

## CHURCH CALENDAR

**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

**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



## SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



*Sunday, May 6, 2018*

*Sunday of the Samaritan Woman*

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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.

## **Coffee Hour**

Coffee hour today is sponsored by The Outreach Committee. Coffee hour will be held at the Parish Center following Liturgy.



## **THE SYNAXARION (Plain Reading)**

On May 6 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Righteous Prophet Job the long-suffering; Venerable Seraphim of Mount Domvu in Levadia; and the translation of the relics of Sabbas, first archbishop of Serbia.

On this day, the fifth Sunday of Pascha, we celebrate the feast of the Samaritan Woman.

### ***Verses***

*Coming to obtain corruptible water, O woman,  
Thou drawest living water, wherewith thy soul's stains thou wastest.*

The Samaritan woman—the holy and glorious Great-martyr Photeini—met Jesus at midday at Jacob's Well, which was located in the city of Sychar. And being tired from travel and the heat, Jesus sat at Jacob's Well. A little after, the Samaritan woman came to draw water, and had a long conversation with Him (it is the longest recorded discourse between Christ and a single person in the entire Bible). Photeini did not want to talk to Jesus, because the Samaritans did not have any dealings with Jews; Jews considered her people heretics because Samaritans kept only the first five books of the Old Testament. However, the Lord talked with her anyway, read her heart, revealed her secrets and gave her to drink of the "Living Water"—the grace of the Holy Spirit that leads to eternal life and flows to all humanity. Photeini immediately ran throughout the city to proclaim Christ. Through her, many other Samaritans believed in Jesus.

By the intercessions of Thy Martyr, Photeini, O Christ God, have mercy on us.  
Amen.

## Orthodox Vocabulary

### Ascension

The feast of the Ascension commemorates the ascending of Christ into heaven witnessed by His Apostles. It took place on the Mount of Olives the fortieth day after the Resurrection. It marks the triumphant close of the post-Resurrection period during which Christ repeatedly appeared to His Disciples and spoke to them of 'the things concerning the kingdom of God'. Thus, Christ's human nature was taken into Heaven, wherefrom 'He now exercises all power in Heaven and on earth'. The Ascension is one of the principal feasts of the Christian year irrespective of denominations. It falls on the 6th Thursday after the day of Easter. St. John Chrysostom gives indisputable evidence of its celebration in the later years of the 4th century.

It is impossible for the mind not to be troubled by wicked thoughts. But if we exert ourselves it is within our power either to accept them and give them our attention, or to expel them. Their coming is not within our power to control, but their expulsion is.

~Abba Moses of Scetis



### 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 Samaritan Woman*

**Tone: 4      Eothinon: 7**

### **RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION: Tone 4**

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel, the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying, Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy.

### **APOLYTIKION FOR MID-PENTECOST: Tone 8**

In the midst of this Feast, O Savior, give Thou my thirsty soul to drink of the waters of true worship; for Thou didst call out to all, saying: Whosoever is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. Wherefore, O Christ our God, Fountain of life, glory to Thee.

### **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 11:19-30**

Prokeimenon: O Lord, how magnificent are your works. You have made all things in wisdom.

Verse: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

The reading is from the Acts of the Apostles.

In those days, those apostles who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to none expect Jews. But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Greeks also, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number that believed turned to the Lord. News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad; and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a large company was added to the Lord. So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul; and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church, and taught a large company of people; and in Antioch the disciples were for the first time called Christians. Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. And one of them named Agabos stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine all over the world; and this took place in the days of Claudius. And the disciples determined, every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brethren who lived in Judea, and they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

## **The Gospel** **John 4:5-42**

At that time, Jesus came to a city of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and so Jesus, wearied as he was with his journey, sat down beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep; where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us this well, and drank from it himself, and his sons, and his cattle?" Jesus said to her, "Every one who drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst forever; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband;' for you have had five husbands, and he whom you now have is not your husband; this you said truly." The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain; and you say that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship." Jesus said to her. "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him. God is spirit and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ); when he comes, he will tell us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he." Just then his disciples came. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but none said, "What do you wish?" or, "Why are you talking to her?" So the woman left her water jar, and went away into the city, and said to the people, "Come, see a man who said to me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" They went out of the city and were coming to him. Meanwhile the disciples besought him, saying, "Rabbi, eat." But he said to them, "I have food to eat which you do not know." So the disciples said to one another, "Has any one brought him food?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me, and to accomplish his work. Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest?' I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see how the fields are already white for the harvest. He who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, so that the sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor; others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He said to me all that I ever did." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. Any many more believed because of his words. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of your words that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world."

## **Megalynarion (instead of It is truly meet...) for Samaritan Woman Sunday 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.*

Rejoice and be glad, O gate of the divine Light; for Jesus Who disappeared in the tomb hath risen with greater radiance than the sun, illuminating all believers, O Lady favored of God.

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



### **40 Day Memorial Service**



A 40 Day Memorial Service is being offered for the servant of God *John Haddad* and is being offered by his nephews George Arees & Andrew Wylie.

***May God grant him peace and may his memory be eternal.***

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

Kevin Hashway  
Mark Hashway  
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Nabil & Salwa Khoury  
Offered by: Walid & Mirna Nakhoul

Rajaa Audi  
Mirna & Walid Nakhoul  
Offered by: Samy & Helen Morcos

My Uncles Wife (in Germany)  
My Mother-in-law  
Offered by: Dr. Zeyad Morcos

Cindy, Donald, Daniel & Sarah Hayes  
Offered by: Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian

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

Fred Hashway Jr.  
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Donald Hayes Sr.  
John Massiwer  
Tom Andrew  
Offered by: Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian

