

CHURCH CALENDAR

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



SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



Sunday, April 9, 2017

**Glorious and Brilliant Feast of the Entrance of our
Lord Jesus Christ into Jerusalem (Palm Sunday)**

Saint Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church

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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

<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****

Behold the King Cometh

We must 'receive' Jesus Christ, and accept that his will is sovereign over us. The meaning of Palm Sunday lies in this welcome given to Christ who comes to us. "Behold the King cometh unto thee". Jesus comes today as our King. He is more than the master who teaches his disciples. He requires that in all things we acknowledge his will, setting aside our own desires. He comes to take solemn possession of our soul, and to be enthroned in our heart.

'Unto thee " It is not simply to humanity in general that Jesus comes, it is to each single one of us: I 'thy King' Jesus desires to be my king. To each one of us he is king in a way which is unique, entirely personal and exceptional. He demands inner and intimate loyalty and obedience.

The king is 'humble'. He comes to us seated on a lowly animal, the symbol of humility and meekness. One day he will come again in his glory to judge the world. But today he lays aside all the trappings of majesty and power. He seeks no visible kingdom. He desires only to reign in our hearts: "my son, give me thine heart."

And yet the crowd was instinctively right when it acclaimed Jesus as the visible king of Israel. Jesus is not only the King of individuals, but of human society. His royalty is of a social nature. It extends over political and economic spheres just as much as over the moral and spiritual sphere. Nothing lies outside its dominion.

The crowd which acclaimed Jesus carried palms and branches. These branches were probably olive branches, the most common tree around Jerusalem. Palms and olives both have their symbolic meaning. The palm stands for victory and the olive for peace and anointing. So let us go before Jesus and pay homage both to his power and his tenderness, in offering our victories (which are in fact his victories) both over ourselves and over sin, and our inner peace (which is his peace).

A very great multitude spread their garments in the way "Let us throw at Jesus' feet our garments, our possessions, our security, all our worldly goods, and also our false appearances, and, above all, our ideas, desires and our feelings. Let the King in his triumph trample down underfoot everything that is ours. Let everything that we hold precious be submitted and offered to him.

The crowd shouted: "Hosanna! Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord." If I can say these words with complete sincerity and submission, if they mean that the impulse of my whole being goes towards the King whom, from henceforth, I acknowledge, then, in that instant, I have turned away from my sins and have received Jesus Christ. May He be welcome and blessed, He who comes to me.

The Year of Grace of the Lord.





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

Fr. Elie & Kh. Rouba Estephan	Tawfik & Olga Hawwa	Saliba Michel & Robin Saliba
Charles & Angela Abosamra	Cindy Hayes	Joseph & Rebecca Samra
George Arees	Tony & Fadia Kabak	Joseph & Marlene Samra
Philip & Bette Ayoub	Eli Kandalajt	Emile & Ling Huang Sarkis
Edward & Sue Ayoub	Elie & Julia Karam	Donna Slemon
Philip G. Ayoub	Dr. Bassam & Pauline Khabbaz	Jim & Beth Schillawski
Geoff Ayoub	Jack & Violet Khoury	Fred & Adele Shwaery
Elias & Samar Baalbaki	Jack Khoury	Bobby Shwaery
Nabil & Gloria Baalbaki	Nabil & Salwa Khoury	Bob & Kristen Silva
Azzam Bittar	George & Lois Kilsey	Dimitrios & Nancy Sterpis
Bob & Christine Briggs	Steven & Pat Kilsey	Elaine Swistak
Christopher Briggs	Steven & Missy Kilsey Jr.	Raymond & Leila Trabulsi
Bill & Mary Lou Catelli	Keith & Marlene Marshall	Virginia Trahan
Yaacoub & Jamal Daher	Lily Massiwer	Julia Vale
Matthew & Megan Duncan	Mary Massiwer	Susan Warzycha
Linda Dvelis	George & Sandra Matook	Albert & Mary Jane Wehbe
Caesar El-Khouli	Michael & Maria Matook	Deb Whyte
Dimitri & Susan Ganim	Nora Matook	Elaine Wilbur
Rich & Marie Ganim-Kinslow	Anthony & Etienne Mechrefe	
Jonathan & Tanya Gaudioso	Adib & Mary Mechrefe	
Roula & Ricky Greigre	Makram & Louise Megalli	
Paul & Maureen Gurghigian	Yacoub (Jacob) & Charlotte Mitri	
Therese Haddad	Jamie Mitri	
Albert & Victoria Hallal	Samy & Helen Morcos	
Lorice Hallal	George & Barbara Moussalli	
Keith & Maria Hallal	Walid & Mirna Nakhoul	
Ron & Janice Hallal	Loris Pimental	
Jim & Susan Harvey	Sbdn. Chadi Saad	
Dianna Hashway	Bill & Susan Salhany	

*If you have not completed a card yet, please ask a member
of the Vestry or download one from our website.*



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 everything 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 gracious, 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. So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus also to death, because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus. The next day a great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young ass and sat upon it; as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on an ass's colt!" His disciples did not understand this at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that this had been written of him and had been done to him. The crowd that had been with Jesus when he called Lazarus 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~

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Sponsored by:</u>	<u>Sponsored for:</u>
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	His Loving Family	Memory of Georges Karam (40 day)
May14, 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	

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 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



**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 Khoury

George & Sandy Matook
Offered by: Albert & Victoria Hallal

Charlie Abosamra
Kay & Sam Matook
Offered by: Ray & Leila Trabulsi



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

Fred Hashway Jr.
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Nicholas Battit (uncle- 101 years old)
Offered by: Jim & Beth Schillawski

Georges Karam
Offered by: Samy & Helen Morcos

Mary Agaty
Offered by: Elaine Agaty

Georges Karam
Offered by: Elaine Swistak

Mary Agaty
Offered by: Elaine Swistak & Family

Georges Karam
Offered by: Elias & Samar Baalbaki

Ruth Salhany
Offered by: Albert & Victoria Hallal

Lillian & Leon Hattab
Adele Hadad
Valentine & Baseem Trabulsi
Herbert & John Trabulsi
Offered by: Ray & Leila Trabulsi

Ladies of St. Mary,

If you would like to carry the
"Epitaphion" on Holy Friday, please call
the Church Office between 9am-1pm
(401)726-1202.

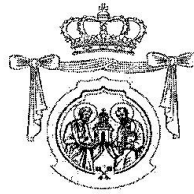
Arabic Liturgy

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

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.

His Eminence
The Most Reverend
Metropolitan JOSEPH



Archbishop of New York and
Metropolitan of
All North America

**ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE
OF NORTH AMERICA**

Palm Sunday 2017

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)

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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

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. Please bring your own supplies.



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

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 **TODAY** April 9th.



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

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



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.



~*Thank you*~

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