

## CHURCH CALENDAR

- ♦ Advent Fast: November 15th-December 24th– Please abstain from meat & dairy.

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

**Thursday, November 24th:** *HAPPY THANKSGIVING*

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

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

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

**Sunday, December 11th:** Forefathers (Ancestors of Christ)

**Tuesday, December 13th:** 7:00 P.M.– Parish Council Meeting

**Sunday, December 18th:** Sunday Before the Nativity

Church School Pageant & Luncheon

**Memorial Service for Suzanne Ayoub (2 years)**

**Friday, December 23rd:** 9:00 A.M.– Royal Hours

**Sunday, December 25th:** The Nativity of Christ (Christmas)

8:45 A.M– Matins

10:00 A.M.– Divine Liturgy

**January 1st, 2023:** New Year's Day

8:45 A.M– Matins

10:00 A.M.– Divine Liturgy

*Happy  
Thanksgiving*



## ONLINE BULLETIN

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<http://stmarypawtucket.org>



## SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



*Sunday, November 20, 2022*

*Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost*

***Saint Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church***  
***“A parish of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America”***

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**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**

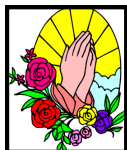
**Schedule of Services**

<i>Sunday: Orthros (Matins)</i>	<i>9:00 a.m.</i>
<i>Church School</i>	<i>11:15 a.m.</i>
<i>Sunday: Divine Liturgy</i>	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>

*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:**

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:	The Sweet Family	Health of Family
December 11th:	<i>available for sponsorship</i>	
December 18th:	St. Mary Church Ed & Lisa Ayoub	Church School Pageant & Luncheon Suzanne Ayoub (2 year Memorial)
December 25th:	<i>not available</i>	
January 1, 2023:	<i>not available</i>	
January 8, 2023:	Philip & Bette Ayoub	Health of Ayoub & David Family
January 15, 2023:	Nabil & Gloria Baalbaki	Health of Family
January 22, 2023:	<i>available for sponsorship</i>	
January 29, 2023:	St. Mary Church	Annual Parish Meeting
February 5, 2023:	<i>available for sponsorship</i>	
February 12, 2023:	<i>available for sponsorship</i>	
February 19, 2023:	<i>available for sponsorship</i>	
February 26, 2023:	<i>available for sponsorship</i>	
March 5, 2023:	<i>available for sponsorship</i>	
March 12, 2023:	<i>available for sponsorship</i>	
March 19, 2023:	<i>available for sponsorship</i>	
March 26, 2023:	<i>available for sponsorship</i>	
April 2, 2023:	<i>available for sponsorship</i>	
April 9, 2023:	<i>not available</i>	
April 16, 2023:	<i>not available</i>	
April 23, 2023:	<i>available for sponsorship</i>	
April 30, 2023:	<i>available for sponsorship</i>	
May 7, 2023:	<i>available for sponsorship</i>	
May 14, 2023:	<i>available for sponsorship</i>	
May 21, 2023:	<i>available for sponsorship</i>	
May 28, 2023:	Charitable Gift Program	Charitable Gift Program Participants
June 4, 2023:	<i>available for sponsorship</i>	

**PALM SUNDAY  
PASCHA**

## Orthodox Vocabulary

### Redemption

Redemption: from a Latin word meaning “ransom.” Through the fall, humanity became enslaved to sin and death. In order to restore human liberty, God himself became incarnate and saved all men by his passion and resurrection. St. Paul expresses this: “*You were bought with a price* [the blood of Christ]” (1 Cor 6:20).

### Visitations

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

### Village at Home

Greetings in Christ!

My name is James Jabbour and I am the Youth Director and Pastoral Assistant at St. George Cathedral in Worcester, MA. I am in the midst of planning an event called Village at Home which will take place in just a few weeks, on December 2nd and 3rd. I have been spreading the word throughout the diocese. At this event, we will be mimicking a day in the life at Antiochian Village Camp. We will have Orthros, Vespers, morning program, afternoon program, evening program, and even a panel for all parents with Fr. Chris Shadid and Catherine Beasley, two of the administrative members at the Antiochian Village. Anyone ages 6-17 is welcome to attend. On Friday night, there is an option for all teens, ages 13-17, to stay the night at the Cathedral. The cost to attend is \$20 per camper, however, for teens staying overnight on Friday, the cost will be \$30. You are all more than welcome, and encouraged to come along with any of your youth.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me, or reach me at the office phone number listed below. Thank you!

You can register using this link:

<https://app.easytithethe.com/App/Form/1d1b642d-392c-4154-af07-b7976e4e03e9>

## *Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost*

**Tone: 6      Eothinon: 1**

### **RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION: Tone 6**

When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb; and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

### **APOLYTIKION OF THE FOREFEAST OF THE ENTRANCE: Tone 4**

(\*\*Be quick to anticipate\*\*) By blossoming forth the only Ever-virgin as fruit, \* today holy Anna doth betroth us all unto joy, instead of our former grief; \* on this day she doth fulfill her vows to the Most High, \* leading her with joy into the Lord’s holy temple, \* who truly is the temple and pure Mother of God the Word.

### **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 ENTRANCE: Tone 6**

(\*\*On this day Thou hast appeared\*\*) The whole world is filled today \* with joy and gladness \* on the Theotokos’ \* auspicious and resplendent feast, \* whereon with great voice it crieth out: \* The heavenly tabernacle is she in truth.

### **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.

## THE EPISTLE

*O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.  
Unto Thee, O Lord, will I cry, O my God.*

### **The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (2:4-10)**

Brethren, God, being rich in mercy, through His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead through the trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you are saved—and raised us up together with Him, and made us to sit together with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the coming ages He would show the exceeding riches of His grace, in kindness toward us, in Christ Jesus. For by grace you are saved through faith, and that is not of yourselves: it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

## THE GOSPEL

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (12:16-21)**

The Lord spoke this parable: “The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’ And he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.’ But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.” As He said this, Jesus called out, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”



## 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.***



## Emails

If you are not receiving emails from St. Mary Church...we do not have your email address. Please send your email address to the church office.  
[office@stmarypawtucket.org](mailto:office@stmarypawtucket.org)

## 25 Week-Multi Raffle

Tickets are available for our *Multi Raffle*—  
(first drawing will be held in January)

Tickets: \$125

**Prizes: \$125...plus your number can be pulled again throughout the 25 weeks!!**

*To purchase a ticket, please see Edward Ayoub (401) 263-3666*



Please Join  
*St. Mary Church School*  
for a  
*Christmas Toy Drive*



to benefit  
*Children's Friend*

*Children's Friend is a local non-profit organization  
that helps needy children in Providence, RI*

Please consider taking a Christmas Tree on the display at the Parish Center hall, and purchase a gift indicated on the ornament. Please bring the gift to the Sunday School wing. (Monetary donations are also accepted and we will buy the toys for you.)

Bring your NEW *unwrapped* gifts and place them in the marked donation box at the Parish Center hall by  
**DECEMBER 11th.**

*Thank you in advance for your generosity!*

**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  
Salwa Khoury  
Saliba, Robin, Bianca, Michelle Saliba  
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

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

Nabil & Salwa Khoury  
Offered by: A Friend

Pearl Nahass  
Paul Daghir  
Louis Camus  
Adele Carew and family  
Nora Matook and family  
Mary Massiwer and family  
William Osborne and family  
Cindy Antypas and family  
Offered by: Phil & Flo Spenard



**PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR  
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

Scott Bleasdale  
Elaine Swistak  
Janice Hallal  
Offered by: Phil & Flo Spenard



**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.

**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.

## Coffee Hour

Coffee Hour is being offered by Will Small in Memory of deceased members of His Family. Coffee Hour will be held at the Parish Center following Liturgy.



## Please Note:

- ♦ Advent Fast: November 15th-December 24th– Please abstain from meat & dairy.

## THE SYNAXARION (Plain Reading)

On November 20 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we prepare for the Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Holy of Holies, and commemorate our righteous father Gregory of Decapolis. Verses Even after death, round about thee is a paling: the grace of God, O Gregory, divine and living. On the twentieth Gregory was called to the wide welkin. Gregory was born in Isaurian Decapolis of prominent and devout parents, Sergius and Mary. After he had completed his schooling, his parents desired that he marry, but he fled to the wilderness and was tonsured a monk. He lived in various places: Byzantium, Rome and on Mount Olympus. Wherever he was, he amazed men by his asceticism and miracles. At times a heavenly light illumined Gregory and angels of God appeared to him. He lived a long and God-pleasing life and died peacefully in the ninth century in Constantinople, his soul taking up its abode in the joy of his Lord. On this day, we also commemorate Proclus, patriarch of Constantinople; and Wonderworker Sozomen of Cyprus. By their intercessions, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.



## 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).

- ♦ *Thank you to everyone who donated food, monetary donations & time to put together Thanksgiving Baskets to our community. It is very much appreciated!*
- ♦ *We are collecting toys for Children's Friend, a local non-profit that helps needy children in Providence. There is be a display of Christmas trees with gift ideas in the Parish Center, please grab a tree and bring the gift to the Sunday School wing **no later than December 12th**. Gifts should be new and unwrapped. Monetary donations also accepted, and we will buy the toys for you.*

*Thanks*

*Thank you and God bless our efforts to help others this season!  
The Sunday School team*



## Upcoming Events:

**Sunday, November 27th**– Pageant roles handed out  
**Sunday, December 4th & December 11th**– Pageant Practices  
**Sunday, December 18th**– Christmas Pageant & Luncheon

