

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, March 25th: Annunciation to the Theotokos with Bishop JOHN presiding
Antiochian Women Fish Luncheon following Liturgy
10 year Memorial Service for Leon Matook

Saturday, March 31st: 10:00 Liturgy for Lazarus Saturday
Breakfast hosted by Church School following Liturgy

Sunday, April 1st: 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 2nd: Great and Holy Monday
6:30 P.M.– Bridegroom Service

Tuesday, April 3rd: Great and Holy Tuesday
6:30 P.M.– Bridegroom Service

Wednesday, April 4th: Great and Holy Wednesday
6:00 P.M.– Sacrament of Holy Unction

Thursday, April 5th: Great and Holy Thursday
10:00 A.M.– Divine Liturgy
6:30 P.M.– Service of the Twelve Passion Gospels

Friday, April 6th: Great and Holy Friday
10:00 A.M.– Royal Hours
11:00 A.M.– Great Vespers of the Taking Down of the Cross
9:30am-1:30pm-Church School Good Friday Retreat
6:30 P.M.– Service of the Lamentations and Procession

Saturday, April 7th: Great and Holy Saturday
10:00 A.M.– Divine Liturgy
11:00 P.M.– Rush Service

Sunday, April 8th: GREAT & HOLY PASCHA
12:00A.M.– Divine Liturgy followed by Agape Breakfast
6:00 P.M.– Agape Vespers

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

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

Sunday, April 22nd: Third Sunday of Pascha (Myrrh-bearers)



SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



Sunday, March 25, 2018

Annunciation to the Theotokos

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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

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 will 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.

THE SYNAXARION (Plain Reading)

On March 25 in the Holy Orthodox Church we celebrate the Annunciation to our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos and Ever-virgin Mary.

Verses

*The Angel announced as Son to the Virgin, the Great Angel of the Father's great counsel.
On the twenty-fifth the Angel spake of joy unto Mary.*

When the All-Holy Virgin was entering her fifteenth year, after having spent eleven years of living and serving in the Temple of Jerusalem, the priests informed her that, according to the Law, she could not remain in the Temple but must be betrothed and enter into marriage. The All-Holy Virgin surprised the priests when she told them that she had dedicated her life to God and that she desired to remain a virgin until death. Then, Zacharias, the high priest and father of the Forerunner, under the inspiration of God, betrothed the Virgin Mary to Joseph of Nazareth to preserve her virginity and to care for her. When the fullness of time had come, as prophesied by Daniel the Prophet, and when God was pleased to fulfill His promise to the banished Adam and to the Prophets, the Archangel Gabriel appeared in the chamber of the All-Holy Virgin. As some priestly writers wrote, precisely at that same moment when she held open the book of the Prophet Isaiah and was contemplating his great prophecy: "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a son! (7:13)" Gabriel appeared in all of his angelic brightness and saluted her: "Rejoice, highly favored one! The Lord is with thee," and the rest in order as it is written in the Gospel of Luke. This annunciation and the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Virgin, leading to the incarnation of our Lord, began the salvation of mankind and restoration of all creation.

Through the intercessions of the Most Holy Theotokos and of all Thy Saints,
O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

GREAT LENT 2018

February 19th ~ April 8th (Holy Pascha)



What is Lent?

Prayer † Fasting † Acts of Mercy



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.

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.

Palm Sunday Candles

Decorated candles are available for purchase (boys/girls) for Palm Sunday. The cost is \$20. If you would like to purchase one, please see Walid Nakhoul during coffee hour.

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 26th– St. George Cathedral, Worcester, 6:30 pm

RI Orthodox Clergy Fellowship Services- Great Lent 2018

~Open to All~ - 5PM- **Sunday Evenings**

Sunday March 25 - St. Mary / Mena - Cranston (Hope, RI)
2433 Scituate Avenue / 401-864-7111
Preacher – Fr Samuel Hana - Boston, MA

Annunciation to the Theotokos

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION: Tone 1

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

APOLYTIKION OF THE ANNUNCIATION : Tone 4

Today is the beginning of our salvation, and the manifestation of the mystery from the ages; for the Son of God becometh the Son of the Virgin, and Gabriel proclaimeth grace. Wherefore, do we shout with him to the Theotokos: Hail, O full of grace! The Lord is with thee.

KONTAKION OF THE ANNUNCIATION (AND GREAT LENT): Tone 8

*(**The original melody**)*

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

*Tell forth from day to day the glad tidings of the salvation of our God.
Sing unto the Lord a new song; sing unto the Lord, all the earth.*

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (2:11-18)

Brethren, He Who sanctifies and those who are sanctified have all one origin. That is why He is not ashamed to call them brethren, saying, “I will proclaim Thy Name to my brethren, in the midst of the congregation I will praise Thee.” And again, “I will put my trust in Him.” And again, “Here am I, and the children God has given me.” Since, therefore, the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise partook of the same nature, that through death He might destroy him who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong bondage. For surely it is not with angels that He is concerned but with the descendants of Abraham. Therefore, He had to be made like His brethren in every respect, so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make expiation for the sins of the people. For, because He Himself has suffered and been tempted, He is able to help those who are tempted.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (1:24-38)

At that time, Elizabeth, the wife of Zachariah, conceived, and for five months she hid herself, saying, “Thus the Lord has done to me in the days when He looked on me, to take away my reproach among men.” In the sixth month the archangel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin’s name was Mary. And the archangel came to her and said, “Rejoice, O favored one, the Lord is with thee! Blessed art thou among women!” But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and considered in her mind what sort of greeting this might be. And the archangel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for thou hast found favor with God. And behold, thou wilt conceive in thy womb and bear a son, and you shall call His Name Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give to Him the throne of His father David, and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of His kingdom there will be no end.” And Mary said to the archangel, “How shall this be, since I have known no man?” And the archangel said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon thee, and the power of the Most High will overshadow thee; therefore, the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, your kinswoman Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For with God nothing will be impossible.” And Mary said, “Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.” And the archangel departed from her.



Ten Year Memorial Service



A Ten Year Memorial Service is being offered for the servant of God
Leon Thomas Matook and is being offered by Nora Matook & Family.

May God grant him peace and may his memory be eternal.

**PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR
GOOD HEALTH AND BLESSING OF:**

Kevin Hashway
Mark Hashway
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Leah, Bianca & Johnna Macaruso
Michael, Maria, Mark & Meika Matook
Susan McNeil
Offered by: Nora Matook & Family

Nora Matook
Offered by: Michael, Maria, Mark &
Meika Matook

Fr. Isaac Crow
Nora Matook & Family
Nora Abdelahad
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Nora Matook & Family
Glenn, Donna & Alicia Maurice
Offered by: Sandra Matook & Family

Nora Abdelahad
Offered by: Elaine Agaty
Sandra Matook & Family

Susan McNeil
Offered by: Phil & Flo Spenard & Family

Susan McNeil
Offered by: Alan Matook

Alan Matook
Our Children & Grandchildren
Offered by: Phil & Flo Spenard

Nora Matook & Family
Offered by: Nora Abdelahad
Elaine Agaty

Linda Dvelis & Family
Fred & Cathy Shwaery & Family
Adele Shwaery
Robert Shwaery
Offered by: Fred, Adele & Robert Shwaery

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Fred Hashway Jr.
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Billy Osborn
Leon T. Matook
Offered by: Michael, Maria, Mark &
Meika Matook

Leon Matook
Charles Abdelahad
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Charles Abdelahad
Offered by: Elaine Agaty
Sandra Matook & Family

Leon Matook
William Osborne
Offered by: Phil & Flo Spenard & Family

Leon Matook
William Osborne
Offered by: Alan Matook

Leon Matook
Offered by: Nora Abdelahad
Elaine Agaty

Leon Matook
Offered by: Fred, Adele & Robert Shwaery

