Sunday, May 9th: Sunday of St. Thomas
Tuesday, May 11th: 7:00 P.M.– Parish Council Meeting
Sunday, May 16th: Sunday of the Myrrh-bearers
Sunday, May 23rd: Sunday of the Paralytic
Sunday, May 30th: Sunday of the Samaritan Woman
Saturday, June 5th: 6:00 P.M.– Arabic Liturgy
Sunday, June 6th: Sunday of the Blind Man
Tuesday, June 8th: 7:00 P.M.– Parish Council Meeting
Sunday, June 13th: Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council
Sunday, June 20th: Holy PENTECOST
Sunday, June 27th: First Sunday after Pentecost
Saturday, July 3rd: 6:00 P.M.– Arabic Liturgy
Sunday, July 4th: Second Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, July 11th: Great Martyr Euphemia
Tuesday, July 13th: 7:00 P.M.– Parish Council Meeting
Sunday, July 18th: Fathers of the 4th Ecumenical Council

25 Week-Multi Raffle
Tickets are still available for our Multi Raffle—first drawing to be announced soon.
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

Bulletins are now available on our website every Sunday morning. Other important information, flyers, recipes, etc. can also be found on our website at www.stmarypawtucket.org

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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.

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.

Have a Happy Mother's Day!
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)

God has surrounded the tongue with a double wall— with the barrier of the teeth and fence of the lips— in order that it may not easily and heedlessly utter words it should not speak.
~St. John Chrysostom

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APOLYTIKION FOR THOMAS SUNDAY IN TONE SEVEN
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.

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.

• 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)
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.”

Dearly beloved, what do you see in these events? Do you really believe that it was by chance that this chosen disciple was absent, then came and heard, heard and doubted, doubted and touched, touched and believed? It was not by chance but in God’s providence. In a marvelous way God’s mercy arranged that the disbelieving disciple, in touching the wounds of his Master’s body, should heal our wounds of disbelief. The disbelief of Thomas has done more for our faith than the faith of the other disciples. As he touches Christ and is won over to belief, every doubt is cast aside and our faith is strengthened. So the disciple who doubted, then felt Christ's wounds, becomes a witness to the reality of the resurrection.

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