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
12pm-3pm-Church School Potluck Luncheon and Retreat

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11:00 P.M.– Rush Service

Sunday, April 28th: GREAT & HOLY PASCHA
12:00A.M.– Divine Liturgy followed by Agape Breakfast
6:00 P.M.– Agape Vespers

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

Friday– Sunday, May 10th-12th: YES Weekend at the Parish Center
May 24th-27th: Antiochian Village– Family Camp
Sunday, May 26th: Charitable Gift Program Coffee Hour
Monday, May 27th: Memorial Day
9:00 A.M. Prayers at Walnut Hill Cemetery

Saint Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church

Saint Mary of Egypt

Sunday, April 14, 2019
Fifth Sunday of Lent:
The Commemoration of our Righteous Mother Mary of Egypt
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 April 14 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Apostles Aristarchos, Pudens and Trophymos of the Seventy; Martyr Thomais of Alexandria; and New-martyr Demetrios of the Peloponnesos.

On this same day, the Fifth Sunday of Great Lent, it was ordained that we make remembrance of our Godly Mother Mary of Egypt.

Verses

Spirit rose up, flesh melted away erewhile; hide, O earth, the worn bones of Mary’s body.

Once, during the Honorable Fast, the priest-monk Zosimus withdrew into the wilderness. He caught sight of a withered woman named Mary; her hair was white as snow. Mary then told Zosimus that she was born in Egypt and at the age of 12 began to live a life of debauchery in Alexandria for 17 years. One day, she went to Jerusalem to enter the church to venerate the Honorable Cross. However, some invisible force restrained her. In great fear, she gazed upon the icon of the Theotokos in the vestibule and prayed that she be allowed to enter the church, all the while confessing her sinfulness. She was then permitted to enter the church. Having venerated the Cross she again entered the vestibule and, before the icon, gave thanks to the Mother of God. At that very moment she heard a voice saying: “If you cross the Jordan, you will find glorious rest!” Mary left for the wilderness and remained there for 47 years in repentance. She bade Zosimus to come back in one year with Holy Communion, which he did. The following year, on Holy Thursday, April 1, 522, Zosimus discovered Mary’s lifeless body, and buried her. Thus, the Lord glorifies penitent sinners. The Church exalts and exemplifies Mary to the faithful in Great Lent as an incentive for repentance that brings entry into the Heavenly Kingdom.

Through her intercessions, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.
Easter Flowers (Holy Friday and Pascha)

Please make a donation to help decorate the Church for Holy Week and Easter.

For Good Health and Blessing of:

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Donation: _____________________________

To all those who would like to contribute for the Easter Flowers; checks should be made out to St. Mary Orthodox Church and earmarked “Easter Flowers”.

All donations should be received by April 21st.

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Epistle
Hebrews 9:11-14

Prokeimenon: Make your vows to the Lord our God and perform them.
Verse: God is known in Judah; his name is great in Israel.
The reading is from Saint Paul’s Letter to the Hebrews.

Brethren, when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the Holy Place, taking not the blood of goats and calves but his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify your conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

The Gospel
Mark 10:32-45

At that time, Jesus took his twelve disciples, and he began to tell them what was to happen to him, saying, “Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death, and deliver him to the Gentiles; and they will mock him, and spit upon him, and scourge him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise again.” And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him, and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” And Jesus said to them, “What do you want me to do for you?” And they said to him, “We are able.” And Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.” And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. And Jesus called them to him and said to them, “You know that those who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be servant of all. For the Son of man himself came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”
Fifth Sunday of Lent

Tone: 5  Eothinon: 2

APOLYTIKION OF THE RESURRECTION: 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.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. MARY OF EGYPT: Tone 8
Through thee, the divine likeness was securely preserved, O mother Mary; for thou didst carry the cross and follow Christ. By example and precept thou didst teach us to ignore the body, because it is perishable, and to attend to the concerns of the undying soul. Therefore, doth thy soul rejoice with the angels.

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.

ORDINARY KONTAKION: Tone 2
O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

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.

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What is Lent?
Prayer  🌿  Fasting  🌿  Acts of Mercy

Sacrament of Confessions
Great Lent is the season to “Open the Gates of Repentance”. The faithful are encouraged to enter into the sacrament of confession during the Forty-Day Fast. Confessions can be made before or after Divine Services, or by special appointment with the Priest.

Teen SOYO Invites You to join all of us for PASCHAL BREAKFAST
After Easter Liturgy - Sunday, April 28th
In the early morning hours at the Parish Center
Breakfast is complimentary, your donation is welcome.
Menu to follow....
Hope you will join us as we proclaim, “Christ is Risen!”

Coffee Hour
Today, Coffee Hour is being offered by Tony & Sousan Karwashan for the Health & Memory of their Family. Coffee Hour will be held at the Parish Center following Liturgy.
Please contact Fr. Elie with any names of parishioners that are in need of visitation either at home, in hospital or nursing homes.

ONLINE BULLETIN
The Bulletin is available online on our website at: http://stmarypawtucket.org

Orthodox Vocabulary
Justice
Justice: the word justice usually evokes notions of law, with appropriate punishment if the law is not obeyed. For Christians, the juridical aspect is not the most important, because the justice of God is primarily love and mercy. “Faith and love united: this is a brief phrase which summarizes all justice” (St Irenaeus).

Liturgical Supplies and Offerings for Lent
During Great Lent the Church offers an intensified schedule of Divine Services and Prayers. Donations are being sought from the faithful for the many extra Liturgical Supplies needed for the Holy Season. These offerings include candles, wine, oil, incense, bread, service books, music and printed materials. Please earmark your donations and offerings “Liturgical Supplies.” Along with these offerings, bring also yourselves to pray the beautiful Lenten Services.

Visitations
Please contact Fr. Elie with any names of parishioners that are in need of visitation either at home, in hospital or nursing homes.

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 April 9th – will be held at 6:00 pm), Thursday Evenings (in Arabic) at 7:00 pm.
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 1:00 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:

~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 10:00 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) & Agape Breakfast following Liturgy 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.