

## CHURCH CALENDAR

**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)  
40 Day Memorial Service for John Haddad  
**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  
Church School Walk-A-Thon to benefit “Food For Hungry People”  
Outreach Committee Meeting during Coffee Hour  
Outreach Committee ‘Soup Kitchen’ 12:00-12:30pm  
**Sunday, May 27th:** Holy Pentecost  
**Monday, May 28th:** Memorial Day  
9:00 A.M.– Memorial Day Prayers at Walnut Hill Cemetery  
**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



## SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



*Sunday, April 29, 2018*

*Sunday of the Paralytic*

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

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**His Eminence Metropolitan JOSEPH, Archbishop of New York  
& 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 29 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Apostles Jason and Sosipater of the Seventy; Martyr Kerkyra of Corfu; John the New Almsgiver, metropolitan of Thebes; Martyr John of Romania; Basil of Ostrog, Metropolitan of Zakhum in Serbia.

On this day, the fourth Sunday of Pascha, we commemorate the Paralytic and, as is right, we celebrate the miracle wrought for him.

***Verses***

*The word of Christ was strength for the paralytic;  
So that this word alone was the man's full healing.*

Jesus healed the Paralytic at the Sheep's Pool, located near the Sheep's Gate of Jerusalem, where people sacrificed their beasts and washed their insides. The pool had five sides, with a porch and arch on each. A number of people, afflicted with various diseases, passed through them, waiting at the water for an angel to come down and stir it. Once it moved, whoever stepped into the water first was instantly healed. One poor man, whose story is recounted in today's Gospel lection in the Divine Liturgy, waited 38 years for someone to lower him into the water, because he was unable to move into the water himself. However, the Savior merely commanded the man to get up and walk, and he was healed.

In Thine infinite mercy, O Christ our God, have mercy on us. Amen.

## Orthodox Vocabulary

### Naos

**Naos**, Greek, 'temple'. (1) The Temple in Jerusalem. (2) A church building. (3) The nave area of a church. (4) Mary, hymned as the *naos* in which God makes his dwelling by the incarnation. (5) Every Christian, as a *naos* where God dwells by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

"We receive salvation by grace and as a divine gift of the Spirit. But to attain the full measure of virtue we need also to possess faith and love, and to struggle to exercise our free will with integrity.

~St. Macarius of Egypt



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### Memorial Day Prayers

This year Memorial Day falls on May 28th. Prayers for the deceased will be held at Walnut Hill Cemetery starting at 9am on Monday, May 28th.

Please bring a list of the names of your beloved deceased and give them to Fr. Elie at the central cross for the offering of the Trisagion Prayers.(9am).

May God grant peace and repose to the beloved deceased and may their memories be eternal!



## *Sunday of the Paralytic*

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### RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION: Tone 3

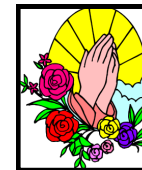
Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and became the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.

### 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 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.



### 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.



## THE EPISTLE

*Sing praises to our God, sing praises. Clap your hands, all you nations.*

### **The Reading from the Acts of the Saintly and Pure Apostles. (9:32-42)**

In those days, as Peter went here and there among them all, he came down also to the saints that lived at Lydda. There he found a man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden for eight years and was paralyzed. And Peter said to him, “Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; rise and make your bed.” And immediately he rose. And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord. Now there was at Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which means Dorcas. She was full of good works and acts of charity. In those days she fell sick and died; and when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him entreating him, “Please come to us without delay.” So Peter rose and went with them. And when he had come, they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood beside him weeping, and showing tunics and other garments, which Dorcas made while she was with them. But Peter put them all outside and knelt down and prayed; then turning to the body he said, “Tabitha, rise.” And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. And he gave her his hand and lifted her up. Then calling the saints and widows he presented her alive. And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

## THE GOSPEL

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (5:1-15)**

At that time, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Hebrew called Bethesda, which has five porticoes. In these lay a multitude of invalids, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water. For an angel of the Lord went down at certain seasons into the pool and troubled the water; whoever stepped in first, after the troubling of the water was healed of whatever disease he had. One man was there, who had been ill for 38 years. When Jesus saw him and knew that he had been lying there a long time, He said to him, “Do you want to be healed?” The sick man answered Him, “Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is troubled, and while I am going another steps down before me.” Jesus said to him, “Rise, take up your pallet, and walk.” And at once the man was healed, and he took up his pallet and walked. Now that day was the Sabbath. So the Jews said to the man who was cured, “It is the Sabbath, it is not lawful for you to carry your pallet.” But he answered them, “The man who healed me said to me, ‘Take up your pallet, and walk.’” They asked him, “Who is the man who said to you, ‘Take up your pallet, and walk?’” Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. Afterward, Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, “See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse befalls you.” The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus Who had healed him.

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

Kevin Hashway  
Mark Hashway  
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur



Walid & Mirna Nakhoul  
Rajaa Audi  
William Salhany & Family  
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

William Salhany  
Offered by: George & Barbara Moussalli  
& Family

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

William Salhany & Family  
Maureen, Paul & Mary Gurghigian  
Our Children & Grandchildren  
Offered by: Albert & Victoria Hallal

William Salhany  
Offered by: Ron & Janice Hallal

### **IN LOVING MEMORY OF:**

Fred Hashway Jr.  
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Ruth Salhany  
Offered by: Sonja Pollard

Ruth Salhany  
Offered by: William Salhany

Ruth Salhany  
Offered by: George & Barbara Moussalli  
& Family

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

Ruth Salhany (dear sister)  
Offered by: Albert & Victoria Hallal

Ruth Salhany  
Offered by: Ron & Janice Hallal

Ruth Salhany  
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

John Swistak  
Offered by: Elaine Swistak

### **Coffee Hour**

Coffee hour today is sponsored by William Salhany & Family in memory of Ruth Salhany. Coffee hour will be held at the Parish Center following Liturgy.



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