

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, March 29th: Fifth Sunday of Lent: The Commemoration of our Righteous Mother Mary of Egypt
40 Day Memorial Service for Charles Agaty
One Year Memorial Service for Charles Abdelahad
Memorial Luncheon at the Parish Center offered by Elaine Agaty & Nora Abdelahad & Family

Tuesday, March 31st: 7:00 P.M.– Service of the Great Compline at St. Mary Church

Wednesday, April 1st: 7:00 P.M.– Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts

Holy Week

Saturday, April 4th: Lazarus Saturday– 9:00A.M Liturgy

Sunday, April 5th: Palm Sunday
7:00 P.M.– Bridegroom Service

April 6th: Great and Holy Monday: 7:00 P.M.Bridegroom Service

April 7th: Great and Holy Tuesday: 7:00 P.M.Bridegroom Service with Bishop JOHN

April 8th: Great and Holy Wednesday: 7:00 P.M.- Sacrament of Holy Unction

April 9th: Great and Holy Thursday: 10:00 A.M.– Divine Liturgy
7:00 P.M.– Service of the Twelve Passion Gospels

April 10th: Great and Holy Friday: 10:00 A.M.– Royal Hours
11:00 A.M.– Great Vespers of the Taking down of the Cross
7:00 P.M.– Service of the Lamentations and Procession

April 11th: Great and Holy Saturday: 11:00 P.M.– Rush Service

Sunday, April 12th: Great and Holy Pascha
12:00A.M.– Divine Liturgy followed by Agape Breakfast
3:00 P.M.– Agape Vespers

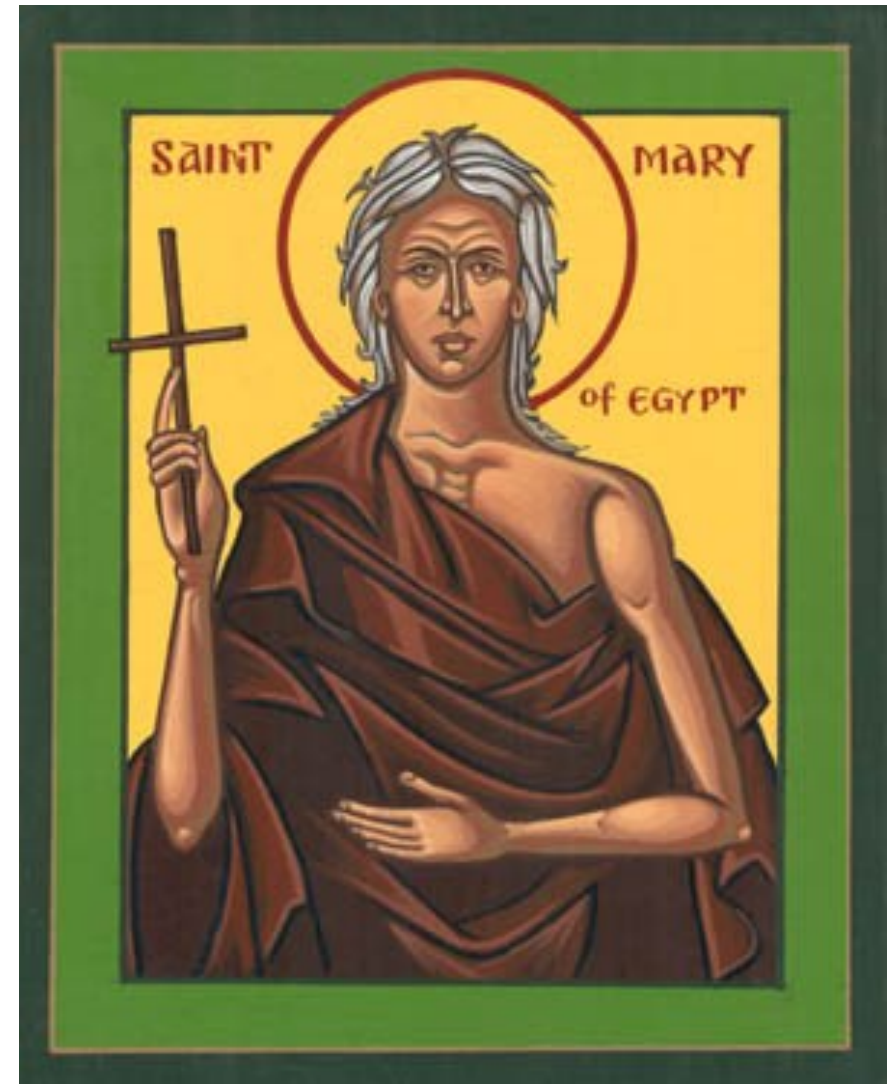
Sunday, April 19th: Sunday of St. Thomas (New Sunday)
Walk-A-Thon
Church School Easter Egg Hunt

Monday, April 20th: 7:00 P.M.– Ladies Meeting

Sunday, April 26th: Sunday of the Myrrh Bearing Women & Sts. Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus
40 Day Memorial Service for Ida Lavin



SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



Sunday, March 29, 2015

**Fifth Sunday of Lent:
The Commemoration of our Righteous
Mother Mary of Egypt**

Saint Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church

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**His Grace Bishop JOHN, Auxiliary and Bishop of the
Diocese of Worcester and New England**

V. Rev. Father Elie Estephan
395 Brown St.-Unit 2, Attleboro, MA 02703
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Schedule of Services

<i>Sunday: Orthros (Matins)</i>	<i>8:45 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*

A Note Regarding Holy Communion:

Since we understand Communion to mean that we have all things in common, sharing an identical faith, only those who are members of the Orthodox Church and who have prepared themselves through prayer, fasting, and recent confession may participate in Holy Communion. We invite all, however, to partake of the blessed bread which is distributed at the dismissal. Confessions are heard by special appointment. The Eucharistic fast begins at midnight on Saturday and ends with the receiving of Holy Communion. Please see Fr. Elie if you have any questions or for inquiries on how to become a full member of the Church.

Parish Council 2015:

President: Joe Samra III (*Fellowship*)

Vice-President: Salwa Khoury (*Ladies Society*)

Secretary: Cindy Hayes

Treasurer: Fadia Kabak



Council Members: Charles Abosamra, Emad Amirhom, Edward Ayoub, Scott Barnes, Cory Dupont, Janice Hallal (*Choir*), Lorice Hallal, Steven Kilsey Jr., Holly Lazieh, Jamie Mitri, Walid Nakhoul, Elmer Stanley (*Church School*)

****Please feel free to contact Joe Samra III (401) 334-0310 / joesamra@gmail.com or any member of the Parish Council with any questions or concerns****

Orthodox Vocabulary

Justice

Justice: the word justice usually evokes notions of law, with appropriate punishment if the law is not obeyed. For Christians, the juridical aspect is not the most important, because the justice of God is primarily love and mercy. "Faith and love united: this is a brief phrase which summarizes all justice" (St Irenaeus).

It is no small struggle to be delivered from vainglory. One is delivered from it by performing his spiritual work in secret and by more frequent prayer. A sign that one has been delivered from vainglory is that he no longer harbors resentment against one who has spoken- or continues to speak- ill of him.

~St. Maximus the Confessor



ONLINE BULLETIN

The Bulletin is available online on our website at:
<http://stmarypawtucket.org>

Arabic Educational Foundation Scholarship

The Arabic Educational Foundation is now taking applications for the 2015 school year. Applicants of Arabic descent that are enrolled full-time as an undergraduate student are eligible to apply. Applications and Scholarship Eligibility Requirements may be picked up at the Church Office or see Fr. Elie for an application.



St. Mary Church School News

Attention All Parents: Please bring your children to the Liturgy before Church School. Church School starts every Sunday following communion (Approx. 11:15am).

Sunday, April 5th (Palm Sunday)- *NO CLASS*

Sunday, April 12th (PASCHA)- *NO CLASS*

Sunday, April 19th- Easter Egg Hunt
Walk-A-Thon



Fee schedule for the use of the Sanctuary for the following services:

Baptism: Member- \$100 *(Plus offering to clergy & cost of choir)*
Non-Member- \$200

Wedding: Member- \$300
Non-Member- \$600

Theophany School

Theophany School is now enrolling for Fall 2015! We are excited to announce Theophany School's expansion into Elementary School and offering Preschool, Pre-K, Kindergarten, and First Grade Enrollment for this Fall! Join us for an Open House on Thursday, April 2, 2015 from 6-8pm located at 754 Greendale Ave Needham, MA 02492. Meet our staff and learn more about Theophany School Fun activities for kids and light refreshments will be provided. All families are welcome! For more information contact us at [781-444-3058](tel:781-444-3058) or theophanyschool@gmail.com, or visit our website

Sunday, March 29, 2015

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Tone: 1 Eothinon: 9

Resurrectional Troparion: 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.

Troparion of St. Mary Egypt: Tone 8

Through thee, the divine likeness was securely preserved, O mother Mary; for thou didst carry the cross and follow Christ. By example and precept thou didst teach us to ignore the body, because it is perishable, and to attend to the concerns of the undying soul. Therefore, doth thy soul rejoice with the angels.

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 intercessions from death Thou dost redeem our souls.”

Kontakion for Ordinary Sundays: 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.

Epistle
Hebrews 9:11-14

Prokeimenon: Make your vows to the Lord our God and perform them.
Verse: God is known in Judah; his name is great in Israel.
The reading is from Saint Paul's Letter to the Hebrews.

Brethren, when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the Holy Place, taking not the blood of goats and calves but his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify your conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

The Gospel
Mark 10:32-45

At that time, Jesus took his twelve disciples, and he began to tell them what was to happen to him, saying, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death, and deliver him to the Gentiles; and they will mock him, and spit upon him, and scourge him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise again." And James and John, the sons of Zebedee came forward to him, and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And Jesus said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus, said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup I that drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be servant of all. For the Son of man himself came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Coffee Hour Sponsorships

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 \$ 75.00 to the church so that a Parish Council member will handle the coffee hour on your behalf.

If you would like to sponsor a coffee hour, please call the church office and speak with Sheryl.

Please make check to St. Mary Church for coffee sponsorship and earmark “Coffee Hour”.

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Sponsored by:</u>	<u>Sponsored for:</u>
March 29th	Nora Abdelahad & Family	Charles Abdelahad (1 year)
	Elaine Agaty	Charles Agaty (40 day)
April 5th	No Coffee Hour	Palm Sunday
April 12th	No Coffee Hour	Pascha
April 19th*	Fadi & Hadeel Samaan	Health of Family
April 26th	Fred Hallal & Family	Sophie Hallal (5 years)
May 3rd	NAB Project Luncheon	Ladies Society
May 10th	Dr. Zeyad & Norma Morcos	Marie Haddad (80th Birthday)
May 17th	Open for sponsorship	
May 24th	Open for sponsorship	
May 31st	Open for sponsorship	
June 7th	The Samra Family	Joseph Samra Sr. (50 years)
June 14th	Open for sponsorship	
June 21st	Parish Life Conference	
June 28th	Open for sponsorship	
July 5th	Open for sponsorship	
July 12th	Open for sponsorship	
July 19th	Dr. Zeyad & Norma Morcos	Elias Morcos (son)
July 26th	Open for sponsorship	
August 2nd	Open for sponsorship	
August 9th	Open for sponsorship	
August 16th	Open for sponsorship	
August 23rd	Open for sponsorship	

****SAVE THE DATE****

*****note date change*****

The Antiochian Women are hosting a luncheon following Liturgy on May 3rd to benefit their NAB Project.

More information to follow.

Assessment Fee

The St. Mary Parish Council wishes to kindly remind the Faithful to send in their Archdiocese Assessment of \$125 made out to St. Mary Church. Please help us to be able to meet our obligations to the Archdiocese.

Parish Center

Effective immediately:

The Parish Center building is now alarmed. Do NOT enter the building if you do not know the access code– *Alarm will sound*. If anyone is still in possession of a key to the Parish Center, please see Ed Ayoub or Scott Barnes.

Parish Directory Updates

We are updating our church directory. Please take a few moments to check that your information is correct before it goes to print. The info can be found at the back of the church or by speaking to Samy Morcos. Please make necessary changes, or if everything is up to date, please place a check mark by your name so that we know it is correct. Thank you !



Memorial Services



A Forty-Day Memorial Service for the servant of God *Charles Agaty* is being offered by his loving wife Elaine Agaty.

A One Year Memorial Service for the servant of God *Charles Abdelahad* is being offered by his loving wife Nora Abdelahad & Family.

A Memorial Luncheon is being offered following Liturgy.

May God grant them peace and may their memories be eternal.

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

April Gentes Robert
Bill & Mary Lou Catelli
Offered by: George & Sandra Matook & Family

Elaine Swistak & Family
Nora Abdelahad
Offered by: Elaine Agaty

Charles & Brittany Abdelahad
Offered by: Nora Abdelahad
Elaine Agaty

Jacob Khoury
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Jacob Khoury
Offered by: Mr. & Mrs. Faraj Freij

Elaine Agaty & Family
Elaine Swistak & Family
Nora Abdelahad & Family
George & Sandra Matook & Family
Fr. Michael & Selma & Family
Fred Hallal
Fred Shwaery
Offered by: Maureen, Paul & Mary Gurghigian

Michael, Maria, Mark & Meika Matook
Leah, Bianca & Johanna Macaruso
Offered by: Nora Matook & Family

Nora Abdelahad
Elaine Agaty
Elaine Swistak
Fred Hallal
Offered by: Lorice Hallal

Nora Abdelhad & Family
Elaine Agaty & Family
Offered by: Sam & Kay Matook

Elaine Agaty
Elaine Swistak & Family
Nora Abdelahad & Family
George & Sandra Matook & Family
Offered by: Julia Vale

Nora Abdelahad
Elaine Agaty
Father Michael & Selma Abdelahad & Family
Charles & Brittany Abdelahad
Elaine Swistak & Family
Offered by: George & Sandra Matook
George, Kim & George Frank Matook
Steve, Elaina, Isabelle & Elizabeth Zabak

Fred Hallal
Nora Abdelahad & Family
Elaine Agaty
Mark Hashway
Fred, Adele & Bobby Shwaery
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur



Church News & Organization Activities

St. Mary Liturgical Choir

The St. Mary Liturgical Choir welcomes new members to join its Ministry of Sacred Music. Anyone interested in joining the choir (whatever their level of musical experience) are asked to contact the choir director Dawn Boukari @ (401) 465-8909 or email her: daboukari@gmail.com

2015 Church Calendars

We have beautiful Church Calendars now available for sale for the 2015 year. Please participate in this worthwhile fundraiser for our Church, give as a gift– or for your own use. The calendars are \$10. If you wish to purchase a calendar, please see Fr. Elie.

Antiochian Village Summer Camp

Camp Registration is open! Come make friendships that will last a lifetime and make memories you will never forget!! Most New England campers attend the 2nd session, which is [from June 28th to July 10th](#). Our campers will travel with a contingent from Boston and Worcester with at least [one chaperone from St. Mary](#). The local chapter of the Order of St. Ignatius helps defray transportation costs. Camp Scholarships are available, please see Father Elie if you would like to apply. Visit www.avcamp.org to register today! Volunteers that are interested may also apply through the website. Last year most spots were filled before the end of February so don't delay. Following is a list of all the camp sessions for 2015:



Session 1 (2 weeks) - June 14 - 26
Session 1 (1 week) - June 14 - 21
Session 2 (2 weeks) - June 28 - July 10
Session 3 (2 weeks) - July 12 - 24
Session 4 (2 weeks) - July 26 -Aug 7

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

Elaine Agaty
Elaine Swistak & Family
Fred Hallal
Sandra & George Matook
Nora Abdelahad
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Elaine Agaty
Nora Abdelahad
Michelle Elzay
Philip & Bette Ayoub
Offered by: Elaine Swistak & Family

Elaine Agaty
Elaine Swistak & Family
George & Sandra Matook & Family
Nora Abdelahad
Fr. Michael & Selma Abdelahad & Family
Mary Massiwer & Family
The Kilsey Family
Offered by: The Briggs & Wehbe Families

Charles & Brittany Abdelahad
Nora Abdelahad
Elaine Agaty
Offered by: Fr. Michael, Selma, Nicholas, Johnna
& Christopher Abdelahad

Nora Abdelahad & Family
Elaine Agaty
Elaine Swistak & Family
Elaine Wilbur
Fred Shwaery
Jacob Khoury
Offered by: Elaine Gauthier

Nora Abdelahad & Family
Elaine Agaty
Elaine Swistak & Family
Offered by: The Charles Slemon Family

Ethel Kilsey (91st Birthday)
Offered by: Mr. & Mrs. George Kilsey

Fred Hallal
Lily Massiwer
Offered by: Holly Lazieh & Sons & Bob Dessaint

Nora Abdelahad & Family
Elaine Agaty
Elaine Swistak & Family
Nabil & Salwa Khoury & Family
Adele & Fred Shwaery & Family
Elaine Wilbur
George & Sandra Matook
Offered by: Mary Massiwer & Family



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

Charles Agaty
Charles Abdelahad
Offered by: Elaine Agaty
Nora Abdelahad
Fr. Michael & Selma Abdelahad
& Family
Fr. Leonard Faris
Steve & Patricia Kilsey
Susan Warzycha & Family
Philip & Bette Ayoub
Maureen, Paul & Mary Gurghigian
Lorice Hallal
Sam & Kay Matook
Julia Vale
Fatat ElKhaouli
Barbara Samra
Joe & Marlene Samra
John Salhany
Nabil & Salwa Khoury
Fouad & Houida El-Khaouli
The Charles Slemon Family

Great Lent and Holy Pascha 2015
Easter Flowers (Holy Friday and Pascha)

Please make a donation to help decorate the Church for Holy Week and Easter.

For Good Health and Blessing of:

In Loving Memory of:

Your name:

Donation:

To all those who would like to contribute for the Easter Flowers; checks should be made out to St. Mary Orthodox Church and earmarked "Easter Flowers".

All donations should be received by April 5th.



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

Charles Agaty (cousin)
Charlie Abdelahad (uncle)
Angel Alexandra Jude
Offered by: Fran & Sharon (Abdelahad) Wall

Ruth Salhany
Ida Lavin
Charles Agaty
Charles Abdelahad
Offered by: George & Barbara Moussalli

Charles Abdelahad
Charles Agaty
Leon Matook
Offered by: Nora Matook & Family

Sophie Hallal
Tasios Kavas
Alice Hindy
Offered by: Holly Lazieh & Sons & Bob Dessaint

Charles Agaty
Charles Abdelahad
Abraham Tahmoush
John Massiwer
Metropolitan PHILIP
George Kilsey
Florence David
Offered by: The Briggs & Wehbe Families

Charles Agaty
Offered by: Julia Al-Amir
Iman Al-Amir
Marwan Al-Amir & Family
Nancy Penta & Family
Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Abdelahad & Family

Charles Abdelahad
Charles Agaty
Fred Hashway Jr.
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Alexandra Jude Abdelahad
Offered by: Fr. Michael, Selma, Nicholas, Johnna & Christopher Abdelahad

Charles Agaty
Charlie Abdelahad
Alexandra Jude Abdelahad
Offered by: George & Sandra Matook
George, Kim & George Frank Matook
Steve, Elaina, Isabelle & Elizabeth Zabak

Ruth Salhany
Offered by: Lorice Zahka

Charles Agaty
Charles Abdelahad
John Swistak
Offered by: Elaine Swistak & Family

Abe Tahmoush
Charles Agaty
Charles Abdelahad
Leon Matook
Offered by: Elaine Gauthier

Metropolitan PHILIP
Charles Abdelahad
Charles Agaty
Ruth Salhany
Ida Lavin
Offered by: Mary Massiwer & Family



Ladies of St. Mary,

If you would like to carry the
"Epitaphion" on Holy Friday, please call
the Church Office between 9am-1pm
(401)726-1202.

Memorial Luncheon

Today, a Memorial Luncheon is being offered in memory of *Charles Abdelahad & Charles Agaty* by their loving Families at the Parish Center following Liturgy.



St. Mary Parish Bookstore

Many beautiful Orthodox religious items are available from the St. Mary Parish bookstore and display case. These include a new collection of Icons, Christmas and greeting cards, Liturgical music CD's, prayer books, coloring books, Crosses and Orthodox Bibles. These make wonderful gifts and reflect the *Tradition of our Orthodox Faith*. All proceeds benefit the general fund of the Church. Please see Fr. Elie if you wish to purchase these gifts.

Bulletin Submissions

Please help us provide a quality weekly bulletin by submitting all prayer requests and announcements to the church office by Noon on Wednesdays. Any requests received after this time will be in the following week's bulletin. Thank you for your cooperation.

Diocese of N.E. upcoming events

- ♦ **April 22nd at 10:30 A.M.**— St. Mary Church, Pawtucket: Hosting RI Clergy Meeting/Luncheon
- ♦ **June 18th-21st**— St. Mary Church, Pawtucket: Hosting 2015 Parish Life Conference
- ♦ **July 20th-26th**— St. Mary Church, Cambridge, MA: Hosting 52nd Archdiocesan Convention, Boston, MA

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249 HIGH STREET, PAWTUCKET, RI 02860

Holy Week 2015 Schedule of Services

Saturday, April 4th

Lazarus Saturday

9:00 a.m. — Divine Liturgy

Sunday, April 5th

Palm Sunday

8:50 a.m. — Orthros

10:00 a.m. — Divine Liturgy and
Procession with Palms

7:00 p.m. — Bridegroom Service

Monday, April 6th

Great and Holy Monday

7:00 p.m. — Bridegroom Service

Tuesday, April 7th

Great and Holy Tuesday

7:00 p.m. — Bridegroom Service

Wednesday, April 8th

Great and Holy Wednesday

7:00 p.m. — Sacrament of Holy
Unction

Thursday, April 9th

Great and Holy Thursday

10:00 a.m. — Divine Liturgy

7:00 p.m. — Service of the Twelve
Passion Gospels

Friday, April 10th

Great and Holy Friday

10:00 a.m. — Royal Hours

11:00 a.m. — Great Vespers of the
Taking Down of the Cross

7:00 p.m. — Service of the
Lamentations and Procession

Saturday, April 11th

Great and Holy Saturday

10:00 a.m. — Divine Liturgy

Sunday, April 12th

Great and Holy Pascha

11:00 p.m. (Saturday)—Rush Service

12:00 a.m. — Divine Liturgy
followed by Agape Breakfast

3:00 p.m. — Agape Vespers

St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church, Pawtucket

Schedule of Services: Great Lent 2015

Great Lent begins on Monday, February 23rd

The Service of Great Compline for the N.E. Region, with Bishop JOHN presiding, will be held on Monday evenings (*see schedule below*).

- ~March 16th: 7:00pm- St. George Church, Lowell, MA
- ~March 23rd: 7:00pm- St. George Church, West Roxbury, MA
- ~March 30th: 6:30pm- St. George Cathedral, Worcester, MA

St. Mary's Great Lent Prayer Schedule

The Service of Great Compline at St. Mary Church will be held on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm.

The Liturgy of the Pre-sanctified Gifts will be held on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm. Those wishing to partake of Holy Communion ought to be fasting from 12:00 noon on.

The service of the Akathyst Hymn or Madeeh (The Salutations to the Virgin Mary) will be held on the first five Friday evenings of Great Lent at 7:00 pm.

Sunday, March 1st: Special Vespers for Orthodoxy Sunday- 5:00pm at St. Mary Church, Pawtucket, RI

"May the Living God, the Fountain of Wisdom, enlighten our minds, strengthen our bodies, and nourish our souls in the blessing of this holy season, the Lenten Spring."



St. Mary Teen SOYO News and Events

Teen SOYO Invites You ~ to join all of us for
PASCHAL BREAKFAST

After Easter Liturgy- Sunday, May 12th
In the early morning hours at the Parish Center

Breakfast is complimentary, your donation is welcome.
Menu will include: breakfast pastry, scrambled eggs, bacon, French toast, fresh fruit, coffee, tea, juice.

Hope you will join us as we proclaim, "Christ is Risen!"

March is Antiochian Women's Month

During the month of March, in all the Churches of our Archdiocese, we highlight and remember the Ministry of Women in our Church. Being founded on the model of Mary the Mother of God herself and the Service of the Myrrh-bearer ministry is foundational for without it the Church would not exist.

During March, the Women will be reading the Epistle, taking the collection, and ushering as they do all year long. This year the Antiochian Women will also be sponsoring activities to raise funds for their NAB Project.

May God bless all of the Women of the Holy Church and bless their ministry.

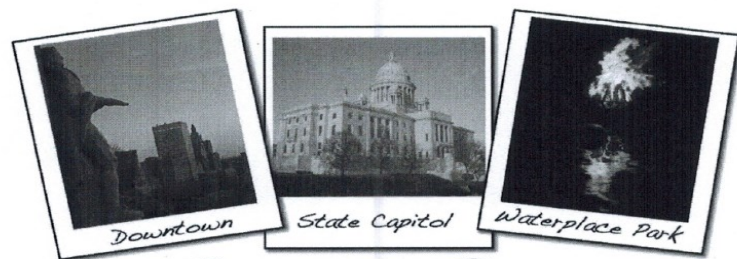
Readers

- Sunday, March 1st: Cindy Hayes
- Sunday, March 8th: Mirna Nakhoul
Arabic– Salwa Khoury
- Sunday, March 15th: Florence Spenard
Arabic– Samar Baalbaki
- Sunday, March 22nd: Maureen Gurghigian
Arabic– Hadeel Samaan
- Sunday, March 29th: Holly Lazieh
Arabic– Helen Morcos

Ushers

- Mary Massiwer & Sue Ayoub
- Sue Ayoub & Charlotte Mitri
- Lorice Hallal & Julia Vale
- Mary Jane Wehbe & Christine Briggs
- Nancy Sterpis & Cheryl Nassaney

Come to our kind of town... come to Providence!
Come to the 77th Annual Parish Life Conference!
June 18-21, 2015
His Grace Bishop JOHN, Presiding



Save the Date!

*Go to www.stmarypawtucket.org
for registration & more information!*

Join us for family fun, heart-warming fellowship and
wonderful opportunities for spiritual growth in the "Creative Capital"!

Highlights include:

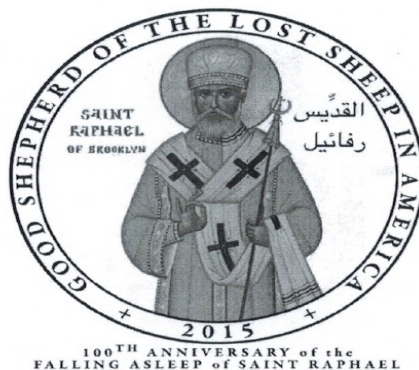
Bible bowl • Oratorical Contest • Game Night • Grand Hufli
Home of Multisensory Majesty of WaterFire • Low Ticket Rates & much more!

Registration Giveaway!

Register for the conference before May 1st, 2015 to be entered into a
drawing to win two Hufli tickets at the 2015 National Convention in Boston!

Book your room:

There are a limited number of rooms, so book early!
The Providence Marriott
1 Orms Street, Providence, RI
Special Conference Rate of **\$159** a night
For reservations call: 866-807-2171 &
Reference "Parish Life Conference"



GREAT LENT 2015

February 23rd ~ April 12th (Holy Pascha)



What is Lent?

Prayer † Fasting † Acts of Mercy

Sacrament of Confessions

Great Lent is the season to "Open the Gates of Repentance". The faithful are encouraged to enter into the sacrament of confession during the Forty-Day Fast. Confessions can be made before or after Divine Services, or by special appointment with the Priest.

Liturgical Supplies and Offerings for Lent

During Great Lent the Church offers an intensified schedule of Divine Services and Prayers. Donations are being sought from the faithful for the many extra Liturgical Supplies needed for the Holy Season. These offerings include candles, wine, oil, incense, bread, service books, music and printed materials. Please earmark your donations and offerings "Liturgical Supplies." Along with these offerings, bring also yourselves to pray the beautiful Lenten Services.

Food For Hungry People Collection (F.F.H.P.)

"When you see a poor person, remember the words of our Lord Jesus Christ by which He declared that it is He Himself who is fed. For through that which appears to be not Christ, yet in that person's form, it is Christ Himself who receives and begs."

~St. John Chrysostom

During the Holy Season of Lent, we collect alms to feed the hungry, as an act of Christian Mercy. Food for Hungry People collection boxes are available in the Vestibule & Church Hall. Take one home, fill it with coins during Lent and return it at Holy Pasha (Easter). Donations will also be accepted. To: St. Mary Orthodox Church earmarked "F.F.H.P."

May we be generous to reach out to those who hunger and who are in need.
This "reaching out" and caring will help us to witness the resurrection.