

# SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



*Sunday, January 25, 2026*

*Gregory the Theologian,*

*Archbishop of Constantinople*

# *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**

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Diocese of Worcester and New England**

**V. Rev. Father Elie Estephan  
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**Sub-Deacon Emad Amirhom  
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 SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 2026**

## **TONE 8 / EOTHINON 11**

### **GREGORY THE THEOLOGIAN, ARCHBISHOP OF CONSTANTINOPLE & FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE (ZACCHAEUS)**

VENERABLE DEMETRIOS THE SACRISTAN; NEW-MARTYR AUXENTIOS OF CONSTANTINOPLE

*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 EIGHT**

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

#### **APOLYTIKION OF ST. GREGORY THE THEOLOGIAN IN TONE ONE**

The pastoral psalter of thy discourse in theology triumphed over the trumpets of orators and overcame it; for having sought the depth of the Spirit, there was also vouchsafed to thee excellence of speech, O Father Gregory. Wherefore, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

#### **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 Gregory the Theologian)

*My mouth shall speak of wisdom; and the meditation of my heart shall be of understanding.  
Hear this, all ye people.*

### ***The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (7:26-8:2)***

Brethren, it was fitting that we should have such a High Priest, holy, blameless, unstained, separated from sinners, exalted above the heavens. He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people; He did this once for all when He offered up Himself. Indeed, the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son Who has been made perfect forever. Now the point in what we are saying is this: we have such a High Priest, one Who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, a minister in the sanctuary and the true tent which is set up not by man but by the Lord.

## **THE GOSPEL**

(For the Fifteenth Sunday of Luke—"Zacchaeus Sunday")

### ***The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (19:1-10)***

At that time, Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. And there was a man named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector, and rich. And he sought to see Who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Jesus, for He was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham; for the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost."

**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  
Mary Massiwer  
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

Elizabeth McNeil  
Offered by: Sandra Matook

Philip, Bette & Phil G. Ayoub  
Offered by: Susan Warzycha & Family

Marie Haddad (my mother (in palliative care)  
in Montreal, Canada)  
Offered by: Dr. Zeyad Morcos

Salwa Khoury  
Offered by: A Friend

Philip & Bette Ayoub  
Philip G. Ayoub  
Ardemis Yepremian  
Offered by: Ed Ayoub

Paul Gurghigian  
Offered by: Maureen and Mary Gurghigian

Mary Massiwer and family  
Cindy Hayes and family  
Franklin Family  
Diane Andrew and Paul Bernier  
Laura and Jim Arrighi and family  
John and Patricia Massiwer  
Flo and Phil Spenard and family  
Salwa Khoury and family  
Jacob and Maria Khoury and family  
Kristin Silva and Linda Dvelis and family  
Nancy and Michael Muller and family  
Offered by: Paul, Maureen and Mary Gurghigian

Donnie, Lauren, Allie & DJ Hayes  
Danny, Liz & Gabriella Hayes  
Sarah Hayes & Dan Hennigan  
Offered by: Cindy Hayes

Mary Massiwer  
Maureen, Paul & Mary Gurghigian  
John & Patricia Massiwer  
Bill and Mary Franklin and Family  
Diane Andrew & Paul Burnie  
Laura, Jim and Noelle Arrighi  
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  
Victoria Hallal and Family  
John Brock  
Offered by: Cindy Hayes & Family

Special Prayers of Good Health & Blessing  
are being offered for Mary Massiwer on the  
occasion of her 98th Birthday.

Offered by:  
Her Children, Grandchildren  
and Great-Grandchildren



**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

Offered by: Salwa Khoury

George & Nora David

Offered by: Their Children & Grandchildren

Elias Morcos (my dad, 35th anniversary)

Offered by: Dr. Zeyad Morcos



**Annual Meeting**

**Rescheduled to Sunday, February 1st  
following Liturgy.**

**NO COFFEE HOUR TODAY**

**Website update**

You are now able to access each week's bulletin on the website, see pictures from events, make your donation through the website, and much more! ***[www.stmarypawtucket.org](http://www.stmarypawtucket.org)***

# 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!



*"You shall be to Me a royal priesthood and a holy nation." -Exodus 19:6*

**2026**

The Antiochian Women of the  
Diocese of Worcester and New England

# LENTEN RETREAT



"Raising Children with Guidance from St. Olga of Alaska,  
the first Orthodox female saint in North America."

**SATURDAY MARCH 7, 2026**

St. George Orthodox Church  
55 Emmonsedale Rd, West Roxbury, MA 02132

- 9:00 AM** Divine Liturgy
- 10:30 AM** Registration & Coffee Hour
- 11:00 AM – 12:15 PM** Session 1
- 12:30 PM** Lunch
- 1:30 PM – 2:45 PM** Session 2

*Breakfast and lunch will be served*



**REGISTER TODAY!**

[2026LentenRetreat.eventbrite.com](https://2026LentenRetreat.eventbrite.com)



**Speaker:** Fr. George Parsenios,  
Professor at Holy Cross Greek  
Orthodox School of Theology

**Admission is \$30.00**

Contact Amal Hourani  
for questions  
(617) 930-7745



# CHADI NADDAF



## Valentine's Day Party

**DANCE, MUSIC & MEZZA**

**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 14TH- 8PM**

**REGULAR \$100 / VIP \$125**

ST MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH  
1 ST. MARY'S WAY, PAWTUCKET, RI 02860

For Reservation Call

Walid Nakhoul: 401-692-1250 • Ghassan Altarmani: 781-414-1091 • Maria Saad 508-380-1113



## 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 Sunday, February 1st during the General Assembly Meeting. Please support their fundraiser.**

### **Sunday School Pasta Lunch Fundraiser**

***Sunday, February 15th***

**Menu:** Pasta, Meatballs, Salad, Garlic Bread & Dessert

Adults- \$10 Children- \$5 Children under 5- free

*Please come support our Sunday School Fundraiser*

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

He was born in Nazianzus and studied in Athens with Basil the Great and Julian the Apostate. Gregory correctly prophesied that Julian would become an apostate and a persecutor of the Church. When he completed his studies, Gregory was baptized. Basil consecrated him as bishop of Sasima, and Emperor Theodosius the Great summoned him to fill the vacant archepiscopal throne of Constantinople. Gregory wrote numerous works, of which his most famous are those concerning theology. Especially known because of its depth is his work *Homilies on the Holy Trinity*. Gregory wrote against the heretic Macedonius who erroneously taught that the Holy Spirit is a creation of God, and against Appolinarius who erroneously taught that Christ did not have a human soul but that His divinity was in lieu of His soul. Gregory died in 390 at age 80.

## **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 25, 2026	No Coffee Hour	
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 (2 years)
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>	<b>Palm Sunday</b>
April 12, 2026	<i>not available</i>	<b>PASCHA</b>
April 19, 2026	Lindsey’s Birthday	
April 26, 2026	Church School	Pancake Breakfast (Camp Fundraiser)
May 3, 2026	Her Loving Family	Memory of Doha Geha Chamas
May 10, 2026	No Coffee Hour	
May 17, 2026	Charitable Gift Program	Charitable Gift Participants
May 24, 2026	<i>available for sponsorship</i>	
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	Memory of Dr. Nabil Khoury
June 28, 2026	<i>available for sponsorship</i>	
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 25, 2026:** Sunday of Zacchaeus

Annual General Assembly-rescheduled to February 1st

Sunday School Bake Sale to benefit campers this summer

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

Annual General Assembly

**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

## 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.