**Sunday, April 16th:** Great & Holy PASCHA  
11:00pm– (Saturday) Rush Service  
12:00am– Divine Liturgy followed by Agape Breakfast  
6:00pm– Agape Vespers  

**Sunday, April 23rd:** Sunday of St. Thomas  
Outreach “Soup Kitchen” 12pm-12:30pm  

**Saturday, April 29th:** 6:00 P.M.– Arabic Liturgy (this will replace May Arabic Liturgy)  

**Sunday, April 30th:** Sunday of Myrrh-bearers  
Church School - Walk-a-Thon  

**Saturday, May 6th:** 6:00 P.M.– Byzantine Night (Chanting at Church followed by refreshments at the Parish Center)  

**Sunday, May 7th:** Sunday of the Paralytic  
10 year Memorial Service for Don Hayes  
40 day Memorial Service for Georges Karam  

**Tuesday, May 9th:** 7:00 P.M.– Parish Council Meeting  

**Saturday, May 13th:** 8pm-1am – Mother’s Day Celebration Hafli at the Parish Center  

**Sunday, May 14th:** Sunday of the Samaritan Woman  
Mother’s Day  

**Sunday, May 21st:** Sunday of the Blind Man  

**Sunday, May 28th:** Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council  

**Monday, May 29th:** Memorial Day  

**Saturday, June 3rd:** 6:00 P.M.– Arabic Liturgy  

**Sunday, June 4th:** Holy Pentecost  

**Sunday, June 11th:** First Sunday After Pentecost (All Saints Sunday)  
Church School Graduation & Luncheon  

**Tuesday, June 13th:** 7:00 P.M.– Parish Council Meeting  

**Saturday, June 17th:** PLC Pre-Conference St. George Orthodox Cathedral, Worcester  

**Sunday, June 18th:** Second Sunday After Pentecost  
Father’s Day  

**June 23rd-25th, 2017** – PLC St. George Orthodox Cathedral, Worcester
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**
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~

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Sunday, April 16, 2017

Great and Holy PASCHA

المسيح قام، حقا قام.

PASCHAL APOLYTIKION: Tone 5

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life! (ONCE)

HYPAKOE OF PASCHA: Tone 4

They who were with Mary came before the dawn, found the stone rolled away from the sepulcher, and heard the angel say unto them: Why seek ye Him as man with the dead, Who dwells in light eternal? Behold the grave wrappings; make haste and declare to the world that the Lord is risen, and hath caused death to die; for He is the Son of God, the Savior of mankind.

KONTAKION OF PASCHA: Tone 8

O Immortal One, when Thou didst descend into the tomb, Thou didst destroy the power of Hades; and Thou didst rise victorious, O Christ God. Thou hast said to the ointment-bearing women: Rejoice! And Thou gavest peace to Thy Disciples, O Bestower of Resurrection to those Who had fallen.

THE ANTI-TRISAGION HYMN

As many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia. (THRICE) Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. Have put on Christ. Alleluia. Dynamis! As many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia.

CHRIST IS RISEN, TRULY HE IS RISEN!
The Epistle
Acts 1:1-8

Prokeimenon: This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Verse: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his mercy endures forever.
The reading is from the Acts of the Apostles.

In the first book, O Theophilos, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commandment through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. To them he presented himself alive after his passion by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days, and speaking of the kingdom of God. And while staying with them he charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me, for John baptized with water, but before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit." So when they had come together, they asked him, Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom of Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth."

The Gospel
John 1:1-17

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness to the light. The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world knew him not. He came to his own home, and his own people received him not. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God; who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father. (John bore witness to him, and cried, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, for he was before me.'") And from his fullness have we all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.
Sacrament of Holy Chrismation
Great and Holy Saturday April 15, 2017

Monika Messore of Exeter, RI
Her sponsor is Salwa Khoury

Chamreun Chhoeun of North Attleboro, MA
His sponsor is Matthew Duncan

“The Seal of the Gift of the Holy Spirit”
O Lord our God, who hast vouchsafed to show thy servant to be thy perfect servant through Orthodox Faith in Thee and the seal of Thy Holy Chrism; do Thou, O Master of all, preserve the True Faith in her, increase her, bless and protect her in righteousness, adorning her with Thine every grace.

Mother’s Day Celebration
Spring Hafle

Saturday, May 13th
Doors open at 8:00pm * Dinner 8:30pm

Come and enjoy an evening of Music & Dabke with singer
Salah Kurdi

Adult: $50 ~ Children under 12 years: $25

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

Today is the day of salvation for the world ... Christ is risen from the dead: arise with him. Christ returns to himself: you also must return to him. Christ has come forth from the tomb: free yourselves from the fetters of evil. The gates of hell are open and the power of death is destroyed. The old Adam is superseded, the new perfected. In Christ a new creation is coming to birth: renew yourselves.

GREGORY NAZIANZEN Oration 45, For Easter, I,1 (PG 36,624)
Brothers and Sisters in Christ

Easter is not just an annual solemn and beautiful event of a past history. It is an announcement of the Beginning of a new life.

CHRIST IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD
TRAMPLING DOWN DEATH BY DEATH AND UPON THOSE IN THE TOMBS
BESTOWING LIFE

المسيح قام من بين الأموات
ووطئ الموت بالموت
ووهب الحياة للذين في الفيور

KRISTOS ANESTI EK NEKRON
THANATO THANATON PATESAS
KAITES IN TEZ MIMASIN
ZO IN HARISAMENOS

On behalf of Fr. Elie, Parish Council Members and myself, we would like to wish all of you a Glorious Pascha. May the promise of the Resurrection and everlasting life fill your hearts with joy.

Christ is Risen, Indeed He is Risen.

Salwa Khoury
Parish Council Chairwoman

CHRIST IS RISEN,
TRULY HE IS RISEN!