Sunday, April 5th: 5th Sunday of Lent (Mary of Egypt)
Sunday, April 12th: Palm Sunday
Sunday, April 19th: Great & Holy PASCHA
Sunday, April 26th: Sunday of St. Thomas

Happy Birthday to everyone who has a birthday during the month of April

Tanya Gaudioso          Issa Freij          Georgette Fitzpatrick
Joseph Jeha             Lindsay Guertin     Maria Hallal
Henry Cavanaugh         Russell Kandalaft  Gabriella Kenaan
Robert Khoury            Christopher Kilsey  Lois Kilsey
Steven G. Kilsey        Todd Kilsey        Marlene Marshall
Helen Morcos            Brooklyn Saliba    Emilio Sarkis
Ghassan Sayaf           Diana Shammo       Nancy Stepis
Majd Zeidan

**if you have an April birthday and do not see your name-- we do not have it in our
database-- please email or call the church office to have you and your family mem-
ers added.**

Visitations
Please contact Fr. Elie with any names of parishioners that are in need of visita-
tion either at home, in hospital or nursing homes.
We welcome our Visitors & Guests: Please take a moment to fill out a Visitor Card.

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.

His Eminence Metropolitan JOSEPH, Archbishop of New York & Metropolitan of all North America

His Grace Bishop JOHN, Auxiliary and Bishop of the Diocese of Worcester and New England

V. Rev. Father Elie Estephan
Cell- 1-(240) 205-9079

Sub-Deacon Emad Amirhom
Sub-Deacon Elijah Vollendorf

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

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.

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
THE SYNAXARION (Plain Reading)

On April 5 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Martyrs Claudius, Diodore and their companions; New martyr George of New Ephesus; and Venerable Theodora and Didymus of Thessalonica.

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.

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).

Fifth Sunday of Lent

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION: Tone 1

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

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.

TROPARION OF THE DORMITION: Tone 1

In giving birth, Thou didst keep Thy virginity and in thy repose, Thou didst not forsake the world, O Theotokos, for Thou art the mother of life, and Thou didst pass over into life; and through thy intercession from death Thou dost redeem our souls.

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.
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, "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."

PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR GOOD HEALTH AND BLESSING OF:
Kevin Hashway
Mark Hashway
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur
Elizabeth Votruba
Offered by: Sandra Matook
Simon Karam
Edward Betor
Josephine Karam
Offered by: Elie, Julia & Naji Karam
Albert & Victoria Hallal
Offered by: Ron Hallal
Nora Abdelahad
Offered by: Joe & Marlene Samra
Mary Ann Tager
Offered by: Elaine Agaty
Dr. Edward Trabulsi
Offered by: The Trabulsi Family
Kh. Dolly Crow
Andrea & Stephanie Swistak
Fr. Elie, Kh. Rouba & Family
Keith, Marlene, Madeline & Emilia Marshall
Nabil & Salwa Khoury
Offered by: Elaine Swistak
William Salhany
Kh. Dolly & Basil Crow
Ronald Hallal & Family
Offered by: George & Barbara Mousalli
Kh. Dolly & Basil Crow
Offered by: Michael, Nancy, Jacob & Victoria Muller

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Fred Hashway Jr.
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur
Lillian Betor
Georges Karam
Offered by: Elie, Julia & Naji Karam
Janice Hallal
Offered by: Her Loving Husband Ron
Fr. Isaac
Janice Hallal
Offered by: Joe & Marlene Samra
Mary Agaty
Offered by: Elaine Agaty
Mary Agaty
Fr. Isaac Crow
Offered by: Elaine Swistak
Ruth Salhany
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Coffee Hour
No Coffee Hour Today.