

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, April 25th: Palm Sunday

8:50 A.M.– Orthros

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

Extra Collection for the Patriarch

7:00 P.M.– Bridegroom Service

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7:00 P.M.– Service of the Lamentations and Procession

Saturday, May 1st: Great and Holy Saturday

10:00 A.M.– Divine Liturgy

11:00 P.M.– Rush Service

Sunday, May 2nd: GREAT & HOLY PASCHA

12:00A.M.– Divine Liturgy followed by Agape Breakfast

6:00 P.M.– Agape Vespers

Saturday, May 8th: 6:00 P.M.– Arabic Liturgy

Sunday, May 9th: Sunday of St. Thomas



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Lord Jesus Christ into Jerusalem (Palm Sunday)**

- Save the Date for the Parish Life Conference on June 4 & 5 to be held at the Cathedral
- Our Lenten Recipe resource tab is on our Church Website. If anyone has recipes that they would like to share, you can send them to Cindy Hayes (hayescindylee@gmail.com) or to the church office: (office@stmarypawtucket.org)

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

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Diocese of Worcester and New England**

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Sub-Deacon Elijah Vollendorf

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.

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.

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.



Join all of us for
AGAPE BREAKFAST

After Easter Liturgy- Sunday, May 2nd
In the early morning hours at the Parish Center

We are trying a new approach this year:
We ask that each family bring their own food basket (due to covid).

We 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 2021

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.



**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.



ONLINE BULLETIN

The Bulletin is available online on our website at:
<http://stmarypawtucket.org>

Liturgical Supplies and Offerings for Lent

During Great Lent the Church offers an intensified schedule of Divine Services and Prayers. Donations are being sought from the faithful for the many extra Liturgical Supplies needed for the Holy Season. These offerings include candles, wine, oil, incense, bread, service books, music and printed materials. Please earmark your donations and offerings "Liturgical Supplies." Along with these offerings, bring also yourselves to pray the beautiful Lenten Services.

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.

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 lifebearing Resurrection, and have mercy on us. Amen.



Cemetery Plots

If you wish to purchase a cemetery plot at Walnut Hill Cemetery, the cost is \$1,000. Please contact Ed Ayoub for more information or to purchase a plot.

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Holy Week 2021

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PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR GOOD HEALTH AND BLESSING OF:

Kevin Hashway
Mark Hashway
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Victoria Hallal
Offered by: Ron Hallal

Josephine Karam
Ed Betor
Offered by: Elie, Julia & Naji Karam

Ron Hallal
Offered by: Rhonda Hallal, Bob Lienert, Hanna &
Emma, Sharyn Hallal, Keith & Maria Hallal, Isabel &
Matthew



Arabic Liturgy

Arabic Liturgy is being offered the
first Saturday of each month at 6:00
P.M. All are welcome and encour-
aged to attend.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Janice Hallal
Offered by: Her Loving Husband Ron

Al Hallal
Offered by: Ron Hallal

Albert Hallal
Offered by: Rhonda, Keith & Sharyn Hallal
& Family

Janice Hallal
Offered by: Rhonda Hallal, Bob Lienert, Hanna &
Emma, Sharyn Hallal, Keith & Maria Hallal, Isabel
& Matthew

Georges Karam
Elaine Swistak
Offered by: Elie, Julia & Naji Karam

Sophie Hallal (11 years)
Offered by: Her Loving Family

Sue Ayoub (4 months)
Offered by: Ed & Lisa Ayoub

In loving memory of our mother, mother-
in-law and grandmother, *Lillian B. Sakey*
on her 100th birthday.

Offered by: Jim, Beth, Michael &
Tanya Schillawski



25 Week-Multi Raffle

Tickets are now available for our Multi Raffle to begin on Sunday, May 9th.

Tickets: \$125

Prizes: \$125...plus your number can be pulled again throughout the
25 weeks!!

To purchase a ticket, please see Edward Ayoub (401) 263-3666

GREAT LENT 2021

March 15th ~ May 2nd (Holy Pascha)



What is Lent?

Prayer † Fasting † Acts of Mercy

Palm Sunday 2021

Beloved in Christ, Blessings and joy to you on this great feast of Palm Sunday! Today we celebrate our Lord’s entry into Jerusalem, on His way to save us through the Cross. As the King of Glory rode into His Holy City, the crowds cheered and welcomed Him, but their leaders groaned and plotted against Him. The people rejoiced and waved the signs of victory, but the leaders accused and prepared a bribe. Those who embraced Christ found life in Him, while those who resisted Him stumbled over the Cornerstone, to their destruction. Having completed the course of the Fast, let us join those blessed crowds in warmly receiving our Savior, in order to be redeemed anew this year. While we rejoice spiritually, we are also saddened by the serious humanitarian challenges confronting our Mother Church of Antioch. Having endured years of war, its historic homelands now face the dual health and economic catastrophes of the pandemic. Each year on this feast day, we ask you to give generously to support our Antiochian Patriarchate in their work to restore and rebuild. Whatever our personal background, we share Antioch as our spiritual mother, and we are mindful of St Paul’s admonition: “If anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever” (1 Tim. 5:8, NKJV). Let us provide for our spiritual kinsmen, in true faithfulness to our good and loving God. Wishing you an enriching Holy Week and glorious Pascha,

I remain, Your Father in Christ,

+JOSEPH Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of all North America



Great Lent and Holy Pascha 2021 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:

In Loving Memory of:

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 25th.

