

CHURCH CALENDAR

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

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

Sunday, January 1st, 2023: Basil the Great; Circumcision of Christ

New Year's Day

8:45 A.M– Matins

10:00 A.M.– Divine Liturgy

Saturday, January 7th: 6:00 P.M.– Arabic Liturgy

Sunday, January 8th: Sunday after Theophany

Tuesday, January 10th: 7:00 P.M.– Parish Council Meeting

January 15th: Twenty-Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

January 22nd: Thirty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

Choir Appreciation

January 29th: Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Annual Parish Meeting (following Liturgy) at the Parish Center

Keep Christ in Christmas



SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



Sunday, December 11, 2022

Sunday of the Forefathers (Ancestors) of Christ

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

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:

December 11th:
December 18th:

Will Small
St. Mary Church
Ed & Lisa Ayoub

Memory of Deceased members of his family
Church School Pageant & Luncheon
Suzanne Ayoub (2 year Memorial)

December 25th:
January 1, 2023:

not available
not available

January 8, 2023:

Philip & Bette Ayoub

Health of Ayoub & David Family

January 15, 2023:

Nabil & Gloria Baalbaki

Health of Family

January 22, 2023:

Her Loving Family

Mary Massiwer (95th Birthday)

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

March 5, 2023:

available for sponsorship

March 12, 2023:

available for sponsorship

March 19, 2023:

available for sponsorship

March 26, 2023:

available for sponsorship

April 2, 2023:

available for sponsorship

April 9, 2023:

not available

April 16, 2023:

not available

April 23, 2023:

available for sponsorship

April 30, 2023:

available for sponsorship

May 7, 2023:

available for sponsorship

May 14, 2023:

available for sponsorship

May 21, 2023:

available for sponsorship

May 28, 2023:

Charitable Gift Program

Charitable Gift Program Participants

June 4, 2023:

available for sponsorship

June 11, 2023:

available for sponsorship

June 18, 2023:

available for sponsorship

June 25, 2023:

available for sponsorship

Orthodox Vocabulary

Eden

Eternity that which is outside time. In fact, any notion of time is linked to that of creation. Time is something created. Eternity belongs to God alone, it is uncreated.

Those things we don't have the strength to perform on our own, we can accomplish easily through persevering prayer. For we have the duty to pray without ceasing. Those in pain and those spared from pain must pray. So must those in danger and those in prosperity. For those who have ease and wealth must pray that these things may never change. Those in pain and in danger must pray that some favorable change will come to them, so that they may move into a comfortable, calm state.

~ Saint John Chrysostom



St Mary Ladies Society Annual Christmas Dinner Wednesday December 14th at The Old Grist Mill Tavern

390 Fall River Avenue, Seekonk MA

*(Please note that the Hunts Mill Bridge is
currently closed and a detour is in place)*

\$50.00 per person

Checks made out to St Mary Ladies Society

**Dinner Choices are Baked Cod, Baked Salmon or Baked Stuffed
Shrimp and include Salad Bar, one side, dessert, coffee & soft drinks**
(Alcoholic beverages will be by individual checks)

Please RSVP- (Call or Text) by Sunday December 11th to either Cindy
Hayes- 401-480-4306 or Linda Dvelis 401-749-1278
with your dinner choice.

(Payments can be given to Linda at the dinner.)

Bring a \$10.00 gift for the Yankee Swap



Sunday of the Forefathers of Christ

Tone: 1 Eothinon: 4

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION: Tone 1

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

APOLYTIKION OF THE FOREFATHERS: Tone 2

Thou hast justified by faith the ancient Forefathers, and through them Thou hast gone before and betrothed unto Thyself the Church of the Gentiles. Let the saints, therefore, take pride in glory; for from their seed sprouted forth a noble fruit, and it was she who gave birth to Thee without seed. Wherefore, by their pleadings, O Christ God, save our souls.

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 PREPARATION OF CHRIST'S NATIVITY: Tone 3

****The original melody****) (CHANT) (CHORAL) On this day the Virgin cometh to the cave to give birth to * God the Word ineffably, * Who was before all the ages. * Dance for joy, O earth, on hearing * the gladsome tidings; * with the Angels and the shepherds now glorify Him * Who is willing to be gazed on * as a young Child Who * before the ages is God.

THE EPISTLE

*Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers.
For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done for us.*

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Colossians. (3:4-11)

Brethren, when Christ, Who is our life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these, the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience. In these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing December 11, 2022 Liturgy Variables 2 Sunday of Forefathers that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its Creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (14:16-24)

The Lord spoke this parable: “A man once gave a great banquet, and invited many; and at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, ‘Come; for all is now ready.’ But, one by one, they all began to make excuses. The first said to him, ‘I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it; I pray you, have me excused.’ And another said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them; I pray you, have me excused.’ And another said, ‘I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.’ So the servant came and reported this to his master. Then the householder in anger said to his servant, ‘Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and maimed and blind and lame.’ And the servant said, ‘Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.’ And the master said to the servant, ‘Go out to the highways and hedges, and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”



Christmas Greetings

Christ is Born, Glorify Him!



Once again the holiday season is upon us, and, once again, it is time to start thinking about sending Christmas cards to those with whom we worship and love. Every year the choir sponsors a card which is sent to every family in our parish- sending **your** best wishes for a happy and blessed Christmas and New Year.

This letter is to ensure that **all** parish members are approached and have an opportunity to participate in the Christmas card being prepared- we do not wish to overlook anyone!

Below is a form, which you may complete and submit- either in person or by mail-containing your family name and your holiday greetings. Your holiday wishes will be sent to all parishioners. This is a wonderful way to be remembered by our community during this busy season- it is also an inexpensive and easy way to have your card sent to all your friends and relatives. All proceeds go into the choir fund, which is our only source of revenue to continue to upgrade our supplies and continue to provide you with meaningful liturgical music.

In order to be listed in this year’s card, your response must be received TODAY Sunday, December 11th. If there are any questions, or if you wish to give your response and donation in person, please contact the church office or place in Sunday tray.

Thank you for helping us in this endeavor. All of us in the choir sincerely appreciate your continued support and look forward to serving you in the coming year.

Family Name_____

Amount of Donation: _____

Please remember

~LAST DATE TO SUBMIT INFORMATION AND DONATION IS TODAY!

By mail, send to St. Mary Orthodox Church, Choir Christmas Card

249 High Street, Pawtucket, RI 02860

Parish Christmas Poinsettia Fund

For the Good Health and Blessing of:

In Loving Memory of:

[illegible]

From: _____

Please remember to return the form to the Parish Office by December 18th

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
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 Stanley & Family
Madison Tucker
Offered by: Michael, Nancy, Jacob & Victoria Muller

Andrea & Stephanie Swistak
Edward & Lisa Ayoub
Offered by: Elaine Gauthier

Nabil & Salwa Khoury
Offered by: A Friend

Andrea & Stephanie Swistak
Offered by: Elaine Agaty

Michael Schillawski & Stephanie Martone
Joshua & Tanya Berman
David & Deborah Vogel & Family
Judith Ross & Family
Lou & Evelyn Dankovich & Family
Paul & Marilyn Brahs & Family
Ed & Ginger Schillawski & Family
Cheryl Schillawski & Family
Norman Schillawski & Family
Karl Schillawski & Family
Don Schillawski
Offered by: Jim & Beth Schillawski

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

Elaine Swistak
John Swistak
Offered by: Michael, Nancy, Jacob & Victoria Muller

Elaine Swistak
Offered by: Sandra Matook & Family

Elaine Swistak
Suzanne Ayoub
Offered by: Elaine Gauthier

Elaine Swistak
Offered by: Elaine Agaty

Edmund & Dorothy Schillawski
Robert Schillawski
Charles & Lillian Sakey
Godparents: Esah & Janette Hamwey &
Amelia & Charles Arbeeley
Offered by: Jim & Beth Schillawski

December is the month of The Order of St. Ignatius

During the month of December, in our Antiochian Archdiocese we commemorate the role of The Order of St. Ignatius in The Life of the Church and it's Ministry. Members of The Order will be reading the Epistle, taking the collection, and assisting in the Vestry. May God bless all the members of our parish chapter of The Order and guide them to fulfill their Ministry.

Coffee Hour

Coffee Hour is being offered by William Small in memory of his deceased family members. Coffee Hour will be held at the Parish Center following Liturgy.



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THE SYNAXARION (Plain Reading)

On December 11 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate our Venerable Fathers Daniel the Stylite; and Luke the New Stylite of Chalcedon. On this day we celebrate the Sunday of the Holy Forefathers (Ancestors) of our Lord Jesus. Verses Receive joy, O Forefathers which lived aforetime, As now ye behold at hand Christ the Messiah. Be glad, O Abraham, for thou art shown to be the forefather of Christ. We remember all the holy Patriarchs of the Old Testament who prefigured or foretold Christ: Adam the first Father, Enoch, Melchizedek, Abraham, the friend of God, Isaac, the fruit of the Promise, Jacob and the twelve patriarchs. We then commemorate those who lived under the Law: Moses, Aaron, Joshua, Samuel, David, and the Prophets: Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel; the twelve minor prophets; Elijah, Elisha, Zachariah, and John the Baptist; and finally the Virgin Mary, the intermediary between mankind and her divine Son. Indeed, the Lord Jesus did not come to abolish the Law and the Prophets, but to redeem humanity which bemoaned the weight of evil since Adam; to realize the promise made to Abraham; to change the Law of Fear into the Law of Love; and to give Resurrection and Life to mankind. This feast prepares us for the Nativity of Jesus Christ, placing before us the anticipation and hope for His coming among us. By the intercessions of Thy Saints, O 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).

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-Gifts for Children's Friend need to be dropped off by *TODAY-Sunday, December 11th*. Please bring them unwrapped. If you are unable to buy a gift, we appreciate any donations and are happy to purchase for you. The Sunday School children appreciate your help as we give to others this year! Please contact Matt & Megan Duncan with any questions.

* **Sunday, December 18th:** Sunday School Pageant & Luncheon

Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

Liturgical Schedule 2022

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

Sunday, January 1st: Basil the Great; Circumcision of Christ

New Year's Day

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****Note: From Christmas Day until January 6th inclusive, there is a general dispensation from all fasting****