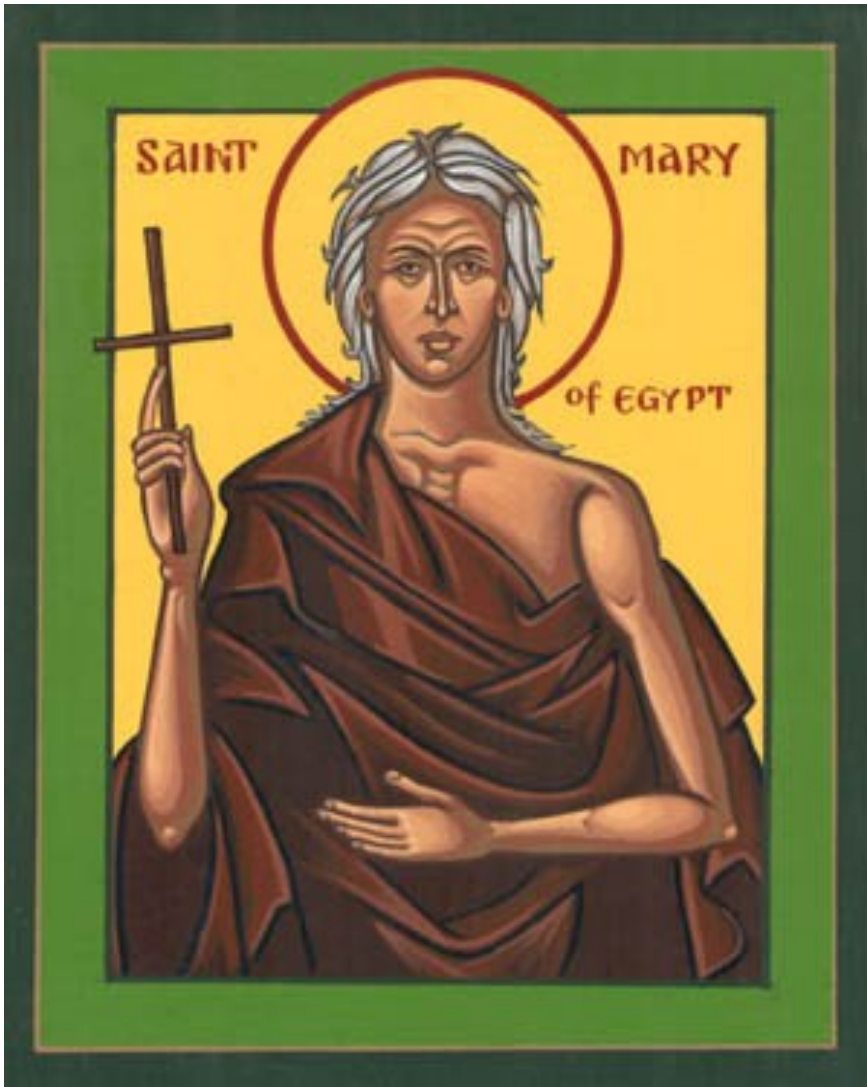


SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



Sunday, March 29, 2026

**Fifth Sunday of Lent:
The Commemoration of our Righteous
Mother Mary of Egypt**

Saint Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church

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

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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

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, MARCH 29, 2026

TONE 1 / EOTHINON 9; FIFTH SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT

COMMEMORATION OF OUR RIGHTEOUS MOTHER MARY OF EGYPT

MARTYR MARK, BISHOP OF ARETHUSA, MARTYR CYRIL THE DEACON OF HELIOPOLIS AND THOSE WITH THEM; MARTYRS JONAH AND BARACHISIOS OF PERSIA AND THOSE WITH THEM

****DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. BASIL THE GREAT****

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, chant these hymns in the following order:

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE ONE

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. MARY OF EGYPT IN TONE EIGHT

Through thee, the divine likeness was securely preserved, O mother Mary; for thou didst carry the cross and follow Christ. By example and precept thou didst teach us to ignore the body, because it is perishable, and to attend to the concerns of the undying soul. Therefore, doth thy soul rejoice with the angels.

TROPARION OF THE DORMITION: IN TONE ONE

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.

ORDINARY KONTAKION IN TONE TWO

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

THE EPISTLE

*Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.
The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (9:11-14)*

Brethren, Christ having appeared a High Priest of the good things to come, through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation; neither through the blood of goats and calves, but through His own blood, entered in once for all into the holy place, having found eternal redemption. For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of bulls and goats and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, purify your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. (10:32-45)

At that time, Jesus took His twelve Disciples, and began to tell them what was to happen to Him, saying, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem. And the Son of man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn Him to death, and deliver Him to the Gentiles. And they will mock Him, and scourge Him, and spit upon Him, and kill Him; and after three days He will rise." And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Him, and said to Him, "Teacher, we would that thou shouldest do for us whatsoever we shall desire" And Jesus said to them, "What do you want Me to do for you?" And they said to Him, "Grant us to sit, one at Thy right hand and one at Thy left, in Thy glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" And they said to Him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized. But to sit at My right hand or at My left is not Mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. And Jesus called them to Him and said to them, "You know that those who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be servant of all. For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many."

**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
Janet & Philip Laffey
Offered by: Salwa Khoury

Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurchigian
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
Bryan Boulis & Family
Offered by: Fred Elliott

Nora Matook & Family
Richard & Susan McNeil & Family
Offered by: Sandra Matook & Family

Janet Laffey & Family
Offered by: Nora Abdelahad
Elaine Agaty
Sandra Matook

Janet & Phil Laffey
Elaine Gauthier & Family
Offered by: Joe & Marlene Samra

Archbishop Paul Yazigi
Archbishop Gregorios Yohanna Ibrahim
Offered by: Will Small

Janet Laffey & Family
Offered by: Philip & Bette Ayoub

Janet Laffey & Family
Offered by: Susan Warzycha & Family

Janet Laffey
Philip Laffey
Elaine Gauthier
Stephanie & Bryan Chowning
Offered by: Ray & Leila Trabulsi

Bryan, Stephanie, Nick, Leila, Emily
Janet Laffey
Offered by: Elaine Gauthier

Charles and Angela Abosamra
Offered by: Holly Lazieh and Sons and Bob Dessaint

Nora Abdelahad (101st Birthday)
Offered by: Elaine Agaty
Sandra Matook & Family

Visitations

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

**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

Cara Laffey

Offered by: Salwa Khoury

Leon Matook

Elizabeth McNeil

Richard & Evelyn McNeil

Offered by: Sandra Matook & Family

George Matook

Offered by: Sandra Matook & Family

Cara Laffey

Offered by: Nora Abdelahad

Elaine Agaty

Sandra Matook

Cara Laffey

Elizabeth McNeil

Offered by: Mary Lou & Bill Catelli

Cara Laffey

Offered by: George & Lois Kilsey

Cara Laffey

Offered by: Joe & Marlene Samra

Charles Abdelahad

Offered by: Elaine Agaty

Sandra Matook & Family

Cara Laffey

Offered by: Philip & Bette Ayoub

Cara Laffey

Offered by: Susan Warzycha & Family

Cara Laffey

Bob Laffey

Offered by: Ray & Leila Trabulsi

Ron, Chris, Bob, Cara

Offered by: Elaine Gauthier

Fred, Sophie and Paula Hallal

Moses Lazieh

Lily Massiwer

Lorice Hallal

Elizabeth McNeil

Cara Laffey

Offered by: Holly Lazieh and Sons and Bob Dessaint



PRAYER REQUESTS

If you would like prayers to be included in the weekly bulletin, **please email** them to 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.

GREAT LENT 2026

February 23rd ~ April 12th (Holy Pascha)



What is Lent?

Prayer † Fasting † Acts of Mercy

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.

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. Food for Hungry People collection boxes are available in the Vestibule & Church Hall. Take one home, fill it with coins during Lent and return it at Holy Pasha (Easter). Donations will also be accepted. To: St. Mary Orthodox Church earmarked “F F.H.P.”

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.

St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church, Pawtucket Schedule of Services: Great Lent 2026

Great Lent began on February 23rd

The Service of Great Compline (St. Mary Church) will be held on Tuesday & Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm

The Liturgy of the Pre-sanctified Gifts will be held on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 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 6:30 pm with a pot-luck to follow.

The Divine Liturgy on Lazarus Saturday, April 4th will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. with a luncheon following Liturgy.

Palm Sunday is on April 5th

Holy Week starts on Sunday evening April 5th with the Bridegroom Service at 6:30 p.m.

Great and Holy Week: Monday, April 6th- Saturday, April 11th

Great and Holy PASCHA (Easter) is April 12th

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.

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Holy Week 2026 Schedule of Services

Saturday, April 4th

Lazarus Saturday

10:00 a.m. — Divine Liturgy
followed by luncheon hosted by
Church School

Sunday, April 5th

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 6th

Great and Holy Monday

6:30 p.m. — Bridegroom Service

Tuesday, April 7th

Great and Holy Tuesday

6:30 p.m. — Bridegroom Service

Wednesday, April 8th

Great and Holy Wednesday

6:30 p.m. — Sacrament of Holy
Unction

Thursday, April 9th

Great and Holy Thursday

10:00 a.m. — Divine Liturgy
6:30 p.m. — Service of the Twelve
Passion Gospels

Friday, April 10th

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 11th

Great and Holy Saturday

10:00 a.m. — Divine Liturgy
11:00 p.m. — Rush Service

Sunday, April 12th

Great and Holy Pascha

12:00 a.m. — Divine Liturgy
followed by Agape Breakfast
6:00 p.m. — Agape Vespers



Great Lent and Holy Pascha 2026 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**, March 29th*





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).

♦ **Saturday, April 4th:**

Lazarus Saturday Retreat and Church School hosting:

Potluck Luncheon-*(everyone invited to attend)*

10am-2pm-Church School Lazarus Saturday Lenten Retreat



THE SYNAXARION (Plain Reading)

Once, during the Honorable Fast, the priest-monk Zosimus withdrew into the wilderness. He caught sight of a withered woman named Mary; her hair was white as snow. Mary then told Zosimus that she was born in Egypt and at the age of 12 began to live a life of debauchery in Alexandria for 17 years. One day, she went to Jerusalem to enter the church to venerate the Honorable Cross. However, some invisible force restrained her. In great fear, she gazed upon the icon of the Theotokos in the vestibule and prayed that she be allowed to enter the church, all the while confessing her sinfulness. She was then permitted to enter the church. Having venerated the Cross she again entered the vestibule and, before the icon, gave thanks to the Mother of God. At that very moment she heard a voice saying: "If you cross the Jordan, you will find glorious rest!" Mary left for the wilderness and remained there for 47 years in repentance. She bade Zosimus to come back in one year with Holy Communion, which he did. The following year, on Holy Thursday, April 1, 522, Zosimus discovered Mary's lifeless body, and buried her. Thus, the Lord glorifies penitent sinners. The Church exalts and exemplifies Mary to the faithful in Great Lent as an incentive for repentance that brings entry into the Heavenly Kingdom. Through her intercessions, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

Ladies Society News

Our Ladies continue the collection for our Warm Your Neighbors project. To date we have made several donations to local shelters in our area that minister to the homeless, those in need and the Domestic abuse shelter. We thank you for your continued help and support of the Ladies Society Outreach programs to our community.

We will be holding our Annual National Project Luncheon TODAY Sunday March 29, 2026. The proceeds from this event go to support the Endowment for the Widow Clergy Wives of those pastors who have served our Archdiocese. We pray for them and are thankful for this program to aid them in their later years.

Lastly we are having our Annual Easter Bake to help fund Lorda's Tuition. Lorda is a young girl from Palestine who we are helping with Education Costs thru her graduation from High school. She is currently in fifth grade. We are blessed to have your continued support to help Lorda!



Annual Project Luncheon to support Widow Clergy Wives Endowment TODAY- Sunday March 29, 2026

Donation \$12.00 Adults & Teens

Children Under 12 \$5.00 & Under 5 Free

Loubee/String Beans & Rice, Shrimp & Rice, Hummus, Salad
Pizza, Zataar, Dessert

Annual Easter Bake Sale

Sponsored by the Ladies Society for the Support of Lorda's School Tuition.
The last Day to Order is - TODAY, Sunday, March 29th.

We are only filling orders for this sale.

If you would like to place an order, or have any questions- call/text Cindy Hayes (401)480-4306. *You may also place order forms in the tray on Sunday*

Pick up will be after Liturgy on Holy Saturday April 11th or at Pascha Pot-Luck.

<u>Item</u>		<u>Amount</u>	<u>Total</u>
Mamoul Dates	\$3.50 each	_____	_____
Graybee	\$3.50 each	_____	_____
Rolled Baklawa Walnuts	\$4.00 each	_____	_____
Rolled Baklawa Pistachio	\$4.00 each	_____	_____
Mamoul Walnut	\$3.50 each	_____	_____
Mamoul Pistachio	\$3.50 each	_____	_____
Kaik	\$12.00 Dozen	_____	_____
	Total	Amount	_____

Name _____ Phone _____



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.

SAVE THE DATE

Feast Day Weekend (Mahrajan)

Saturday, August 15th & Sunday, August 16th

We are planning a Fun Weekend Music and Ethnic food such as SAJ, Zaater and Cheese, Shawarma, Falafel, Knafee, Hooka and much more.



CEMETERY NEWS....

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

Now that spring is on the way, plans are being made for hydroseeding the bare spots at the cemetery as well as spreading fresh loam. This is a great opportunity for you to clear out the nasty weeds on your lot (s), and we will hydroseed that area so that new, “weed-free” grass will replace the unsightly areas. If you elect to do this, the clearing needs to be completed by April 15th; please take all debris with you.

Cemetery Committee

Cemetery Plots

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.

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.

Coffee Hour Sponsorships

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Sponsored by:</u>	<u>Sponsored for:</u>
March 29, 2026	Ladies Society	Luncheon for the NAB Project, “Endowment Fund for our Beloved Widow Clergy Wives”
April 5, 2026	<i>not available</i>	Palm Sunday
April 12, 2026	<i>not available</i>	PASCHA
April 19, 2026	Lindsey Chammas	Thankful for the Church Community
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	Sean & Kayla Joaseus	The Catechumens
May 31, 2026	Emile Sarkis & Family	The Health of Family
June 7, 2026	The Order of St. Ignatius	Last Day of Church School Luncheon
June 14, 2026	Will Small	Memory of Fr. Isaac
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>	Family Day at Buttonwoods Park
July 19, 2026	<i>not available</i>	(raindate for Family Day)
July 26, 2026	Dr. Zeyad & Norma Morcos	my son, (ST Elias) & dad
August 2, 2026	<i>available for sponsorship</i>	
August 9, 2026	<i>available for sponsorship</i>	
August 16, 2026	<i>not available</i>	Feast Day Weekend
August 23, 2026	<i>available for sponsorship</i>	
August 30, 2026	<i>available for sponsorship</i>	
September 6, 2026	<i>available for sponsorship</i>	
September 13, 2026	<i>not available</i>	
September 20, 2026	<i>available for sponsorship</i>	
September 27, 2026	<i>available for sponsorship</i>	
October 6, 2026	<i>available for sponsorship</i>	
October 13, 2026	<i>available for sponsorship</i>	
October 20, 2026	<i>available for sponsorship</i>	

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, March 29, 2026: Mary of Egypt

Luncheon for the NAB Project, “Endowment Fund for our Beloved Widow Clergy Wives”

Tuesday, March 31, 2026: 6:30P.M.- Service of the Great Compline

Wednesday, April 1, 2026: 6:30 P.M.– Liturgy of the Pre-sanctified Gifts

Thursday, April 2, 2026: 6:30P.M.- Service of the Great Compline

Saturday, April 4, 2026: 10:00am– Divine Liturgy on Lazarus Saturday

10am-2pm- Lazarus Saturday Church School Retreat & Luncheon (all invited to attend)

Sunday, April 5, 2026: 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 6, 2026: Great and Holy Monday

6:30 p.m.- Bridegroom Service

Tuesday, April 7, 2026: Great and Holy Tuesday

6:30 p.m.- Bridegroom Service

7:30 p.m - Parish Council Meeting (**note date & time change**)

Wednesday, April 8, 2026: Great and Holy Wednesday

6:30 p.m.- Sacrament of Holy Unction

Thursday, April 9, 2026: Great and Holy Thursday

10:00 a.m.- Divine Liturgy

6:30 p.m.- Service of the Twelve Passion Gospels

Friday, April 10, 2026: 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 11, 2026: Great and Holy Saturday

10:00 a.m.- Divine Liturgy

11:00 p.m.- Rush Service

Sunday, April 12, 2026: Great & Holy PASCHA

12:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy followed by Agape Breakfast

3:00 p.m. - Agape Vespers (**note time change**)

Saturday, April 18, 2026: 9:30-Diocese Antiochian Women’s Meeting

Sunday, April 19, 2026: Second Sunday of Pascha (Thomas)

Sunday, April 26, 2026: Third Sunday of Pascha (Myrrh-bearers)

Church School Pancake Breakfast Camp Fundraiser

