



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"

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Diocese of Worcester and New England**

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Schedule of Services

Sunday: Orthros (Matins) 9:00 a.m.

Sunday: Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

Church School 11:15 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.

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 Yerepremian
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

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 Emmondsdale 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



Speaker: Fr. George Parthenios,
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 Alarmani: 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

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Sponsored by:</u>	<u>Sponsored for:</u>
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>	Palm Sunday
April 12, 2026	<i>not available</i>	PASCHA
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	
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 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.