

## CHURCH CALENDAR

**Sunday, February 27th:** Sunday of Meatfare

Luncheon for the Antiochian Women Project & Lorda's Tuiton

**Saturday, March 5th:** 6:00 P.M.– Arabic Liturgy

**Sunday, March 6th:** Sunday of Cheesefare (Forgiveness)

**Tuesday, March 8th:** 7:00 P.M.– Parish Council Meeting

**Sunday, March 13th:** Sunday of Orthodoxy– First Sunday of Lent

Daylight Savings Time

5:00 P.M.– St. Mary Church Hosting R.I Clergy Fellowship (Liturgy and Coffee Hour)

**Sunday, March 20th:** Gregory Palamas– Second Sunday of Lent

**Friday, March 25th:** 9:00 A.M.- Liturgy for the Annunciation of the Theotokos

**Sunday, March 27th:** Holy Cross– Third Sunday of Lent

**Saturday, April 2nd:** 6:00 P.M.– Arabic Liturgy

**Sunday, April 3rd:** John Climacus– Fourth Sunday of Lent

**Sunday, April 10th:** Mary of Egypt– Fifth Sunday of Lent

Memorial Service for Ruth Salhany (12 years)

Memorial Service for William Salhany (6 months)

**Tuesday, April 12th:** 7:00 P.M.– Parish Council Meeting

**Sunday, April 17th:** Palm Sunday

**Sunday, April 24th:** Great & Holy PASCHA

**Sunday, May 1st:** Sunday of St. Thomas

**Saturday, May 7th:** 6:00 P.M.– Arabic Liturgy

Spring Hafli (save the date– more info to follow)

**Sunday, May 8th:** Sunday of Myrrh-bearers

Mother's Day

**Tuesday, May 10th:** 7:00 P.M.– Parish Council Meeting

**Sunday, May 15th:** Sunday of the Paralytic

**Sunday, May 22nd:** Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

**Sunday, May 29th:** Sunday of the Blind Man

Memorial Service for Charitable Gift Participants

**Monday, May 30th:** Memorial Day

9:00 A.M.- Prayers at Walnut Hill Cemetery

**Saturday, June 4th:** 6:00 P.M.– Arabic Liturgy

**Sunday, June 5th:** Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council



## SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



*Sunday, February 27, 2022*

**Sunday of the Last Judgment  
(Meat Fare)**

# *Saint Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church*

*"A parish of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America"*

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**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**  
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**Sub-Deacon Emad Amirhom**

## 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](mailto: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.

**Coffee Hour Committee:** Latifa Alarmani- (781)414-6281  
 (Please contact her to sponsor a coffee hour.)

The Parish Council has decided to implement a new system to organize our coffee hours. There are two ways to handle this: when a couple, family, or an individual decides to sponsor the coffee hour, you may do it on your own which entails purchasing the pastry & juice, making the coffee, setting up the table, and cleaning up. The second option is to donate \$200 to the church so that a Parish Council member will handle the coffee hour on your behalf.



## Coffee Hour Sponsorships.

### Date:

### Sponsored by:

### Sponsored for:

February 27th:	Ladies Society	Luncheon for Antiochian Women Project
March 6th:	<i>available for sponsorship</i>	
March 13th:	Emile, Ling.H & Emilio Sarkis	Health of Family
March 20th:	Fadi &Hadeel Samaan	Health of Family
	Sami Dahdal	Health of Family
March 27th:	St. Mary Church	Falafel Sale
April 3rd:	<i>available for sponsorship</i>	
April 10th:	Their Loving Family	Ruth Ganim Salhany (12 years)
	(Barbara & George Moussalli & Family, Ken & Rania Salhany & Family, Bill & Susan Salhany & Family)	William Salhany (6 months)
April 17th:	<i>not available</i>	Palm Sunday
April 24th:	<i>not available</i>	Great & Holy PASCHA
May 1st:	<i>available for sponsorship</i>	
May 8th:	<i>available for sponsorship</i>	
May 15th:	Their Loving Family	Memory of Fred, Sophie and Paula Hallal
May 22nd:	Adolina & family	Rosette Wadih Alhaddad (1 year)
	Alex Najjar & children	
May 29th:	Charitable Gift Program	Charitable Gift Program Participants
June 5th:	Nabil & Salwa Khoury	Health of Family
June 12th:	St. Mary Church	Last Day of Church School & Luncheon
June 19th:	<i>available for sponsorship</i>	
June 26th:	<i>available for sponsorship</i>	
July 3rd:	<i>available for sponsorship</i>	
July 10th:	<i>not available</i>	
July 17th:	<i>not available</i>	
July 24th:	Dr. Zeyad & Norma Morcos	Health of Elias Morcos (son)
		Memory of Elias Morcos (father)
July 31st:	<i>available for sponsorship</i>	
August 7th:	<i>available for sponsorship</i>	
August 14th:	<i>available for sponsorship</i>	

## Orthodox Vocabulary

### Worship

**WORSHIP:** the act of ascribing praise, glory and thanksgiving to God: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. All humanity is called to worship God. Worship is more than being in the "great-out-of-doors" or listening to a sermon or singing a hymn. God can be known in His creation, but that doesn't constitute worship. And as helpful as sermons may be, they can never offer a proper substitute for worship. Most prominent in Orthodox worship is the corporate praise, thanksgiving and glory given to God by the Church. This worship consummates in intimate communion with God at His Holy Table. As is said in the Liturgy, "To You is due all glory, honor and worship, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen." In that worship we touch and experience His eternal Kingdom, the age to come, and join in adoration with the heavenly hosts. We experience the glory of the fulfillment of all things in Christ as truly all in all.

*God is kind; He wants us all to be saved. If only a few were to be saved, why then was Christ crucified? The gate into Paradise is not narrow. There is room for all those who bow humbly, and are not puffed up with pride, as long as they repent and give the burden of their sins to Christ; then there is plenty of room to pass through the gate. Man can be saved with a single humble thought, or with a proud one lose everything.*

+Elder Paisios of Mount Athos



*He truly bestows charity who gives from his heart, and with a loving heart. He is truly merciful who converses with everyone heartily, and not only with the intellect and lips, but who renders sincere, hearty respect to everyone; in a word, he who embraces all, and carries all in his heart by love, despising everything material that may become a hindrance to love between himself and his neighbor; such a one is truly merciful and loving.*

~John of Kronstadt



## Sunday of the Last Judgment (Meat Fare)

**Tone: 3 Eothinon: 3**

### RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION: TONE 3

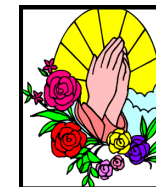
Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and become the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.

### APOLYTIKION OF THE DORMITION: TONE 1

In thy birth-giving, O Theotokos, thou didst keep and preserve virginity; and in thy falling-asleep thou hast not forsaken the world; for thou wast translated into life, being the Mother of Life. Wherefore, by thine intercessions, deliver our souls from death.

### KONTAKION FOR SUNDAY OF LAST JUDGMENT: TONE 1

When Thou comest, O God, to earth with glory, and all creatures tremble before Thee, and the river of fire floweth before the Altar, and the books are opened and sins revealed, deliver me then from that unquenchable fire, and make me worthy to stand at Thy right hand, O righteous Judge.



### 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.



## THE EPISTLE

*The Lord is my strength and my song. With chastisement has the Lord chastened me!*

### ***The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (8:8-9:2)***

Brethren, food will not bring us closer to God; for neither if we eat, are we the better, nor if we do not eat, are we the worse. But take heed lest by any means this authority of yours become a stumbling block to those who are weak. For if any one sees you, as someone who has knowledge, reclining at a table in an idol's temple, will not the conscience of the one who is weak be emboldened to eat of the things sacrificed to idols, and through your knowledge the weak brother perishes, for whom Christ died? And thus, sinning against the brethren, and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food causes my brother to stumble, I will not eat meat forever, lest I cause my brother to stumble. Am I not an apostle? Am I not free? Have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? Are not you my work in the Lord? If to others I am not an apostle, yet at least I am to you; for the seal of my apostleship are you in the Lord.

## THE GOSPEL

### ***The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (25:31-46)***

The Lord said, "When the Son of man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. Before Him will be gathered all the nations, and He will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and He will place the sheep at His right hand, but the goats at the left. Then the King will say to those at His right hand, 'Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave Me food, I was thirsty and you gave Me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed Me, I was naked and you clothed Me, I was sick and you visited Me, I was in prison and you came to Me.' Then the righteous will answer Him, 'Lord, when did we see Thee hungry and feed Thee, or thirsty and give Thee drink? And when did we see Thee a stranger and welcome Thee, or naked and clothe Thee? And when did we see Thee sick or in prison and visit Thee?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.' Then He will say to those at his left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave Me no food, I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome Me, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see Thee hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to Thee?' Then He will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to Me.' And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."



## **St. Mary Church School & Teen SOYO News**

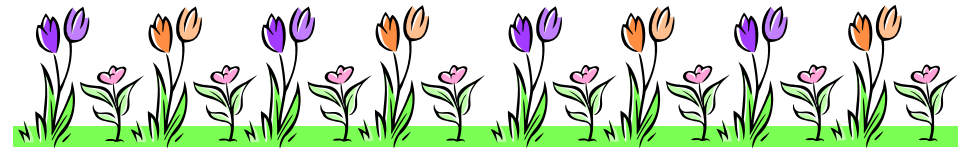
**Attention All Parents:** Please bring your children to the Liturgy before Church School. Church School starts every Sunday following communion (Approx. 11:15am).

### **Upcoming events:**

Saturday, March 12th: 4pm-Bowling at Town Hall Lanes in Johnston, RI

Sunday, March 13th: Sunday of Orthodoxy-no Sunday School, bring an icon to Liturgy

Saturday, April 16th: 9am-Lenten Retreat (before and after Liturgy)



### **Bulletin Submissions**

*Please help us provide a quality weekly bulletin by submitting all prayer requests and announcements to the church office by Noon on Wednesdays. Any requests received after this time will be in the following week's bulletin. Thank you for your cooperation.*

### **Visitations**

Please contact Fr. Elie with any names of parishioners that are in need of visitation either at home, in hospital or nursing homes.

### **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.

Fr. Elie and My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Since 1974 the Antiochian Women of North America have raised over 4 million dollars for major charitable projects as tasked by +Metropolitan PHILIP, thrice Blessed Memory and Metropolitan JOSEPH. The projects, both locally and globally, have given support to Balamand, Orphanages, St. George Hospital Lebanon, Syrian Relief, Clergy Retirement fund, Seminarians, the Antiochian Village and now to Fulfilling the Vision of Building a Cathedral at the Antiochian Village. During March, Antiochian Women's Month, St Mary Church along with our sister parishes of the Diocese of Worcester and New England and all around North America are raising funds for this most worthy project. For those of us who have been to the Antiochian Village and who Love its mission to the Archdiocese and our youth, this project is a wonderful way to support the place we now fondly refer to as our Holy Mountain.

The Ladies of St Mary Church also support a young child, "Lorda" who lives in Palestine. We have committed to provide for her education through grade 12 and pay her tuition each year. In the past few years we have been blessed with some wonderful donations for this endeavor and thank everyone who has generously helped us.

We hope you can join us for the Luncheon on February 27th and help St Mary Ladies with their two worthy projects this year.

Thank you,  
Your Sister in Christ  
Cindy Hayes

**Luncheon for the Antiochian Women Project & Lorda's Tuition**

Sunday February 27th immediately following Liturgy.

**The menu will include:** Kibbe, Grape leaves, Lubia, Rice and Salad

\$15.00 for adults, \$5.00 children 10 under, Under 5 free.

We would appreciate you making a reservation for the Dinner (so that we can plan on food) and also that To-Go Plates are available by Pre-order only.

Reservations can be sent to the church office 401-7261202 or text to Cindy Hayes 401-480-4306 by Friday February 25th

**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

Nabil Khoury  
Cindy Hayes  
Mary Massiwer  
Maureen Gurghigian  
Florence & Phil Spenard & Family  
Sandra Matook & Family  
Saliba, Robin, Bianca, Michelle Saliba  
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Tony and Fadia Kabak  
Mack and Louise Megalli  
Mother Xenia Minihan  
Elmer and Cheryl Stanley and Family  
Madison Tucker  
Offered by: Michael, Nancy, Jacob & Victoria Muller

Cindy Hayes  
Offered by: Nora Abdelahad  
Elaine Agaty  
Sandra Matook

Cindy Hayes  
Florence & Phil Spenard & Family  
Sandra Matook & Family  
Offered by: Bill & Mary Lou Catelli

Cindy Hayes  
Offered by: Linda Dvelis & Family

Florence & Phil Spenard & Family  
Sandra Matook & Family  
Cindy Hayes  
Mary Massiwer  
Offered by: Walid & Mirna Nakhoul

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

Mary Massiwer  
Cindy Hayes  
Florence and Phil Spenard and family  
Sandra Matook and family  
Offered by: Paul, Maureen and Mary Gurghigian



Mary Massiwer  
John & Patricia Massiwer  
Maureen, Paul & Mary Gurghigian  
Mary & Bill Franklin  
Billy & Britt, Jon & Meagan  
Diane Andrew & Paul Burnier  
Laura, Jim & Noelle Arrighi  
Lil Massiwer  
Diana Hashway  
Linda Dvelis & Family  
Fred & Adele Shwaery  
Sammy Hawks  
Nora Matook & Family  
William Osborn & Family  
Florence & Phil Spenard & Family  
Sandra Matook & Family  
Linda Matook & Family  
Nick & Elaine Matook & Family  
Darlene & Doug Elkas & Family  
Judy & Russell Fortier & Family  
Richard & Susan McNeil & Family  
Elizabeth McNeil  
Janice Cuzzo & Family  
Donna & Dana Schock & Family  
Bob & Pearl Nahas & Family  
Nabil & Salwa Khoury & Family  
Michael, Nancy, Jacob & Victoria Muller  
Offered by: Cindy Hayes & Family

Cindy Hayes  
Offered by: Ray & Leila Trabulsi

Mary Massiwer  
Offered by: Patricia & Melissa Kilsey

Special prayers are being offered for the good health & blessing of *Elias Morcos* on the occasion of his Birthday.

Offered by: Zeyad & Norma Morcos



**IN LOVING MEMORY OF:**

Janice Hallal  
Offered by: Her Loving Husband Ron

Fred Hashway  
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur



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

Alan Matook  
Offered by: Flo & Phil Spenard & Family

Fred Hashway  
Offered by: Nora Abdelahad  
Elaine Agaty  
Sandra Matook

Alan Matook  
Offered by: Patricia Kilsey & Family

Dr. Alan Matook  
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Souad & Joseph Youakim  
Abdallah Alzaibak  
Offered by: Fouad & Marianne Alzaibak

Alan Matook  
Offered by: Audrey Kilsey

Alan Matook  
Offered by: Frances & Elaine Khoury

John Matook  
Alma Matook  
Nicholas Matook, Sr.  
Charles Agaty  
Offered by: Sandra Matook & Family

Charles Agaty  
Offered by: Elaine Agaty

Dr. Alan Matook  
Offered by: Bill & Mary Lou Catelli

Dr. Alan Matook  
Offered by: Linda Dvelis & Family

Dr. Alan Matook  
Offered by: Bob & Kristen Silva & Family

Dr. Alan Matook  
Offered by: Fred & Adele Shwaery

Dr. Alan Matook  
Offered by: Walid & Mirna Nakhoul

Don Hayes  
John Massiwer  
Tom Andrew  
Alan Matook  
Sarah, George, Emile, Abraham Massiwer  
Sophie, Fred & Paula Hallal  
Moses Lazieh  
Louis Hashway  
David Massiwer  
Toofic, Elizabeth, John, Helen, George, Alma, Nicholas,  
Jane, Olga, Florence, Leon Matook  
Tom Matook  
George T Matook  
Scott Bleasdale  
John Matook  
Evelyn & Richard McNeil  
Joe & Jeanette DiMarzo  
Joe & Joan DiMarzo  
Offered by: Cindy Hayes & Family

Alan Matook  
Offered by: Michael, Nancy, Jacob & Victoria Muller

Alan Matook  
Offered by: Ray & Leila Trabulsi

Elias Morcos (father)  
Louis, Beirut (cousin)  
Georgette (mother-in-law)  
All who passed away during Covid-19  
Offered by: Zeyad & Norma Morcos

Alan Matook  
Offered by: Paul, Maureen and Mary Gurghigian



**The Sunday of the Last Judgment  
Meat Fare Sunday**

The past two Sundays spoke to us of God’s patience and limitless compassion, of His readiness to accept every sinner who returns to Him. On this third Sunday, we are powerfully reminded of a complementary truth: no one is so patient and so merciful as God, but even He does not forgive those who don’t repent. The God of love is also a God of righteousness, and when Christ comes again in glory, He will come as our judge. “Behold the goodness and severity of God” (Rom. 11:22). Such is the message of Lent to each of us: turn back while there is still time, repent before the End comes. In the words of the Great Canon:  
The end draws near, my soul, the end draws near;  
Yet thou dost not care or make ready.  
The time grows short, rise up: the judge is at the door.  
The days of our life pass swiftly, as a dream, as a flower.

This Sunday sets before us the “eschatological” dimension of Lent: the Great Fast is a preparation for the Second Coming of the Saviour, for the eternal Passover in the Age to Come. (This is a theme that will be taken up in the first three days of Holy Week.) Nor is our hearts towards others and in failing to respond to the opportunities we are given of helping them, we are already passing judgment on ourselves.

*Mother Mary and Archimandrite Kallistos Ware, The Lenten Triodion.*



**Save the date!**

**Saturday, May 7th**

***Spring Hafli***  
*(more info to follow)*



There are many unsponsored  
Coffee Hours. If you would  
like to sponsor one, please  
contact:

*Latifa Alarmani- (781)414-6281*

***Thank you for your support.***

