

CHURCH CALENDAR

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

Sunday, April 21st: Palm Sunday

8:50 A.M.- Orthros

10:00 A.M.- Divine Liturgy and Procession with Palms

6:30 P.M.- Bridegroom Service

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7:00P.M.- Bridegroom Service

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7:00 P.M.- Sacrament of Holy Unction

Thursday, April 25th: Great and Holy Thursday

10:00 A.M.- Divine Liturgy

7:00 P.M.- Service of the Twelve Passion Gospels

Friday, April 26th: Great and Holy Friday

10:00 A.M.- Royal Hours

11:00 A.M.- Great Vespers of the Taking Down of the Cross

6:30 P.M.- Service of the Lamentations and Procession

Saturday, April 27th: Great and Holy Saturday

10:00 A.M.- Divine Liturgy

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

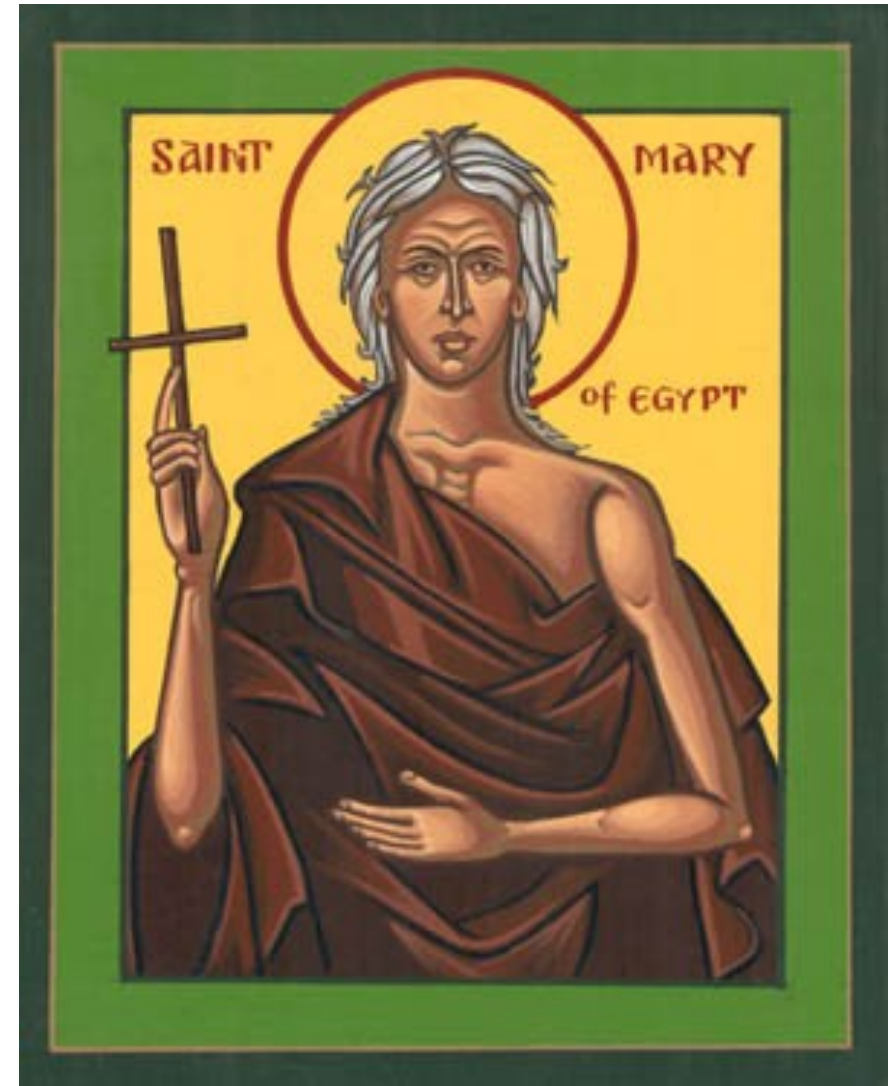
Sunday, May 26th: Charitable Gift Program Coffee Hour

Monday, May 27th: Memorial Day

9:00 A.M. Prayers at Walnut Hill Cemetery



SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



Sunday, April 14, 2019

Fifth Sunday of Lent:

**The Commemoration of our Righteous
Mother Mary of Egypt**

Saint Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church

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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.

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.



Great Lent and Holy Pascha 2019 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:

In Loving Memory of:

Your name:

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.



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, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus, said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" 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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followed by Agape Breakfast

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GREAT LENT 2019

March 11th ~ April 28th (Holy Pascha)



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!”



PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR GOOD HEALTH AND BLESSING OF:

Kevin Hashway
Mark Hashway
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Elizabeth Votruba
Offered by: Sandra Matook

Charles K. Arbeely
Offered by: Jim, Beth, Michael & Tanya Schillawski

Mary Lou & Bill Catelli
Al & Vicki Hallal
Dr. Nabil & Salwa Khoury
Fred & Adele Shwaery
Offered by: Elaine Gauthier

Samia Saad & Family
Sub-Deacon Chadi & Francoise Saad
Philip & Bette Ayoub
Walid & Mirna Nakhoul
Elie, Julia & Naji Karam
Georgette A. Saggal
Antoinette Baalbaki
Offered by: Nabil & Gloria Baalbaki & Family

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

George Matook
Charlie & Victoria Dagher
Offered by: Sandra Matook & Family

Murad & Sophie Laffey
Rosario & Hilda Gauthier
Offered by: Elaine Gauthier

The Very Rev. Herbert G Nahas (beloved uncle)
Offered by: George & Barbara Moussalli & Family

George Saad
Georges Karam
Abdalah & Mary Shagoury
Wadeia Taireh
Offered by: Nabil & Gloria Baalbaki & Family

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 by Tony & Sousan Karwashan for the Health & Memory of their Family. Coffee Hour will be held at the Parish Center following Liturgy.



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).

It is no small struggle to be delivered from vainglory. One is delivered from it by performing his spiritual work in secret and by more frequent prayer. A sign that one has been delivered from vainglory is that he no longer harbors resentment against one who has spoken- or continues to speak- ill of him.

~St. Maximus the Confessor



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.

ONLINE BULLETIN

The Bulletin is available online on our website at:
<http://stmarypawtucket.org>

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 6:00pm**), 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 Madech (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.

