

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, February 25th: First Sunday of Lent (Orthodoxy)

Extra Collection for Theological education for Seminarians

Tuesday, February 27th: 7:00 P.M.– Service of Great Compline at St. Mary Church

Wednesday, February 28th: 7:00 P.M.- Pre-Sanctified Liturgy at St. Mary Church

Thursday, March 1st: 7:00 P.M.– Service of Great Compline at St. Mary Church

Friday, March 2nd: 7:00 P.M.- Akathyst Hymn at St. Mary Church followed by

Potluck Dinner at Parish Center hosted by the Ladies Society

Saturday, March 3rd: 6:00 P.M.- Arabic Liturgy

Sunday, March 4th: Second Sunday of Lent (Gregory Palamas)

Tuesday, March 6th: 7:00 P.M.– Service of Great Compline at St. Mary Church

Wednesday, March 7th: 7:00 P.M.- Pre-Sanctified Liturgy at St. Mary Church

Thursday, March 8th: 7:00 P.M.– Service of Great Compline at St. Mary Church

Friday, March 9th: 7:00 P.M.- Akathyst Hymn at St. Mary Church followed by

Potluck Dinner at Parish Center hosted by the Ladies Society

Sunday, March 11th: Third Sunday of Lent (Holy Cross)

Tuesday, March 13th: 7:00 P.M.- Parish Council Meeting ****Cancelled****

7:00 P.M.– Service of Great Compline at St. Mary Church

Wednesday, March 14th: 7:00 P.M.- Pre-Sanctified Liturgy at St. Mary Church

Thursday, March 15th: 7:00 P.M.– Service of Great Compline at St. Mary Church

Friday, March 16th: 7:00 P.M.- Akathyst Hymn at St. Mary Church followed by

Potluck Dinner at Parish Center hosted by the Ladies Society

Saturday, March 17th: 9:30am- Ladies Cooking-Grape leaves

Sunday, March 18th: Fourth Sunday of Lent (John Climacus)

One Year Memorial Service for Georges Karam

Outreach Committee 'Soup Kitchen' 12:00-12:30pm

Tuesday, March 20th: 7:00 P.M.– Service of Great Compline at St. Mary Church

Wednesday, March 21st: 7:00 P.M.- Pre-Sanctified Liturgy at St. Mary Church

Thursday, March 22nd: 7:00 P.M.– Service of Great Compline at St. Mary Church

Friday, March 23rd: 7:00 P.M.- Akathyst Hymn at St. Mary Church followed by

Potluck Dinner at Parish Center hosted by the Ladies Society

Sunday, March 25th: Annunciation for the Theotokos with Bishop JOHN presiding

Antiochian Women Luncheon following Liturgy

10 year Memorial Service for Leon Matook



SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



Sunday, February 25, 2018

**First Sunday of Great Lent:
Sunday of Orthodoxy**

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Diocese of Worcester and New England**

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Sub-Deacon Chadi Saad & Sub-Deacon Emad Amirhom

Schedule of Services

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| <i>Sunday: Orthros (Matins)</i> | <i>9:00 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*

We welcome our Visitors & Guests: Please take a moment to fill out a Visitor Card.
We invite you to join us for coffee hour at the Parish Center following Liturgy.

Receiving Communion: Only those Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves may approach the chalice for Holy Communion. Everyone is welcome to partake of the Holy Bread after the Liturgy.



Prayer Line

St. Mary ~ Internet Prayer Line
Prayer requests can be sent to us via the internet at
office@stmarypawtucket.org

All requests must be received by Wednesday noon to be included in that week's bulletin.
Any requests received after that time will be included in the following week's bulletin.

Orthodox Vocabulary

Prostration

A bodily posture of reverence and homage to God made by kneeling on both knees while touching the hands and forehead to the ground. The sign of the Cross is often made preceding or following each prostration. In prostrating, the believer demonstrates humility to God and at the same time trains the body in physical enactment and discipline of that foundational Spiritual posture.



The mathematics of God is completely different from the mathematics of humans. For us two and two equal four. For God two and two can make five or fifteen or anything else.

~Elder Epiphanius of Athens



THE SYNAXARION (Plain Reading)

On February 25 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate Tarasios the confessor, archbishop of Constantinople; Hieromartyr Reginos, bishop of Skopelos; Hieromartyr Markellos, bishop of Apamea in Syria; Martyr Alexander of Markianopolis.

On this same day, the First Sunday of the Fast, we make remembrance of the restoration of the holy and venerable Icons, which took place through the ever-memorable Sovereigns of Constantinople, Michael and his mother, Theodora, during the patriarchate of Saint Methodios the Confessor.

Verses

*I rejoice, as I see them fittingly reverence
The icons formerly unfittingly banished.*

This restoration was accomplished in the year 842. Theodora's husband was an iconoclast. After his death, Theodora venerated an icon of the Theotokos in front of Patriarch Methodios. The other faithful in the church did the same, venerating all the icons, considering them to be representations of their original elements, not idols.

PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR
GOOD HEALTH AND BLESSING OF:

Kevin Hashway
Mark Hashway
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Nabil & Salwa Khoury
Georgette & Francis Fitzpatrick
Francis & Cameron Fitzpatrick
Al & Vicki Hallal
Offered by: Ron & Janice Hallal

Georgette & Francis Fitzpatrick
Francis & Cameron Fitzpatrick
Maria Matook
Elaine Agaty
Elaine Swistak
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Mirna Nakhoul
Offered by: Lorice Hallal

Elaine Agaty
Mirna Nakhoul
Offered by: Elaine Swistak

Elaine Agaty
Elaine Wilbur
Offered by: Sandra Matook & Family

Elaine Agaty
Elaine Wilbur
Offered by: Nora Abdelahad



IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Fred Hashway Jr.
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Lisa Fitzpatrick
Offered by: Ron & Janice Hallal

Lisa Fitzpatrick
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Fred Hashway
Offered by: Lorice Hallal

Charlie Agaty
Fred Hashway
Offered by: Elaine Agaty

George Kilsey (33 years)
Offered by: Amen, Fred, Steve, Patty, Joyce & Jeff
Kilsey & Families

Charles Agaty
Offered by: Elaine Swistak & Family

George Panichas
Alma Matook
Fred Hashway
Nicholas Matook
Charles Agaty
John Matook
Offered by: Sandra Matook & Family

Fred Hashway
Charles Agaty
Offered by: Nora Abdelahad

Charles Agaty
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Extra Collection

Today on the Sunday of Orthodoxy, as is the custom in our Archdiocese, an extra collection will be taken in support for Theological education for our Seminarians. Please be generous so that the Church can afford to train, equip and support the formation and education of our future pastors and educators.

Sunday of Orthodoxy

Tone 5 / Eothinon 5

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION: Tone 5

Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For, He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

APOLYTIKION OF FIRST SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT: Tone 2

Thy pure image do we venerate, O good One, asking forgiveness of our sins, O Christ our God; for by Thine own will Thou didst ascend the Cross in Thy body, to save Thy creatures from the bondage of the enemy. Thou hast verily filled all with joy, since Thou didst come, O our Savior, to save the world.

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 THE ANNUNCIATION (AND GREAT LENT): Tone 8

To thee, the Champion Leader, do I offer thanks of victory, O Theotokos, thou who hast delivered me from terror; but as thou that hast that power invincible, O Theotokos, thou alone can set me free: from all forms of danger free me and deliver me, that I may cry unto thee: Hail, O Bride without Bridegroom.



The Epistle

Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-40

Prokeimenon: Blessed are you, O Lord, God of our Fathers.
Verse: For you are righteous in all things you have done for us.
The reading is from Saint Paul's Letter to the Hebrews.

Brethren, by faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. And what more shall I say? For time will fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets - who through faith conquered kingdoms, and enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated (of whom the world is not worthy) wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

The Gospel

John 1:43-51

At that time, Jesus decided to go to Galilee. And he found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael, and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!" Nathanael said to Jesus, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these." And Jesus said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man."

GREAT LENT 2018

February 19th ~ April 8th (Holy Pascha)



What is Lent?

Prayer † Fasting † Acts of Mercy

Lent 2018 Diocese of Worcester and New England

Bishop JOHN and the clergy invite you to join us each Monday evening of the fast:

- ♦ Monday, February 26th- St. George, Lowell, 7:00 pm
- ♦ Monday, March 5th- St. George, Boston, 6:30 pm
- ♦ Monday, March 12th- St. Michael, Cotuit, Cape Cod, 7:00 pm
- ♦ Monday, March 19th- St. Saint John of Damascus, Dedham, 7:00 pm
- ♦ Monday, March 26th- St. George Cathedral, Worcester, 6:30 pm

RI Orthodox Clergy Fellowship Services- Great Lent 2018

~Open to All~ - 5PM- Sunday Evenings

Sunday February 25 – Orthodoxy Sunday – Assumption Parish
97 Walcott St. / 401-725-3127

Preacher – Fr Theodore Toppses - Mansfield, MA

Sunday March 4 - St. Michael's - Woonsocket
74 Harris Ave / 401-762-3939

Preacher – Fr Elie Estephan - Pawtucket, RI

Sunday March 11 - St. Mary's – Pawtucket ****we are hosting****
249 High Street / 401-726-1202

Preacher – Fr David Kinghorn - Pawtucket, RI

Sunday March 18 - St. John's - Woonsocket, RI
501 East School Street / 401-766-3343

Preacher – Fr Demetrios Panteloukas - Norwich, CT

Sunday March 25 - St. Mary / Mena - Cranston (Hope, RI)
2433 Scituate Avenue / 401-864-7111

Preacher – Fr Samuel Hana - Boston, MA