CHURCH CALENDAR

Holy Week 2015

Sunday, April 5th: Palm Sunday
Special Tray for 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: 9:00 A.M.– Royal Hours **Please note time change**
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: 10:00 P.M.– Rush Service

Sunday, April 12th: Great and Holy Pascha
12:00 A.M.– Divine Liturgy followed by Agape Breakfast
12:00 P.M. (Noon)– Agape Vespers **Please note time change**

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
5 Year Memorial Service for Sophie Hallal

Sunday, May 3rd: Sunday of the Paralytic
The Antiochian Women NAB Project Luncheon at the Parish Center following Liturgy

SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

Sunday, April 5, 2015
Glorious and Brilliant Feast of the Entrance of our Lord Jesus Christ into Jerusalem (Palm Sunday)
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**
Sunday, April 5, 2015

Troparion of Lazarus Saturday: Tone 1
O Christ God, when Thou didst raise Lazarus from the dead, before Thy Passion, Thou didst confirm the universal resurrection. Wherefore, we, like children, carry the insignia of triumph and victory, and cry to Thee, O Vanquisher of death: Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He Who cometh in the Name of the Lord.

Troparion of Palm Sunday: Tone 4
O Christ God, when we were buried with Thee in Baptism, we became deserving of Thy Resurrection to immortal life. Wherefore, we praise Thee, crying: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.

Kontakion for Palm Sunday: Tone 6
Upborne upon the heavenly throne, and seated upon the earthly foal, O Christ our God, receive the praises of angels and the hymns of men, exclaiming before Thee: Blessed is He that cometh to restore Adam.
Epistle
Philippians 4:4-9

Prokeimenon: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Verse: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His mercy endures forever.
The reading is from Saint Paul’s Letter to the Philippians.

Brethren, rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me; and the God of peace will be with you.

The Gospel
John 12:1-18

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus who had died was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. There they made him a supper; Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at table with him. Mary took a pound of costly ointment of pure nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment. But Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, one of his disciples (he who was to betray Jesus), said "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" This he said, not because he cared for the poor but because he was a thief, and as he had the money box he used to take what was put into it. Jesus said, "Let her alone, let her keep it for the day of my burial. The poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me." When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came, not only on account of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus also to death, because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus. The next day a great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young ass and sat upon it; as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on an ass's colt!" His disciples did not understand this at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that this had been written of him and had been done to him. The crowd that had been with Jesus when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead bore witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard that he had done this sign.

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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**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!

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

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**Please a note the following time changes during Holy Week:**

- **Friday, April 10th** - Royal Hours 9am
- **Saturday, April 11th** - Rush Service 10pm
- **Sunday, April 12th** - Agape Vespers 12:00 (noon)
PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED
IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Fred Hashway Jr.
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Charles Agaty
Mary Agaty
Charles Abdelahad
Offered by: Elaine Agaty

Charles Abdelahad
Offered by: Nora Abdelahad

Charles Agaty
Charles Abdelahad
Fouad, Marie, Nicholas & Madeleine ElKhaouli
Offered by: Yasmine ElKhouli

Charles Abdelahad
Charles Agaty
Offered by: George & Lois Kilsey & Family

Charles Abdelahad
Charles Agaty
Offered by: Lorice Hallal

John Hallal
Charles Abdelahad
Charles Agaty
Sophie Hallal
Moses Lazieh
Offered by: Holly Lazieh and Sons and Bob Dessaint

Mary Agaty
Offered by: Elaine Swistak

Karimeh Silfani
Offered by: Yasmine ElKhaouli

Charles Abdelahad
Charles Agaty
George Matook
Alma Matook
Thomas Matook
Scott Bleasdale
Chris Spenard
Leon Matook
Helen Roche
All of our deceased aunts, uncles & cousins
Offered by: Phil & Florence Spenard

Hallal Family
Sackall Family
Offered by: Georgette Hallal

John Hallal
Offered by: Samy & Helen Morcos

The Charles Slemon Family
Fred Hallal
Nabil & Salwa Khoury
Elaine Gauthier
Philip & Bette Ayoub

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.

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.

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
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:

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In Loving Memory of:

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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 TODAY April 5th.

ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIocese
OF NORTH AMERICA

Palm Sunday, 2015

To Be Read from the Pulpit and Printed in the Bulletin

Beloved in the Lord:

Greetings to you and your families on this Great Feast of the Church. As we have completed the 40-day Fast and prepare to enter into the most solemn week of the Church year, we pause today to celebrate our Lord’s triumphant and brilliant entry into the holy city of Jerusalem.

Today, as we pause to celebrate this feast amidst our Fast, we also pause to remember our beloved Mother Church headed by His Beatitude, Patriarch JOHN X. We were fortunate to be blessed by his visit in December of 2014 and we look forward to his apostolic blessings as he presides at our archdiocese convention in Boston this summer.

Each year on this special day, we ask you, the faithful of our God-protected Archdiocese for an offering of love to send to His Beatitude from his spiritual children here in America. Just as in our own families, we remember our parents on their birthdays and anniversaries; we, too, as a Church family, remember our spiritual father and our Mother Church each year on this great feast. As you give, please be generous so that our Church in the Middle East can continue to be a beacon of light in the midst of the darkness of war and turmoil that lingers in the lands where our Lord and the holy Apostles walked.

Wishing you in advance a prayerful Holy Week and a most joyous Pascha, I remain,

Your Father in Christ,

+Metropolitan JOSEPH, Primate
Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of all North America

“The disciples were first called Christians in Antioch” (Acts 11: 26)

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**Palm Sunday 2015**

**Blessing of the Palms and Candles** - Please bring the decorated candles to the table in front of the Iconostasis to be blessed. The blessing will take place at the end of the Liturgy, prior to the procession.

**The Palm Sunday Procession** - At the end of the Liturgy, the Procession of Palms outside will take place in the following order: Altar Servers, Clergy, choir and then the Faithful. Please remain in your seats until the ushers ask you to proceed. Remember to return inside the Church for the dismissal. In case of rain the procession will be held in the Church.

**The Palms are donated in memory of Charles & Anna M. Slemon by Their Loving Family**

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**Holy Pascha 2015**

_This year Pascha (Easter) falls on April 12th_

Please note that on Saturday, April 11th, (Great and Holy Saturday) the Easter Service begins at 10:00pm followed by the complete Orthros of Pascha (the paschal Cannon). Which is itself followed by the Divine Liturgy of the Feast. At the conclusion of the Liturgy, the Easter eggs will be blessed. It is the custom in many Orthodox cultures for many families to prepare a Paschal basket of Easter foods such as eggs, meats, cheeses, sausages, sweet breads, etc. If you would like to bring your own Pascha basket to church, please do so, placing it next to the Easter eggs at the front of the Church, to be blessed at the end of Liturgy. Following the service, the traditional Agape (love) breakfast will be served at the Parish Center sponsored by St. Mary Teen SOYO.
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.

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

Coffee Hour

There will be no coffee hour today.
Teen SOYO Invites You ~ to join all of us for **PASCHAL BREAKAST**

**After Easter Liturgy- Sunday, APRIL 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!”

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**St. Mary Teen SOYO News and Events**

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

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**St. Mary Church School News**

- 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 Huffi
- Home of Multi-sensory 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 Huffi 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 Garmo Street, Providence, RI
- Special Conference Rate of $159 a night

For reservations call: 866-807-2171 & Reference “Parish Life Conference”