

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, December 9th: Conception of Theotokos

Choir Appreciation

Outreach Meeting during Coffee Hour

Tuesday, December 11th: 7:00P.M.– Parish Council Meeting

Saturday, December 15th: 10:00 A.M.- Sunday School Pageant practice in the church hall

Sunday, December 16th: Forefathers (Ancestors) of Christ

Church School Pageant & Luncheon

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

Sunday, December 23rd: Sunday before the Nativity (Genealogy)

Monday, December 24th: 5:00 P.M.- Christmas Liturgy

Tuesday, December 25th: Christmas Day

Sunday, December 30th: Sunday after the Nativity

Monday, December 31st: New Year's Eve

8pm-1am– New Year's Eve Pot Luck Gathering

Tuesday, January 1st: New Year's Day (church office closed)



Upcoming events:

January 27, 2019: Annual Parish Meeting

February 9, 2019: Hafli 8pm-1am

February 10, 2019: "Souper Bowl" Luncheon hosted by the Outreach Committee

Antiochian Archdiocese Convention

July 21-28, 2019

St. Nicholas Church in Grand Rapids, Michigan

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SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



Sunday, December 9, 2018

**Conception of The Theotokos by Righteous
Anna & Tenth Sunday of Luke**

Saint Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church

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**His Eminence Metropolitan JOSEPH, Archbishop of New York
& Metropolitan of all North America**

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Diocese of Worcester and New England**

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Sub-Deacon Emad Amirhom

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.

THE SYNAXARION (Plain Reading)

On December 9 in the Holy Orthodox Church we commemorate Saint Anna's Conception of the Most Holy Theotokos.

Verses

*Not like Eve dost thou bring forth children in sorrow,
For within thy womb thou bearest joy, O Anna.
On the ninth, Anna conceived Mary, God's Mother.*

After many years of childlessness and fervent prayer, an angel of the Lord announced to Joachim and Anna that they would be the parents of a daughter, the Virgin Mary, who would bring blessings to the whole human race. The Conception took place at Jerusalem. The Orthodox Church does not accept the teaching that the Mother of God was exempted from the consequences of ancestral sin (death, corruption, sin, etc.) at the moment of her conception by virtue of the future merits of her Son. Only Christ was born perfectly holy and sinless. The Holy Virgin was like everyone else in her mortality and in being subject to temptation, although she committed no personal sins. She was not a deified creature removed from the rest of humanity. If this were the case, she would not have been truly human, and the nature that Christ took from her would not have been truly human either. If Christ does not truly share our human nature, then the possibility of our salvation is in doubt. By her intercessions, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.



Antiochian Village Winter Family Camp

Antiochian Village Winter Family Camp program to be held January 18-21 (MLK Jr. weekend), 2019! It is a wonderful opportunity for families to spend a weekend growing closer to Christ together. Please visit avcamp.org to register. Please feel free to contact us at (724)-238-9565 or e-mail office@avcamp.org. (optional snowtubing)

Christmas Liturgy

Christmas Liturgy this year will be on
Monday, December 24th at 5:00 P.M.



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.



Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 9th at 5:30pm

An Annual Advent Tradition of Scripture Readings & Music celebrating the Coming of Christ featuring St. Mary's Liturgy Choir and the Boston Civic Orchestra Brass Quintet.

Location:

St. Mary Orthodox Church 8 Inman Street, Cambridge, MA

Additional Info:

Admission is free with a reception to follow. A collection will be taken to support the Archdiocesan Food for Hungry People Program (Monetary Donations & Canned Goods)

Questions? Call the Church Office: (617)-547-1234

THE EPISTLE

God is wondrous in His saints. Bless God in the congregations.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (4:22-27)

Brethren, Abraham had two sons, one by a slave and one by a free woman. But the son of the slave was born according to the flesh, the son of the free woman through promise. Now this is an allegory: these women are two covenants. One is from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery; she is Hagar. Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia; she corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. But the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother. For it is written, "Rejoice, O barren one who does not bear; break forth and shout, you who are not in travail; for the children of the desolate one are many more than the children of her that is married."

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (13:10-17)

At that time, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And there was a woman who had had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. And when Jesus saw her, He called her and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your infirmity." And He laid His hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight, and she praised God. But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the Sabbath day." Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrite! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his ass from the manger, and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?" As Jesus said this, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by Him.



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APOLYTIKION OF THE RESURRECTION: 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 become the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION OF CONCEPTION OF THE THEOTOKOS: Tone 4

Today have the bonds of barrenness been loosened; God, having heard the prayers of Joachim and Anna, promised them openly that they should give birth, beyond hope, to the Maiden of God, from whom He, the infinite One was to be born, becoming man, commanding the angel to shout to her: Rejoice, O full of grace, the Lord is with thee.

APOLYTIKION OF THE DORMITION: Tone 1

In thy birth-giving, O Theotokos, thou didst keep and preserve virginity; and in thy falling-asleep thou hast not forsaken the world; for thou wast translated into life, being the Mother of Life. Wherefore, by thine intercessions, deliver our souls from death.

KONTAKION OF CONCEPTION OF THE THEOTOKOS: Tone 4

*(**On this day Thou hast appeared**)*

All the world doth celebrate * Anna's conception * on this day with festive joy,
* because it came to pass through God; * for by divine grace she hath conceived
* her that beyond words conceiveth the Word of God.



PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR GOOD HEALTH AND BLESSING OF:

Kevin Hashway
Mark Hashway
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur



Salwa Khoury
Dr. Nabil Khoury
Reyna & Anthony Chamoun
Jacob Mitri
Offered by: John & Anita Chamoun

Yacoub Mitri
Mary Massiwer
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Mary Massiwer
Julia Vale
Nora Matook
William Osborne & Family
Offered by: Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian

Julia Vale
Mary Massiwer
Bill & Mary Lou Catelli
Glenn & Alicia Maurice
Offered by: Sandra Matook & Family

Tom & Karen Trabulsi
Dave & Roxana Trabulsi & Children
Sue Ayoub
Salwa Khoury
Mary David
Julia Vale
Offered by: Ray & Leila Trabulsi

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

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Fred Hashway Jr.
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Louise Osborne
Offered by: Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian

Ameen and Nayfey Sabath
Petros and Afife Betor
Helen Betor
Fred Sabath
Fred "Fritzie" and Jimmy Sabath
Offered by: Edward & Lillian Betor



Coffee Hour

Today, Coffee Hour is being offered in recognition of Our Wonderful Choir on Choir Appreciation Sunday. Coffee Hour will be held at the Parish Center following Liturgy.

