

## CHURCH CALENDAR

**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

**Sunday, May 6th:** Fifth Sunday of Pascha (Samaritan Woman)

**Monday, May 7th:** 7:00 P.M.– Ladies Society Meeting in the Church Hall

**Tuesday, May 8th:** 7:00P.M.– Parish Council Meeting

**Sunday, May 13th:** Sixth Sunday of Pascha (Blindman)  
Mother's Day

**Sunday, May 20th:** Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council  
Outreach Committee 'Soup Kitchen' 12:00-12:30pm

**Sunday, May 27th:** Holy Pentecost

**Monday, May 28th:** Memorial Day

**Saturday, June 2nd:** 6:00 P.M.- Arabic Liturgy

**Sunday, June 3rd:** First Sunday after Pentecost  
Church School Graduation & Luncheon

**Sunday, June 10th:** Second Sunday after Pentecost  
Outreach Committee Meeting during Coffee Hour

**Tuesday, June 12th:** 7:00P.M.– Parish Council Meeting

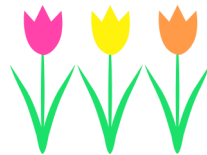
**Sunday, June 17th:** Third Sunday after Pentecost  
Outreach Committee 'Soup Kitchen' 12:00-12:30pm  
Father's Day

**Sunday, June 24th:** Nativity of John the Baptist

**Sunday, July 1st:** Cosmas & Damian & 5th Sunday of Matthew

**Wednesday, July 4th:** Independence Day (church office closed)

**Saturday, July 7th:** 6:00 P.M.- Arabic Liturgy



CHRIST IS RISEN, TRULY HE IS RISEN!

## SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



*Sunday, April 15, 2018*

*Sunday of St. Thomas (New Sunday)*

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***Saint Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church***  
***“A parish of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America”***

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& Metropolitan of all North America**

**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>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.

**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

**\*\*Please remember to return your Food For Hungry People boxes\*\***



**THE SYNAXARION (Plain Reading)**

On April 15 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate of Martyr Crescens of Myra in Lycia; and Hieromartyr Leonidas, bishop of Athens.

On this day, the second Sunday of Pascha, we inaugurate the celebration of Christ's Resurrection, and the occasion whereon the Holy Apostle Thomas touched the Savior's side.

***Verses***

*If the seals of the Virgin's womb and of the grave did not hinder Thee,  
How could the seals of the doors hinder Thy might, O Savior?*

This day is called New Sunday, Thomas Sunday or Anti-Pascha. The last term means “in place of Pascha” because Thomas did not immediately hear of Christ's Resurrection and disbelieved it. We remember his doubt but do not repeat it. After this Sunday, the Church dedicates Sunday to the Resurrection.

As the Disciples were gathered together on the Sunday of the Resurrection, Jesus entered and greeted them in His usual way, saying, “Peace be unto you.” Then He showed them His hands, feet and side. Jesus ate before His Disciples and reassured them of His Resurrection. However, Thomas was not with them at that time, and insisted upon seeing the Savior's scars—the print of the nails in His hands and feet, and the spear in His side—before he would believe that Jesus was risen. Eight days later Christ appeared again to the Disciples, this time with Thomas present. The Master told Thomas to see and feel. Then Thomas immediately cried out, “My Lord and my God!” But Jesus tells His Disciples, “Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.” This event also clearly illustrates the human and divine Natures of Christ.

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF:**

Fred Hashway Jr.  
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur



Kay Matook  
Offered by: Sam Matook & Family

George Matook  
Offered by: Sandra Matook & Family

Kay Matook  
Offered by: John, Anita, Reyna & Anthony  
Chamoun

Kay Matook  
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Kay Matook  
William Osborne  
Charles Abdelahad  
Offered by: Elaine Agaty  
Nora Abdelahad  
Sandra Matook

Kay Matook  
Hilda, Rosario, Bella, Clovis, Rita, Doris,  
Raymond, Ronald & Christopher Gauthier  
Murad & Sophie Laffey  
Offered by: Elaine Gauthier

Kay Matook  
Richard Solomon  
Sophie Hallal  
John Massiwer  
Offered by: Lily Massiwer

Kay Matook  
Leon Matook  
Offered by: Elie, Julia & Naji Karam

Kay Matook  
Offered by: Albert & Victoria Hallal

Kay Matook  
Offered by: Fred, Adele & Robert Shwaery

Kay Matook  
John Hallal  
Offered by: Ron & Janice Hallal

Kay Matook  
Offered by: Elaine Swistak

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**CHRIST IS RISEN, TRULY HE IS RISEN!**

*Prayers were mistakenly omitted from  
the Easter Flower Bulletin last week.*

Prayers of  
Good Health & Blessing for:  
Lisa Ayoub Parent  
Philip, Bette & Phil G. Ayoub  
Geoffrey Ayoub

Offered by: Ed & Sue Ayoub

In Loving Memory:  
Naseem & Ann Ayoub  
Assad & Mary Ayoub  
Edward & Adele Maloof  
Paul Maloof  
Nicole Arruda



## *Sunday of St. Thomas (New Sunday)*

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### **APOLYTIKION FOR THOMAS SUNDAY: Tone 7**

While the tomb was sealed, Thou didst shine forth from it, O Life. While the doors were closed, Thou didst come in to Thy Disciples, O Christ God, Resurrection of all, renewing in us through them an upright spirit, according to the greatness of Thy mercy.

### **KONTAKION OF PASCHA: Tone 8**

O Immortal One, when Thou didst descend into the tomb, Thou didst destroy the power of Hades; and Thou didst rise victorious, O Christ God. Thou hast said to the ointment-bearing women: Rejoice! And Thou gavest peace to Thy Disciples, O Bestower of Resurrection to those Who had fallen.



### *Orthodox Vocabulary*

#### **Parousia**

**Parousia:** from a Greek word meaning "presence." This is the term used to refer to the second coming of the Lord. On that day, all persons will arise, their bodies transfigured, and all creation will be transformed: new earth and new heavens. This will also be the day of judgment, when the Lord "*will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead*".  
(Creed: Mt 25:31; Rom 2:5-11)



## THE EPISTLE

*Great is the Lord, and great is His power. Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good.*

### **The Reading from the Acts of the Saintly and Pure Apostles. (5:12-20)**

In those days, many signs and wonders were done among the people by the hands of the Apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high honor. And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and pallets, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed. But the high priest rose up and all who were with him, that is, the party of the Sadducees, and filled with jealousy they arrested the Apostles and put them in the common prison. But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out and said, "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life."

## THE GOSPEL

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (20:19-31)**

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the Disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the Disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other Disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in His side, I will not believe." Eight days later, His Disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut, but Jesus came and stood among them, and said, "Peace be with you." Then He said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see My hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing." Thomas answered Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen Me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the Disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His Name.



## *One Year Memorial Service*



A One Year Memorial Service is being offered for the servant of God *Kay Matook* and is being offered by Sam Matook & Family. A Luncheon in her memory will be offered at the Parish Center following Liturgy.

***May God grant her peace and may her memory be eternal.***

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

Kevin Hashway  
Mark Hashway  
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Sam Matook  
Mark A. Matook  
Bob & Sherry Matook  
Mackenzie & Mason Matook  
Offered by: Sam Matook

Alan Matook  
Phil & Flo Spenard & Family  
Offered by: Sandra Matook & Family

Bryan, Stephanie, Nicholas, Leila & Emily  
Chowning  
Sam Matook & Family  
Offered by: Elaine Gauthier

Sam Matook  
Mark Matook  
Bob, Sherry, Mackenzie & Mason Matook  
Offered by: John, Anita, Reyna & Anthony  
Chamoun

Sam Matook & Family  
Offered by: Elaine Agaty  
Nora Abdelahad  
Sandra Matook

Sam Matook & Family  
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Sam Matook & Family  
Janice Solomon & Family  
Offered by: Lily Massiwer

Samuel Matook & Family  
Donna, Glenn & Alicia Maurice  
Nabil & Salwa Khoury  
Father Isaac Crow  
Offered by: Albert & Victoria Hallal

Newborn Alexandra Sudyaha  
Offered by: Farah Nakhoul (Grandparents)

Alexander & Jack Silva  
Lily & Violet Dvelis  
Layla & Lucas Melcher  
Robert Shwaery  
Sam Matook  
Offered by: Fred, Adele & Robert Shwaery

Nora Matook & Family  
Sam Matook & Family  
Offered by: Elie, Julia & Naji Karam

Sam Matook & Family  
Offered by: Ron & Janice Hallal

Sam Matook & Family  
Offered by: Elaine Swistak



Special Prayers of Good Health & Blessing are being offered for *Mason Matook*, son of Bob & Sherry Matook & Grandson of Sam Matook on the occasion of Mason being accepted to West Point Military Academy.

Good Luck & God Be with you.

Offered by: Jiddo

