

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, March 11th: Third Sunday of Lent (Holy Cross)
 Second Tray for NAB Antiochian Women's Project
 Outreach Meeting during Coffee Hour
 5:00 P.M.– RI Clergy Fellowship Service ***we are hosting***
 Preacher– Fr. David Kinghorn

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

Sunday, April 1st: Palm Sunday

Friday, April 6th: Church School Good Friday Retreat

Sunday, April 8, 2018: GREAT & HOLY PASCHA

Saturday, April 14th: 6:00 P.M.- Arabic Liturgy *(*please note date change*)*

Sunday, April 15, 2018: Second Sunday of Pascha (St. Thomas)
 One Year Memorial for Kay Matook
 Outreach Committee 'Soup Kitchen' 12:00-12:30pm

Sunday, April 22, 2018: Third Sunday of Pascha (Blind Man)
 One Year Memorial Service for Wajeha Chamoun

Saturday, April 28, 2018: 8pm-St. Mary's Got Talent Show at the Parish Center

Sunday, April 29, 2018: Fourth Sunday of Pascha (Paralytic)



SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

BEFORE THY CROSS WE BOW DOWN IN WORSHIP,
 O MASTER,
 AND THY HOLY RESURRECTION WE GLORIFY!



VENERATION OF THE CROSS - SESSIONAL HYMN

No sooner had the wood of Thy Cross been set up, O Christ our Lord, than the foundations of death were shaken. Hell swallowed Thee eagerly, but it led Thee go with trembling. Thou hast shown us Thy salvation, O Holy One, and we glorify Thee, O Son of God; have mercy on us!

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Third Sunday of Lent:

Veneration of the Holy Cross

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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

<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

Hexapsalmos

The sequence of six psalms read after the opening prayers of Orthros. They are Septuagint Psalms 3,37,62,87,102 and 142. During the reading of the Six Psalms the officiating priest recites the twelve Matins prayers and the congregation maintains a strict silence.

All our life is like a day of celebration for us; we are convinced, in fact, that God is always everywhere. We work while singing, we sail while reciting hymns, we accomplish all other occupations of life while praying.

~Clement of Alexandria



Arabic Liturgy

Arabic Liturgy will be offered on Saturday, April 14th at 6:00 P.M. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. ****Please note date change for April****

THE SYNAXARION (Plain Reading)

On March 11 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate our righteous father Sophronios, patriarch of Jerusalem; Martyrs Thallios and Trophimos of Latakia; Venerable George of Sinai; Theodora of Arta, the empress; and Euthymios, bishop of Novgorod.

On this same day, the Third Sunday of the Fast, we keep the feast of the Veneration of the honorable and life-creating Cross.

Verses

*Let the whole world entire worship the Cross
through Which it truly knew to worship Thee, O Word.*



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, 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 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

In Addition

Annunciation Parish – Cranston Observes its Feast Day
175 Oaklawn Ave / 401-942-4188
Saturday, March 24 – Great Vespers – 6 PM

Third Sunday of Lent: Veneration of the Holy Cross

Tone 7 / Eothinon 7

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION: Tone 7

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy. And didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION FOR THE HOLY CROSS : Tone 1

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance, granting to Thy people victory over all their enemies, and by the power of Thy Cross preserving Thy commonwealth.

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.



Epistle

Hebrews 4:14-5:6

Prokeimenon: O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance.

Verse: To you, O Lord, have I cried, O my God.

The reading is from Saint Paul's Letter to the Hebrews.

Brethren, since we have a high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. Because of this he is bound to offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not take the honor upon himself, but he is called by God, just like Aaron was. So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, "Thou art my Son, today I have begotten Thee," as he says also in another place, "Thou art a priest for ever, after the order of Melchizedek."

The Gospel

Mark 8:34-9:1

The Lord said, "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." And Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see that the kingdom of God has come with power."



PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR GOOD HEALTH AND BLESSING OF:

Kevin Hashway
Mark Hashway
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Sam, Ben Michelle & Joe Halpern
Pam & Michael Halpern
Offered by: Samy & Helen Morcos

Edward & Lillian Betor
Paul & Kerrie Betor
Thomas & Lynn Marcotte
Matthew & Adrienne Dykstra
Peter Marcotte
Laurice Zambie
William & LaVerne Ameen
Great-Grandchildren Daniel, Rose &
Joelle Dykstra
Offered by: Edward & Lillian Betor

Louise and Bill Osborn & Family
Ed Ayoub
Glenn, Donna & Alicia Maurice
Offered by: Paul, Maureen & Mary
Gurghigian

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Fred Hashway Jr.
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Ameen and Nayfey Sabath
Petros and Afife Betor
Helen Betor
Fred Sabath
Fred "Fritzie and Jimmy Sabath
Offered by: Edward & Lillian Betor

William Osborn Jr.
Offered by: Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian



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.

Coffee Hour

Coffee hour today is sponsored by Yacoub & Charlotte Mitri for the Health of their Family. Coffee hour will be held at the Parish Center following Liturgy.

