

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, April 8th: GREAT & HOLY PASCHA

12:00A.M.– Divine Liturgy followed by Agape Breakfast

6:00 P.M.– Agape Vespers

Monday, April 9th~ Saturday April 14th: “New or Bright Week”

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Tuesday, April 10th: 7:00P.M.– Parish Council Meeting

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

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

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



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SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



Sunday, April 8, 2018

Great and Holy PASCHA

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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.

Today is the day of salvation for the world ... Christ is risen from the dead: arise with him. Christ returns to himself: you also must return to him. Christ has come forth from the tomb: free yourselves from the fetters of evil. The gates of hell are open and the power of death is destroyed. The old Adam is superseded, the new perfected. In Christ a new creation is coming to birth: renew yourselves.

GREGORY NAZIANZEN *Oration 45, For Easter, I,1 (PG 36,624)*



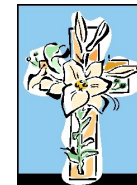
Holy Thursday Wreath
Donated by Sam Matook & Family

For the Health & Safety of:

Sam Matook
Mark A. Matook
Bob, Sherry, Mackenzie &
Mason Matook
Louis Bellas
Fred, Adelle & Bobby Shwaery
Father Elie Estephan & Family

In Loving Memory Of:

Kay Matook
Wadi & Esma Matook
James & Helen Bellas
Rita Sayegh
Chris & Olga Bicki
All the Deceased Matook's



*May they rest in peace
and may their memory be eternal.*

Easter Egg Donation

St. Mary Church would like to thank Scott & Nora Barnes for generously donating The Paschal Easter Eggs again this year. They are offered for the health and blessing of Rose Ganim.



CHRIST IS RISEN, TRULY HE IS RISEN!

The Glorious Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ

The Paschal Homily of our Father among the Saints, John Chrysostom

If anyone be devout and a lover of God, let him enjoy this beautiful and radiant Feast of Feasts! If anyone is a wise servant, let him rejoice and enter into the joy of his Lord! If anyone has wearied himself in fasting, let him now receive his reward! If anyone has laboured from the first hour, let him today receive his just recompense! If anyone has come at the third hour, with thanksgiving let him keep the Feast! If anyone has arrived at the sixth hour, let him have no misgivings for he shall suffer no loss! If anyone has delayed until the ninth hour, let him draw near without hesitation! If anyone has arrived even at the eleventh hour, let him not fear on account of his delay. For the Lord is gracious and receives the last even as the first. He gives rest to him that comes at the eleventh hour, just as to him who has laboured from the first. He has mercy upon the last, and cares for the first; to the one He gives, and to the other, He is also gracious. He is also gracious. He both honors the work and praises the intention. ENTER, ALL OF YOU, INTO THE JOY OF OUR LORD! Whether you are first or last, receive your reward! O rich and poor, one with another, dance for joy! O you ascetics and you negligent, celebrate this Day! You that have fasted and you that have neglected the fast, rejoice today! The table is richly laden; feast royally, all of you! The calf is fatted; let no one go away hungry. Let all partake of the Feast of Faith. Let all receive the riches of goodness. Let no one lament his poverty, for the Universal Kingdom has been revealed! Let no one mourn for his sins, for Forgiveness has dawned from the Tomb! Let no one fear Death, for our Saviour's death has set us free! He that was taken by Death has annihilated it! He descended into Hades and took Hades captive! He embittered Hades when it tasted His Flesh! Anticipating this, the Prophet Isaiah exclaimed, "Hades was embittered when it encountered Thee in the lower regions." Hades was embittered for it was abolished! Hades was embittered for it was mocked! Hades was embittered for it was purged! Hades was embittered for it was despoiled! Hades was embittered for it was bound in chains! Hades took a body and met God face to face! Hades took Earth and encountered Heaven! Hades took what it saw, but crumbled before what it had not seen! "O death, where is thy sting?" O Hades, where is thy victory?" CHRIST IS RISEN, and you are overthrown! CHRIST IS RISEN, and the demons are fallen! CHRIST IS RISEN, and the Angels rejoice! CHRIST IS RISEN, and Life reigns! CHRIST IS RISEN, and not one dead remains in the tombs! For Christ being raised from the dead has become the first-fruits of them that slept! To Him be glory and dominion unto ages of ages!

Amen.



Great and Holy PASCHA

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HYPAKOE OF PASCHA: Tone 4

They who were with Mary came before the dawn, found the stone rolled away from the sepulcher, and heard the angels say unto them: Why seek ye Him as man with the dead, Who dwells in light eternal? Behold the grave wrappings; make haste and declare to the world that the Lord is risen, and hath caused death to die; for He is the Son of God, the Savior of mankind.

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 ANTI-TRISAGION HYMN

As many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia. (THRICE)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Have put on Christ. Alleluia.

Dynamis!

As many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia.



The Epistle

Acts 1:1-8

Prokeimenon: This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Verse: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his mercy endures forever.

The reading is from the Acts of the Apostles.

In the first book, O Theophilos, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commandment through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. To them he presented himself alive after his passion by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days, and speaking of the kingdom of God. And while staying with them he charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me, for John baptized with water, but before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

So when they had come together, they asked him, Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom of Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth."

The Gospel

John 1:1-17

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness to the light.

The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world knew him not. He came to his own home, and his own people received him not. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God; who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father. (John bore witness to him, and cried, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, for he was before me.'") And from his fullness have we all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

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

John Al-Amir
George Al-Amir
Julia Al-Amir
Offered by: Radwan Al-Amir & Family

Nabil Khoury
Offered by: Salwa Khoury

Olga & Tawfik & Fareed Hawwa
Anita, John, Reyna & Anthony Chamoun
Robert, Mary, William & Eloise Khoury
Jacob, Maria, Sofia & Emilia Khoury
Renda, John & Natalia Ferrari
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Arabic Liturgy

Arabic Liturgy will be offered on Saturday,
April 14th at 6:00 P.M. All are welcome and
encouraged to attend. ****Please note date
change for April****

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

Khalil Al-Amir
Offered by: Radwan Al-Amir & Family



Offer of Gratitude

Fr. Elie and the St. Mary Parish Council would like to offer thanks and gratitude to all the faithful who participated, assisted and supported the Church during the Lenten Season, Holy Week and Pascha. May God bless those who gave of their time, energy, resources and love, to celebrate and to offer sacrifices during this special time and make possible our witness to the Resurrection-The Feast of Feasts.



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