

CHURCH CALENDAR

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

12:00A.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: 7:00P.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



SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



Sunday, April 24, 2016

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

Saint Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church

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

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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 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

Alleluia

Alleluia— It occurs in the Psalms and was chanted as an antiphon by the choir. Otherwise, it is rarely used in the Old Testament but it was taken very early in the Liturgy of the Christian Church. Its use in the Roman Church has been rather definitely regulated. However, in the Orthodox Church the Alleluia has remained part of all services, usually at the end of readings and hymns. Actually, one of the grievances of the Eastern Church against the Western was the latter's infrequent use of the Alleluia. In the Eastern Church an important hymn, call the Cherubic Hymn or Cherubikon ends with the Alleluia. The Alleluia is also sung at the important juncture of the liturgy just before the reading of the gospel. The great frequency of the 'Alleluia' in the entire Orthodox liturgical life demonstrates the special significance ascribed to the Church to this worshipful exhortation, so much so that it has been allowed to gradually enter the most sacred poems of the Orthodox hymnography. One of the most popular and appealing services, the Akathist Hymn is adorned by the use of the Alleluia as a refrain to the Salutations of Mary, a well known evening service on Fridays of the Great Lent. Thus, the Alleluia has been, from the beginning, used in the Orthodox Church as a festive refrain to Psalmic verses and other hymns or as a doxology and thanksgiving to God.



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.)

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.



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



Glorious and Brilliant Feast of the Entrance of our Lord Jesus Christ into Jerusalem (Palm Sunday)

Sunday, April 24, 2016

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 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.



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 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 \$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 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	St. Mary Church	Church School Graduation
May 22, 2016	Kamal, George, Gladys, Therese Haddad & Their Families	Emile Haddad (1 year memorial)
May 29, 2016	Open for sponsorship	
June 5, 2016	Steve & Patricia Kilsey Joe & Marlene Samra	John & Esma Gorab
June 12, 2016	Open for sponsorship	
June 19, 2016	Open for sponsorship	
June 26, 2016	Open for sponsorship	
July 3, 2016	Open for sponsorship	
July 10, 2016	Dr. Zeyad & Norma Morcos	Health of Elias Morcos
July 17, 2016	His Daughters & Their Families	Fred Hallal (1 year)
July 24, 2016	Audrey & Wayne Kilsey	Elthel Kilsey (1 year)
July 31, 2016	St. Mary Church	Family Day
August 7, 2016	Open for sponsorship	
August 14, 2016	no coffee hour	St. Mary Church Feast
August 21, 2016	Open for sponsorship	
August 28th, 2016	Open for sponsorship	
September 4, 2016	Open for sponsorship	
September 11, 2016	Open for sponsorship	

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!

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~

Volunteer Cleaners needed

Please come help us clean our church in preparation for Pascha.
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.

**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

The Children & Grandchildren of Sophie Hallal
Offered by: Elaine Gauthier

Kevin, Omer & Marci Reed
Offered by: Joe & Marlene Samra

Sheryl Kogut & Family
Sister Xenia
Offered by: Samy & Helen Morcos

Nina
Maria
Svetlana
Roger
Vladimir
Vladimir
Offered by: Svetlana Chekrallah

**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

Sophie Hallal
Fred Hallal
Offered by: Elaine Gauthier

Joe Doeppner
Offered by: Joe & Marlene Samra

Irina
Adiba ElMasry
Offered by: Samy & Helen Morcos

Anna
Zinaida
Stepan
Artemiy
Anatoliy
Nickolay
Offered by: Svetlana Chekrallah



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.

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!



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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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

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.)

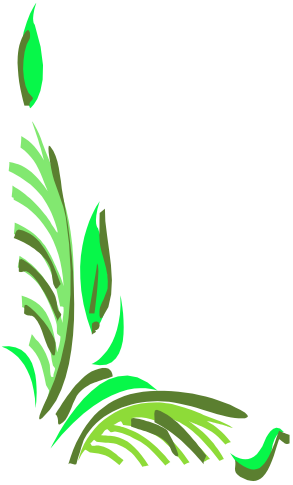
"When you see a poor person, remember the words of our Lord Jesus Christ by which He declared that it is He Himself who is fed. For through that which appears to be not Christ, yet in that person's form, it is Christ Himself who receives and begs."

~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.

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.



~Thank you~

The Palms are donated in memory of
Charles & Anna M. Slemon
Offered by The Slemon Family.

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.

- *Sunday, April 24th (Palm Sunday)- *NO CLASS*
- *Sunday, May 1st (PASCHA)- *NO CLASS*
- *Sunday, May 8th– Easter Egg Hunt during Church School
- *Sunday, May 15th– End of Church School Luncheon



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.