

CHURCH CALENDAR

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

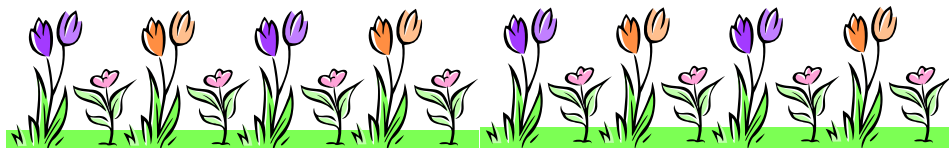
Tuesday, June 13th: 7:00 P.M.– Parish Council Meeting

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



SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



Sunday, April 16, 2017

Great and Holy PASCHA

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

**V. Rev. Father Elie Estephan
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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 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****



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.



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.

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>

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>
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	His Loving Family	Memory of Georges Karam (40 day)
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	Roula & Ricky Greige	Health of Family
July 9, 2017	His Loving Family	Memory of Frederick Hallal
July 16, 2017	St. Mary Church	Family Day
July 23, 2017	Dr. Zeyad & Norma Morcos	Health of our son Elias Morcos
July 30, 2017	Mirna & Walid Nakhoul	Health of Family
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	
October 8, 2017	Open for sponsorship	
October 15, 2017	Open for sponsorship	
October 22, 2017	Open for sponsorship	

Sunday, April 16, 2017

Great and Holy PASCHA

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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!

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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.

St. Mary Teen SOYO News and Events

Teen SOYO Invites You to join all of us for

PASCHAL BREAKFAST

After Easter Liturgy- Sunday, April 16th

In the early morning hours at the Parish Center

Breakfast is complimentary, your donation is welcome.

Menu will include: breakfast pastry, scrambled eggs, bacon, French toast, fresh fruit, coffee, tea, juice.

Hope you will join us as we proclaim, "Christ is Risen!"



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:

Sunday, April 16th: (PASCHA)- No Class

Sunday, April 30th: Walk-a-Thon

Sunday, June 11th: Church School Graduation & Luncheon



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:

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Tony Kabak (401) 744-6317, (401) 769-4915 / fadiakabak@verizon.net

PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR **GOOD HEALTH AND BLESSING OF:**

Kevin Hashway
Mark Hashway
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Sam Matook
Bob & Sherry Matook & Family
Mark Matook
Elie, Julia & Naji Karam
Offered by: John & Anita Chamoun & Family

Sam Matook
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Sam Matook & Family
Al & Vicki Hallal
Offered by: Ron & Janice Hallal

Sam Matook
Janet Laffey
Offered by: Ray & Leila Trabulsi

Edward and Lillian Betor & Family
Offered by: Edward and Lillian Betor



PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED **IN LOVING MEMORY OF:**

Fred Hashway Jr.
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Kay Matook
Offered by: John & Anita Chamoun & Family

Kay Matook
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Kay Matook
John Hallal
Offered by: Ron & Janice Hallal

Kay Matook
Offered by: Ray & Leila Trabulsi

George Matook
Charlie & Vicky Daghir
Offered by: George & Sandra Matook & Family

Ameen and Nafee Sabath
Petros and Afife Betor
Helen Betor
Fred Sabath
Fritz and Jimmy Sabath
Offered by: Edward and Lillian Betor

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,I* (PG 36,624)



CHRIST IS RISEN, TRULY HE IS RISEN!

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 القبور

**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!**



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HOLY PASCHA 2017

Offer of Gratitude

Fr. Elie and the St. Mary Parish Council would like to offer thanks and gratitude to all the faithful who participated, assisted and supported the Church during the Lenten Season, Holy Week and Pascha. May God bless those who gave of their time, energy, resources and love, to celebrate and to offer sacrifices during this special time and make possible our witness to the Resurrection- The Feast of Feasts.

Blessing of Easter Eggs, Paschal Baskets

Please place all Easter eggs, Paschal Baskets of Sweetmeats to be blessed on the table in front of the iconostasis. They will be blessed at the end of the Paschal Liturgy. 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, sweetbreads, 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) meal-sponsored by our Teen SOYO-will be served at the Parish Center.

Easter Flowers

The Easter Flowers are being donated by The Karam Family in memory of their father Georges Karam.

Easter Egg Donation

The Paschal Easter Eggs are being donated this year by Scott & Nora Barnes. They are offered for the health and blessing of Rose Ganim and in memory of George Ganim.

