Sunday, April 9th: Palm Sunday
  8:50am– Orthros
  10:00am– Divine Liturgy and Procession with Palms
  6:30pm– Bridegroom Service
  Second tray for Patriarch (Palm Sunday)

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: 9:30-2pm– Church School Good Friday Retreat
  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

Saturday, April 15th: Great and Holy Saturday
  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
  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

Sunday, April 9, 2017
Glorious and Brilliant Feast of the Entrance of our Lord Jesus Christ into Jerusalem (Palm Sunday)
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 Nakroul, 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**
If you have not completed a card yet, please ask a member of the Vestry or download one from our website.

We are grateful for the following members who have completed their 2017 Commitment Cards. Thank you!

Fr. Elie & Kh. Rouba Estephan
Charles & Angela Abosamra
George Arees
Philip & Bette Ayoub
Edward & Sue Ayoub
Philip G. Ayoub
Geoff Ayoub
Elias & Samar Baalbaki
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Christopher Briggs
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Rich & Marie Ganim-Kinslow
Jonathan & Tanya Gaudioso
Roula & Ricky Greigre
Paul & Maureen Guhrgiyan
Therese Haddad
Albert & Victoria Hallal
Lorice Hallal
Keith & Maria Hallal
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Jim & Susan Harvey
Dianna Hashway
Tawfik & Olga Hawwa
Cindy Hayes
Tony & Fadia Kabak
Eli Kandallat
Elie & Julia Karam
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Nabil & Salwa Khoury
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Steven & Missy Kilsey Jr.
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Elaine Wilbur

Glorious and Brilliant Feast of the Entrance of our Lord Jesus Christ into Jerusalem (Palm Sunday)
Sunday, April 9, 2017

APOLYTIKION OF LAZARUS SATURDAY: Tone 1
O Christ God, when Thou didst raise Lazarus from the dead, before Thy Passion, Thou didst confirm the universal resurrection. Wherefore, we, like children, carry the insignia of triumph and victory, and cry to Thee, O Vanquisher of death: Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He Who cometh in the Name of the Lord.

APOLYTIKION OF PALM SUNDAY: Tone 4
O Christ God, when we were buried with Thee in Baptism, we became deserving of Thy Resurrection to immortal life. Wherefore, we praise Thee, crying: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.

KONTAKION OF PALM SUNDAY: Tone 6
Upborne upon the heavenly throne, and seated upon the earthly foal, O Christ our God, receive the praises of angels and the hymns of men, exclaiming before Thee: Blessed is He that cometh to restore Adam.
Epistle
Philippians 4:4-9

Prokeimenon: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Verse: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His mercy endures forever.
The reading is from Saint Paul's Letter to the Philippians.

Brethren, rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let all men know your forbearance.
The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything, but in every thing by prayer and supplication with
thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all
understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever is
true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gra-
cious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.
What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me; and the God of peace will be with
you.

The Gospel
John 12:1-18

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus who had died was, whom
Jesus had raised from the dead. There they made him a supper: Martha served, and Lazarus was
one of those at table with him. Mary took a pound of costly ointment of pure nard and anointed the
feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the
ointment. But Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, one of his disciples (he who was to betray Jesus), said
"Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" This he said, not
because he cared for the poor but because he was a thief, and as he had the money box he used to
take what was put into it. Jesus said, "Let her alone, let her keep it for the day of my burial. The
poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me." When the great crowd of the
Jews learned that he was there, they came, not only on account of Jesus but also to see Lazarus,
whom Jesus had raised from the dead. There they made him a supper; Martha served, and Lazarus was
called out of the tomb and raised him from the dead bore witness. The reason why the crowd
went to meet him was that they heard that he had done this sign.

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~

Date: Sponsored by: Sponsored for:
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 &
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 Swistik & Family Memory of John Swistik (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 Nahkoul Health of Family
August 6, 2017 Open for sponsorship Feast Day Dinner
August 13, 2017 Open for sponsorship
August 20, 2017 St. Mary Church Open for sponsorship
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

Open for sponsorship

~Open for sponsorship~
**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!”

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**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 9th:** (Palm Sunday)- No Class
- **Friday, April 14th:** 9:30-2pm- Good Friday Retreat
- **Sunday, April 16th:** (PASCHA)- No Class
- **Sunday, April 30th:** Walk-a-Thon
- **Sunday, June 11th:** Church School Graduation & Luncheon

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**PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR GOOD HEALTH AND BLESSING OF:**
- Kevin Hashway
- Mark Hashway
  Offered by: Elaine Wilbur
- Josephine, Elie, Julia & Naji Karam
  Offered by: Samy & Helen Morcos
- Elie, Julia & Naji Karam
  Offered by: Elaine Swistak
- Elie, Julia & Naji Karam
  Offered by: Elias & Samar Baalbaki
- Philip & Florence Spenard
  Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khowry
- George & Sandy Matook
  Offered by: Albert & Victoria Hallal
- Charlie Abosamra
  Kay & Sam Matook
  Offered by: Ray & Leila Trabulsy

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**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.

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**Arabic Liturgy**
Arabic Liturgy will be held on Saturday, April 29th at 6:00 P.M. (This replaces May Arabic Liturgy). All are welcome and encouraged to attend.
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

Church News & Organization Activities

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

Beloved in Christ:

Blessings and greetings to you and your families on this Great Feast of the Church. As we have completed the 40-day Fast and prepare to enter into the most solemn week of the Church year, we pause this weekend to celebrate the raising of Lazarus and our Lord’s triumphant and brilliant entry into the holy city of Jerusalem.

As we think about the historical setting for this joyous event, the holy city of Jerusalem and the entire land of the Middle East, we cannot but also think about the suffering that has been going on in the land of our Patriarchate. While we are always concerned with the holy places, the monasteries, churches and shrines, we lament even more over the senseless loss of life and the destruction of souls. Recently I heard a statistic that 1.7 million Syrian children have been without education for at least two years! Such numbers are staggering and affect us all.

Today, as we celebrate this glorious feast, we also take time to remember our beloved Mother Church headed by our father in Christ, His Beatitude Patriarch JOHN X. His Beatitude continues to use all his strength to help alleviate the suffering of the faithful and all people adversely affected by the war. He is also already making plans to rebuild our churches and institutions that have been destroyed. We take this offering today to help him with this colossal task. While we always encourage the faithful to give generously during this season of almsgiving, prayer and fasting, it is especially vital this year as those in need continue to increase.

Wishing you in advance a prayerful Holy Week and a most joyous Pascha, I remain,

Your Father in Christ,

JOSEPH
Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of all North America

"The disciples were first called Christians in Antioch" (Acts 11: 26)
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:

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In Loving Memory of:

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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 **TODAY** April 9th.

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**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**
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**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
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 2017
Blessing of the Palms and Candles - Please bring the decorated candles to the table in front of the Iconostasis to be blessed. The blessing will take place at the end of the Liturgy, prior to the procession.

The Palm Sunday Procession - At the end of the Liturgy, the Procession of Palms outside will take place in the following order: Altar Servers, Clergy, choir and then the Faithful. Please remain in your seats until the ushers ask you to proceed. Remember to return inside the Church for the dismissal. In case of rain the procession will be held in the Church.

Holy Pascha 2017
This year Pascha (Easter) falls on April 16th

Please note that on Saturday, April 15th, (Great and Holy Saturday) the Easter Service begins at 11:00pm followed by the complete Orthros of Pascha (the paschal Cannon), Which is itself followed by the Divine Liturgy of the Feast. At the conclusion of the Liturgy, the Easter eggs will be blessed. 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, sweet breads, 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) breakfast will be served at the Parish Center sponsored by St. Mary Church.

The Palms are donated in memory of Charles & Anna M. Sлемon
Offered by The Sлемon Family.