Sunday, March 19th: Third Sunday of Lent
  Second Collection for Antiochian Women’s Project
  Outreach Committee ‘Soup Kitchen’ 12pm-12:30pm

Monday, March 20th: 7:00 P.M.-Great Compline at St. George, Lowell, MA
  (Bishop JOHN presiding)
Tueaday, March 21st: 7:00 P.M.– Great Compline at St. Mary Church, Pawtucket
Wednesaday, March 22nd: 7:00 P.M.- Pre-Sanctified Liturgy at St. Mary Church
Thursday, March 23rd: 7:00 P.M.– Great Compline at St. Mary Church, Pawtucket
Friday, March 24th: 7:00 P.M.- Akthyst Hymn at St. Mary Church, Pawtucket, followed
  by a Potluck Dinner at the Parish Center
Sunday, March 26th, 2017: Fourth Sunday of Lent
  Ladies Society Dinner at the Parish Center
  5:00P.M.- RI Orthodox Clergy Fellowship Lenten Sunday
  Vespers & refreshments

Monday, March 27th: 7:00 P.M.-Great Compline at St. John of Damascus, Dedham, MA
  (Bishop JOHN presiding)
Tuesday, March 28th: 7:00 P.M.– Great Compline at St. Mary Church, Pawtucket
Wednesday, March 29th: 7:00 P.M.- Pre-Sanctified Liturgy at St. Mary Church
Thursday, March 30th: 7:00 P.M.– Great Compline at St. Mary Church, Pawtucket
Friday, March 31st: 7:00 P.M.- Akthyst Hymn at St. Mary Church, Pawtucket
Saturday, April 1st: 6:00 P.M.– Arabic Liturgy
Sunday, April 2nd: Fifth Sunday of Lent
Monday, April 3rd: 6:30 P.M.-Great Compline at St. George Cathedral, Worcester
  (Bishop JOHN presiding)
Saturday, April 8th: 9:00 A.M.– Divine Liturgy for Lazarus Saturday
  Breakfast following Liturgy at the Parish Center & Demonstration on making palm crosses
Sunday, April 9th: Palm Sunday
  8:50am– Orthros
  10:00am-Divine Liturgy and Procession with Palms
  6:30pm– Bridegroom Service
Monday, April 10th: Great and Holy Monday ~ 6:30pm– Bridegroom Service
Tuesday, April 11th: Great and Holy Tuesday ~ 6:30pm– Bridegroom Service
Wednesday, April 12th: Great and Holy Wednesday
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 2017:
President: Salwa Khoury
Vice-President: Cindy Hayes
Secretary: Jamie Mitri
Treasurer: Fadia Kabak
Council Members: Geoff Ayoub, Scott Barnes, Matthew Duncan (Sunday School), Linda Dvelis, Keith Hallal, Fred Kilsey, George Kilsey, Walid Nakhoul, Chadi Saad, Hadeel Samaan, Joseph Samra III

**Please feel free to contact Salwa Khoury at (401) 434-8877 / stkhoury@cox.net or any member of the Parish Council with any questions or concerns**

Orthodox Vocabulary
Hexapsalmos
The sequence of six psalms read after the opening prayers of Orthros. They are Septuagint Psalms 3, 37, 62, 87, 102 and 142. During the reading of the Six Psalms the officiating priest recites the twelve Matins prayers and the congregation maintains a strict silence.

All our life is like a day of celebration for us; we are convinced, in fact, that God is always everywhere. We work while singing, we sail while reciting hymns, we accomplish all other occupations of life while praying.
~Clement of Alexandria

Soup Kitchen Donations
Kindly place your donation in the ‘breadbox’ (at the rear of the Church on the candle stand) to help defray the costs of the ‘Soup Kitchen’ Outreach project.

Thank you for your support!
The Soup Kitchen provides boxed lunches to people from the community every 3rd Sunday of the month.

SAVE THE DATE
(**note date change**)
Spring Haflı
May 13th ~ 8pm-1am
Singer: Sumaia Aziz
More info to follow......
Visitations

Please contact Fr. Elie or Salwa Khoury with any names of parishioners that are in need of visitation either at home, in hospital or nursing homes.

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.

Arabic Educational Foundation Scholarship

The Arabic Educational Foundation is now taking applications for the 2017 school year. Applicants of Arabic descent that are enrolled full-time as an undergraduate student are eligible to apply. Applications and Scholarship Eligibility Requirements are available online at www.aef-ri.org. Scholarship applications must be submitted by April 15th.

Third Sunday of Lent:

Veneration of the Holy Cross

Tone 6 / Eothinon 6

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION: Tone 6

When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb; and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION FOR THE HOLY CROSS: Tone 1

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance, granting to Thy people victory over all their enemies, and by the power of Thy Cross preserving Thy commonwealth.

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.

Diocese of N.E. upcoming events

We are happy to announce this year’s Parish Life Conference, hosted by St. George Orthodox Cathedral of Worcester. This year’s PLC is filled with events for the whole family to enjoy. Some of the scheduled events include: Divine services, Teen SOYO baseball game outing, Young Adults Summer BBQ Bash, presentation on the conference theme by Fr. George Eber, Oratorical, Bible Bowl, Hafl, delicious food and much more... Event rates are very affordable so be sure to register your family today: http://www.antiochianevents.com/worcester.html
Brethren, since we have a high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. Because of this he is bound to offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not take the honor upon himself, but he is called by God, just like Aaron was. So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, "Thou art my Son, today I have begotten Thee," as he says also in another place, "Thou art a priest for ever, after the order of Melchizedek."

The Lord said, "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." And Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see that the kingdom of God has come with power."
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The Bulletin is available online on our website at:
http://stmarypawtucket.org

St. Mary Teen SOYO News and Events

TEEN SOYO NEWS

Special Olympics Coaching Opportunities at Antiochian Village

The 2017 Special Olympics Sports Camp is scheduled to be held at the Antiochian Village August 11-20, 2017. This ministry is sponsored by the North American Council of Teen SOYO, and is the second longest running program of Special Olympics Pennsylvania, serving over 340 Special Olympics Athletes, Coaches, and Staff each season. It is the premier SOYO outreach program, now in its 36th year of service. Each year SOYO teens raise the funds on Special Olympics Awareness Day. Please see Matt Duncan if you are interested in submitting an application.

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)

Upcoming Events:
Friday, April 14th: Good Friday Retreat
Sunday, April 30th: Walk-a-Thon
Sunday, June 11th: Church School Graduation & Dinner

PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR
GOOD HEALTH AND BLESSING OF:

Kevin Hashway
Mark Hashway
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur
Fadia & Tony Kabak
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury
Mark Hashway
Offered by: Ray & Leila Trabulsi
Nora Matook
Offered by: Michael, Maria, Mark & Meika Matook
George Matook
Dr. Alan Matook
Leah, Bianca & Johnna Macaruso
Michael, Maria, Mark & Meika Matook
Offered by: Nora Matook
Fadia & Tony Kabak
George Matook
Alan Matook
Offered by: Elaine Swistak
Fadia & Tony Kabak
Offered by: Samy & Helen Morcos

Special Prayers of Good Health and Blessing are being offered for Beth Schillawski on the occasion of her birthday.

These prayers are being offered by her loving family Jim, Michael & Tanya Schillawski.

Arabic Liturgy

Arabic Liturgy is being offered the first Saturday of each month at 6:00 P.M. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.
Saint Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church
249 High Street, Pawtucket, RI 02860
Holy Week 2017

Saturday, April 8th
Lazarus Saturday
9:00 a.m. — Divine Liturgy

Sunday, April 9th
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 10th
Great and Holy Monday
6:30 p.m. — Bridegroom Service

Tuesday, April 11th
Great and Holy Tuesday
6:30 p.m. — Bridegroom Service

Wednesday, April 12th
Great and Holy Wednesday
6:00 p.m. — Sacrament of Holy Unction

Thursday, April 13th
Great and Holy Thursday
10:00 a.m. — Divine Liturgy
6:30 p.m. — Service of the Twelve Passion Gospels

Friday, April 14th
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 15th
Great and Holy Saturday
10:00 a.m. — Divine Liturgy

Sunday, April 16th
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

March is Antiochian Women’s Month

During the month of March, in all the Churches of our Archdiocese, we highlight and remember the Ministry of Women in our Church. Being founded on the model of Mary the Mother of God herself and the Service of the Myrrh-bearer ministry is foundational for without it the Church would not exist. During March, the Women will be reading the Epistle, taking the collection, and ushering as they do all year long.

May God bless all of the Women of the Holy Church and bless their ministry.

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Ladies Society Dinner

On Sunday, March 26th the Ladies Society will be hosting a dinner (following Liturgy) at the parish center. Everyone is welcome.

Menu: Fish, roasted potatoes, vegetables, salad & dessert.

Adults:$15      Children 12 and older: $7     Children under 12: Free
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) is asked to contact the choir director Dawn Boukari @ (401) 465-8909 or email her: daboukari@gmail.com

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.

Lazarus Saturday
Saturday, April 8th: 9:00 A.M.– Divine Liturgy for Lazarus Saturday
Breakfast following Liturgy at the Parish Center & Demonstration on making palm crosses. All materials will be provided (free) and all are welcome to make palm crosses.

RI Orthodox Clergy Fellowship ~ Lenten Sunday
Sunday, March 26th, 2017 ~ 5:00P.M.
Vespers & refreshments (at the Parish Center) following Liturgy

GREAT LENT 2017
February 27th ~ April 16th (Holy Pascha)

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.
Coffee Hour

Prayers in Memory of His Eminence Metropolitan PHILIP of thrice-blessed memory on the 3rd Anniversary of his repose are requested by the members of the Order of St. Ignatius. May his memory be eternal. Coffee hour will be held at the Parish Center in his memory sponsored by the Order of St. Ignatius.

Palm Sunday Candles

Decorated Palm Sunday Candles for children will be displayed and available for purchase during Coffee Hour today at the Parish Center.

Parish Center phone number

The new phone number for the Parish Center is (401) 725-5150.

Byzantine Night

With the blessing and the presence of our beloved Bishop John, our Arabic Choir, led by Kh. Rouba, invites you to a Byzantine Night on Saturday, May 6 at 6:00 pm. Immediately following, we will meet at the Parish Center for refreshments.

Great Lent and Holy Pascha 2017
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 9th.