

SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



*Sunday, January 18, 2026*

*Athanasios & Cyril,*

*Patriarchs of Alexandria*

# ***Saint Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church***

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

Church Office hours: Monday– Friday 9am-2pm

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

**His Grace Bishop JOHN, Auxiliary and Bishop of the  
Diocese of Worcester and New England**

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Sub-Deacon Cory Dupont**

## **Schedule of Services**

<i>Sunday: Orthros (Matins)</i>	<i>9:00 a.m.</i>
<i>Sunday: Divine Liturgy</i>	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>
<i>Church School</i>	<i>11:15 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.

**DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 2026**  
**TONE 7 / EOTHINON 10**  
**ATHANASIOS AND CYRIL, PATRIARCHS OF ALEXANDRIA**  
**& TWELFTH SUNDAY OF LUKE**

MARTYR THEODOULA OF ANAZARBUS AND HER COMPANIONS;  
MAXIMOS, SERBIAN RULER

*During the Little Entrance, chant the Resurrectional Apolytikion. The Eisodikon (Entrance Hymn) is "O come, let us worship... save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead..." After the Little Entrance, sing these hymns in the following order:*

**RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE SEVEN**

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy. And didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercy.

**APOLYTIKION OF SS. ATHANASIOS AND CYRIL IN TONE THREE**

*(\*\*Thy confession\*\*)*

Shining forth with works of Orthodoxy, \* ye quenched every false belief and teaching \* and became trophy-bearers and conquerors. \* And since ye made all things rich with true piety, \* greatly adorning the Church with magnificence, \* Athanasios and wise Cyril, ye justly found Christ God, \* Who through your prayers doth grant Great Mercy unto all.

**TROPARION OF THE DORMITION: TONE 1**

In giving birth, Thou didst keep Thy virginity and in thy repose, Thou didst not forsake the world, O Theotokos, for Thou art the mother of life, and Thou didst pass over into life; and through thy intercession from death Thou dost redeem our souls.

**KONTAKION OF THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN TONE ONE**

Thou, O Christ God, Who by Thy Birth, didst sanctify the Virgin's womb, and, as is meet, didst bless Simeon's arms, and didst also come to save us; preserve Thy fold in wars, and confirm them whom Thou didst love, for Thou alone art the Lover of mankind.



## **THE EPISTLE**

(For Ss. Athanasius and Cyril)

*Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers.  
For Thou are justified in all that Thou hast done for us.*

### ***The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (13:7-16)***

Brethren, remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the Word of God; consider the outcome of their life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings; for it is well that the heart be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited their adherents. We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through His own blood. Therefore, let us go forth to Him outside the camp and bear the abuse He endured. For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city, which is to come. Through Him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge His Name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

## **THE GOSPEL**

(For the Twelfth Sunday of Luke)

### ***The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (17:12-19)***

At that time, as Jesus entered a village, He was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.” When He saw them He said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus’ feet, giving Him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus said, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” And He said to him, “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.”

**PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR  
GOOD HEALTH AND BLESSING OF:**

Mark Hashway  
Barbara Samra  
Sandra Conca  
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Victoria Hallal  
Offered by: Ron Hallal



Jacob, Maria, Sofia & Emilia Khoury  
Nouhad Kardous  
Linda Dvelis  
Kristen Silva  
Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian  
Fred Kilsey & Family  
Offered by: Salwa Khoury

Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian  
Cindy Hayes & Family  
Mack and Louise Megalli  
Mother Xenia Minihan  
Jacob Muller  
Ronald Muller  
Victoria Muller  
Michelle Saliba  
Kristen Anne Silva  
Phil Spenard  
Madison Tucker  
Offered by: Michael & Nancy Muller

Kristen Silva & Family  
Jacob Khoury & Family  
Salwa Khoury & Family  
Offered by: Linda Dvelis

Salwa Khoury  
Jacob, Maria, Sophia, Emilia Khoury  
Offered by: John & Anita Chamoun

Elizabeth Edes  
Offered by: Fred Elliott

Ray & Leila Trabulsi  
Offered by: Sandra Matook

Phil Spenard  
Elizabeth McNeil  
Mary Massiwer  
Nora Matook  
Maureen Gurghigian  
Cindy Hayes  
Kristen Silva  
Adele Carew  
Charlene Faria  
Ed Faria  
Beth Faria  
Louis and Maureen Camus  
Our children and grandchildren  
Offered by: Phil & Flo Spenard

All our Family and Friends  
Offered by: Nabil and Gloria Baalbaki

Fred Kilsey and Family  
Melissa Kilsey  
Cara Laffey and family  
Elizabeth McNeil and family  
Paul Gurghigian and family  
Jacob Khoury and family  
Kristen Silva and family  
Offered by: Patricia Kilsey

Mary Massiwer & Family  
Maureen, Paul & Mary Gurghigian  
John & Patricia Massiwer  
Diane Andrew & Paul Burnier  
Elizabeth McNeil  
Richard & Susan McNeil & Family  
Etta & Elizabeth Foster  
Kristen Silva & Family  
Linda Dvelis & Family  
Flo & Phil Spenard & Family  
Salwa Khoury & Family  
Jacob and Maria Khoury and Family  
Fred Kilsey & Family  
Offered by: Cindy Hayes

**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.

**PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR  
IN LOVING MEMORY OF:**

Janice Hallal

Offered by: Her Loving Husband Ron

Mary Hallal

Offered by: Her Loving Son Ron



Fred Hashway

Kevin Hashway

Lorice Hallal

Robert Laffey

Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Fred & Adele Shwaery

Offered by: Linda Dvelis & Family

Nabil Khoury

George Kardous

Michelle Kilsey

Offered by: Salwa Khoury

Michelle Kilsey

Offered by: Fred Kilsey & Family

Frederick L. Kilsey

Offered by: Audrey & Wayne Kilsey

Frederick L. Kilsey

Offered by: George, Lois & Christopher Kilsey

Frederick L. Kilsey

Deborah Kilsey & Victoria Azar

Frederick L. Kilsey

Offered by: Mary & Danny Shea

Michelle Y. Kilsey

Offered by: Audrey & Wayne Kilsey

Janice Hallal

Elaine Swistak

All of our deceased family members

Offered by: Phil & Flo Spenard

George H. and Antoinette Baalbaki

George A. and Georgette A. Saggal

Aboud Shoua

All our Deceased Family and Friends

Offered by: Nabil and Gloria Baalbaki

Michelle Kilsey

Guy Jr Gravino

Offered by: Patricia Kilsey

Don Hayes

John Massiwer

Tom Andrew

Michelle Kilsey

Offered by: Cindy Hayes

Girge and Nazeera

George and Antwanet

Abdulla and Mary

From Ken and Rania & family

## **Coffee Hour**

Coffee Hour is being offered by Fred Kilsey & Family in memory of *Michelle Kilsey (15 years)*. Coffee Hour will be held at the Parish Center following Liturgy.



## **Cemetery information**

If you are in need of a cemetery lot, please contact Flo Spenard at 508-930-6630 or Linda Dvelis at 401-749-1278. Please be aware that the cost of a lot which accommodates one or two people, has been updated.

# Ladies Society News

## **Please Join Us for Our Annual SOUP-er Bowl of Caring Luncheon**

***Sunday February 1st following Liturgy***

Enjoy an endless Variety of Soups and Chili  
A wonderful Children's Menu  
Beverages & Dessert

**Suggested Donation \$10.00 per Person  
Children under 5 free**

The Soup-er Bowl of Caring helps fund our Box Lunch Outreach. We prepare 65 box lunches on the last Sunday of each month. This program costs our group approximately \$200.00 a month. Our Outreach partners with the Teens to make the sandwiches and to feed those in need in our local community. We have continued to be generous and offer this outreach to the local Soup Kitchen through the generosity of our wonderful parishioners! Thank you for your support of this program!

Dear Brethren In Christ,

Christ is Born, Glorify Him!

We ask our Savior, Who was born for our Salvation, to look fondly upon you and grant you His peace and love, and we hope that all of you and your loved ones enjoy a wonderful and blessed Christmas.

According to our Constitution and By Laws, we are to hold a General Assembly Meeting on the last Sunday of January. ***Our meeting will be held on January 25, 2026.***

All parishioners in good standing who “accept, profess and practice the faith and discipline of the Holy Orthodox Faith” are welcome to vote at the meeting. Practicing the discipline of the faith involves regular and consistent attendance at Divine Liturgy and participation in the Sacrament of the Church, as well as completing a stewardship pledge for the year 2025 and making a pledge commitment for the year 2026.

This year four vacancies, three elected and one appointed on the Parish Council must be filled. If you are interested in running for a seat on the Parish Council, please speak to either Fr. Elie or Linda Dvelis; *Chairman of the Nominating Committee*.

A copy of our budget will be sent out, prior to our Annual Meeting for your review. Please submit any concern via email to the church office in advance so we can answer any of your concerns.

We have three items that require voting:

Approval of the budget.

Three vacancies on the council that need to be filled.

Potential Parking Lot Rental

We lift up our prayers for your good health and participation in the life of the church and blessing for the New Year, we remain,

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Elie Estephan  
Pastor

Walid Nakhoul  
Parish Council President



## **PLEDGE 2026**

Our 2026 pledge drive has started. Please begin to prayerfully consider your pledge commitment for this year. For your convenience, Pledge cards are available at the back of the church and in the parish center.

Giving is easy through our church app, with options for a one-time donation or weekly/biweekly/monthly donations. In addition to your personal donation, an often overlooked option is to inquire as to whether your employer offers a matching gift program for any charitable donation(s) that you make. Many larger employers offer this benefit which will effectively double the amount of your gift! We can assist with any verifications your company needs to facilitate the matching gift. Please make every effort to complete and return the Pledge card ASAP so we can have an accurate representation of the planned giving for 2026.

Dear Brethren in Christ,

On Sunday, January 25, 2026 the Annual Parish Meeting will be held. This year four vacancies (three elected and one appointed) on the Parish Council must be filled. Please remember the following guidelines for service on the Parish Council:

1. No siblings or husband and wives will be allowed to serve at the same time.
2. Each candidate must be actively practicing the faith and discipline of the Holy Orthodox Church. This means that in addition to supporting the maintenance of the Church through Christian pledges the candidate must be regular and consistent in their attendance at Divine Liturgy and participation in the Sacramental Life of the church.
3. Anyone willing to be nominated from the floor at the annual Meeting must have met these prior guidelines and must also have secured the approval and blessing of the Pastor at least two weeks prior to the Annual Meeting.

Those members who are presently serving terms on the Council must meet the same canonical requirements.

Please do review these guidelines. The nominating committee of the Parish Council will be preparing a list of qualified and eligible candidates to be submitted at the Parish meeting.



## 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).

- ♦ **Sunday School will having a Bake Sale on Sunday, January 25th during the General Assembly Meeting. Please support their fundraiser.**

### **THE SYNAXARION (Plain Reading)**

These wise teachers of truth and defenders of Christ's Church share a joint Feast in recognition of their dogmatic writings which affirm the truth of the Orthodox Faith, correctly interpret the Holy Scripture, and censure the delusions of the heretics. Athanasius took part in the First Ecumenical Council when he was still a deacon. He surpassed everyone there in his zeal to uphold the teaching that Christ is consubstantial (homousios) with the Father, and not merely a creature, as the Arians proclaimed. This radiant beacon of Orthodoxy spent most of his life in exile from his See, because of the plotting of his enemies. He returned to his flock as he was approaching the end of his life. Like an evening star, he illumined the Orthodox faithful with his words for a little while, and then reposed in 373. Cyril was the nephew of Patriarch Theophilus of Alexandria, who educated him from his youth. He succeeded to his uncle's position in 412, but was deposed through the intrigues of the Nestorian heretics. He later resumed his See, however. Cyril presided at the Third Ecumenical Council in 431, which censured the Nestorian blasphemy against the Most Holy Theotokos. His wise words demonstrated the error of their false doctrine. Cyril departed to the Lord in 444. On this day, we also commemorate the Martyr Theodoula of Anazarbus and her companions; and Maximos, the Serbian ruler. By the intercessions of Thy saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

## **Coffee Hour Update**

Contact Ghassan Alarmani (Gus) to sponsor a coffee hour- (781)414-1091

For those who are sponsoring a coffee hour, the contribution is \$200, including food, paper goods and beverage.

### **Memorial coffee hour:**

Family providing food ,we kindly request a contribution of \$250.00. All necessary supplies will be provided at no extra cost to you. Your contribution will be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

## **Coffee Hour Sponsorships**

### **Date:**

### **Sponsored by:**

### **Sponsored for:**

January 18, 2026	Fred Kilsey & Family	Memory of Michelle Kilsey (15 years)
January 25, 2026	<i>not available</i>	Annual General Assembly
February 1, 2026	Ladies Society	“Souper Bowl of Caring” Fundraiser
February 8, 2026	Maen, Diana, Mariana & Adam Albatarseh	Health of Family
February 15, 2026	Church School	Pasta Luncheon (Camp Fundraiser)
February 22, 2026	Walid & Mirna Nakhoul	Health of Family
March 1, 2026	Saliba, Robin, Bianca & Michelle	Health of Family
March 8, 2026	Her Loving Family	Memory of Lorice Hallal
March 15, 2026	available for sponsorship	
March 22, 2026	available for sponsorship	
March 29, 2026	available for sponsorship	
April 5, 2026	<i>not available</i>	
April 12, 2026	<i>not available</i>	
April 19, 2026	Lindsey’s Birthday	
April 26, 2026	Church School	
May 3, 2026	Her Loving Family	Pancake Breakfast (Camp Fundraiser)
May 10, 2026	No Coffee Hour	Memory of Doha Geha Chamas
May 17, 2026	Charitable Gift Program	
May 24, 2026	<i>available for sponsorship</i>	Charitable Gift Participants
May 31, 2026	<i>available for sponsorship</i>	
June 7, 2026	<i>available for sponsorship</i>	
June 14, 2026	<i>available for sponsorship</i>	
June 21, 2026	Salwa Khoury	
June 28, 2026	<i>available for sponsorship</i>	Memory of Dr. Nabil Khoury
July 5, 2026	<i>available for sponsorship</i>	
July 12, 2026	<i>not available</i>	
July 19, 2026	<i>not available</i>	

# CHURCH CALENDAR

**Sunday, January 18, 2026:** Athanasios & Cyril, Patriarchs of Alexandria

**Sunday, January 25, 2026:** Sunday of Zacchaeus

Annual General Assembly

Sunday School Bake Sale to benefit campers this summer

**Sunday, February 1, 2026:** Ladies Society “Souper Bowl of Caring” Fundraiser

**Saturday, February 7, 2026:** 6:00 P.M.– Arabic Liturgy

**Sunday, February 8, 2026:** Sunday of Publican & Pharisee

**Tuesday, February 10, 2026:** 7:00 P.M.– Parish Council Meeting

**Saturday, February 14, 2026:** 8:00 P.M.– Valentine’s Day Hafli

**Sunday, February 15, 2026:** Judgement Sunday (Meatfare)

Church School Pasta Lunch (Camp Fundraiser)

**Sunday, February 22, 2026:** Forgiveness Sunday (Cheesefare)

**Monday, February 23rd, 2026:** Lent Begins

**Sunday, March 1, 2026:** Sunday of Orthodoxy

**Saturday, March 7, 2026:** 6:00 P.M.– Arabic Liturgy

**Sunday, March 8, 2026:** Sunday of Gregory Palamas

**Tuesday, March 10, 2026:** 7:00 P.M.– Parish Council Meeting

**Sunday, March 15, 2026:** Veneration of the Cross

**Sunday, March 22, 2026:** John of the Ladder

**Sunday, March 29, 2026:** Mary of Egypt



## **PRAYER REQUESTS– new policy**

If you would like prayers to be included in the weekly bulletin, **please email** them to [office@stmarypawtucket.org](mailto:office@stmarypawtucket.org) by Wednesday of the week you would like them included. This new policy is in effect to make sure the office receives any prayers requested. Thank you.

