

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, April 17th: Palm Sunday

8:50 A.M.– Orthros

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

7:00 P.M.– Bridegroom Service

Monday, April 18th: Great and Holy Monday

7:00P.M.– Bridegroom Service

Tuesday, April 19th : Great and Holy Tuesday

7:00 P.M.– Bridegroom Service

Wednesday, April 20th: Great and Holy Wednesday

7:00 P.M.– Sacrament of Holy Unction

Thursday, April 21st: Great and Holy Thursday

10:00 A.M.– Divine Liturgy

7:00 P.M.– Service of the Twelve Passion Gospels

Friday, April 22nd: Great and Holy Friday

10:00 A.M.– Royal Hours

11:00 A.M.– Great Vespers of the Taking Down of the Cross

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

Saturday, April 23rd: Great and Holy Saturday

10:00 A.M.– Divine Liturgy

11:00 P.M.– Rush Service

Sunday, April 24th: GREAT & HOLY PASCHA

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

1:00 P.M.– Agape Vespers (**Please note time change**)

Sunday, May 1st: Sunday of St. Thomas

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

Spring / Mother's Day Hafli (information in the bulletin)

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



SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



Sunday, April 17, 2022

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

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

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:

April 17th:	<i>not available</i>	Palm Sunday
April 24th:	<i>not available</i>	Great & Holy PASCHA
May 1st:	Men's Club	Mother's Day
May 8th:	<i>not available</i>	
May 15th:	Their Loving Family	Memory of Fred, Sophie and Paula Hallal
May 22nd:	Adolina & Alex Najjar & Family	Rosette Wadih Alhaddad (1 year)
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:	Karwashan Family	Health of Family
June 26th:	Women's Society	Father's Day
July 3rd:	<i>available for sponsorship</i>	
July 10th:	<i>available for sponsorship</i>	
July 17th:	<i>not available</i>	Family Day
July 24th:	<i>not available</i>	Family Day (rain date)
July 31st:	Dr. Zeyad & Norma Morcos	Health of Elias Morcos (son)
		Memory of Elias Morcos (father)
August 7th:	<i>available for sponsorship</i>	
August 14th:	Karwashan Family	Health of Elias, Nicole & Olivia (happy birthday)
		Karwashan Feast Day Weekend Aug. 19th-21st
August 21st:	<i>not available</i>	
August 28th:	<i>available for sponsorship</i>	
September 4th:	<i>available for sponsorship</i>	
September 11th:	<i>not available</i>	
September 18th:	<i>available for sponsorship</i>	
September 25th:	<i>available for sponsorship</i>	
October 2nd:	<i>available for sponsorship</i>	
October 9th:	<i>available for sponsorship</i>	
October 16th:	<i>available for sponsorship</i>	
October 23rd:	<i>available for sponsorship</i>	

**Great Lent and Holy Pascha 2022
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 TODAY.



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

APOLYTIKION OF LAZURUS 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.



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.

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.

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.

Join all of us for
AGAPE BREAKFAST
After Easter Liturgy - Sunday, April 24th

In the early morning hours at the Parish Center
We will have A POTLUCK BUFFET

We hope you will join us as we proclaim "Christ is Risen"
Please contact Latifa Alarmani at 1-781-414-6281 if you wish
to participate

*May the promise of the Resurrection and Everlasting
life fill your hearts with joy.*

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 2022

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.

St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church, Pawtucket

Schedule of Services: Great Lent 2022

Palm Sunday is on April 17th

Holy Week starts on Sunday evening April 17th with the Bridegroom Service at 7:00 p.m.

Great and Holy Week: Monday, April 18th - Saturday, April 23rd

Great and Holy PASCHA (Easter) is April 24th

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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.

Food For Hungry People Collection (F.F.H.P.)

“When you see a poor person, remember the words of our Lord Jesus Christ by which He declared that it is He Himself who is fed. For through that which appears to be not Christ, yet in that person’s form, it is Christ Himself who receives and begs.”

~St. John Chrysostom

During the Holy Season of Lent, we collect alms to feed the hungry, as an act of Christian Mercy. Donations can be put in the tray or sent to the office earmarked “F F.H.P.”. Please make checks payable to St. Mary Church.

May we be generous to reach out to those who hunger and who are in need.
This “reaching out” and caring will help us to witness the resurrection.

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
Najla Estephan
Saliba, Robin, Bianca, Michelle Saliba
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

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



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

George Matook
Offered by: Sandra Matook & Family



What is Lent?

Prayer † Fasting † Acts of Mercy



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

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.

Thanks

Coffee Hour

There will be **NO COFFEE HOUR** today.



Visitations

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

Arabic Educational Foundation

Arabic Educational Foundation of RI is now accepting college scholarship applications.

High school seniors and current undergraduates of Arabic decent who are or will be enrolled as full-time students at an accredited college for the 2022-2023 academic year are encouraged to apply. The deadline for all applications is May 1st, 2022

Eligibility information and applications can be found on our website:
www.aef-ri.org

Spring / Mother's Day Hafli

Date: Saturday May 7, 2022
Time: 8:00 pm-1am
Place: St. Mary Parish Center
Singer: Salah Kurdi
Tickets : \$125.00 VIP /
\$100 (regular ticket)

OPA– Maza & Full Dinner

For Tickets contact:
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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.

