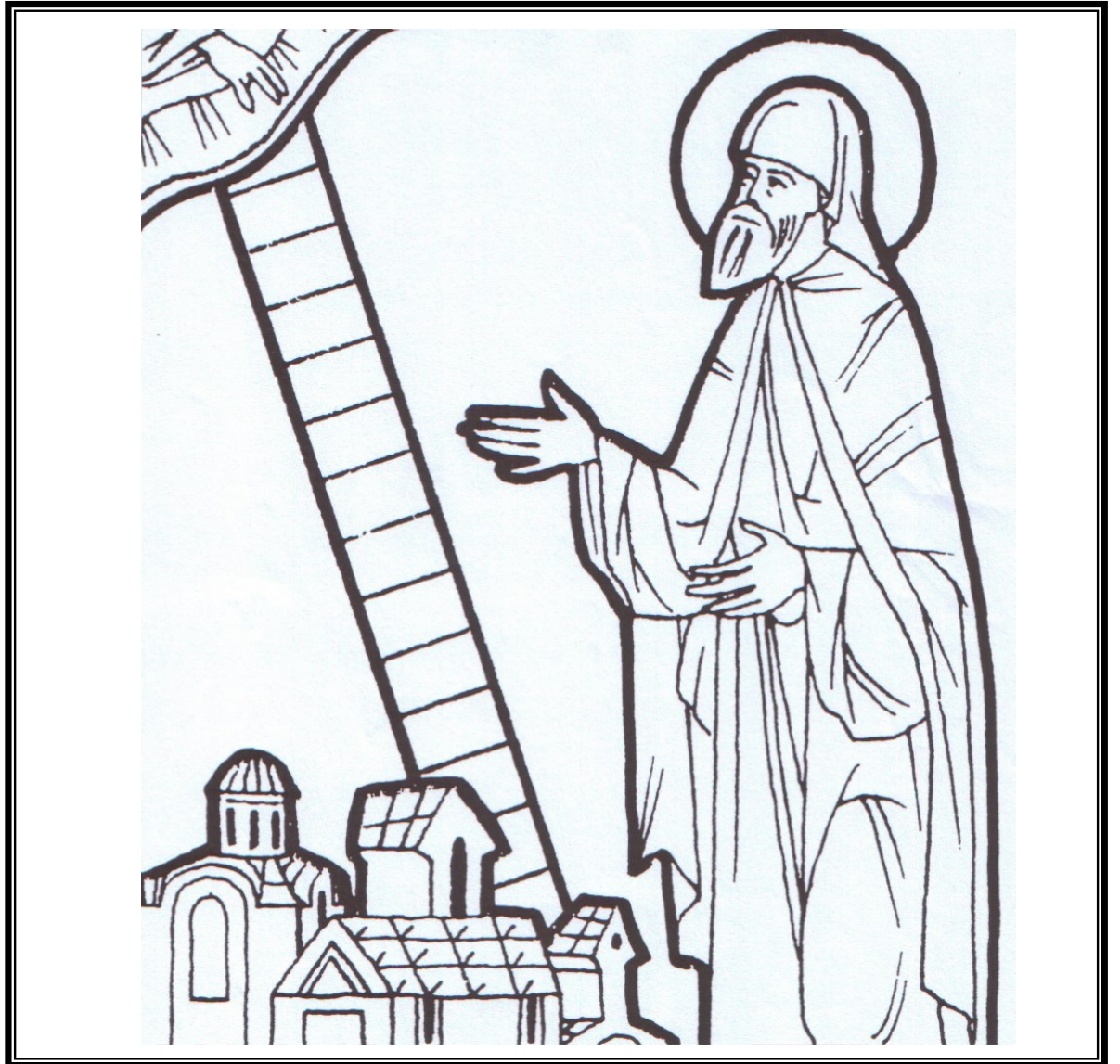


CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, April 3rd: John Climacus– Fourth Sunday of Lent
Tuesday, April 5th: 7:00 P.M.– Service of Great Compline at St. Mary Church
Wednesday, April 6th: 7:00 P.M.- Pre-Sanctified Liturgy at St. Mary Church
Thursday, April 7th: 7:00 P.M.– Service of Great Compline at St. Mary (in Arabic)
Friday, April 8th: 7:00 P.M.- Akathyst Hymn at St. Mary Church
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: 6:00– Parish Council Meeting
Saturday, April 16th: Lazarus Saturday- 9:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy
 Church School- 9am-Lenten Retreat (before and after Liturgy)
Sunday, April 17th: Palm Sunday
 8:50 A.M.– Orthros
 10:00 A.M.– Divine Liturgy and Procession with Palms
 6:30 P.M.– Bridegroom Service
Monday, April 19th: Great and Holy Monday
 7:00P.M.– Bridegroom Service
Tuesday, April 20th : Great and Holy Tuesday
 7:00 P.M.– Bridegroom Service
Wednesday, April 21st: Great and Holy Wednesday
 7:00 P.M.– Sacrament of Holy Unction
Thursday, April 22nd: Great and Holy Thursday
 10:00 A.M.– Divine Liturgy
 7:00 P.M.– Service of the Twelve Passion Gospels
Friday, April 23rd: Great and Holy Friday
 10:00 A.M.– Royal Hours
 11:00 A.M.– Great Vespers of the Taking Down of the Cross
 6:30 P.M.– Service of the Lamentations and Procession
Saturday, April 24th: 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**)



SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



Sunday, April 3, 2022

**Fourth Sunday of Lent:
 The Commemoration of St. John of the Ladder**

Saint Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church
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**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

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.

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 3rd:
April 10th:

Dr. Zeyad & Norma Morcos
Their Loving Family

Health of Iyad & Elias Morcos
Ruth Ganim Salhany (12 years)
William Salhany (6 months)

(Barbara & George Moussalli & Family,
Ken & Rania Salhany & Family, Bill & Susan Salhany & Family)

April 17th:
April 24th:

not available
not available

Palm Sunday
Great & Holy PASCHA

May 1st:
May 8th:

available for sponsorship
not available

May 15th:
May 22nd:

Their Loving Family
Adolina & Alex Najjar & Family

Memory of Fred, Sophie and Paula Hallal
Rosette Wadih Alhaddad (1 year)

May 29th:
June 5th:

Charitable Gift Program
Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Charitable Gift Program Participants
Health of Family

June 12th:
June 19th:

St. Mary Church
Karwashan Family

Last Day of Church School & Luncheon
Health of Family

The St. Mary's Choir is now inviting new singers to join us from the congregation. With the public health situation in Rhode Island improving steadily, we are able to have masking as an optional policy for singers. If you love the music of our church, if you enjoy singing along with us from the pews, we would be delighted to have you join us upstairs in the choir loft.

Please contact the director Susan Harvey
(Susan_Harvey@Brown.edu) with any questions or concerns. Join us in offering the beauty of music – a "sacrifice of praise" – as we lead our parish in singing the prayer of worship.



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 April 17th..



Fourth Sunday of Lent

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RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION: TONE 8

From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the threeday burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. JOHN CLIMACUS: TONE 8 (CHANT) (CHORAL)

The barren wilderness thou didst make fertile with the streams of thy tears; and by thy deep sighing thou hast given fruit through thy struggles a hundredfold. Accordingly, thou hast become a star for the universe, sparkling with miracles. Therefore, O righteous Father John Climacus, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

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 SUNDAYS IN GREAT LENT: TONE 8 (chant) (choral)

To thee, the Champion Leader, do I offer thanks of victory, O Theotokos, thou who hast delivered me from terror; but as thou that hast that power invincible, O Theotokos, thou alone can set me free: from all forms of danger free me and deliver me, that I may cry unto thee: Hail, O Bride without bridegroom.



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 will give strength to His people.
Bring unto the Lord, ye sons of God, bring unto the Lord glory and honor.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (6:13-20)

Brethren, when God made a promise to Abraham, since He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself, saying, “Surely blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee.” And thus, having patiently endured, he obtained the promise. For people indeed swear by April 03, 2022 Liturgy Variables 2 Fourth Sunday of Lent what is greater, and in every dispute of theirs the oath is final for confirmation. So when God, being minded to show more abundantly to the heirs of the promise the immutability of His counsel, He interposed it with an oath, that by two immutable things—in which it is impossible for God to lie—we might have a strong consolation, we, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope that is set before us; a hope, which we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and entering into “that which is within the veil,” where Jesus entered as a Forerunner on our behalf, having become a High Priest “forever according to the order of Melchizedek.”

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. (9:17-31)

At that time, a man came to Jesus, kneeling down and saying unto him, “Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a dumb spirit. And wherever it seizes him, it dashes him down; and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid; and I asked Thy Disciples to cast it out, and they were not able.” And Jesus answered them, “O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to Me.” And they brought the boy to Him; and when the spirit saw Jesus, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. And Jesus asked his father, “How long has he had this?” And he said, “From childhood. And it has often cast him into the fire and into the water, to destroy him; but if Thou canst do anything, have pity on us and help us.” And Jesus said to him, “If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes.” Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, “Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!” And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, “You dumb and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again.” And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse; so that most of them said, “He is dead.” But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when Jesus had entered the house, His Disciples asked Him privately, “Why could we not cast it out?” And Jesus said to them, “This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer and fasting.” They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And Jesus would not have anyone know it; for He was teaching His Disciples, saying to them, “The Son of man will be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill Him; and after He is killed, He will rise on the third day.”



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).

Lenten Retreat Sat, April 16

Please join us for a Sunday School Lenten Retreat on Saturday, April 16 at 9am. We will attend Liturgy, then have a potluck breakfast meal together. Then we will learn a bit about Holy Week, fold Palm crosses, and make "blessing bags" for those less fortunate than us.

Please RSVP via the link below and sign up to bring something for breakfast.

<http://evite.me/N164ZwgJ3B>

Sunday School will be making "blessing bags" during their Lenten Retreat on Lazarus Saturday.

(Please bring your donations by April 10th)

They are looking for donations of the following items:

- gallon size ziploc bags
- travel size toiletries (deodorant, toothpaste/brush, soap, chap stick, etc.)
- adult size socks
- small hand sanitizers
- combs, nail clippers, or bandaids
- small baby wipes packages


Thanks

Monetary donations are also appreciated.

St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church, Pawtucket

Schedule of Services: Great Lent 2022

The Service of Great Compline (St. Mary Church) will be held on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm.
Thursday Evenings (in Arabic) at 7:00pm

The Liturgy of the Pre-sanctified Gifts will be held on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm. Those wishing to partake of Holy Communion ought to be fasting from 12:00 noon on.

The service of the Akathyst Hymn or Madeeh (The Salutations to the Virgin Mary) will be held on the first five Friday evenings of Great Lent at 7:00 pm.

**The service of Lenten Vespers will be held on the following Sunday evenings at the following churches at 5:00 pm:

~April 3rd: St. Michael's Parish (74 Harris Ave, Woonsocket, RI)
~April 10th: St. Mary/Mena's Parish (2433 Scituate Ave, Hope (Cranston))

***These Vespers are held and organized by the Rhode Island Orthodox Clergy Fellowship*

The Divine Liturgy on Lazarus Saturday, April 16th, will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m.
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

♦ **Saturday, April 24th:** Great and Holy Saturday

10:00 A.M.- Divine Liturgy

11:00 P.M.- Rush Service

♦ **Sunday, April 24th:** GREAT & HOLY PASCHA

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

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

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.

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
Elaine Wilbur
Saliba, Robin, Bianca, Michelle Saliba
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

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

Iyad Morcos (Happy Birthday)
Elias Morcos
Regina (from Florida)
Offered by: Dr. Zeyad & Norma Morcos

Elaine Wilbur
Dr. Khoury
Offered by: Nora Abdelahad
Elaine Agaty
Sandra Matook & Family

Saliba, Robin, Bianca & Michelle Saliba
Offered by: Sandra Matook

Elaine Wilbur
Lorice Hallal
Nabil Khoury
Nora Abdelahad
Offered by: Joe & Marlene Samra

Elaine Wilbur
Offered by: Patricia Kilsey & Family

Fr. Elie
Mac & Louise Megalli
Phil Spenard
Mary Massiwer
Offered by: Linda Dvelis

Cindy Hayes
Mary Massiwer
Dr. Nabil Khoury
Cindy Antypas
Offered by: Flo & Phil Spenard

Bassam, Hala, George & Roy
George & Elias
Offered by: Alexi & Adibe Najjar

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

Alan Matook
Offered by: Joe & Marlene Samra

Mary Agaty
Offered by: Elaine Agaty

Dr. Alan Matook
Offered by: Richard & Violet Robbat

Jamly & Georges
Elias, Nicholas, Yaacoub
Offered by: Alexi & Adibe Najjar

~Thank you~

Dear Beloved Parishioners,

I would like to thank everyone for all their calls, texts, emails, cards & prayers during my recent surgery and recovery. I appreciate everyone that thought of me during this time.

In Christ,
Fr. Elie



Coffee Hour

Today, Coffee Hour is being offered by Dr. Zeyad & Norma Morcos for the health of Iyad Morcos (birthday) & Elias Morcos. Coffee Hour will be held at the Parish Center following Liturgy. All are welcome to attend.

ONLINE BULLETIN

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

THE SYNAXARION (Plain Reading)

On April 03 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Venerable Nikitas the Confessor, Abbot of Medikion; Venerable Joseph the Hymnographer; and New-martyr Paul the Russian. On this same day, the Fourth Sunday of Great Lent, we make remembrance of our godly father, John, the author of The Ladder of Divine Ascent (or Climacus). Verses 22 John, dead in the flesh and also living, Liveth eternally, even though appearing dead and without breath. Leaving letters, a ladder for the journey upwards, He showeth forth his pursuit of the journey upwards. The celebration of his feast on this day arose from the custom prevalent in the honorable monasteries of starting Great Lent with the reading of his lessons. John describes the method of elevating the soul to God as ascending a ladder. He teaches those who seek salvation how to lay a firm foundation for struggles, how to detect and fight every passion, how to avoid demonic snares, and how to rise from the rudimental virtues to the heights of Godlike love and humility. John of the Ladder came to Mount Sinai at age 16 and remained there, first as a novice under obedience, then as a recluse, and finally as abbot until his eightieth year. One time, his disciple, Moses, fell asleep under the shade of a large stone. John, in prayer in his cell, saw that his disciple was in danger and prayed to God for him. Later, when Moses returned, he fell on his knees and gave thanks to his spiritual father for saving him from certain death. He related how, in a dream, he heard John calling him and he jumped up and, at that moment, the stone tumbled. Had he not jumped, the stone would have crushed him. John Climacus died on March 30, 606. Through his intercessions, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

GREAT LENT 2022

March 7th ~ April 24th (Holy Pascha)



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.

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:

Fr. Elie (240) 205-9079)

Walid Nakhoul (401) 692-1250

Ghassan Alarmani (781)414-1091

Fouad Alzaibak (781) 888-4448



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