

CHURCH CALENDAR

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

One Year Memorial Service for Wajeha Chamoun

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

Thursday, May 10th: 7:00 P.M.– Bazaar Committee Meeting in the Church Hall

Sunday, May 13th: Sixth Sunday of Pascha (Blindman)

Mother's Day

Friday, May 18th: "Splash of Color Art" (Paint & Wine) at the Parish Center

Sunday, May 20th: Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council

Outreach Committee Meeting during Coffee Hour

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

Saturday, June 9th: **2018 PLC Day 1– at Saint George in Norwood.** Oratorical Festival
at 4pm followed by Great Vespers & a reception

Sunday, June 10th: Second Sunday after Pentecost

Outreach Committee Meeting during Coffee Hour

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

Saturday, June 16th: Hafli at the Parish Center (more info to follow)

Sunday, June 17th: Third Sunday after Pentecost

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

Father's Day

Saturday, June 23rd: **2018 PLC Day 2– at Saint John of Damascus in Dedham**

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

Sunday, July 8th: Sixth Sunday after Pentecost



SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



Sunday, April 22, 2018

*Sunday of the Myrrh Bearing Women and
Sts. Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus*

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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

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 22 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate Theodore of Sykeon, bishop of Anastasiopolis; Apostle Nathanael (Simon the Zealot); Martyr Nearchos; Martyr Epipodios of Lyons; and Vsevolod, prince of Pskov.

On this day, the third Sunday of Pascha, we celebrate the feast of the holy Myrrh-bearing women. And we also commemorate Joseph of Arimathaea, the secret disciple, and Nicodemus, the disciple by night.

Verses

Christ is brought myrrh by the wise women disciples;
And to them, I bring a hymn as myrrh in offering.

The women went to Christ's tomb on Holy Pascha to anoint His body, only to discover it empty. We know the names of only eight of these women: Mary the Theotokos, the “mother” of James and Joses, who were the sons of Joseph the Betrothed from his previous marriage (Matt. 27:56 and Mark 15:40); Mary Magdalene; Mary, the wife of Cleopas; Joanna the wife of Chuza; Salome the mother of the sons of Zebedee; Susanna; and Mary and Martha, the sisters of Lazarus. Joseph was a rich and noble man, and a member of the Privy Council of Jerusalem. He dared to ask Pilate for the undefiled body of our Savior, which he took and buried in his own new tomb. Accompanying Joseph to the sepulcher was Nicodemus, a Jerusalemite who was one of the leaders of the Pharisees. Nicodemus brought 100 pounds of myrrh and aloes to scent and embalm the body of Christ.

By the intercessions of the holy Myrrh-bearers, Joseph of Arimathaea and Nicodemus, O God, have mercy on us. Amen.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Fred Hashway Jr.
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Wajeha Chamoun
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Wajeha Chamoun
Offered by: Bassam, Pauline, Jordan & Alex
Khabbaz

Charles & Victoria Daghir
George Matook
Offered by: Sandra Matook & Family

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

Michelle Norris
Offered by: Elaine Agaty



Wajeha Chamoun
Offered by: Elie, Julia & Naji Karam

Sophie Hallal (8 years)
Offered by: Holly Lazieh and Sons
& Bob Dessaint

Kay Matook
Leon Matook
Florence David
Edward J. David
Mary Skaff
Offered by: The Briggs & Wehbe Families

Sophie Hallal
Offered by: Lorice Hallal

Michelle Norris
Offered by: Elaine Swistak & Family

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CHRIST IS RISEN, TRULY HE IS RISEN!



Because of the Resurrection of Christ, because of His victory over death, men have become, continue to become, and will continue becoming Christians. The entire history of Christianity is nothing other than the history of a unique miracle, namely, the Resurrection of Christ, which is unbrokenly threaded through the hearts of Christians from one day to the next, from year to year, across the centuries, until the dreaded judgment.

~St. Justin Popovich



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RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION: Tone 2

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF JOSEPH OF ARIMATHAEA: Tone 2

The pious Joseph, having brought down Thy pure body from the Tree, wrapped it in fine linen, embalmed it with ointment, provided for it, and laid it in a new tomb. But Thou didst verily rise after three days, O Lord, granting the world Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION OF THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN: Tone 2

Verily, the angel came to the tomb and said to the ointment-bearing women: the ointment is meet for the dead, but Christ is shown to be remote from corruption. But cry ye: The Lord is risen, granting the world the Great 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.



THE EPISTLE

The Lord is my strength and my song. The Lord has chastened me severely.

The Reading from the Acts of the Saintly and Pure Apostles. (6:1-7)

In those days, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists murmured against the Hebrews because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. And the Twelve summoned the body of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brethren, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." And what they said pleased the whole multitude, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaos, a proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands upon them. And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. (15:43-16:8)

At that time, Joseph of Arimathaea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the Kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. And Pilate wondered if He were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether Jesus was already dead. And when he learned from the centurion that He was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. And he bought a linen shroud, and taking Him down, wrapped Him in the linen shroud, and laid Him in a tomb, which had been hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where He was laid. And when the Sabbath was passed, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices so that they might go and anoint Him. And very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back—it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, Who was crucified. He has risen, He is not here; see the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His Disciples and Peter that He is going before you to Galilee; there you will see Him, as He told you." And they went out and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.



One Year Memorial Service



A One Year Memorial Service is being offered for the servant of God *Wajeha Chamoun* and is being offered by John, Anita, Reyna & Anthony Chamoun. A Coffee Hour 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

Kevin Hashway
Offered by: Lorice Hallal

John, Anita, Reyna & Anthony Chamoun
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

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Samy & Helen Morcos
Bassam, Pauline, Jordan & Alex Khabbaz
Offered by: Elie, Julia & Naji Karam

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Arabic Liturgy

Arabic Liturgy is being offered the first Saturday of each month at 6:00 P.M. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.