

CHURCH CALENDAR

Tuesday, August 1st-Monday, August 14th (weeknights only): 7:00pm Parakalesis Services

Sunday, August 6th: Transfiguration of Christ

40 Day Memorial Service for Dr. Nabil Khoury

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

Sunday, August 13th: Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Monday, August 14th: 7:00pm– Vespers for the 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

Saturday, September 2nd: 6:00 P.M.– Arabic Liturgy

Sunday, September 3rd: Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Tuesday, September 5th: 7:00 P.M.– Parish Council Meeting (**please note date change**)

Thursday, September 7th: 7:00 P.M.– Liturgy for the Nativity of the Theotokos

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

First day of Church School

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

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Saturday, October 14th

Time: 8pm-1am

More information to follow...



SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



Sunday, August 6, 2023

Transfiguration of Christ

Saint Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church
"A parish of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America"

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**His Eminence Metropolitan SABA, 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

<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

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Sponsored by:</u>	<u>Sponsored for:</u>
August 6, 2023:	His Loving Family	Dr. Nabil Khoury (40 Day Memorial)
August 13, 2023:	Philip & Bette Ayoub	Health of Ayoub & David Family
August 20, 2023:	<i>not available</i>	Feast Day Weekend
August 27, 2023:	Her Loving Family	Marita Garcia's Birthday
September 3, 2023:	Nabil & Gloria Baalbaki	Health of Family
September 10, 2023	<i>not available</i>	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	<i>not available</i>	Bazaar Kick-Off Luncheon
October 8 2023	Their Loving Family	William Salhany (2 Year Memorial)
		Ruth Salhany (13 1/2 Year Memorial)
October 15, 2023	Fouad & Marianne Alzaibak	Health of Family
October 22, 2023	Fadi & Hadeel Samaan	Health of Family
October 29, 2023	<i>available for sponsorship</i>	
November 5, 2023	<i>not available</i>	Annual Holiday Bazaar
November 12, 2023	<i>available for sponsorship</i>	
November 19, 2023	<i>available for sponsorship</i>	
November 26, 2023	<i>available for sponsorship</i>	
December 3, 2023	<i>available for sponsorship</i>	
December 10, 2023	Ed & Lisa Ayoub	Memory of Sue Ayoub (3 Years)
December 17, 2023	<i>not available</i>	Church School Pageant
December 24, 2023	His Loving Family	Memory of Dr. Nabil Khoury
December 31, 2023	<i>available for sponsorship</i>	
January 7, 2024	<i>available for sponsorship</i>	
January 14, 2024	<i>available for sponsorship</i>	
January 21, 2024	<i>available for sponsorship</i>	
January 28, 2024	<i>not available</i>	
February 4, 2023	<i>available for sponsorship</i>	Annual Meeting
February 11, 2023	<i>available for sponsorship</i>	
February 18, 2023	<i>available for sponsorship</i>	

Orthodox Vocabulary

Apostolic Fathers

The Apostolic Fathers were Church leaders and writers of the 1st and 2nd centuries of the life of the Church. They successfully defended the Church against internal and external foes. Cardinal among serious internal threats was Gnosticism, a heresy that almost disestablished the young Church.

The Apostolic Fathers succeeded in grounding the Church on a truly Apostolic foundation. They contributed greatly to the spiritual, dogmatic, and liturgical stability of the early Church. They include Clement of Rome, Ignatios, Hermas, Polycarp, Papias, and the authors of some well-known Epistle and the treatise Didache.

Do all in your power not to fall, for the strong athlete should not fall. But if you do fall, get up again at once and continue the contest. Even if you fall a thousand times because of the withdrawal of Gods' grace, rise up again each time, and keep on doing so until the day of your death.

~ John of Karpathos



Parakalesis Services

Tuesday, August 1st-Monday, August 14th
(weeknights only): 7:00pm Parakalesis Services

All are welcome and encouraged to attend

Transfiguration of Christ

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.

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.



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.

Dormition of the Theotokos

As you may know, August 15th is a great Feast at our Orthodox Church, and especially for us at St. Mary's (our Patron Saint), for we celebrate the Dormition of our Lady Theotokos. As a preparation for this Great Feast, we abstain from meat and dairy products from today until the 14th. Since "Fast and Prayer" are inseparable, we are having a Parakalesis service on Weeknights only at 7:00 pm. I encourage you all to come and participate. The service is 45 minutes long.

~Fr. Elie

THE EPISTLE

*O Lord, how manifold are Thy works; in wisdom hast Thou made them all.
Bless the Lord, O my soul.*

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Peter. (1:10-19)

Brethren, be the more zealous to confirm your call and election, for if you do this you will never fall; so there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Therefore, I intend always to remind you of these things, though you know them and are established in the truth that you have. I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to arouse you by way of reminder, since I know that the putting off of my body will be soon, as our Lord Jesus Christ showed me. And I will see to it that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things. For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For when He received honor and glory from God the Father and the voice was borne to Him by the Majestic Glory, "This is My beloved Son, with Whom I am well pleased," we heard this voice borne from heaven, for we were with Him on the holy mountain. And we have the prophetic word made surer. You will do well to pay attention to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (17:1-9)

At that time, Jesus took with Him Peter and James and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain apart. And He was transfigured before them, and His face shone like the sun, and His garments became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with Him. And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is well that we are here; if Thou wilt, I will make three booths here, one for Thee and one for Moses and one for Elijah." He was still speaking, when lo, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is My beloved Son, with Whom I am well pleased; hear Him." When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces, and were filled with awe. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one the vision, until the Son of man is risen from the dead."

St. Mary Church will be honoring V. Rev. Fr. Elie on his 10th Anniversary serving our parish with a celebration, but will be held at a later date.



More info to follow....

Ladies Monthly Gathering for Lunch

The Ladies are gathering for lunch at **The Old Canteen** on Atwells Ave. (not Hemenway's— please note venue change) on August 25th at 12:30pm. If you are interested in attending, please contact Elaine Wilbur- ewilbur2086@aol.com



THE SYNAXARION (Plain Reading)

This glorious event is recorded in the Gospels of Mark (9:2-13), Luke (9:28-36 in Orthros) and Matthew (17:1-9 in Liturgy). In the third year of His preaching, the Lord Jesus often spoke to His disciples of His approaching passion and His glorious Resurrection. So that His impending passion would not totally weaken His disciples, the All-wise Savior wanted to show them His divine glory before His passion on the Holy Cross. (This is why we sing the katavasias of the Holy Cross on this day.) For that reason, He took Peter, James and John with Him and went out at night to Mount Tabor. The Lord took only three disciples on Tabor because the Lord did not want to leave the unworthy Judas alone at the foot of the mountain so that the betrayer would not, by that, justify his betrayal. Our Lord was transfigured on a mountain and not in a valley to teach us two virtues: love of labor and godly-thoughts. For, climbing to the heights required labor and height represents the heights of our thoughts, i.e., godly-thoughts. Moses and Elijah appeared in order to destroy the erroneous thought of the Jews that the Christ is one of the prophets; that is why He appears as a King above the prophets and that is why Moses and Elijah appear as His servants. Until then, our Lord manifested His divine power many times to the disciples but, on Mount Tabor, He manifested His divine nature. This vision of His Divinity and the hearing of the heavenly witness about Him as the Son of God would serve the disciples in the days of the Lord's passion, in strengthening of an unwavering faith in Him and His final victory. Unto Christ God be glory and dominion unto the ages. Amen.

We STILL are in need of Grape Leaves!!!

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

Thank you!



Feast Day Weekend- August 19th & 20th

St. Mary Church needs your 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 volunteers on (Friday, August 18th-set-up only), Saturday, August 19th & Sunday, August 20th.

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.



40-Day Memorial Service



A 40-Day Memorial Service is being offered for the servant of God Dr. Nabil Khoury and is being offered by His Loving Family.

May God grant him peace and may his memory be eternal

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 & Najj Karam

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

Julie Angeline
John & Anita Chamoun & Family
Tawfik & Olga Hawwa & Family
Salwa Khoury
Mack and Louise Megalli
Mother Xenia Minihan
Ronald Muller
James Rotatori
Madison Tucker
Offered by: Michael, Nancy, Jacob & Victoria Muller

Salwa Khoury & Family
Offered by: Walid & Mirna Nakhoul

Salwa Khoury
Olga & Tawfik Hawwa & Family
Anita & John Chamoun & Family
The Khoury Family
Offered by: Bassam, Pauline, Jordan & Alex Khabbaz

Salwa Khoury & Family
Offered by: Joe & Marlene Samra

Lorice Hallal
Offered by: Nora Abdelahad
Elaine Agaty
Sandra Matook & Family

Salwa Khoury
Offered by: Elaine Gauthier

Salwa Khoury & Family
Offered by: Elias & Samar Baalbaki



Salwa Khoury & Family
Offered by: Nora Abdelahad
Elaine Agaty
Sandra Matook
George & Kim Matook & Family

Salwa Khoury & Family
Offered by: Ken & Rania Salhany

PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Janice Hallal
Offered by: Her Loving Husband Ron

Fred Hashway
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Fred & Adele Shwaery
Offered by: Linda Dvelis

Nabil Khoury
Offered by: Salwa Khoury

Nabil Khoury
Offered by: Walid & Mirna Nakhoul

Dr. Nabil Khoury
Offered by: Bassam, Pauline, Jordan & Alex Khabbaz

Nabil Khoury
Offered by: Joe & Marlene Samra

Dr. Nabil Khoury
Offered by: Nora Abdelahad
Elaine Agaty
Sandra Matook
George & Kim Matook & Family

Dr. Nabil Khoury
Offered by: Elias & Samar Baalbaki

Dr. Nabil Khoury
Offered by: Elaine Gauthier

Nabil Khoury
Offered by: Ken & Rania Salhany

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

Salwa Khoury & Family
Offered by: Nora, Leah & Michael Matook

Salwa Khoury & Family
Nancy & Michael Muller & Family
Susan Warzycha & Al Delpape & Families
Elaine Gauthier & Family
Bette & Phil Ayoub
Lorice Hallal
Offered by: Linda Dvelis

Donald, Lauren, Allison, Dan, Liz, Sarah & Dan
Offered by: Cindy Hayes

Mary Massiwer & Family
John & Patricia Massiwer
Maureen, Paul & Mary Gurghigian
Mary & Bill Franklin
Bill, Brittany, Jon & Meagan
Diane Andrew & Paul Burnier
Laura, Jim & Noelle Arrighi
Lily Massiwer
Diana Hashway
Mitchell Massiwer & Family
Salwa Khoury & Family
Judy Fortier
Darlene Elkas
Gabrielle & Matt Neel
Offered by: Cindy Hayes

Salwa Khoury and family
Judy Fortier and family
Darlene Elkas and family
Linda Dvelis and family
Shwaery family
Offered by: Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian



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

Nabil Khoury
Offered by: Nora, Leah & Michael Matook

Dr. Nabil Khoury
Fred & Adele Shwaery
Janice Hallal
Offered by: Linda Dvelis

Don Hayes
John Massiwer
Tom Andrew
Sarah Massiwer
Nabil Khoury
Russell Fortier
Doug Elkas
Fred & Adele Shwaery
Offered by: Cindy Hayes

Nabil Khoury
Russell Fortier
Douglas Elkas
Adele and Fred Shwaery
Offered by: Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian



Coffee Hour

Coffee Hour is being offered in memory of Dr. Nabil Khoury and is being offered by His Loving Family. Coffee Hour will be held at the Parish Center following Liturgy.



St. Mary Feast Day Celebration

Mahrajan



Saturday August 19th & Sunday, August 20th

(Outdoors- Rain Or Shine)

Music, Food, Entertainment and Fellowship!

Saturday, August 19th: 11:00am til 11:00 pm

Sunday, August 20th: 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- (DJ)

1 St. Mary's Way, Pawtucket, RI 02860

*****If you would like to donate towards expenses, please contact:
Walid Nakhoul (401) 692-1250 or Fr. Elie (240) 205-9079*****