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 @ the Parish Center (*note change*)
Tuesday, April 21st: 7:00-10:00 P.M.- Parish Council Meeting at the Parish Center
Sunday, April 26th: Sunday of the Myrrh Bearing Women & Sts. Joseph of
    Arimathea and Nicodemus
    40 Day Memorial Service for Ida Lavin
    5 Year Memorial Service for Sophie Hallal
Saturday, May 2nd: 8:00 P.M.-1:00 A.M.-Spring Haffle (see Fr. Elie for tickets)
Sunday, May 3rd: Sunday of the Paralytic
    The Antiochian Women NAB Project Luncheon at the Parish Center
    following Liturgy
Monday, May 4th: 7:00 P.M.– Ladies Meeting
Saturday, May 9th: 5:00 P.M.– Arabic Liturgy (*note date change*)
Sunday, May 10th: Sunday of the Samaritan Woman
Tuesday, May 12th: 7:00-10:00 P.M.- Parish Council Meeting at the Parish Center
Sunday, May 17th: Sunday of the Blind Man
Sunday, May 24th: Holy Fathers of the First Council of Nicaea & After-feast of the
    Ascension of Christ
Sunday, May 31st: Sunday of PENTECOST

CHRIST IS RISEN, TRULY HE IS RISEN!
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

Parousia: from a Greek word meaning "presence." This is the term used to refer to the second coming of the Lord. On that day, all persons will arise, their bodies transfigured, and all creation will be transformed: new earth and new heavens. This will also be the day of judgment, when the Lord "will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead". (Creed: Mt 25:31; Rom 2:5-11)

Dearly beloved, what do you see in these events? Do you really believe that it was by chance that this chosen disciple was absent, then came and heard, heard and doubted, doubted and touched, touched and believed? It was not by chance but in God's providence. In a marvelous way God's mercy arranged that the disbelieving disciple, in touching the wounds of his Master's body, should heal our wounds of disbelief. The disbelief of Thomas has done more for our faith than the faith of the other disciples. As he touches Christ and is won over to belief, every doubt is cast aside and our faith is strengthened. So the disciple who doubted, then felt Christ's wounds, becomes a witness to the reality of the resurrection.

~St. Gregory Dialogos

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

Please make sure to bring your Food for Hungry People collection boxes to the Church Office if you have not done so already.
Troparion of St. Thomas: Tone 7
While the tomb was sealed, thou didst shine forth from it, O Light. While the doors were closed, thou didst come in to thy Disciples, O Christ God, Resurrection of all, renewing in us through them as upright spirit, according to the greatness of thy mercy.

Kontakion of Pascha: Tone 8
O Immortal One, when Thou didst descend into the tomb, Thou didst destroy the power of Hades; and Thou didst rise victorious, O Christ God. Thou hast said to the ointment-bearing women: Rejoice! And Thou gavest peace to Thy Disciples, O Bestower of Resurrection to those Who had fallen.
The Epistle
Acts 5:12-20

Prokeimenon: Great is our Lord, and great is his power.
Verse: Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good.
The reading is from the Acts of the Apostles.

In those days many signs and wonders were done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high honor. And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitude both of men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and pallets, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed. But the high priest rose up and all who were with him, that is, the party of the Sadducees, and filled with jealousy they arrested the apostles and put them in the common prison. But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out and said, "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of his Life."

The Gospel
John 20:19-31

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in his side, I will not believe."

Eight days later, his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut, but Jesus came and stood among them, and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name.
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”.

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PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR GOOD HEALTH AND BLESSING OF:
April Gentes Robert
Offered by: George & Sandra Matook
Mark Hashway
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur
Jacob Khoury
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury
Jacob Khoury
Offered by: Philip & Bette Ayoub

Fred, Adele & Robert Shwaery
Sam & Kay Matook
Ethel Kilsey
Fred Hallal
Offered by: Elaine Gauthier

PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED IN LOVING MEMORY OF:
Fred Hashway Jr.
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

We would like to thank all the parishioners who sent cards, called and put prayers in the bulletin in memory of our beloved brother John Hallal.

Al & Vicki Hallal & Family
Ron & Janice Hallal & Family
James Hallal

Thank you for all the calls, emails, cards, candles and especially the many prayers that were said for our son Jacob. God heard all the prayers and answered them! We thank God for his greatness and also for giving us such wonderful family and friends who have taken the time to pray for our son, it is very much appreciated. Jacob is doing very well and is recuperating at home.

Nabil and Salwa Khoury

Coffee Hour
Today, Coffee Hour is offered by Fadi & Hadeel Samaan for the Health of their Family. Coffee hour will be held in the Church Hall after Liturgy.
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

Christ is Risen!

Thanks to all of you who supported the Teen’s Easter breakfast. We hope you all enjoyed it!

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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