

SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



Sunday, May 3, 2026

Sunday of the Paralytic

CHRIST IS RISEN, TRULY HE IS RISEN!

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Saint Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church

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

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Schedule of Services

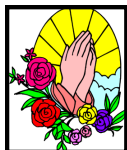
Sunday: Orthros (Matins) 9:00 a.m.
Sunday: Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
Church School 11:15 a.m.

First Saturday of the Month: Arabic Liturgy at 6:00 p.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 FOR SUNDAY, MAY 03, 2026
TONE 3 / EOTHINON 5; FOURTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA
SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC

MARTYRS TIMOTHY THE READER AND HIS WIFE MAURA OF EGYPT;
PETER, ARCHBISHOP OF ARGOLIS

*The Priest begins Divine Liturgy with “Blessed is the Kingdom” and the choir responds “Amen.”
Bearing the Paschal Candle, the priest then leads the singing of the Paschal Apolytikion and
censes the west side of the altar.*

Priest: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death; and upon those in the
tombs bestowing life!

The choir then sings this twice, and the liturgy continues with the great litany.

THE FIRST ANTIPHON

Verse: Shout with joy to God, all the earth; sing to His Name, give glory to His praises.

Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

Verse: Say to God: How awesome are Thy works; let all the earth worship Thee, and sing to
Thee. Let it sing a song to Thy Name, O Most High. (*Refrain*)

Glory... Both now... (*Refrain*)

THE SECOND ANTIPHON

Verse: May God have mercy upon us, and bless us, and may He cause His face to shine upon
us, and have mercy upon us.

Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

Verse: That Thy way may be known upon earth, Thy salvation among all nations; let the
people give thanks to Thee, O God, let all the people give thanks to Thee. (*Refrain*)

Verse: May God bless us, and may all the ends of the earth fear Him. (*Refrain*)

Glory... Both now... O, only begotten Son and Word of God...

THE THIRD ANTIPHON

Verse: Let God arise, and let His enemies be scattered, and let those who hate Him flee from
before His face.

Refrain: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death; and upon those in the
tombs, bestowing life!

Verse: As smoke vanishes, so let them vanish, as wax melts before the fire. (*Refrain*)

Verse: So let sinners perish before the face of God, and let the righteous be glad. (*Refrain*)

Verse: This is the day which the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. (*Refrain*)

THE EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN) OF PASCHA

In the gathering places bless ye God the Lord, from the springs of Israel. Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead, who sing to Thee: Alleluia.

Now sing these hymns in the following order.

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE THREE

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and become the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.

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.

THE KONTAKION OF PASCHA IN TONE EIGHT

Though Thou didst descend into the grave, O Immortal One, yet didst Thou destroy the power of Hades, and didst arise as victor, O Christ God, calling to the myrrh-bearing women, Rejoice, and giving peace unto Thine Apostles, O Thou Who dost grant resurrection to the fallen.

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THE EPISTLE

O chant unto our God, chant ye. Clap your hands, all ye nations.

The Reading from the Acts of the Holy Apostles. (9:32-42)

In those days, as Peter went throughout all regions, he came down also to the saints who dwelt at Lydda. There he found a certain man named Aeneas, who was bedridden for eight years and paralyzed. And Peter said to him: "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; arise and make your bed." And immediately he arose. And all who dwelt at Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned back to the Lord. Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha (which means Gazelle). She was full of good works and of charitable deeds which she did. And it came to pass in those days that she fell sick and died; and when they had washed her, they placed her in an upper chamber. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him entreating him: "Come to us without delay!" So Peter arose and went with them. And when he arrived, they took him into the upper chamber. All the widows stood by him weeping, showing the tunics and other garments which Tabitha made while she was with them. But Peter put them all outside and knelt down and prayed; then turning to the body, he said: "Tabitha, arise!" And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter, she sat up. And he gave her his hand, and raised her up. Then he called the saints and widows and presented her alive. And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (5:1-15)

At that time, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Hebrew called Bethesda, which has five porticoes. In these lay a multitude of invalids, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water. For an angel of the Lord went down at certain seasons into the pool and troubled the water; whoever stepped in first, after the troubling of the water was healed of whatever disease he had. One man was there, who had been ill for 38 years. When Jesus saw him and knew that he had been lying there a long time, He said to him, "Do you want to be healed?" The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is troubled, and while I am going another steps down before me." Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your pallet, and walk." And at once the man was healed, and he took up his pallet and walked. Now that day was the Sabbath. So the Jews said to the man who was cured, "It is the Sabbath, it is not lawful for you to carry your pallet." But he answered them, "The man who healed me said to me, 'Take up your pallet, and walk.'" They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Take up your pallet, and walk'?" Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. Afterward, Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse befalls you." The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus Who had healed him.

**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

Ray Trabulsi
Jacob, Maria, Sofia & Emilia Khoury
Nouhad Kardous
Linda Dvelis
Kristen Silva
Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian
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
Bryan Boulis & Family
Offered by: Fred Elliott

Tom Trabulsi
Ray Trabulsi
Bette & Philip Ayoub
Kristen Silva
Linda Dvelis
JJ Khoury
Salwa Khoury
Elaine Wilbur
Offered by: Ray & Leila Trabulsi

Phil & Flo Spenard
Offered by: Sandra Matook & Family

Sandra Conca
Offered by: Philip & Bette Ayoub

**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

Richard Nahas (who passed away this week)
Offered by: Ray & Leila Trabulsi

Doha Gema Chammas
Michel Aramouny
Offered by: Lindsey Chammas

Coffee Hour

Today, Coffee Hour is being offered in memory of *Doha Gema Chammas* by Her Loving Family. Coffee Hour will be held at the Parish Center following Liturgy.





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, June 7, 2026:** Last day of Church School & Luncheon

Congratulations

St. Mary Church offers its congratulations to all of our young men and women who are or will be graduating from both High School and College in the next few weeks. May God bless them as they continue their education and pursue new work and careers. And may God bless their parents and families for nurturing and supporting them.



Arabic Educational Foundation

Arabic Educational Foundation of RI is now accepting college scholarship applications.

High school seniors and current undergraduates of Arabic decent who are or will be enrolled as full-time students at an accredited college for the 2026-2027 academic year are encouraged to apply.

Eligibility information and applications can be found on our website:

www.aef-ri.org

~Save the date~

St. Mary Family Fun Day

Sunday, July 12, 2026 (no rain date) @ 1:00 pm

Buttonwoods (Masonic Youth Center) 116 Long St., Warwick, RI

We will provide (Free): Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Chips, Watermelon, Hot Grill, Games for everyone!

For more information contact-
Walid Nakhoul (401)692-1250



Visitations

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

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.





2026 Annual Bazaar News...

Christ is Risen!

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

We have officially started preparations for our Annual Holiday Bazaar being held on November 6th, 7th & 8th. As you may know, this is our biggest fundraiser of the year and would deeply appreciate all the help that you can offer either cooking beforehand, setting up, helping with booths, donating items for the penny social & silent auction, or being a Sponsor for the Bazaar.

Thank you,
Salwa Khoury
Bazaar Committee Chairwoman



Christ is Risen!

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

The Bazaar Committee met and had a productive meeting. Thank you to all that attended and we missed the people that could not make the meeting. We have a few changes this year and will be discussing them at the next meeting (*not scheduled as of yet*).

Our NEW GOAL is 90K!! We need **EVERYONE'S** help to achieve this goal! The next meeting will be posted in the bulletin, please try to attend.

Have a wonderful week,
Salwa Khoury

Orthodox Vocabulary

Naos

Naos, Greek, 'temple'. (1) The Temple in Jerusalem. (2) A church building. (3) The nave area of a church. (4) Mary, hymned as the *naos* in which God makes his dwelling by the incarnation. (5) Every Christian, as a *naos* where God dwells by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

"We receive salvation by grace and as a divine gift of the Spirit. But to attain the full measure of virtue we need also to possess faith and love, and to struggle to exercise our free will with integrity.

~St. Macarius of Egypt



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THE SYNAXARION (Plain Reading)

Jesus healed the Paralytic at the Sheep's Pool, located near the Sheep's Gate of Jerusalem, where people sacrificed their beasts and washed their insides. The pool had five sides, with a porch and arch on each. A number of people, afflicted with various diseases, passed through them, waiting at the water for an angel to come down and stir it. Once it moved, whoever stepped into the water first was instantly healed. One poor man, whose story is recounted in today's Gospel lection in the Divine Liturgy, waited 38 years for someone to lower him into the water, because he was unable to move into the water himself. However, the Savior merely commanded the man to get up and walk, and he was healed. In Thine infinite mercy, O Christ our God, have mercy on us.

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>
May 3, 2026	Her Loving Family	Memory of Doha Geha Chammas
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>available for sponsorship</i>	
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	The Order of St. Ignatius	First Day of Church School Luncheon
September 20, 2026	<i>available for sponsorship</i>	
September 27, 2026	<i>available for sponsorship</i>	
October 4, 2026	<i>available for sponsorship</i>	
October 11, 2026	<i>not available</i>	Bazaar Kick-off Luncheon
October 18, 2026	<i>available for sponsorship</i>	
October 25, 2026	<i>available for sponsorship</i>	
November 8, 2026	<i>not available</i>	Bazaar Weekend
November 15, 2026	<i>available for sponsorship</i>	
November 22, 2026	<i>available for sponsorship</i>	
November 29, 2026	<i>available for sponsorship</i>	
December 6, 2026	<i>available for sponsorship</i>	
December 13, 2026	<i>not available</i>	Sunday School Pageant
December 20, 2026	Salwa Khoury	In Memory of Nabil Khoury

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, May 3, 2026: Fourth Sunday of Pascha (Paralytic)

Sunday, May 10, 2026: Fifth Sunday of Pascha (Samaritan Woman)

Mother's Day

Tuesday, May 12, 2026: 7:00P.M.- Parish Council Meeting

Sunday, May 17, 2026: Sixth Sunday of Pascha (Blind Man)

Sunday, May 24, 2026: Fathers of 1st Ecumenical Council

Sunday, May 31, 2026: Holy Pentecost

Saturday, June 6, 2026: 6:00 P.M.– Arabic Liturgy

Sunday, June 7, 2026: First Sunday after Pentecost (All Saints)

Last day of Church School & Luncheon

Tuesday, June 9, 2026: 7:00 P.M.– Parish Council Meeting

Sunday, June 14, 2026: All Saints of Antioch

Parish Life Conference ~ Saturday, June 20th

Holy Transfiguration Church Hall (Lowell, MA)

hosted by: St. George Church (Lowell, MA)

Sunday, June 21, 2026: Third Sunday after Pentecost

Father's Day

Sunday, June 28, 2026: Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Saturday, July 4, 2026: 6:00 P.M.– Arabic Liturgy

Sunday, July 5, 2026: Athanasios of Athos

Sunday, July 12, 2026: Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

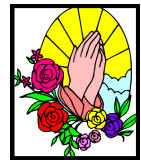
Family Day at Buttonwoods Park at 1pm

Tuesday, July 14, 2026: 7:00 P.M.– Parish Council Meeting

Sunday, July 19, 2026: Fathers of 4th Ecumenical Council

Sunday, July 26, 2026: Paraskeva of Rome

Saturday, August 1, 2026: 6:00 P.M.– Arabic Liturgy



Feast Day Weekend- August 15th & 16th