Sunday, April 24th: Palm Sunday
8:50 A.M.– Orthros
10:00 A.M.– Divine Liturgy and Procession with Palms
Extra Collection for the Patriarch
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 (Bishop JOHN presiding)
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
11:00 P.M.– Rush Service

Sunday, May 1st: Great and Holy Pascha
12:00 A.M.– Divine Liturgy followed by Agape Breakfast
6:00 P.M.– Agape Vespers

Monday, May 2nd: 7:00 P.M.– Ladies Meeting

Sunday, May 8th: Sunday of St. Thomas
Special Coffee Hour honoring Bishop Nicholas
Mother’s Day

Tuesday, May 10th: 7:00 P.M.– Parish Council Meeting

Saturday, May 14th: 5:00 P.M.– Arabic Liturgy

Sunday, May 15th: Sunday of the Myrrh Bearing Women
Church School Graduation & Luncheon

Sunday, May 22nd: Sunday of the Paralytic

Sunday, May 29th: Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

Sunday, June 5th: Sunday of the Blindman

Sunday, June 12th: Holy Fathers of the First Council of Nicea

Sunday, April 24, 2016
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 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**
Glorious and Brilliant Feast of the Entrance of our Lord Jesus Christ into Jerusalem (Palm Sunday)

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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 of 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.

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


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

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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. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. 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 been 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 $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”.

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

~Please consider sponsoring a Coffee Hour~

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Bishop Nicholas is visiting St. Mary Church on Sunday, May 8th and will be presiding over Liturgy. We will be having a special Coffee Hour in his honor. Please join us!

Volunteer Cleaners needed

We will be cleaning the church on Thursday, April 28th, following Divine Liturgy at 10:00am.

Ladies of St. Mary,
If you would like to carry the ‘Epitaphion’ on Holy Friday, please call the Church Office between 9am-12pm by Tuesday, April 26th. (401)726-1202.

Diocese of New England: 2016 Parish Life Conference

Please reserve the dates:
June 11th & 25th for the 2016 Parish Life Conference. This year it will be hosted by St. George Church, Lawrence, MA.

June 11th: Pre-Conference
Location: St. George Orthodox Church, Lowell, MA

June 25th: Conference
Location: Sts. Constantine & Helen Church
71 Chandler Road, Andover, MA

~More info to follow~

PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR GOOD HEALTH AND BLESSING OF:
Kevin Hashway
Mark Hashway
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur
Edward & Lilian 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 & Lilian Betor
The Children & Grandchildren of Sophie Hallal
Offered by: Elaine Gauthier

PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED IN LOVING MEMORY OF:
Fred Hashway Jr.
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur
Ameen and Nayfey Sabath
Petros & Affie Betor
Helen Betor
Fred Sabath
Fred “Fritzie and Jimmy Sabath
Offered by: Edward & Lilian Betor
Sophie Hallal
Fred Hallal
Offered by: Elaine Gauthier
Joe Doephner
Offered by: Joe & Marlene Samra
Irina
Adiba ElMasry
Offered by: Samy & Helen Morcos

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.
The Teens of our Parish Invite You
to join all of us for

**PASCHAL BREAKFAST**
After Easter Liturgy - Sunday, May 1st
In the early morning hours at the Parish Center

*Breakfast is complimentary, your donation is welcome.*
Menu will include: breakfast pastry, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, french toast, fresh fruit, yogurt & granola, chicken francese, garden salad, coffee, tea, juice.

A BIG Thank You to Noelle Arrighi, Mary Gurghigian & Jacob Muller members of the Teens who Volunteered at the Rhode Island Food Bank Thursday April 21, 2016. May God Continue to Bless You as you Do His Work!

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**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:**

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**In Loving Memory of:**

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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.*
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 Pascha (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.
**Palm Sunday 2016**

**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.

**Holy Pascha 2016**

This year Pascha (Easter) falls on May 1st

Please note that on Saturday, April 30th, (Great and Holy Saturday) the Easter Service begins at 11:00pm 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 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 Church.

**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.