## Church Calendar

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9:00 A.M. Prayers at Walnut Hill Cemetery |
| **July 21st-28th:** | Antiochian Archdiocese Convention – Grand Rapids, Michigan |
| **August 5th-9th:** | Church School Summer Camp at the Parish Center |

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*Sunday, April 21, 2019*  
Glorious and Brilliant Feast of the Entrance of our Lord Jesus Christ into Jerusalem (Palm Sunday)
**Saint Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church**
"A parish of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America"

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**Enter in Quietness, Rest in Prayer,**
**Worship in Reverence, Depart in Peace to Serve**

**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.

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**THE SYNAXARION (Plain Reading)**

On this day in the Holy Orthodox Church, the Sunday of Palms, we celebrate the radiant and glorious festival of the Entrance of our Lord Jesus Christ into Jerusalem.

**Verses**

Riding a colt, He that with a word stretched out Heaven,
Seeketh to loose mortals from brutish want of reason.

Jesus came to Bethany on the Sunday falling before the six days of the Mosaic Passover. On the following day He sent two of His Disciples, who brought Him a donkey on which He sat to enter the city. And when the great multitude heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, they immediately took palm branches in their hands and went out to meet Him. All cried, “Hosanna! Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord, King of Israel!” The branches of palm trees were a symbol of Christ’s victory over Satan and Death. And the meaning of “Hosanna” is, “We pray Thee, save.” The donkey’s colt, which was still an untamed animal, and impure according to the law, as well as Christ’s sitting thereon, symbolize the former savagery and impurity of the Gentiles; and their subsequent taming and obedience to the holy law of the Gospel.

By Thine ineffable compassion, O Christ our God, make us victors over our deceitful passions, and deem us worthy to behold Thy brilliant victory over death and Thy radiant and life-bringing Resurrection, and have mercy on 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:

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In Loving Memory of:

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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
Philippians 4:4-9

Prokeimenon: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. 
Verse: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His mercy endures forever.

The reading is from Saint Paul’s Letter to the Philippians.

Brethren, rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me; and the God of peace will be with you.

The Gospel
John 12:1-18

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus who had died was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. There they made him a supper; Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at table with him. Mary took a pound of costly ointment of pure nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment. But Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, one of his disciples (he who was to betray Jesus), said "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" This he said, not because he cared for the poor but because he was a thief, and as he had the money box he used to take what was put into it. Jesus said, "Let her alone, let her keep it for the day of my burial. The poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me." When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came, not only on account of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus also to death, because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus. The next day a great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young ass and sat upon it; as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on an ass's colt!" His disciples did not understand this at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that this had been written of him and had been done to him. The crowd that had been with Jesus when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead bore witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard that he had done this sign.
Glorious and Brilliant Feast of the Entrance of our Lord Jesus Christ into Jerusalem (Palm Sunday)

APOLYTIKION OF LAZARUS SATURDAY: Tone 1
In confirming the common Resurrection, O Christ God, Thou didst raise up Lazarus from the dead before Thy Passion. Wherefore, we also, like the children, bearing the symbols of victory, cry to Thee, the Vanquisher of death: Hosanna in the highest! blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.

APOLYTIKION OF PALM SUNDAY: Tone 4
O Christ God, when we were buried with Thee in Baptism, we became deserving of Thy Resurrection to immortal life. Wherefore, we praise Thee, crying: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.

KONTAKION OF PALM SUNDAY: Tone 6
Upborne upon the heavenly throne, and seated upon the earthly foal, O Christ our God, receive the praises of angels and the hymns of men, exclaiming before Thee: Blessed is He that cometh to restore Adam.

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

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.

Saint Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church
249 High Street, Pawtucket, RI 02860
Holy Week 2019

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Behold the King Cometh

We must 'receive" Jesus Christ, and accept that his will is sovereign over us. The meaning of Palm Sunday lies in this welcome given to Christ who comes to us. "Behold the King cometh unto thee". Jesus comes today as our King. He is more than the master who teaches his disciples. He requires that in all things we acknowledge his will, setting aside our own desires. He comes to take solemn possession of our soul, and to be enthroned in our heart.

"Unto thee " It is not simply to humanity in general that Jesus comes, it is to each single one of us: I thy King! Jesus desires to be my king. To each one of us he is king in a way which is unique, entirely personal and exceptional. He demands inner and intimate loyalty and obedience.

The king is 'humble'. He comes to us seated on a lowly animal, the symbol of humility and meekness. One day he will come again in his glory to judge the world. But today he lays aside all the trappings of majesty and power. He seeks no visible kingdom. He desires only to reign in our hearts: "my son, give me thine heart."

And yet the crowd was instinctively right when it acclaimed Jesus as the visible king of Israel. Jesus is not only the King of individuals, but of human society. His royalty is of a social nature. It extends over political and economic spheres just as much as over the moral and spiritual sphere. Nothing lies outside its dominion.

The crowd which acclaimed Jesus carried palms and branches. These branches were probably olive branches, the most common tree around Jerusalem. Palms and olives both have their symbolic meaning. The palm stands for victory and the olive for peace and anointing. So let us go before Jesus and pay homage both to his power and his tenderness, in offering our victories (which are in fact his victories) both over ourselves and over sin, and our inner peace (which is his peace).

A very great multitude spread their garments in the way "Let us throw at Jesus' feet our garments, our possessions, our security, all our worldly goods, and also our false appearances, and, above all, our ideas, desires and our feelings. Let the King in his triumph trample down underfoot everything that is ours. Let everything that we hold precious be submitted and offered to him.

The crowd shouted: "Hosanna! Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord." If I can say these words with complete sincerity and submission, if they mean that the impulse of my whole being goes towards the King whom, from henceforth, I acknowledge, then, in that instant, I have turned away from my sins and have received Jesus Christ. May He be welcome and blessed, He who comes to me.

The Year of Grace of the Lord.

PRAIRS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR GOOD HEALTH AND BLESSING OF:

Kevin Hashway
Mark Hashway
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur
Elizabeth Votrubova
Offered by: Sandra Matook
Charles K. Arbeely
Offered by: Jim, Beth, Michael & Tanya Schillawski
Maria, Jacob, Sofia & Emilia Khoury
Sam Matook
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury
Edward & Lillian Betor
Paul & Kerrie Betor
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Matthew & Adrienne Dykstra
Peter Marcotte
Laurice Zamble
William & LaVerne Ameen
Great-Grandchildren Daniel, Rose & Joelle Dykstra
Offered by: Edward & Lillian Betor
Steve Kilsey
Offered by: Joyce Kilsey
Steve Kilsey
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Steven & Missy Kilsey
Benjamin Kilsey
Patrick & Melanie Merner
Esma Merner
Melissa Kilsey
Offered by: Their parents Steve & Patricia Kilsey
Antwanet Baalbaki
William Salhany
John Salhany
Virginia Salhany
Renna, Kenny & Joe Salhany
Offered by: Ken & Rania Salhany & Family

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Fred Hashway Jr.
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur
Ameen and Nayfey Sabath
Petros and Afife Betor
Helen Betor
Fred Sabath
Fred "Fritzie and Jimmy Sabath
Offered by: Edward & Lillian Betor
Maria Jose Rumbao
Maria, Jacob, Sofia & Emilia Khoury
The Very Reverend Herbert G Nahas
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury
Sophie Hallal (9 years)
Offered by: Holly Lazieh and Sons & Bob Dessaint
The Very Reverend Herbert G Nahas
George H. Baalbaki
Ruth Salhany
Abdullah & Mary Shagouri
George & Nazira Kasatti
Fouad & Aboud Shoaa
Samar Radwan
Richard Salhany
Offered by: Ken & Rania Salhany & Family
Khalil Al-Amir
Offered by: Marwan Al-Amir & Family
Khalil Al-Amir
Offered by: Radwan Al-Amir & Family
Khalil Al-Amir
Offered by: Julia & Iman Al-Amir
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: Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Ham, Homefries, French Toast, Yogurt & Granola, Breakfast Pastry, Fresh Fruits, Orange Juice
Hope you will join us as we proclaim, “Christ is Risen!”

Orthodox Vocabulary

Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday is the Sunday before Easter and the first day of the Holy Week. It commemorates the triumphant entry of Christ into Jerusalem by the ceremony of the blessing of the palms and by a procession that used to take place at the end of the Great Doxology with the celebrant carrying an icon depicting Christ entering Jerusalem. There is evidence for the Palm Sunday procession in Jerusalem going back to the 4th century. The blessed palms are today distributed to the congregation together with the antithoron. On the evening of Palm Sunday the Orthros of Monday of the Holy Week is held and with it the services of the Nymphios begin.

~Thank you~

The Palms are donated in memory of
Charles & Anna M. Slemon
Offered by The Slemon Family.

Holy Pascha 2019

This year Pascha (Easter) falls on April 28th.

Please note that on Saturday, April 27th, (Great and Holy Saturday) the Easter Service begins at 11:00pm followed by the complete Orthros of Pascha (the paschal Cannon). Which is itself followed by the Divine Liturgy of the Feast. At the conclusion of the Liturgy, the Easter eggs will be blessed. It is the custom in many Orthodox cultures for many families to prepare a Paschal basket of Easter foods such as eggs, meats, cheeses, sausages, sweet breads, etc. If you would like to bring your own Pascha basket to church, please do so, placing next to the Easter eggs at the front of the Church, to be blessed at the end of Liturgy. Following the service, the traditional Agape (love) breakfast will be served at the Parish Center sponsored by St. Mary Church Teen SOYO.