

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, April 12th: Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 19th: Great & Holy PASCHA

Sunday, April 26th: Sunday of St. Thomas



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.

SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



Sunday, April 12, 2020

**Glorious and Brilliant Feast of the Entrance of our
Lord Jesus Christ into Jerusalem (Palm Sunday)**

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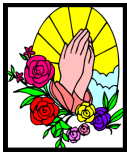
Schedule of Services

<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.

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Holy Week 2020

Saturday, April 11th

Lazarus Saturday

10:00 a.m. — Divine Liturgy

Sunday, April 12th

Palm Sunday

8:50 a.m. — Orthros

10:00 a.m. — Divine Liturgy and
Procession with Palms

5:00 p.m. — Bridegroom Service

Monday, April 13th

Great and Holy Monday

5:00 p.m. — Bridegroom Service

Tuesday, April 14th

Great and Holy Tuesday

5:00 p.m. — Bridegroom Service

Wednesday, April 15th

Great and Holy Wednesday

5:00 p.m. — Sacrament of Holy
Unction

Thursday, April 16th

Great and Holy Thursday

10:00 a.m. — Divine Liturgy

5:00 p.m. — Service of the Twelve
Passion Gospels

Friday, April 17th

Great and Holy Friday

9:00 a.m. — Royal Hours

10:00 a.m. — Great Vespers of the
Taking Down of the Cross

5:00 p.m. — Service of the
Lamentations and Procession

Saturday, April 18th

Great and Holy Saturday

10:00 a.m. — Divine Liturgy

Sunday, April 19th

Great and Holy Pascha

8:00 a.m. — Rush Service

9:00 a.m. — Divine Liturgy



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.

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

*He Who stretcheth out the firmament and sat on the foal,
Seeketh to release mortals from un-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 the irrational passions, and make us worthy to see Thy tangible victory over death, Thy radiant and life-bearing Resurrection, and have mercy on us. Amen.



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

As by baptism we were buried with Thee, O Christ our God, so by Thy Resurrection we were deemed worthy of immortal life; and praising Thee, we cry: Hosanna in the highest; blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.

KONTAKION OF PALM SUNDAY: Tone 6

Being borne upon a throne in Heaven, and upon a colt on the earth, O Christ God, Thou didst accept the praise of the angels and the laudation of the children as they cried to Thee: Blessed art Thou Who comest to recall Adam.



CHARITABLE GIFT PROGRAM

It is with appreciation and gratitude that we announce the reception of a generous gift from the Family of *Steve W. Kilsey* to the Charitable Gift Program.

Steve was an exemplary steward in our Church sharing his talent, time and treasure his entire life to help fulfill the mission of our Church.

May his memory be eternal!

"With the spirits of the righteous made perfect, give rest to the soul of the servant Steve, O Savior: and preserve him in that life of blessedness which is with thee."

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.

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

Paula Hallal
Offered by: Holly Lazieh & Sons & Bob Dessaint

Albert & Victoria Hallal
Offered by: Ron Hallal

Fr. Timothy
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Elaine Wilbur
Kh. Dolly and Basil
Ronnie Hallal & Family
Paula Hallal
Offered by: Lorice Hallal

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Pat Kilsey & Family
Dolly Crow
Keith & Marlene Marshall & Family
Offered by: Philip & Bette Ayoub

Mary Ann Tager
Elijah & Andrea Vollendorf
Nabil & Salwa Khoury
Reyna Chamoun
Offered by: Elaine Swistak

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Michael Muller
Offered by: Ray & Leila Trabulsi

All Parishioners of St. Mary



IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

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

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Janice Hallal
Sophie Hallal
Offered by: Lorice Hallal

George Matook
Charlie & Victoria Daghbir
Offered by: Sandra Matook & Family

Fr. Isaac Crow
Steven Kilsey
Offered by: Philip & Bette Ayoub

Leon & Lilly Hattab
Baseem & Valentine Trabulsi
Herbert, Victor & John Trabulsi
Offered by: Ray & Leila Trabulsi

Coffee Hour

No Coffee Hour Today.



We will be streaming the Palm Sunday (04/12), Holy Saturday (04/17), and Pascha Liturgies (04/18) at 10 am.

All evening Holy Week services (Monday-Friday) will be streamed starting at 5 pm daily.

You can view all of these live streams at:
<https://www.facebook.com/stmarypawtucket/live/>