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)

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   Breakfast following Liturgy at the Parish Center & Demonstration on making palm crosses

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   10:00am – Divine Liturgy

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

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

Kerygma
The original meaning of the term kerygma signified the proclamation of the Christian message in apologetic treatises, in contrast to ‘didache’ which referred to the instructional aspects of an apologetic treatise or homily. The original meaning has been retained to this day in the Orthodox Church. By the term kerygma a sermon is meant in most cases nowadays. However, a sermon which only peripherally deals with the Word of God and uses it as the starting point of a homily on morals is not a true kerygma; it is not preaching, the primary and central point of which should be the message of redemption offered gratis to man. Thus, while in moral sermonizing the speaker may legitimately appeal to man’s own powers of well and action as the predominant factor of personal change, in true preaching, (kerygma) even though the will and power of the believer are not ignored, it is the complete and unconditional surrender of the individual to the redemptive Grace of God that can bring the desired spiritual fruition.

One Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church
The church is called catholic because it is spread throughout the world, from one end of the earth to the other; and because it teaches universally and completely all the doctrines people need to know concerning things visible and invisible, heavenly and earthy; and because it brings to holiness all of humanity, governors and governed, learned and unlearned; and because it universally treats and heals every form of sins, which are committed by soul or body, and because it possesses in itself every expression of virtue which is known, both in deeds and words, and every kind of spiritual gifts.

~St. Cyril of Jerusalem.
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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Fifth Sunday of Lent:
The Commemoration of our Righteous Mother Mary of Egypt

Tone 8 / Eothenon 8

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION: Tone 8
From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. MARY OF EGYPT: Tone 8
Through thee, the divine likeness was securely preserved, O mother Mary; for thou didst carry the cross and follow Christ. By example and precept thou didst teach us to ignore the body, because it is perishable, and to attend to the concerns of the undying soul. Therefore, doth thy soul rejoice with the angels.

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 ORDINARY SUNDAYS: Tone 2
O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.
Epistle
Hebrews 9:11-14

Prokeimenon: Make your vows to the Lord our God and perform them.
Verse: God is known in Judah; his name is great in Israel.
The reading is from Saint Paul's Letter to the Hebrews.

Brethren, when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the Holy Place, taking not the blood of goats and calves but his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify your conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

The Gospel
Mark 10:32-45

At that time, Jesus took his twelve disciples, and he began to tell them what was to happen to him, saying, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death, and deliver him to the Gentiles; and they will mock him, and spit upon him, and scourge him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise again." And James and John, the sons of Zebedee came forward to him, and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And Jesus said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus, said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be servant of all. For the Son of man himself came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."
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.

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: $60 ~ Children under 12 years: $25

For tickets & reservations please contact:
Fr. Elie (240) 205-9079 / elieruba@gmail.com

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

PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR
GOOD HEALTH AND BLESSING OF:

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Mark Hashway
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

William Salhany
Offered by: John Salhany

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Albert & Vickie Hallal
Offered by: George & Barbara Moussalli

George & Sandy Matook
Offered by: Albert & Victoria Hallal

Elie & Julia Karam & Family
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Ladies of St. Mary,
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IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

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Ruth Salhany
Offered by: George & Barbara Moussalli

Ruth Salhany
Offered by: Bill & Susan Salhany & Family

Ruth Salhany
Offered by: John Salhany

John Hallal (2nd Anniversary)
Beloved husband, father & grandfather
Offered by: Lorna Hallal

John R. Hallal
Nancy Wachtel
Lauren Hallal
Stacey Hallal

Ruth Salhany
Offered by: Albert & Victoria Hallal

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Offered by: John & Mary Cahaly

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Robert Salhany
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249 High Street, Pawtucket, RI 02860

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**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

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**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.

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**Volunteer Cleaners needed**

Please come help us clean our church in preparation for Pascha.
We will be cleaning the church on Thursday, April 13th, following Divine Liturgy at 10:00am.

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There will be an Outreach Committee Meeting followed by a Ladies Society Meeting TODAY during Coffee Hour.
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.

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.
**Happy Birthday**

Happy Birthday to everyone who has a birthday during the month of April!

- Christopher Kilsey
- Ghassan Sayaf
- Helen Morcos
- Steven G. Kilsey
- Virginia Trahan
- Nancy Sterpis
- Georgette Fitzpatrick
- Russell Kandalaft
- Saliba Brooklyn
- Robert Khoury
- Marlene Marshall
- Tanya Gaudioso
- Maria Hallal
- Todd Kilsey
- Lois Kilsey
- Joseph Geha
- Nora Matook

**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.

**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.

**Palm Sunday Candles**

We still have beautifully decorated Palm Sunday Candles for children available for purchase. They will be displayed 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.