

CHURCH CALENDAR

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

Mother's Day

Wednesday, May 16th: 7:00 P.M.– Liturgy for the Ascension of Our Lord

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

Sunday, July 8th: Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Family Fun Day (following Liturgy) ~ *Masonic Youth Center,
116 Long Street, Warwick, RI*

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

Sunday, July 15th: Fathers of the 4th Ecumenical Council

Outreach Committee ‘Soup Kitchen’ 12:00-12:30pm



SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



Sunday, May 13, 2018

Sunday of the Blind Man

CHRIST IS RISEN, TRULY HE IS RISEN!

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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.

Coffee Hour

Coffee hour today is sponsored by Matt Kelley & Amani George in Memory of their fathers, Emil Awad & John Kelley. Coffee hour will be held at the Parish Center following Liturgy.



THE SYNAXARION (Plain Reading)

On May 13 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Virgin-martyr Glykeria of Heraklea; Venerable Sergios the Confessor, father of Photios the Great; Venerable Euthymios the New, founder of Iveron monastery on Athos, his father John the Iberian, and their kinsman George; and Venerable Gabriel the Iberian.

On this day, the sixth Sunday of Pascha, we celebrate the miracle wrought by our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ upon the man who was blind from his birth.

Verses

*O Light of Light most perfect, and Light-provider,
On the blind from birth, O Word, eyes Thou bestowest.*

The Savior met this man, born blind and incurable after every human effort, while leaving the Temple on the Sabbath. Saints John Chrysostom, Basil the Great and Irenaeus teach that the man was born without eyes. Jesus spat into the dirt, made clay, rubbed it in his eye sockets and told him to wash in the pool of Siloam, a famous water spring in Jerusalem. The Savior did not send him there because his eye sockets were covered in clay, nor did the pool have healing power, but instead to test his faith and obedience. The blind man proclaimed that Jesus healed him, but this confession caused him to be cast out by the enemies of the truth. Even his own parents would not defend him. However, the blind man followed Jesus from that moment forward.

By Thine infinite mercy, O Christ our God, Giver of light, have mercy on us. Amen.

Orthodox Vocabulary Catholic

Catholic: in the Creed, we say: "I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church." Thus the word "catholic" is one of the four attributes of qualities of the Church, and all together they express its fullness. But while the meaning of the words "one", "holy", "apostolic" is easily understood, the sense of the word "catholic" is often not clearly defined, and the word has been understood in various ways over the centuries. This has led to considerable confusion (for example, the common understanding that the word "catholic" applies exclusively to the Roman or Latin Church). Etymologically, the word "catholic" derives from the Greek *katholikos*, meaning "according to the whole." This has often been translated as "universal", but it refers rather to the notion of fullness. In the early Church, one spoke of the "catholic church of a particular place." The Church was considered to be present in its fullness in each local eucharistic assembly, just as Christ is present *in his entirety* in the eucharistic mystery. So the Church –His Body– is *fully present* in each local church. The term "orthodox" was used to refer to the members of the catholic church to distinguish them from heretics; the term "catholic" was used to designate the Church.



The great work of God, the creation of man, and then after his fall, his restoration by redemption, ought to be well known to every Christian. Without this knowledge one cannot know and fulfill the obligations of a Christian; but the knowledge of this great work of God cannot be acquired with distraction.

~St. Ignatius Brianchaninov



Sunday of the Blind Man

Tone: 5 Eothinon: 8

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION: Tone 5

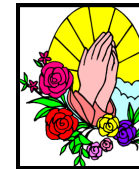
Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For, He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

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 **Acts 16:16-34**

Prokeimenon: You, O Lord, shall keep us and preserve us.

Verse: Save me, O Lord, for the godly man has failed.

The reading is from the Acts of the Apostles.

In those days, as we apostles were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners much gain by soothsaying. She followed Paul and us, crying, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation." And this she did for many days. But Paul was annoyed, and turned and said to the spirit, "I charge you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

But when her owners saw that their hope of gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market place before the rulers; and when they had brought them to the magistrates they said, "These men are Jews and they are disturbing our city. They advocate customs which it is not lawful for us Romans to accept or practice." The crowd joined in attacking them; and the magistrates tore the garments off them and gave orders to beat them with rods. And when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, charging the jailer to keep them safely. Having received this charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks.

But about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and every one's fetters were unfastened. When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul cried with a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." And he called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas, and brought them out and said, "Men, what must I do to be saved?" And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all that were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their wounds, and he was baptized at once, with all his family. Then he brought them up into his house, and set food before them; and he rejoiced with all his household that he had believed in God.

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!



Prayers for the Departed

Remember, O Lord, all who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection and of eternal life, our fathers, mothers, brothers and sisters. Orthodox Christians who rest both here and in all other parts of the earth. Place them with Your saints, where the light of Your countenance shines, and have mercy upon

us, for You are gracious and love all mankind. Grant, O Lord, to all that have gone before us in faith and hope of the resurrection, remission of sins and keep them in everlasting memory. Amen.

In the place of Your rest, O Lord, where all Your saints repose, give rest to the souls of Your servants, for You alone are immortal. O virgin, alone pure and immaculate that in maiden-motherhood brought forth God, intercede for the salvation of the souls of your servants. With the saints give rest, O Christ, to the souls of Your servants (names), where there is not pain, sorrow or sighing, but Life everlasting.

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

During the Holy Season of Lent, we collect alms to feed the hungry, as an act of Christian Mercy. Food for Hungry People collection boxes are available in the Vestibule & Church Hall. Take one home, fill it with coins during Lent and return it at Holy Pasha (Easter). Donations will also be accepted. To: St. Mary Orthodox Church earmarked “F F.H.P.”

May we be generous to reach out to those who hunger and who are in need.
This “reaching out” and caring will help us to witness the resurrection.

The Feast of The Ascension

St. Mary Church will celebrate the Feast of The Ascension with an Evening Divine Liturgy at 7:00 P.M. on Wednesday, May 16th.

Jesus did not live with his disciples after his resurrection as he had before his death. Filled with the glory of his divinity, he appeared at different times and places to his people, assuring them that it was he, truly alive in his risen and glorified body. **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 (Acts 1:3)** It should be noted that the time span of forty days is used many times in the Bible and signifies a temporal period of completeness and sufficiency. (Genesis 7:17; Exodus 16:35, 24:18; Judges 3:11; 1 Samuel 17:16; 1 Kings 19:8; Jonah 3:4; Matthew 4:2) On the fortieth day after his passover, Jesus **ascended into heaven** to be glorified on the right hand of God. (Acts 1:9-11; Mark 16:19; Luke 24:51) The ascension of Christ is his final physical departure from this world after the resurrection. It is the formal completion of his mission in this world as the Messianic Saviour. It is his glorious return to the Father who had sent him into the world to accomplish the work that he had given him to do. (John 17:4-5) **...and lifting his hands he blessed them. While blessing them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. And they returned to Jerusalem with great joy. . . (Luke 24:51-52)** The Church's celebration of the ascension, as all such festal celebrations, is not merely the remembrance of an event in Christ's life. Indeed, the ascension itself is not to be understood as though it were simply the supernatural event of a man floating up and away into the skies. The holy scripture stresses Christ's physical departure and his glorification with God the Father, together with the great joy which his disciples had as they received the promise of the Holy Spirit who was to come to assure the Lord's presence with them, enabling them to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth. (Luke 24:48-53; Acts 1:8-11; Matthew 28:16-20; Mark 16:16-19) In the Church the believers in Christ celebrate these very same realities with the conviction that it is for them and for all men that Christ's departure from this world has taken place. The Lord leaves in order to be glorified with God the Father and to glorify us with himself. He goes in order to "prepare a place" for us, and to take us also into the blessedness of God's presence. He goes to open the way for all flesh into the **"heavenly sanctuary... the Holy Place not made by hands."** (See **Hebrews 8-10**) He goes in order to send the Holy Spirit, who proceeds from the Father, to bear witness to him and his gospel in the world, by making him powerfully present in the lives of his disciples. The liturgical hymns of the feast of the Ascension sing of all of these things. The antiphonal verses of the Divine Liturgy are taken from Psalms 47, 48 and 49. The troparion of the feast which is sung at the small entrance is also used as the post-communion hymn. **Thou hast ascended in glory O Christ our God., granting joy to Thy disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit. Through the blessing they were assured that Thou art the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world (Troparion)**

When Thou didst fulfill the dispensation for our sake, and didst unite earth to heaven, Thou didst ascend in glory, O Christ our God, not being parted from those who love Thee, but remaining with them and crying: I am with you and no one will be against you! (Kontakion)

The Gospel

John 9:1-38

At that time, when Jesus was passing, he saw a man blind from his birth. And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be made manifest in him. I must work the works of him who sent me, while it is day; night comes, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." As he said this, he spat on the ground and made clay of the spittle and anointed the man's eyes with the clay, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar, said, "Is not this the man who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is he"; others said, "No, but he is like him." He said, "I am the man." They said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash'; so I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. The Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" There was a division among them. So they again said to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight, and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age, he will speak for himself." His parents said this because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if any one should confess him to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age, ask him."

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and said to him, "Give God the praise; we know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "Whether he is a sinner, I do not know; one thing I know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you too want to become his disciples?" And they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Why, this is a marvel! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if any one is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. Never since the world began has it been heard that any one opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out.

Megalynarion (instead of It is truly meet...)
for Pascha in Tone: 1

The angel spake to her that is full of grace, saying, O pure Virgin, rejoice; and I say also, Rejoice; for thy Son is risen from the tomb on the third day.

Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem; for the glory of the Lord hath risen upon thee. Rejoice and exult now, O Zion, and thou, O pure one, Theotokos, rejoice at the Resurrection of thy Son.

PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR
GOOD HEALTH AND BLESSING OF:

Kevin Hashway
Mark Hashway
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Special prayers of good health & blessing are being offered by Nabil & Salwa Khoury for Jonny Khoury on the occasion of his graduation.



IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Fred Hashway Jr.
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Sophie Hallal
Sarah Massiwer
Nellie Hallal
Mary Dessaint
Offered by: Holly Lazieh and Sons & Bob Dessaint



Mary Agaty
Jeannette Swistak
Offered by: Elaine Swistak & Family

Lillian Sakey
Dorothy Schillawski
Offered by: Jim, Beth, Michael & Tanya Schillawski

Florence Franklin
Offered by: Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian

Donald Hayes Sr.
John Massiwer
Tom Andrew
John Swistak
Kay Matook
William Osborn Jr.
Offered by: Cindy Hayes & Children

Lily Massiwer
Diana Hashway
Cheryl Nassaney
Nancy Sterpis
Offered by: Holly Lazieh and Sons & Bob Dessaint

Steve & Patricia Kilsey
Offered by: George, Lois, Mary & Christopher Kilsey

Steve & Pat Kilsey & Family
Mary & Bill Franklin & Family
Offered by: Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian

Steve & Pat Kilsey
Offered by: Joe & Marlene Samra

Donald, Daniel & Sarah Hayes
Offered by: Cindy Hayes

Mary Massiwer & Family
Lauren Dincicco & Family
Elaine Swistak & Family
Sam Matook & Family
William & Louise Osborn & Family
Nabil & Salwa Khoury & Family
Glenn, Donna & Alicia Maurice
Offered by: Cindy Hayes & Children

This is the twentieth-fourth year that Memorial Trisagion services are offered for those deceased parishioners in our Charitable Gift Program who have made their contribution to the fund.

The Trisagion service will be offered this year in memory of:

Assad Ayoub, Mary Ayoub, Naseem Ayoub, Joseph Bowab, Linda Salhany Bowab, Alice David, Florence David, George David, Mary Elizabeth David, Nora David, Christopher Gauthier, Ronald Gauthier, Esma Gorab, Jacqueline Gorab, John Gorab, Edward J. Hallal, Sr., Fred Hallal, Sophie Hallal, Donald Hayes, Matilda Josephs, Theodore Juczyk, Michelle Kilsey, Ida Lavin, Theodore Lavin, John Massiwer, Sarah Massiwer, Esma Matook, Wadi Matook, Kamal Nassif, Ruth Ganim Salhany, Rita Sayegh, Joseph Samra, Mary Samra, Jameela Tahmoush and Nora Walker.

May their Memory Be Eternal!

We would also like to offer prayers for the health and safety of the following individuals who have committed to the Charitable Gift Program:

Fr. Leonard Faris
Fr. Timothy Ferguson
Anonymous—Four
Lisa Andrews
Cindy Antypas
Bette Ayoub
Edward Ayoub
Geoffrey Ayoub
Philip Ayoub
Philip G. Ayoub
Suzanne Ayoub
Janet Bowab
Christine Briggs
Liam Burke
Mary Lou Catelli
William Catelli
Bryan Chowning
Stephanie Chowning
Linda Dvelis
Fred Elliott
Renda Ferrari
Elaine Gauthier
Maureen Gurghigian
Paul Gurghigian
Janice Bowab Hallal
Jim Hallal
Keith Hallal

Lorice Hallal
Maria Hallal
Paula Hallal
Ronald Hallal
Dianna Hashway
Fareed Hawwa
Olga Hawwa
Tawfik Hawwa
Cindy Hayes
Daniel Hayes
Donald Hayes, Jr.
Sarah Hayes
Hilda Jarjoura Juczyk
Fadia Kabak
Eli Karam
Julia Karam
Naji Karam
Nabil Khoury
Salwa Khoury
Audrey Kilsey
Fred Kilsey
George Kilsey
Lois Kilsey
Melissa Ann Kilsey
Patricia A. Kilsey
Steven G. Kilsey
Steven W. Kilsey

Robert Laffey
Holly Lazieh
Lily Massiwer
Mary Massiwer
Keith Marshall
Marlene Marshall
Donna Maurice
Glen Maurice
Mary Mechrefe
Louise Megalli
Melanie Ann Merner
Mirna Nakhoul
Walid Nakhoul
William Salhany
Barbara M. Samra
Joseph J. Samra
Joseph J. Samra III
Marlene Samra
Rebecca Samra
Florence Spenard
Phil Spenard
Carol Wartenberg
Susan Warzycha
Mary Jane Wehbe
Elaine Wilbur
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