

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, March 3rd: Last Judgment (Meat Fare)
Ladies Society Meeting during Coffee Hour

Sunday, March 10th: Forgiveness Sunday (Cheese Fare)
Daylight Savings Time Begins
Outreach Meeting during Coffee Hour

Tuesday, March 12th: 7:00 P.M.– Parish Council Meeting

Sunday, March 17th: Sunday of Orthodoxy
Outreach Committee 'Soup Kitchen' 11:30am-noon
5:00 P.M.- RI Clergy Fellowship Services for Great Lent (St. Mary Church, Pawtucket)

Sunday, March 24th: Second Sunday of Lent (Gregory Palamas)
Annunciation Day with Bishop JOHN presiding
Antiochian Women Fish at the Parish Center following Liturgy
Outreach Committee 'Food Pantry' 11:30am-noon
6:15 P.M.- RI Clergy Fellowship Services for Great Lent (Annunciation Church, Cranston)

Sunday, March 31st: Third Sunday of Lent (Holy Cross)
5:00 P.M.- RI Clergy Fellowship Services for Great Lent (St. John's Parish, Woonsocket)

Saturday, April 6th: 6:00 P.M.– Arabic Liturgy

Sunday, April 7th: Fourth Sunday of Lent (John Climacus)
5:00 P.M.- RI Clergy Fellowship Services for Great Lent (St. Michael's Parish, Woonsocket)

Tuesday, April 9th: 7:00 P.M.– Parish Council Meeting

Sunday, April 14th: Fifth Sunday of Lent (Mary of Egypt)
5:00 P.M.- RI Clergy Fellowship Services for Great Lent (Sts. Mary & Mena, Cranston)

Saturday, April 20th: Lazarus Saturday
10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy
Church School Potluck Luncheon following Liturgy– Everyone is invited!

Sunday, April 21st: Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 28th: Great & Holy PASCHA

Saturday, May 4th: 6:00 P.M.– Arabic Liturgy

Sunday, May 26th: Charitable Gift Coffee Hour

Monday, May 27th: Memorial Day
9:00 A.M. Prayers at Walnut Hill Cemetery



SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



Sunday, March 3, 2019

Sunday of the Last Judgment
(Meat Fare)



Saint Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church

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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 March 3rd in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Martyrs Eutropios, Kleonikos, and Basilikos of Amasea; and the Hieromartyr Theodoretos of Antioch.

Today, we commemorate the Second and impartial Coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Verses

*When the Judge of all sitteth to judge the earth,
Come now! Mayest Thou judge me worthy of Thy voice!*

It is the Sunday of the Last Judgment—known also as Meat Fare Sunday—the lesson of which occurs in today's Holy Gospel. Jesus illustrates to us God's ineffable goodness and His great love for mankind. And so lest some who are lazy should loiter and spend the time appropriate to their salvation in the pursuit of sin, and be suddenly overtaken by death, the divine Fathers decree that on this day the remembrance of the Second Appearance of Christ may be celebrated. The intention is to remind them that, as God is good and loving to mankind, He is also a very righteous Judge Who recompenses each according to his deeds. Our Lord teaches us that when we minister to our brother or sister, we really minister to Him. This brings us righteousness and life eternal.

By Thine ineffable love for mankind, O Christ God, make us worthy of Thy devoted voice, number us among Thy righteous ones and have mercy on us. Amen.



Orthodox Vocabulary

Worship

WORSHIP: the act of ascribing praise, glory and thanksgiving to God: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. All humanity is called to worship God. Worship is more than being in the "great-out-of-doors" or listening to a sermon or singing a hymn. God can be known in His creation, but that doesn't constitute worship. And as helpful as sermons may be, they can never offer a proper substitute for worship. Most prominent in Orthodox worship is the corporate praise, thanksgiving and glory given to God by the Church. This worship consummates in intimate communion with God at His Holy Table. As is said in the Liturgy, "To You is due all glory, honor and worship, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen." In that worship we touch and experience His eternal Kingdom, the age to come, and join in adoration with the heavenly hosts. We experience the glory of the fulfillment of all things in Christ as truly all in all.

St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church, Pawtucket

Schedule of Services: Great Lent 2019

Meat-fare Sunday is March 3rd
Cheese-fare Sunday is March 10th
Great Lent begins on March 11th

The Service of Great Compline (Diocese) will be held on Monday evenings at 6:00 pm.
The Service of Great Compline (St. Mary Church) will be held on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm (except March 12th- will be held at 6:00pm), Thursday Evenings (in Arabic) at 7:00pm
The Liturgy of the Pre-sanctified Gifts will be held on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm. Those wishing to partake of Holy Communion ought to be fasting from 12:00 noon on.

The service of the Akathyst Hymn or Madeeh (The Salutations to the Virgin Mary) will be held on the first five Friday evenings of Great Lent at 7:00 pm.

**The service of Lenten Vespers will be held on the following Sunday evenings at the following churches at 5:00 pm:

- ~ March 17th: St. Mary Antiochian Church, Pawtucket, RI
- ~ March 24th: Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, Cranston, RI (6:15pm)
- ~ March 31st: St. John's Parish, Woonsocket, RI
- ~ April 7th: St. Michael's Parish, Woonsocket, RI
- ~ April 14th: Sts. Mary & Mena Coptic Church, Cranston, RI

***These Vespers are held and organized by the Rhode Island Orthodox Clergy Fellowship*

The Divine Liturgy on Lazarus Saturday, April 20th, will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m.

Palm Sunday is on April 21st. Holy Week starts on Sunday evening April 21st with the Bridegroom Service at 7:00 p.m.

Great and Holy Week: Monday, April 22nd - Saturday, April 27th.

Great and Holy PASCHA (Easter) is April 28th.

May the Living God, the Fountain of Wisdom, enlighten our minds, strengthen our bodies, and nourish our souls in the blessing of this holy season, the Lenten Spring.



THE EPISTLE

*The Lord is my strength and my praise.
The Lord chastising hath chastised me, but He hath not delivered me over to death.*

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (8:8-9:2)

Brethren, food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. Only take care, lest this liberty of yours somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if any one sees you—a man of knowledge—at table in an idol's temple, might he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak man is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brethren and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of my brother's falling, I will never eat meat, lest I cause my brother to fall. Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are not you my workmanship in the Lord? If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (25:31-46)

The Lord said, "When the Son of man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. Before Him will be gathered all the nations, and He will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and He will place the sheep at His right hand, but the goats at the left. Then the King will say to those at His right hand, 'Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave Me food, I was thirsty and you gave Me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed Me, I was naked and you clothed Me, I was sick and you visited Me, I was in prison and you came to Me.' Then the righteous will answer Him, 'Lord, when did we see Thee hungry and feed Thee, or thirsty and give Thee drink? And when did we see Thee a stranger and welcome Thee, or naked and clothe Thee? And when did we see Thee sick or in prison and visit Thee?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.' Then He will say to those at his left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave Me no food, I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome Me, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see Thee hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to Thee?' Then He will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to Me.' And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Sunday

Tone: 7 Eothinon: 7

APOLYTIKION OF THE RESURRECTION: Tone 7

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy. And didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercy.

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 SUNDAY OF LAST JUDGEMENT: Tone 1

When Thou comest, O God, to earth with glory, and all creatures tremble before Thee, and the river of fire floweth before the Altar, and the books are opened and sins revealed, deliver me then from that unquenchable fire, and make me worthy to stand at Thy right hand, O righteous Judge.



God is kind; He wants us all to be saved. If only a few were to be saved, why then was Christ crucified? The gate into Paradise is not narrow. There is room for all those who bow humbly, and are not puffed up with pride, as long as they repent and give the burden of their sins to Christ; then there is plenty of room to pass through the gate. Man can be saved with a single humble thought, or with a proud one lose everything.

+Elder Paisios of Mount Athos



PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR GOOD HEALTH AND BLESSING OF:

Kevin Hashway
Mark Hashway
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Elizabeth Votruba
Offered by: Sandra Matook

Mary Massiwer & Family
Lily Massiwer
Diana Hashway
Julia Vale
Nora Matook & Family
Cindy, Daniel & Sarah Hayes
Donald & Lauren Hayes
Mary & Bill Franklin & Billy & Jon
Diane Andrew & Paul Bernier
Laura, Jim & Noelle Arrighi
John & Patricia Massiwer & Danielle
Offered by: Maureen, Paul & Mary Gurghigian

Dennis O'Brien
Offered by: Ed & Sue Ayoub

Special Prayers of Good Health and Blessing
are being offered for Mary
Gurghigian on the occasion of her
18th Birthday.
Offered by: Paul & Maureen



IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Fred Hashway Jr.
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

George Kilsey (34 years)
Offered by: Amen Kilsey
Fred Kilsey
Steven & Patte Kilsey
Joyce Kilsey
Jeffrey Kilsey

John & Lila Bargoot
Offered by: Beverly & Fred Bargoot

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

Special Prayers of Good Health
and Blessing are being offered for
Victoria Muller on the occasion of
her 16th Birthday (2/28).
With love,
Nancy, Michael & Jacob Muller



March is Antiochian Women's Month

During the month of March, in all the Churches of our Archdiocese, we highlight and remember the Ministry of Women in our Church. Being founded on the model of Mary the Mother of God herself and the Service of the Myrrh-bearer ministry is foundational for without it the Church would not exist. During March, the Women will be reading the Epistle, taking the collection, and ushering as they do all year long.

May God bless all of the Women of the Holy Church and bless their ministry.

Epistle

March 3rd: Cindy Hayes

Ushers

Michelle Burke & Elaine Swistak