

## CHURCH CALENDAR

**Sunday, April 21st:** Palm Sunday

8:50 A.M.– Orthros

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

7:00 P.M.– Bridegroom Service

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

7:00 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**

### Upcoming events:

**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

**July 21st-28th:** Antiochian Archdiocese Convention– Grand Rapids, Michigan

**August 5th-9th:** Church School Summer Camp at the Parish Center



## SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



*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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& Metropolitan of all North America**

**His Grace Bishop JOHN, Auxiliary and Bishop of the  
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](mailto: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 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.

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249 HIGH STREET, PAWTUCKET, RI 02860

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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 thrown 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.



## 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

Maria, Jacob, Sofia & Emilia Khoury  
Sam Matook  
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

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

Steve Kilsey  
Offered by: Joyce Kilsey

Steve Kilsey  
Offered by: His Family

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 Kasatli  
Fouad & Aboud Shoa'a  
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



# 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: 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.



### Palm Sunday 2019

#### Blessing of the Palms and Candles

Please bring the decorated candles to the table in front of the Iconostasis to be blessed. The blessing will take place at the end of the Liturgy, prior to the procession.

#### The Palm Sunday Procession

At the end of the Liturgy, the Procession of Palms outside will take place in the following order: Altar Servers, Clergy, choir and then the Faithful. Please remain in your seats until the ushers ask you to proceed. Remember to return inside the Church for the dismissal. In case of rain the procession will be held in the Church.

### 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.