

## CHURCH CALENDAR

**Sunday, June 25th:** Third Sunday after Pentecost

**Wednesday, June 28th:** 7:00 P.M.– Liturgy for Sts. Peter & Paul Feast Day

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

40 Day Memorial Service for Michel Aramouny

**Sunday, July 2nd:** Robe of Theotokos & Fourth Sunday of Matthew

Shwarma Sale following Liturgy

**Tuesday, July 4th:** Independence Day

**Parish Life Conference July 7th-9th**

**Sunday, July 9th:** Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

**Tuesday, July 11th:** 7:00 P.M.– Parish Council Meeting

**Sunday, July 16th:** Fathers of 4th Ecumenical Council

12pm-6pm-Family Day at Buttonwoods (Everyone welcome to attend)

**56th Biennial Antiochian Archdiocese Convention-Phoenix, AZ-July 23rd-July 30th**

**Sunday, July 23rd:** Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Family Day– Rain date

**Sunday, July 30th:** Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

One Year Memorial Service for Adele Shwaery

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

**Sunday, August 6th:** Transfiguration of Christ

**Tuesday, August 8th:** 7:00 P.M.– Parish Council Meeting

**Sunday, August 13th:** Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

**Tuesday, August 15th:** 7:00pm- Dormition of the Theotokos

**Saturday, August 19th & Sunday, August 20th: Feast Day Weekend**

**Sunday, August 20th:** Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

**Sunday, August 27th:** Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

**Sunday, September 3rd:** Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

**Sunday, September 10th:** Sunday before Elevation of the Cross

First day of Church School

Ten Year Celebration for V. Rev. Fr. Elie

**Tuesday, September 12th:** 7:00 P.M.– Parish Council Meeting

**Sunday, September 17th:** Sunday after Elevation of the Cross

**Sunday, September 24th:** Proto-Martyr Thekla; First Sunday of Luke

**Sunday, October 1st:** Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost



## SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



*Sunday, June 25, 2023*

*Third Sunday After Pentecost*

# Saint Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church

"A parish of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America"

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 & Metropolitan of all North America

His Grace Bishop JOHN, Auxiliary and Bishop of the  
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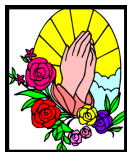
## Schedule of Services

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

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Sponsored by:</u>	<u>Sponsored for:</u>
July 2, 2023:	St. Mary Church	Shwarma Sale
July 9, 2023:	No Coffee hour– PLC at the Cape Codder Resort, Hyannis, MA	
July 16, 2023:	No Coffee hour- <i>Family Day</i>	
July 23, 2023:	No Coffee hour- <i>Family Day (raindate)</i>	
July 30, 2023:	Ricky & Roula Greigre	Health of Family
August 6, 2023:	Dr. Zeyad & Norma Morcos	Health of Elias (son) Memory of Elias (dad)
August 13, 2023:	Philip & Bette Ayoub	Health of Ayoub & David Family
August 20, 2023:	not available	Feast Day Weekend
August 27, 2023:		Marita Garcia's Birthday
September 3, 2023:	Nabil & Gloria Baalbaki	Health of Family
September 10, 2023:	not available	First day of Church School Luncheon
September 17, 2023:	Walid & Mirna Nakhoul & Family	Health of Family
September 24, 2023:	George Daikh & Family	Memory of Jannette (mother)
October 1, 2023:	not available	Bazaar Kick-Off Luncheon
October 8, 2023:	available for sponsorship	
October 15, 2023:	Fouad & Marianne Zaybaak	Health of Family
October 22, 2023:	Fadi & Hadeel Samaan	Health of Family
October 29, 2023:	available for sponsorship	
November 5, 2023:	not available	Annual Holiday Bazaar
November 12, 2023:	available for sponsorship	
November 19, 2023:	available for sponsorship	
November 26, 2023:	available for sponsorship	
December 3, 2023:	available for sponsorship	
December 10, 2023:	available for sponsorship	
December 17, 2023:	not available	Church School Pageant
December 24, 2023:	available for sponsorship	
December 31, 2023:	available for sponsorship	
January 7, 2024:	available for sponsorship	
January 14, 2024:	available for sponsorship	
January 21, 2024:	available for sponsorship	

## *Orthodox Vocabulary*

### **Gospel Book**

**Gospel Book:** this is the book containing the four gospels which is used at liturgical services. The gospels are arranged into a series of “periscopes”: (passages), each destined to be read on a certain day of the year, as regulated by the liturgical calendar. This makes it easier for the celebrant to find the appropriate reading. The gospel book is kept permanently on the altar. Father Schmemmann, in his *Eucharist: Sacrament of the Kingdom*, on p. 71, writes: “*The Gospel is a part of the liturgy not only as something which is read, but also as a book. It is venerated just like an icon or the altar, it is kissed, it is incensed, it is used to bless the people of God.*” As a book, the gospel is also used at the consecration of a bishop, in the sacraments of penance, at the anointing of the sick, and in processions. This is why, at Sunday matins, we kiss it as we sing: “Having beheld the resurrection of Christ...” The Word of God is the Person of the Son (Jn 1:1 and 14). The gospel book contains the Word. This is why it is the “verbal icon” of Christ.

Our Creator already rules, at the beginning and the end of our lives; why not allow Him to rule our entire lives from start to end? He is the Master of birth and death; may He rule over all the time between birth and death.

~St. Nikolaj Velimorvich



**No act of kindness, no matter  
how small, is ever wasted.**

*Aesop*



## Third Sunday After Pentecost

### **Tone 2 / Eothinon 3**

#### **RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION: Tone 2**

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee.

#### **APOLYTIKION OF THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST: Tone 4**

**\*\*Be quick to anticipate\*\***) O prophet and Forerunner of Christ God’s coming to us, \* all we who with longing now extol thee are at a loss to honor thee worthily. \* For thy mother’s barrenness and father’s long silence, \* by thine all-renowned and hallowed birth, were both ended, \* and the Incarnation of the Son of God is preached unto all the world.

#### **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.

#### **ORDINARY KONTAKION: Tone 2**

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

### ***Save the Date! Diocese PLC: July 7-9***

St. John of Damascus Church will be hosting the 2023 Parish Life Conference July 7-9, 2023 at the Cape Codder Resort and Spa in Hyannis, MA. More information coming soon!

## THE EPISTLE

*The Lord is my strength and my song. The Lord has chastened me sorely.*

Brethren, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through Him we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us. While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Why, one will hardly die for a righteous man—though perhaps for a good man one will dare even to die. But God shows His love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we are now justified by His blood, much more shall we be saved by Him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. Not only so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received our reconciliation.

## THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (6:22-33) The Lord said, "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is evil, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore, I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink; nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not the soul more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of heaven: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his stature? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon himself in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O men of little faith? Therefore, do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well."

## 25 Week-Multi Raffle

- ◆ Week 1 winner: *Maureen Gurghigian*
- ◆ Week 2 winner: *Philip Ayoub*
- ◆ Week 3 winner: *Nabil Houry*
- ◆ Week 4 winner: *Philip Ayoub*
- ◆ Week 5 winner: *Susan Warzycha*
- ◆ Week 6 winner: *Lois Kilsey*
- ◆ Week 7 winner: *Nancy Muller*
- ◆ Week 8 winner: *Walid Nakhoul*
- ◆ Week 9 winner: *Scott Barnes*
- ◆ Week 10 winner: *Tawfik Hawwa*
- ◆ Week 11 winner: *Salwa Houry*
- ◆ Week 12 winner: *Paul Gurghigian*
- ◆ Week 13 winner: *Mary Massiwer*
- ◆ Week 14 winner: *Philip Ayoub*
- ◆ Week 15 winner: *Alex Najaar*
- ◆ Week 15 winner: *Nancy Muller*
- ◆ Week 16 winner: *Allie Hayes*
- ◆ Week 17 winner: *Flo Spenard*
- ◆ Week 18 winner: *Tawfik Hawwa*
- ◆ Week 19 winner: *George Kilsey*
- ◆ Week 20 winner: *Sarah Hayes*



The Ladies are gathering for lunch at Angelos in Cumberland on June 30th at 12:30pm. If you are interested in attending, please contact Elaine Wilbur-[ewilbur2086@aol.com](mailto:ewilbur2086@aol.com)



Save the Date

Shwarma Sale following  
Liturgy  
Sunday, July 2nd

# ~Save the date~

On Sunday, September 10th St. Mary Church will be honoring V. Rev. Fr. Elie on his 10th Anniversary serving our parish with a celebration at the Parish Center.

More info to follow....



## 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.

## Visitations

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

## THE SYNAXARION (Plain Reading)

Febronia betrothed herself to Christ and was tonsured a nun in Assyria, in a convent where her aunt Bryaena was abbess. Lysimachus, the son of a nobleman, desired to wed Febronia, but since Emperor Diocletian suspected him to be a secret Christian, he sent Lysimachus to the east with his uncle Silenus to apprehend and kill Christians. Silenus did this everywhere without mercy. Lysimachus, on the contrary, spared the Christians wherever he could and hid them from his beast-like uncle. Silenus came to Nisibis and Febronia's convent. Hearing about her great wisdom and meekness, Silenus ordered that Febronia be brought to him. When the holy virgin refused to deny Christ, Silenus ordered her to be cruelly beaten and killed. However, a horrible punishment and death from God befell Silenus the same day. Lysimachus ordered that Febronia's miracleworking body be honorably buried and he, with many other soldiers, were baptized. Febronia suffered and took up habitation in eternal blessedness in 302. On this day, we also commemorate the Venerable Prokopios of the Iviron skete on Athos. By the intercessions of Thy saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

## PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR GOOD HEALTH AND BLESSING OF:

Kevin Hashway  
Mark Hashway  
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Victoria Hallal  
Offered by: Ron Hallal

Edward Betor  
Offered by: Elie, Julia & Naji Karam

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

Julie Angeline  
Nabil & Salwa Khoury  
Mack and Louise Megalli  
Mother Xenia Minihan  
Ronald Muller  
James Rotatori  
Madison Tucker  
Offered by: Michael, Nancy, Jacob & Victoria Muller

Nabil Khoury  
Offered by: A Friend

Nabil & Salwa Khoury  
Philip & Bette Ayoub  
Offered by: Ray & Leila Trabulsi



## PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Janice Hallal  
Offered by: Her Loving Husband Ron

Fred Hashway  
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

John & Esma Gorab  
Joseph & Mary Samra  
Offered by: Joe & Marlene Samra

Fred & Adele Shwaery  
Offered by: Linda Dvelis



## 56TH BIENNIAL ANTIOCHIAN ARCHDIOESE CONVENTION

JULY 23-30, 2023

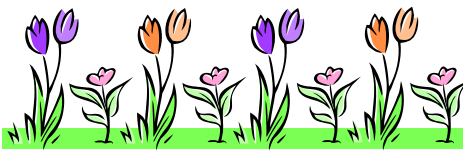
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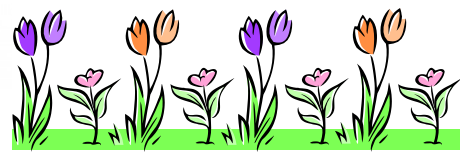
## Coffee Hour

Today, Coffee Hour is being offered by Bassam Zankul & Family for the Health of Family. Coffee Hour will be held at the Parish Center following Liturgy.





SAVE THE DATE



## St. Mary Family Fun Day

**Sunday, July 16, 2023** (rain date July 23, 2023)- noon-6:00pm

Buttonwoods-Masonic Youth Center 116 Long St., Warwick, RI

We will provide (Free): *Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Chips, Watermelon, Hot Grill, Games for everyone!*

For more information contact-  
Walid Nakhoul (401)692-1250



## Feast Day Weekend

**Friday, August 18 - Sunday, August 20, 2023**

*We are planning a Fun Weekend with Music, Authentic Middle Eastern Food, Raffles, Full Cash Bar and much more.*

*(Saturday-singer & Sunday-DJ)*



# Food, Fun, Fellowship!

## Congratulations

St. Mary Church offers its congratulations to all of our young men and women who are or will be graduating from both High School and College in the next few weeks. May God bless them as they continue their education and pursue new work and careers. And may God bless their parents and families for nurturing and supporting them.



Let us accomplish all the things that are pleasing to God, singing, prayer, reading, spiritual instruction, manual labor, and service of every kind, living in interior communion with God.

~St. Nilus of Sora



## 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.

## Time to pick Grape Leaves

Now is the time to help us collect grape leaves for the bazaar. Last year the Ladies rolled 8,000 grape leaves! Our goal this year is to roll even more...the demand for our delicious food is incredible!!!

The grape leaves should be blanched, frozen and counted. Please help make this year's Bazaar a success. Thank you!

