLE

*O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.  
To Thee, O Lord, I have cried, O my God.*

### **The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (6:11-18)**

Brethren, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the Law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world. For, neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all, who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

## THE GOSPEL

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (3:13-17)**

The Lord said, "No one has ascended into heaven but He who descended from heaven, the Son of man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For, God sent His Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him."



### 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.



Listed are some ideas for Baskets needed for penny social & silent auction. Please help us in making the baskets & bringing to the Parish Center by **Sunday, October 2nd** at the Bazaar Kick-Off Luncheon.

#### **\*THE HOLIDAYS BASKETS:**

Thanksgiving or Christmas

Paper goods, decorations, candles, candy, stationary, cookies, etc.

#### **\*NIGHT AT THE MOVIES:**

Assorted candy, microwave popcorn packages, movie tickets, etc.

#### **\*ITALIAN:**

Pasta, sauce, jar of garlic, olive oil, wine, breadsticks, etc.

#### **\*BEAUTY:**

Shampoos, conditioner, body lotions, hand lotions, hair accessories, combs, brushes, shower gel, soap, etc.

#### **\*KITCHEN HELPER:**

Dish towels, washcloths, soap, potholders, cookbooks, sponges, aprons, cooking utensils, mixing bowls, etc.

#### **\*WINE & CHEESE:**

wine, wine opener, ice bucket, glassware, snacks, napkins, crackers, dip, assorted non-refrigerated cheeses, etc.

#### **\*TV SNACKS:**

Chips, nachos, dips, salsa, soda, bowls, etc.

#### **\*BREAKFAST BASKET:**

Assorted cereals, bowls, spoons, instant oatmeal, pop tarts, cocoa, coffee, etc.

#### **\*BEACH BASKET:**

Sunscreen, beach towel, blanket, umbrella, sunglasses, cooler, flip flops, beach snacks, etc.

#### **MIDDLE EAST BASKET:**

Bulgur, cans of chick peas, tahini, can of fava beans, etc.

**Baby Basket**

**Sports Basket**

**Datnight Basket**

**Car care Basket**

**Baking Basket**

**Game Basket**

**Liquor Basket**

**Candles Basket**





# Leg of Lamb Drive

**ST. MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH  
ANNUAL BAZAAR**

**NOVEMBER 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

*The Ladies are beginning to prepare their  
delicious foods soon. The Bazaar Commitee  
is asking for your help with our:*

**Leg of Lamb Drive Program**  
*(to help defray the kitchen costs of  
our annual event.)*

*Everyone has an opportunity to donate  
Legs of lamb at a cost of \$30 each.  
You simply make your donation,  
And the committee will purchase the lamb.*

**Just fill out the donation form below and return it to the church with your check. We'll do the rest!**

**Thanks for your generosity and support.**

## **Lamb Drive Donation Form**

Quantity\_\_\_\_\_@ \$30 each      Total enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s):\_\_\_\_\_

Address:\_\_\_\_\_

Phone:\_\_\_\_\_

Payable to:    *St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church*  
                    *Attention: Bazaar Committee*

## **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  
Evanthia Theodoriois  
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  
Offered by: Michael, Nancy, Jacob & Victoria Muller

Lorice Hallal  
Barbara Samra  
Sandra Conca  
Ronnie & Patty Cioe  
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

All our Families & Friends  
Offered by: Nabil & Gloria Baalbaki

Marie (my mother)  
Offered by: Dr. Zeyad & Norma Morcos

Lorice Hallal  
Georgette Hallal  
Lily Massiwer  
Diana Hashway  
Offered by: Dimitrios, Nancy, Steven & Nicholas Sterpis

Louise Megalli  
Ed Ayoub  
Offered by: Ray & Leila 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

George H. & Antoinette Baalbaki  
George A. & Georgette A. Saggal  
All our Deceased Families & Friends  
Offered by: Nabil & Gloria Baalbaki



## **Visitations**

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

Receive everyone who comes to you, especially with a spiritual purpose, with a kind and cheerful aspect, although he or she may be a beggar, and humble yourself inwardly before everybody, counting yourself lower than he or she, for you are placed by Christ Himself to be the servant of all, and all are His members, although like you they bear wounds of sin.

~ St. John of Kronstadt





## 2022 Annual Bazaar News...

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

I hope you and your family had a nice summer season.

We have officially started preparations for our Annual Holiday Bazaar being held on November 4th, 5th & 6th. As you may know, this is our biggest fundraiser of the year and would deeply appreciate all the help that you can offer either cooking beforehand, setting up, helping with booths, donating items for the penny social & silent auction, or being a Sponsor for the Bazaar.

*The next Bazaar meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 27th at 7pm in the Church Hall. I would like to thank everyone who attended our first meeting; it was very productive. We missed whoever could not attend because of the weather, but hope you will be able to make the upcoming meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend.*

Thank you,  
Salwa Khoury



### Church School Welcome Back Luncheon

Today, a Luncheon is being sponsored by The Order of St. Ignatius for the start of the Church School 2022-2023 year and will be held at the Parish Center following Liturgy. All are welcome to attend.



## SAVE THE DATE

### *St. Mary's Famous Annual Bazaar 2022*

Friday, November 4th, 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Saturday, November 5th, 10:00 am - 9:00 pm

Sunday, November 6th, 11:30 am - 5:00 pm

### FEATURING

Middle Eastern Cuisine

Middle Eastern Pastry

Homemade Chocolate

Homemade Braided Cheese

Salad Bar

Penny Social

Silent Auction

Janice's Vintage Christmas Booth  
50/50 Cash Raffle & Grand Raffle



Visitor from the NORTH POLE-(Sunday at 2pm)



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