

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, April 10th: 4th Sunday of Lent (John Climacus)
40 Day Memorial Service for Bahjat Khabbaz
5:00PM– Vespers for RIOCF – St. Spyridon's, Newport

Monday, April 11th: 7:00 P.M.-Great Compline at St. John of Damascus, Dedham
(Bishop JOHN presiding)
7:00 P.M.– Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday, April 12th: 6:30 P.M.– Great Compline at St. Mary Church, Pawtucket

Wednesday, April 13th: 7:00 P.M.- Pre-Sanctified Liturgy at St. Mary Church, Pawtucket

Thursday, April 14th: 7:00 P.M.– Great Compline at St. Mary Church, Pawtucket

Friday, April 15th: 6:30 P.M.- Akythyst Hymn at St. Mary Church, Pawtucket

Sunday, April 17th: 5th Sunday of Lent (Mary of Egypt)
Memorial Service for Sophie Hallal (6 years)
Outreach Meeting during Coffee Hour at the Parish Center
5:00PM– Vespers for RIOCF – St. Mary/Mena, Hope, RI

Monday, April 18th: 7:00 P.M.-Great Compline at St. George Cathedral, Worcester
(Bishop JOHN Presiding)

Tuesday, April 19th: 7:00 P.M.– Great Compline at St. Mary Church, Pawtucket

Wednesday, April 20th: 7:00 P.M.- Pre-Sanctified Liturgy at St. Mary Church, Pawtucket

Thursday, April 21st: 7:00 P.M.– Great Compline at St. Mary Church, Pawtucket

Friday, April 22nd: 7:00 P.M.- Pre-Sanctified Liturgy at St. Mary Church, Pawtucket

Saturday, April 23rd: 9:00 A.M.– Divine Liturgy for Lazarus Saturday

Sunday, April 24th: Palm Sunday
8:50 A.M.– Orthros
10:00 A.M.– Divine Liturgy and Procession with Palms
6:30 P.M.– Bridegroom Service

Monday, April 25th: Great and Holy Monday
6:30 P.M.– Bridegroom Service

Tuesday, April 26th: Great and Holy Tuesday
6:30 P.M.– Bridegroom Service

Wednesday, April 27th: Great and Holy Wednesday
6:00 P.M.– Sacrament of Holy Unction



SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



Sunday, April 10, 2016
Fourth Sunday of Great Lent

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

Sunday: Orthros (Matins) 8:45 a.m.
Church School 11:15 a.m.

*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 2016:

President: Salwa Khoury
Vice-President: Cindy Hayes
Secretary: Jamie Mitri
Treasurer: Fadia Kabak

Council Members: Joseph Samra III, Emad Amirhom, Scott Barnes, Cory Dupont, Lorice Hallal, Steven Kilsey Jr., Holly Lazieh, Walid Nakhoul, Elmer Stanley (*Church School*), Linda Dvelis, Hadeel Samaan

****Please feel free to contact Salwa Khoury at stkhoury@cox.net 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>

Please- As a reminder, if sponsoring a Coffee Hour during lent, make sure to have only fasting food (no chicken, meat, fish or dairy foods—shrimp is allowed.)



ST. MARY TEEN SOYO CAN FOOD DRIVE TO BENEFIT THE RI COMMUNITY FOOD BANK

A FOOD COLLECTION STATION WILL BE LOCATED IN THE
ST. MARY PARISH CENTER
ST. MARY WAY, PAWTUCKET RI 02860

Please bring Non-Perishable foods to the Collection Station at the
Parish Center from March 27th thru May 1st

Can goods: Fruits, Vegetables. Beans, Soup, Pasta Sauce, Tuna
Peanut Butter, Jams, Cereals, Grains, Pasta, Canned juices

No one should suffer from Hunger. Help US help the 60,000
Rhode Island residents who go hungry each day.

*For I was hungry and you gave me food, and I was thirsty and you gave me
drink. I was a stranger and you took me in. Matthew 25:35*

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: CINDY HAYES @ 480-4306

Sunday, April 10, 2016

Fourth Sunday of Great Lent

Tone 4 / Eothion 1

Troparion of the Resurrection: Tone 4

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying: Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy.

Troparion of St. John Climacus: Tone 8

The barren wilderness thou didst make fertile with the streams of thy tears; and by thy deep sighing thou hast given fruit through thy struggles a hundredfold. Accordingly, thou hast become a star for the universe, sparkling with miracles. Therefore, O righteous Father John Climacus, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

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.

Kontakion for the Annunciation (and Great Lent): Tone 8

To thee, the Champion Leader, do I offer thanks of victory, O Theotokos, thou who hast delivered me from terror; but as thou that hast that power invincible, O Theotokos, thou alone can set me free: from all forms of danger free me and deliver me, that I may cry unto thee: Hail, O Bride without Bridegroom.

THE EPISTLE

The Lord will give strength to His people. The Lord will bless His people with peace.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (6:13-20)

Brethren, when God made a promise to Abraham, since He had no one greater by whom to swear, He swore by Himself, saying, “Surely I will bless you and multiply you.” And thus Abraham, having patiently endured, obtained the promise. Men indeed swear by one greater than themselves, and in all their disputes an oath is final for confirmation. So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of His purpose, He interposed with an oath. So that through two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible that God should prove false, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to seize the hope set before us. We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner shrine behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. (9:16-30)

At that time, a man came to Jesus, kneeling down and saying unto him, “Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a dumb spirit. And wherever it seizes him, it dashes him down; and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid; and I asked Thy Disciples to cast it out, and they were not able.” And Jesus answered them, “O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to Me.” And they brought the boy to Him; and when the spirit saw Jesus, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. And Jesus asked his father, “How long has he had this?” And he said, “From childhood. And it has often cast him into the fire and into the water, to destroy him; but if Thou canst do anything, have pity on us and help us.” And Jesus said to him, “If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes.” Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, “Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!” And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, “You dumb and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again.” And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse; so that most of them said, “He is dead.” But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when Jesus had entered the house, His Disciples asked Him privately, “Why could we not cast it out?” And Jesus said to them, “This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer and fasting.” They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And Jesus would not have anyone know it; for He was teaching His Disciples, saying to them, “The Son of man will be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill Him; and after He is killed, He will rise on the third day.”

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).

Reminder:

Please be sure to fill your “Food for Hungry” box that was distributed at the beginning of Lent. The children discussed in Sunday School the importance of almsgiving during the Lenten season.

Good Friday Retreat:

We are putting together our parish’s first Good Friday retreat for the Sunday School children, ages 4 years-12th grade. We are tentatively planning to begin at 9:30 in the morning and go until 1:30. Fr. Elie will provide all children who are participating in the retreat with a letter to their school with an explanation to excuse them from classes for the day. Many Orthodox churches provide Good Friday retreats for their youth, and we are very excited to have the opportunity to do this for our parish! The children will be grouped off according to ages and will learn about Holy Week, Christ’s Death, and His Resurrection through various stations set up, in addition to attending the Vespers of the Taking Down from the Cross. Lunch will be provided. Additional details will follow.

If you plan for your children to attend the retreat and/or if you are willing to assist with the retreat, please email Rebecca Samra at rebsamra@gmail.com with your child’s name and grade in school. We will be asking that all children who plan to attend register in advance so that we can plan accordingly. We greatly appreciate everyone’s support and participation in this important event for our Sunday School!

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 \$100 to the church so that a Parish Council member will handle the coffee hour on your behalf.

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

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

**** ALL Coffee hour's will now be held at the Parish Center following Liturgy.****

~Please consider sponsoring a Coffee Hour~

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Sponsored by:</u>	<u>Sponsored for:</u>
April 10, 2016	Bassam Khabbaz & Family	Bahjat Khabbaz (40 day)
April 17, 2016	Her Daughters & their Families	Sophie Hallal (6 years)
April 24, 2016	no coffee hour	Palm Sunday
May 1, 2016	no coffee hour	Great & Holy PASCHA
May 8, 2016	St. Mary Church	Honoring Bishop Nicholas
May 15, 2016	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
May 22, 2016	Kamal, George, Gladys, Emile Haddad (1 year memorial)	
	Therese Haddad & Their Families	
May 29, 2016	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
June 5, 2016	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
June 12, 2016	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
June 19, 2016	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
June 26, 2016	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
July 3, 2016	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
July 10, 2016	Dr. Zeyad & Norma Morcos	Health of Elias Morcos
July 17, 2016	Hi Daughters & Their Families	Fred Hallal (1 year)
July 24, 2016	Audrey & Wayne Kilsey	Elthel Kilsey (1 year)
July 31, 2016	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	



Memorial Service



Today, a Forty-Day Memorial Service is being offered for the repose of the soul of *Bahjat Khabbaz* offered by his son, Dr. Bassam Khabbaz & Family. Coffee Hour is being offered in his memory at the Parish Center following Liturgy.

PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR GOOD HEALTH AND BLESSING OF:

Kevin Hashway
Mark Hashway
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Edward & Lillian Betor
Paul & Kerrie Betor
Thomas & Lynn Marcotte
Matthew & Adrienne Dykstra
Peter Marcotte
Laurice Zambie
William & LaVerne Ameen
Great-Granddaughters Joelle & Rose Dykstra
Newborn Great-Grandson, Daniel Thomas
Dykstra (Born 11-11-15)
Offered by: Edward & Lillian Betor

Fr. Elie and Rouba Estephan & Family
Offered by: Linda Dvelis

Dr. Bassam, Pauline, Jordan & Alex Khabbaz
Offered by:
John, Anita, Reyna & Anthony Chamoun

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

Newborn Asher James Duncan
Matthew, Meagan & Thomas Duncan
Charles Abosamra
Offered by: Holly Lazieh and Sons
& Bob Dessaint

PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Fred Hashway Jr.
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Ameen and Nayfey Sabath
Petros and Afife Betor
Helen Betor
Fred Sabath
Fred "Fritzie and Jimmy Sabath
Offered by: Edward & Lillian Betor

Bahjat Khabbaz
Offered by:
John, Anita, Reyna & Anthony Chamoun

Bahjat Khabbaz
Offered by: Nabil and Salwa Khoury

Bahjat Khabbaz
Offered by: Joe & Marlene Samra



GREAT LENT 2016

March 14th ~ May 1st (Holy Pascha)



What is Lent?

Prayer ✝ Fasting ✝ Acts of Mercy

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.

**** Please note- the Parish Council Meeting has been changed to MONDAY, MAY 11th at 7pm****

"Truly I tell you, just as you did it for one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it for me." (Matt. 25:40).

Fr. Elie is reaching out to everyone to do CHARITY deeds, he informed us that there are five refugee families who just arrived from Syria and are in need of all everyday essentials. They all have children of different ages. On that note Fr. Elie has a mile long list of what they need. See below for some needed items.

- Presto pan (Pressure)
- Electric frying pan (for french fries...)
- water glasses (2 dozens)
- tea cups (3 dozens)
- tea kettle (2)
- rug for dining room (under the dining table) 9x7?
- TV (3)
- TV stand (desk?)
- Vacuum (2)
- Kitchen utensils (dishes, bowls, silverwares, pans,...)
- Pillows (4)
- men clothes for almost all ages.
- girl clothes: ages: 3, 7 and 9.



Any furniture items. however, we need to confirm with the families before we accept it from donors.

Please let Fr. Elie know what items you can provide as soon as possible.

~Thank you and God bless you all~

**Great Lent and Holy Pascha 2016
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 24th.



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249 HIGH STREET, PAWTUCKET, RI 02860

**Holy Week 2016
Schedule of Services**

Saturday, April 23rd

Lazarus Saturday

9:00 a.m. — Divine Liturgy

Sunday, April 24th

Palm Sunday

8:50 a.m. — Orthros

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

6:30 p.m. — Bridegroom Service

Monday, April 25th

Great and Holy Monday

6:30 p.m. — Bridegroom Service

Tuesday, April 26th

Great and Holy Tuesday

6:30 p.m. — Bridegroom Service

Wednesday, April 27th

Great and Holy Wednesday

6:00 p.m. — Sacrament of Holy
Unction

Thursday, April 28th

Great and Holy Thursday

10:00 a.m. — Divine Liturgy

6:30 p.m. — Service of the Twelve
Passion Gospels

Friday, April 29th

Great and Holy Friday

10:00 a.m. — Royal Hours

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

6:30 p.m. — Service of the
Lamentations and Procession

Saturday, April 30th

Great and Holy Saturday

10:00 a.m. — Divine Liturgy

Sunday, May 1st

Great and Holy Pascha

11:00 p.m. (Saturday)—Rush Service

12:00 a.m. — Divine Liturgy

followed by Agape Breakfast

6:00 p.m. — Agape Vespers

Calling all Foreign Language Readers!

German, French, Spanish, Latin, Portuguese, Arabic, Russian....
I am looking for as many people as possible to declare that “Christ Is Risen” at the Agape Service on Pascha, May 1st at 6:00P.M. If you are interested in reading, please contact Beth Schillawski at (508) 399-0946 or bethschillawski@gmail.com All texts will be provided.

Parking Lot

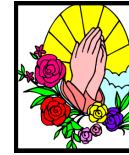
The parking lot across the street is to be used for elderly and handicapped parking only. Please use our other parking lot to park during church services.

2016 Assessment Fee

The Parish Council wishes to kindly remind the Faithful to send in their Archdiocese Assessment of \$125 made out to St. Mary Church to help meet our obligations to the Archdiocese for 2016. Thank you to those parishioners who have already sent in their payment.

Palm Sunday Candles

Palm Sunday candles are available for purchase. Please contact Fadia Kabak (401) 769-4915 or the church office to place an order.



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.

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.

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.*

Saint Mary's Adult Education

"...to equip his people for the work of the Church, so that the body of Christ may be built up... attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ!" (Ephesians 4:12,13)

Everyone is welcome each Sunday after the Divine Liturgy for Adult Education in the Parish Center. Along with our priest, Fr. Elie, our Adult Education team encourages each and every parishioner to deepen his or her personal devotion, knowledge of and passion for the Orthodox Faith.

Along with prayer and fasting, Great Lent is also one of the most teachable periods of the Church's liturgical year. As we prepare to embark upon our Lenten journey with one another *in Christ* let us learn from the depth of wisdom the Church has gifted to us, in order that we might make the words of St. Paul above a reality for our parish.

Any questions regarding Adult Education can be directed to either Fr. Elie or any member of our Adult Education team: Cory Dupont, Dr. Matt Duncan, Matthew Cooper, and Elmer Stanley.