

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, March 26th, 2017: Fourth Sunday of Lent

Ladies Society Luncheon 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.- Akythyst Hymn at St. Mary Church, Pawtucket

Saturday, April 1st: 6:00 P.M.– Arabic Liturgy

Sunday, April 2nd: Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ladies Society Meeting during Coffee Hour
Outreach Committee Meeting during Coffee Hour

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

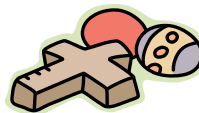
6:00 P.M.– Sacrament of Holy Unction

Thursday, April 13th: Great and Holy Thursday

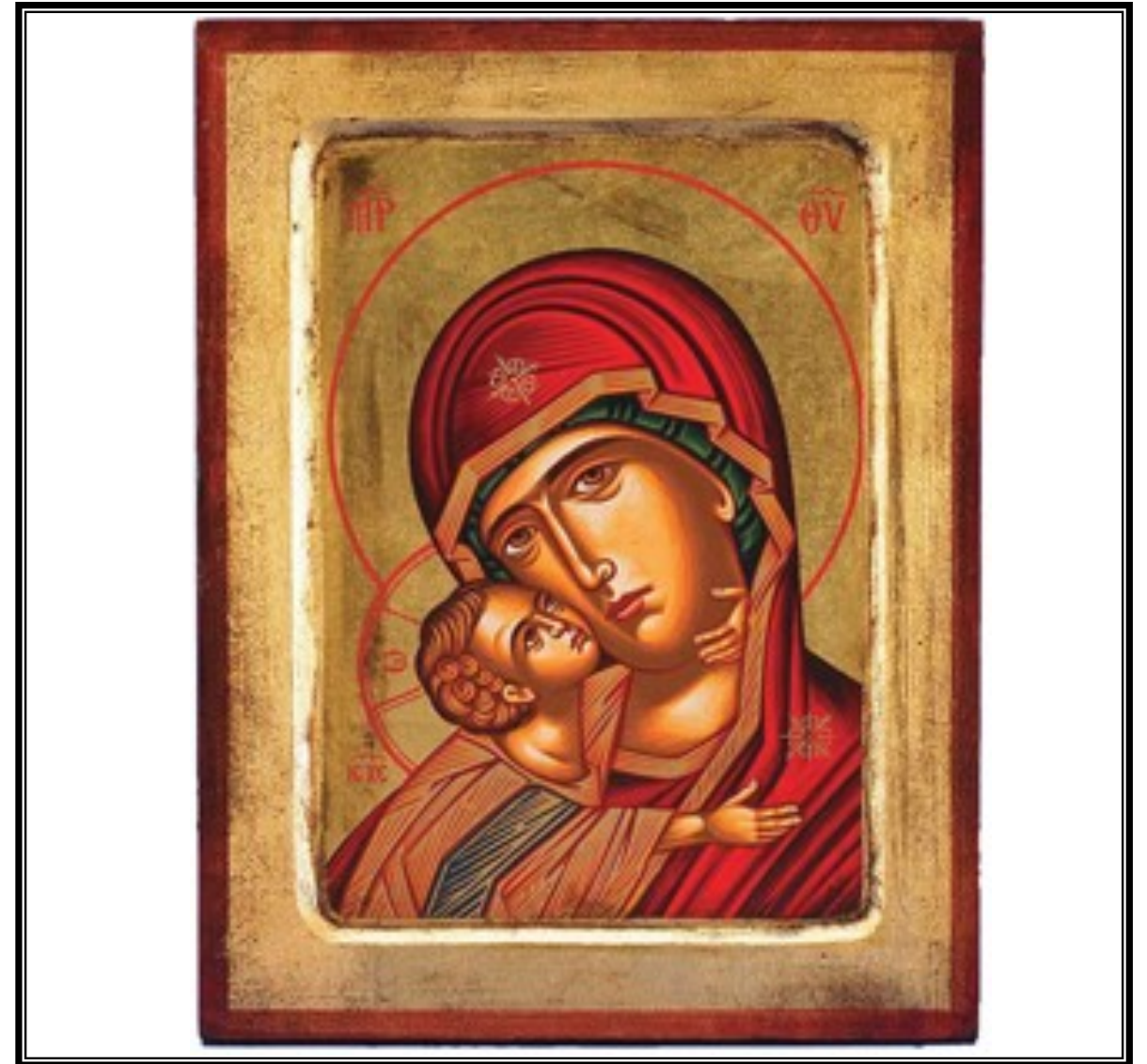
10:00am– Divine Liturgy
6:30pm– Service of the Twelve Passion Gospels

Friday, April 14th: Great and Holy Friday

10:00am– Royal Hours
11:00am– Great Vespers of the Taking Down of the Cross
6:30pm– Service of the Lamentations and Procession



SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



Sunday, March 26, 2017

Fourth Sunday of Lent &

Leave-taking of the Annunciation to the Theotokos

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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

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|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| <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 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

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



Spring Hafle

Saturday, May 13th

Doors open at 8:00pm * Dinner 8:30pm

Come and enjoy an evening of Music & Dabke

For tickets & reservations please contact:
Fr. Elie (240) 205-9079 / elieruba@gmail.com
Tony Kabak (401) 744-6317, (401) 769-4915 /
fadiakabak@verizon.net



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 \$200 to the church so that a Parish Council member will handle the coffee hour on your behalf.

~Please consider sponsoring a Coffee Hour~

| <u>Date:</u> | <u>Sponsored by:</u> | <u>Sponsored for:</u> |
|--------------------|---------------------------|--|
| March 26, 2017 | St. Mary Ladies Society | Ladies Society Luncheon |
| April 2, 2017 | William Salhany & Family | Memory of Ruth Salhany |
| April 9, 2017 | no coffee hour | Palm Sunday |
| April 16, 2017 | Agape Breakfast | Pascha |
| April 23, 2017 | Her Loving Family | Memory of Sophie Hallal |
| April 30, 2017 | Elaine Wilbur | Health of son Mark & Memory of son Fred & husband Russell |
| May 7, 2017 | Cindy Hayes | Memory of Don Hayes (10 years) |
| May 14, 2017 | Chadi Saad | Health of Hadi Saad & Family |
| May 21, 2017 | Steve Kilsey & Students | "Saints among us" |
| May 28, 2017 | Charitable Gift Program | Memory / Health of all Participants |
| June 4, 2017 | Nabil & Salwa Khoury | Health of Family |
| June 11, 2017 | St. Mary Church | Church School Graduation Dinner |
| June 18, 2017 | The Kilsey Family | Memory of Mary Kilsey (20 years) |
| June 25, 2017 | Elaine Swistak & Family | Memory of John Swistak (5 years) |
| July 2, 2017 | Open for sponsorship | |
| July 9, 2017 | His Loving Family | Memory of Frederick Hallal |
| July 16, 2017 | Open for sponsorship | |
| July 23, 2017 | Dr. Zeyad & Norma Morcos | Health of our son Elias Morcos |
| July 30, 2017 | Open for sponsorship | |
| August 6, 2017 | Open for sponsorship | |
| August 13, 2017 | Open for sponsorship | |
| August 20, 2017 | St. Mary Church | Feast Day Dinner |
| August 27, 2017 | Open for sponsorship | |
| September 3, 2017 | Open for sponsorship | |
| September 10, 2017 | The Order of St. Ignatius | First Day of Church School |
| September 17, 2017 | Open for sponsorship | |
| September 24, 2017 | Open for sponsorship | |
| October 1, 2017 | Open for sponsorship | |

Fourth Sunday of Lent &

Leave-taking of the Annunciation to the Theotokos

Tone 7 / Eothinon 7

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION: Tone 7

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy. And didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION OF THE ANNUNCIATION: Tone 4

Today is the beginning of our salvation, and the manifestation of the mystery from the ages; for the Son of God becometh the Son of the Virgin, and Gabriel proclaimeth grace. Wherefore, do we shout with him to the Theotokos: Rejoice, O full of grace! The Lord is with thee.

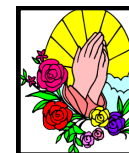
TROPARION OF THE DORMITION: Tone 1

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

*(**The original melody**)*

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)

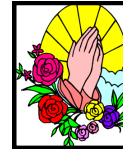
At that time, a man came to Jesus, kneeling down and saying unto him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a dumb spirit. And wherever it seizes him, it dashes him down; and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid; and I asked Thy Disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." And 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."

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.

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.

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, Hafli, delicious food and much more... Event rates are very affordable so be sure to register your family today: <http://www.antiochianevents.com/worcester.html>

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

ONLINE BULLETIN

The Bulletin is available online on our website at:
<http://stmarypawtucket.org>



Memorial Service



Today, a Memorial Service is being offered for the repose of the soul of *Rose Khourey*. This Memorial Service is being offered by her daughter Fadia & Tony Kabak.

May God grant her peace and repose and may her memory be eternal.

PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR GOOD HEALTH AND BLESSING OF:

Kevin Hashway
Mark Hashway
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Nora Abdelahad
Offered by: Elaine Agaty
Sandra & George Matook & Family
Fr. Michael & Selma Abdelahad & Family

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Fadia & Tony Kabak
Kay Matook
Maia Hanoosh
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Ray & Leila Trabulsi
Elaine Swistak
Samy & Helen Morcos
Nabil & Salwa Khoury
Joe & Marlene Samra
Ed & Sue Ayoub
Offered by: Fadia & Tony Kabak

Kay & Samy Matook
Offered by: Pat Juber

Fadia & Tony Kabak
George & Sandra Matook & Family
Mark Hashway
Dennis & Donna Minnet & Family
Offered by: Cindy Hayes & Children

PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Fred Hashway Jr.
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Charles Abdelahad
Offered by: Nora Abdelahad
Elaine Agaty
Sandra & George Matook & Family
Fr. Michael & Selma Abdelahad & Family

Rose Khourey
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Rose Khourey
Ed Stravato
Patricia Hagen
Leon Matook
Don Hayes
John Massiwer
Tom Andrew
Offered by: Cindy Hayes & Children



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.

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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



Ladies Society News

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.

Epistle

Ushers

English/Arabic

March 26th: Jiana Daikh/Carol Daikh

Elaine Wilbur & Lorice Hallal



Ladies Society Luncheon

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

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

Adults: \$15 Children 12 and older: \$7 Children under 12: Free

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) is asked to contact the choir director Dawn Boukari @ (401) 465-8909 or email her: daboukari@gmail.com

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

TODAY- Sunday, March 26th, 2017 ~ 5:00P.M.
Vespers & refreshments (at the Parish Center) following Liturgy



Outreach & Ladies Society Meetings

There will be an Outreach Committee Meeting followed by a Ladies Society Meeting on Sunday, March 26th during coffee hour.

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.

Palm Sunday Candles

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

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.

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.

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.

**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.

