

## CHURCH CALENDAR

**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

7:00P.M.– Bridegroom Service **\*note time change\***

**Tuesday, April 3rd:** Great and Holy Tuesday

7:00 P.M.– Bridegroom Service **\*note time change\***

**Wednesday, April 4th:** Great and Holy Wednesday

6:30 P.M.– Sacrament of Holy Unction **\*note time change\***

**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)

One Year Memorial Service for Wajeha Chamoun

**Saturday, April 28th:** St. Mary's Got Talent Show at the Parish Center

**\*\*Cancelled– will be rescheduled at a later date\*\***

**Sunday, April 29th:** Fourth Sunday of Pascha (Paralytic)

**Saturday, May 5th:** 6:00 P.M.- Arabic Liturgy



## SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



*Sunday, April 1, 2018*

**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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### **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](mailto: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.

## **PALM SUNDAY 2018**

Beloved in the Lord:

A blessed feast of our Lord's triumphant entry into Jerusalem to you and your families. I pray you all completed a spiritually rewarding Fast and are now ready to enter into Passion Week which culminates with our Lord's glorious resurrection from the dead next Sunday as we celebrate Great and Holy Pascha.

Today, as we rejoice in this feast, we also pause to take time to remember our beloved Mother Church headed by our Patriarch, His Beatitude JOHN X. We were blessed to have him make a short visit to us last fall to bring the message of peace and love to our government leaders in the United States. We pray that our Lord will bless him and all the people of that area of the world that continues to endure suffering and pain on a daily basis.

Each year on this special day, we ask you, the faithful of our God-protected Archdiocese for an offering of love to send to His Beatitude from his spiritual children here in North America. His Beatitude faces an enormous challenge as he tries to alleviate the pain and suffering of those affected by the war in Syria and the effects of the same war on his flock in Lebanon, Iraq and other areas. With hundreds of thousands of displaced people as a result of the civil war, the needs and demands on our Patriarchate are great. Churches have been destroyed and vandalized by terrorists and families have been driven from their homes and are in desperate need of our help. With that in mind, we hope you will be as generous as possible.

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

Your Father in Christ,

+Metropolitan JOSEPH  
Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of all North America



## **THE SYNAXARION (Plain Reading)**

On this day in the Holy Orthodox Church, the Sunday of Palms, we celebrate the radiant and glorious festival of the Entrance of our Lord Jesus Christ into Jerusalem.

### **Verses**

He Who stretcheth out the firmament and sat on the foal,  
Seeketh to release mortals from un-reason.

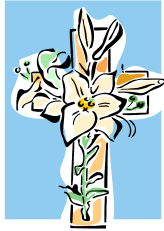
Jesus came to Bethany on the Sunday falling before the six days of the Mosaic Passover. On the following day He sent two of His Disciples, who brought Him a donkey on which He sat to enter the city. And when the great multitude heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, they immediately took palm branches in their hands and went out to meet Him. All cried, "Hosanna! Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord, King of Israel!" The branches of palm trees were a symbol of Christ's victory over Satan and Death. And the meaning of "Hosanna" is, "We pray Thee, save." The donkey's colt, which was still an untamed animal, and impure according to the law, as well as Christ's sitting thereon, symbolize the former savagery and impurity of the Gentiles; and their subsequent taming and obedience to the holy law of the Gospel.

By Thine ineffable compassion, O Christ our God, make us victors over the irrational passions, and make us worthy to see Thy tangible victory over death, Thy radiant and life-bearing Resurrection, and have mercy on us. Amen.



# GREAT LENT 2018

February 19th ~ April 8th (Holy Pascha)



What is Lent?

Prayer † Fasting † Acts of Mercy



## Holy Pascha 2018

*This year Pascha (Easter) falls on April 8th.*

Please note that on Saturday, April 7th, (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 Teen SOYO.

## Palm Sunday 2018

### 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.



*~Thank you~*

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



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Lord Jesus Christ into Jerusalem (Palm Sunday)**

### 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.



## Orthodox Vocabulary

### **Palm Sunday**

Palm Sunday is the Sunday before Easter and the first day of the Holy Week. It commemorates the triumphant entry of Christ into Jerusalem by the ceremony of the blessing of the palms and by a procession that used to take place at the end of the Great Doxology with the celebrant carrying an icon depicting Christ entering Jerusalem. There is evidence for the Palm Sunday procession in Jerusalem going back to the 4th century. The blessed palms are today distributed to the congregation together with the antithoron. On the evening of Palm Sunday the Orthros of Monday of the Holy Week is held and with it the services of the Nymphios begin.

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.

PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR  
GOOD HEALTH AND BLESSING OF:

Kevin Hashway  
Mark Hashway  
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

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

Paula Hallal  
Lauren Ghazal  
Donna Maurice  
Offered by: Holly Lazieh & Sons & Bob Dessaint

Susan McNeil  
Mason Matook  
Offered by: Sandra Matook & Family

Chadi & Francoise Saad  
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

William Salhany  
Offered by: Bill, Susan, John & Michael Salhany

Donald, Daniel & Sarah Hayes  
Offered by: Cindy Hayes

Bill & Louise Osborne & Family  
Christine & Gary Groan  
Donna, Glenn & Alicia Maurice  
Salwa & Nabil Khoury & Family  
Mary Massiwer  
Richard & Susan McNeil & Family  
Offered by: Cindy Hayes & Family

Robert, Kristen, Alex & Jack Silva  
Dawn Silva & Family  
Offered by: Linda Dvelis



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

Fred & Sophie Hallal  
Moses Lazieh  
William Osborne  
Offered by: Holly Lazieh & Sons & Bob Dessaint

Mary Agaty  
Joanne Abdalah  
Offered by: Elaine Agaty

Leon Matook  
Offered by: Sandra Matook & Family

Ruth Salhany  
Offered by: George & Barbara Moussalli  
& Family

Ruth Salhany  
Offered by: William Salhany

Ruth Salhany  
Offered by: Bill, Susan, John & Michael  
Salhany

Mary Agaty  
Offered by: Elaine Swistak & Family

Donald Hayes  
John Massiwer  
Tom Andrew  
William Osborne Jr.  
Offered by: Cindy Hayes & Family

Robert Silva Sr.  
Offered by: Linda Dvelis