CHURCH CALENDAR

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

Sunday, May 5th: Sunday of St. Thomas

Friday-Sunday, May 10th-12th: YES Weekend at the Parish Center

Sunday, May 12th: Sunday of the Myrrh Bearing Women

Mother's Day

Tuesday, May 14th: 7:00 Parish Council Meeting

Sunday, May 19th: Sunday of the Paralytic

May 24th-27th: Antiochian Village—Family Camp Sunday, May 26th: Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

Charitable Gift Program Coffee Hour

Monday, May 27th: Memorial Day

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

Saturday, June 1st: 6:00 P.M.— Arabic Liturgy Sunday, June 2nd: Sunday of the Blindman

Sunday, June 9th: Holy Fathers of the First Council of Nicea

Church School Graduation & Luncheon

Tuesday, June 11th: 7:00 Parish Council Meeting **Sunday, June 16th:** Sunday of Holy PENTECOST

Father's Day

Saturday, June 22-Sunday, June 23rd: Parish Life Conference

Sunday, June 23rd: First Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, June 30th: Synaxis of the Twelve Apostles

Thursday, July 4th: Independence Day (church office closed)

Saturday, July 6th: 6:00 P.M.— Arabic Liturgy Sunday, July 7th: Third Sunday of Matthew

Family Day (rain date July 14th)





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SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



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Schedule of Services

Sunday: Orthros (Matins) 9:00 a.m. Church School 11:15 a.m. Sunday: Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

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@stmarvpawtucket.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.

Holy Thursday Wreath-Donated by Sam Matook

For the Health & Safety of:

Sam Matook
Mark A. Matook
Bob & Sherry Matook
Mackenzie and Mason Matook
The Matook Family
Fred, Adele & Bobby Shwaery
Lewis & Penny Bellas
All Living Bellas Family
All Living Allen Family

In Loving Memory Of:

Kay Matook
Wadi & Esma Matook
James & Helen Bellas
Chris & Olga Bicki
Mary David
All My Deceased Brothers & Sisters
All Deceased Matooks
All Deceased Bellas Family
Timothy Allen

May they rest in peace and may their memory be eternal.



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Teen SOYO Invites You to join all of us for PASCHAL BREAKAST

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!"



HOLY PASCHA 2019

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Easter Egg Donation

St. Mary Church would like to thank Scott & Nora Barnes for generously donating The Paschal Easter Eggs again this year. They are offered for the health and blessing of Rose Ganim and also in memory of a dear friend, Joe Karneeb.



Thank you

St. Mary Church would like to thank Elie, Julia & Naji Karam for their generous donation of the beautiful Easter Lilies to decorate the church for PASCHA.



Food For Hungry People Collection (F.F.H.P.)

During the Holy Season of Lent, we collect alms to feed the hungry, as an act of Christian Mercy. Food for Hungry People collection boxes are available in the Vestibule & Church Hall. Take one home, fill it with coins during Lent and return it at Holy Pasha (Easter). Donations will also be accepted. To: St. Mary Orthodox Church earmarked "F F.H.P."

May we be generous to reach out to those who hunger and who are in need. This "reaching out" and caring will help us to witness the resurrection.

Please remember to return your Food For Hungry People boxes

The Epistle

Acts 1:1-8

Prokeimenon: This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Verse: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his mercy endures forever.

The reading is from the Acts of the Apostles.

In the first book, O Theophilos, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commandment through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. To them he presented himself alive after his passion by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days, and speaking of the kingdom of God. And while staying with them he charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me, for John baptized with water, but before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

So when they had come together, they asked him, Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom of Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth."

The Gospel

John 1:1-17

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness to the light.

The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world knew him not. He came to his own home, and his own people received him not. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God; who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father. (John bore witness to him, and cried, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, for he was before me.") And from his fullness have we all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR GOOD HEALTH AND BLESSING OF:

Kevin Hashway Mark Hashway Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Elizabeth Votruba

Offered by: Sandra Matook

Father Elie & Kh. Rouba Estephan Chadi Estephan Charlie Abosamra Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Father Elie & Kh. Rouba Estephan Chadi Estephan Offered by: Walid & Mirna Nakhoul

Rouba Estephan Maureen Gurghigian Susan Harvey Offered by: Joe & Marlene Samra

Al & Vicki Hallal Offered by: Ron & Janice Hallal

Charles K. Arbeely Offered by: Jim, Beth, Michael & Tanya Schillawski Father Elie & Kh. Rouba Chadi Estephan Offered by: Nora Abdelahad Elaine Agaty Sandra Matook



IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Fred Hashway Jr. Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Special prayers for the good health and blessing are being offered for Stephanie & Christopher Jacobsen & the newborn baby Stephen Michael.

Offered by: Scott & Nora Barnes



Offer of Gratitude

Fr. Elie and the St. Mary Parish Council would like to offer thanks and gratitude to all the faithful who participated, assisted and supported the Church during the Lenten Season, Holy Week and Pascha. May God bless those who gave of their time, energy, resources and love, to celebrate and to offer sacrifices during this special time and make possible our witness to the Resurrection- The Feast of Feasts.



Brothers and Sisters in Christ

Easter is not just an annual solemn and beautiful event of a past history. It is an announcement of the Beginning of a new life.

CHRIST IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD TRAMPLING DOWN DEATH BY DEATH AND UPON THOSE IN THE TOMBS BESTOWING LIFE

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KRISTOS ANESTI EK NEKRON THANATO THANATON PATESAS KAITES IN TEZ MIMASIN ZO IN HARISAMENOS

We here at St. Mary Church have a chance of a NEW LIFE to work together for the Glory of God. May the promise of the Resurrection and everlasting life fill your hearts with joy.

Christ is Risen, Indeed He is Risen.



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