

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, May 5th: Sunday of St. Thomas

Special Meeting at the Parish Center following Liturgy

Ladies Meeting during Coffee Hour

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

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

Mother's Day

Coffee Hour sponsored by the Stewardship Committee

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

Church School Clean-A-Thon ('FFHP' Fundraiser)

Special Collection- Food For Hungry People

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

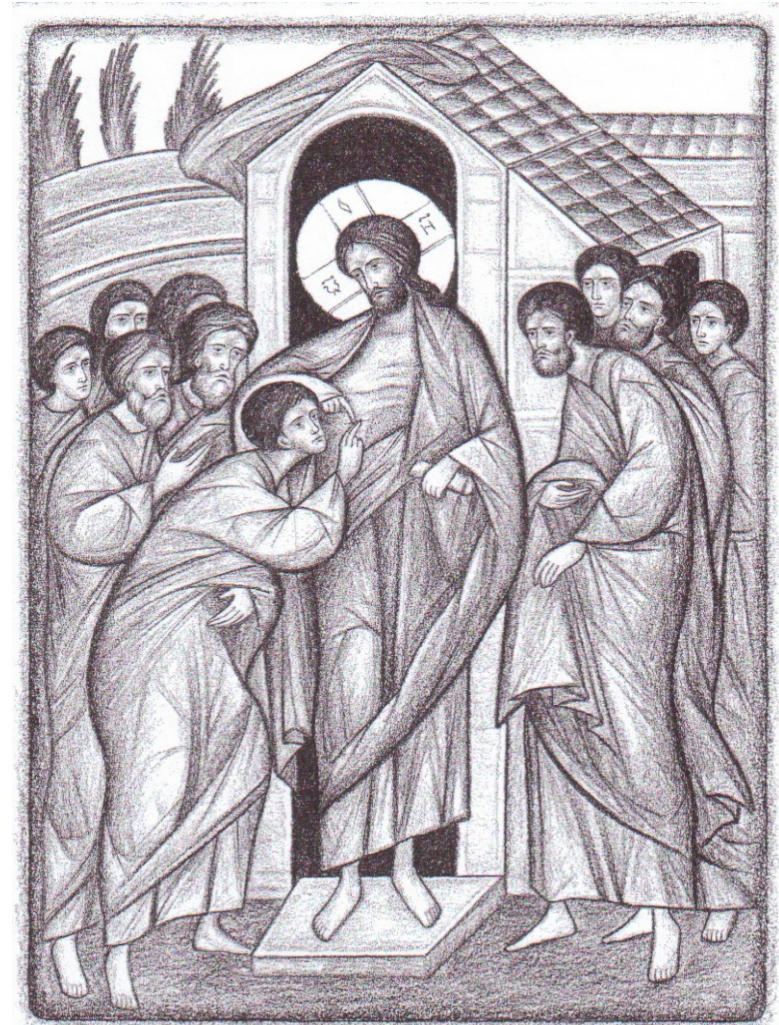
Family Day (rain date July 14th)

Tuesday, July 9th: 7:00 Parish Council Meeting



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SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



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Sunday of St. Thomas (New Sunday)

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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.

Orthodox Vocabulary

Parousia

Parousia: from a Greek word meaning "presence." This is the term used to refer to the second coming of the Lord. On that day, all persons will arise, their bodies transfigured, and all creation will be transformed: new earth and new heavens. This will also be the day of judgment, when the Lord "*will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead*" .
(Creed: Mt 25:31; Rom 2:5-11)



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"If you cannot be merciful, at least speak as though you are a sinner. If you are not a peacemaker, at least do not be a troublemaker. If you cannot be assiduous, at least in your thought be like a sluggard. If you are not victorious, do not exalt yourself over the vanquished. If you cannot close the mouth of a man who disparages his companion, at least refrain from joining him in this."

~St. Isaac the Syrian



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.

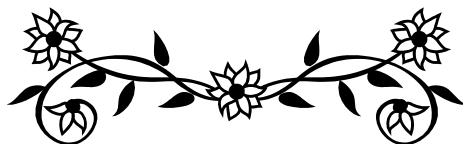


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Thank you to everyone who cooked, coordinated, helped, participated and enjoyed fellowship at the Agape Breakfast following Pascha Liturgy.

“Christ is Risen!”



Coffee Hour

Today, Coffee Hour is being offered in memory of Don Hayes (12 years) and is being offered by Cindy Hayes and Children. Coffee Hour will be held at the Parish Center following Liturgy.



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****

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Troparion for Thomas Sunday: Tone 7

While the tomb was sealed, Thou didst shine forth from it, O Life. While the doors were closed, Thou didst come in to Thy Disciples, O Christ God, Resurrection of all, renewing in us through them an upright spirit, according to the greatness of Thy mercy.

Kontakion of Pascha Tone 8

Though Thou didst descend into the grave, O Immortal One, yet didst Thou destroy the power of Hades, and didst arise as victor, O Christ God, calling to the myrrh-bearing women, Rejoice, and giving peace unto Thine Apostles, O Thou Who dost grant resurrection to the fallen.



THE EPISTLE

Great is the Lord, and great is His power. Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good.

The Reading from the Acts of the Saintly and Pure Apostles. (5:12-20)

In those days, many signs and wonders were done among the people by the hands of the Apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high honor. And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and pallets, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed. But the high priest rose up and all who were with him, that is, the party of the Sadducees, and filled with jealousy they arrested the Apostles and put them in the common prison. But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out and said, "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life."

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (20:19-31)

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the Disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the Disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other Disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in His side, I will not believe." Eight days later, His Disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut, but Jesus came and stood among them, and said, "Peace be with you." Then He said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see My hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing." Thomas answered Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen Me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the Disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His Name.

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
Lillian Betor
Cindy Hayes & Family
Sue Ayoub
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Charlie Abosamra
Phil Ayoub
Offered by: Walid & Mirna Nakhoul

Charlie Abosamra
Offered by: St. Mary Liturgical Choir

Mary Lou Catelli
Offered by: Nora Abdelahad
Elaine Agaty
Sandra Matook

Andrea & Stephanie Swistak
Charlie & Angela Abosamra & Family
Bill & Mary Lou Catelli
Sub-Deacon Elijah & Andrea Vollendorf
Cindy Hayes & Family
Offered by: Elaine Swistak

Cindy, Lauren, Donald, Daniel & Sarah Hayes
V. Rev. Fr. Steven and Kh. Michelle Burke
& Family
Elijah & Andrea Vollendorf
Steven & Patricia Kilsey & Family
Scott & Nora Barnes
Stephanie & Chris Jacobsen & new baby Stephen
Michael
Matt & Megan Duncan & Family
Elizabeth Votruba
Offered by: Paul, Maureen & Mary
Gurghigian



Donnie, Lauren, Dan & Sarah Hayes
Offered by: Cindy Hayes

Mary Massiwer & Family
Maureen, Paul & Mary Gurghigian
Mary, Bill, Bill Jr., & Jon Franklin
Diane Andrew & Paul Burnier
Laura, Jim & Noelle Arrighi
John & Patricia Massiwer & Danielle
Liz Larose
Nancy & Michael Muller & Family
Steve & Patti Kilsey & Family
Stephanie, Chris & Stephen Michael Jacobsen
Scott & Nora Barnes
Offered by: Cindy Hayes and Children

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Fred Hashway Jr.
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

John Swistak
Donald Hayes
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Donald Hayes
John Massiwer
Thomas Andrew
Louise Osborn
Offered by: Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian

Don Hayes
John Massiwer
Tom Andrew
Offered by: Cindy Hayes & Children

Antoinette Slemom
Offered by: Donna, Fred, Christina, Ellen & their
Families



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