

ST. MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH
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Our Sympathy

*We extend our sympathy to the family of Father Herb who has recently departed this life. May God comfort his family and friends in their sorrow and grant his memory to be eternal !**

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*We extend our sympathy to the family of Martha Kravitz who has recently departed this life. May God comfort her family and friends in their sorrow and grant her memory to be eternal !**

- We were greatly saddened to learn of the passing into eternal life of Father Herb last Saturday evening. We were all made richer by knowing him and will love him always. His legacy will live on in the Parish and in all of us May his memory be eternal ! We will miss him always
- A Reminder: There is no Spaghetti Dinner this week or next.
- We congratulate Dr. Christopher Veniamin on his recent appointment as Dean of the Antiochian House of Studies. His Eminence, Metropolitan Joseph, has appointed Fr. Michel Najim and Dr. Christopher Veniamin to lead the House of Studies toward full accreditation within North America, and the realization of its tremendous potential in serving the pastoral and educational needs of the Antiochian Archdiocese and beyond, under the spiritual supervision of His Grace. Bp. THOMAS, the Hierarchical Overseer of AHOS. Dr. Christopher Veniamin is the Dean of AHOS, and is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the School, academic and administrative. We are pleased to have Dr. Veniamin as a member of our Parish and Parish Council and we ask God to grant him and the staff of the Antiochian House of Studies many years!
- Please note we will have a second collection on Palm Sunday. This collection is one of four annual collections taken at the direction of the Archdiocese. Please give generously.
- We thank Father George for a wonderful Lenten Retreat that was held yesterday at our Church. The Topic was Attaining Grace and we all left the Retreat richer for the time we spent together.

- We are happy to receive word of the birth of a baby boy for Dn. Joseph and Sh. Rebecca. Their son, Edward Douglas Joseph Clark II, was born 21.5 inches and 8 pounds and 6 ounces. May God grant him and them many, many years!
- Bishop THOMAS expects to make his annual visit to our Parish of St. Mary over the Mother's Day Weekend, May 10-12. Also, as a reminder, Bishop THOMAS will be with us for the services of Holy Thursday this year.
- We are nearing the end of Lent but it is not too late to take advantage of our Lenten Services. There is no better way to prepare for the greatest of our Church Feasts and no more fulfilling way to break the cycle of stress that afflicts many of us than by attending our Lenten Services and as many of the Holy Week Services as possible.
- Please also note we will celebrate the Divine Liturgy commemorating Lazarus Saturday next Saturday at 10:00 am. We will immediately afterwards then go to the Parish Hall to prepare palms for our celebration of Palm Sunday. Please make an effort to attend this moving Liturgy commemorating the raising of Lazarus by our Lord.
- Please remember your families and commit yourselves to be that person who brings everyone in your family together to Church. We all have members of families who belong but do not participate. This is a great time to invite them back. Make a few calls and invite those who have not been present in the Church to join us. Invite them with love
- We will have our procession with Palms next Sunday. It is a great opportunity to bring your children, grandchildren and others to the Church to participate in the Lord's Glorious Entry into Jerusalem. It is a great start to Holy Week!
- We begin the observation of Holy Week and embark on the solemn journey from the joy of Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem to his Crucifixion and Resurrection next Sunday Evening. A little planning is appropriate now. To those who have been regularly attending our Lenten services -- we pray you continue to join us on our journey to the Cross-and Christ's glorious Resurrection. For those who have unable to participate thus far, it is not too late. Please plan ahead and select services you can attend through the remainder of Lent and Holy Week and focus on your spiritual growth. And to those of you who are here, please bring your friends, neighbors and families to Church with you. Invite them to join us and experience the beauty of our Lenten and Holy Week services.
- SAVE THE DATE! We are planning a golf outing for Friday August 16, 2019 at the Sand Springs golf course. Please make plans to get together with a foursome of your fellow parishioners, friends, neighbors, coworkers and family to join us in some Fellowship and fresh air. More details to come.
- The Teens continue to offer Ornaments for sale for a Parish "Pascha Tree". We have a lovely golden tree we will decorate with Ornaments throughout the Lenten Season. Ornaments may be purchased in the name of your loved one who will then be included on the Prayer List for the Divine Liturgy on Pascha. The

price of an ornament is only \$5.00. Everyone will take their Ornaments home after Pascha. Don't wait to get your Ornament for the good health or in loving memory of a loved one. Ornaments will be on sale today and through Palm Sunday!

- It's not too late! Lent is the natural and perfect time to reassess where we are in terms of our spiritual life. We realize we are "preaching to the choir" to those who are in Church However, those of us who are here have an obligation to be evangelists. Lets start with those whom we love first. Reach out to your families to bring them to Church!
- *A reminder from Father George* We should all make plans to receive the Sacrament of Confession at least once during Great Lent as an important part of our preparation to celebrate Christ's Resurrection from the Dead.
- Our Parish Life Conference will be held again this year at the Antiochian Village. Father George encourages all of our parishioners to consider attending with your families (though it there are a lot of events and activities for children its also for adults). There is something for the entire family at the conference.
- Our spaghetti crew can use a little help. Please see Joanne Tenneriello if you can help. We can use workers even if you could only give an hour a week. Please consider helping out if you can.
- Please also consider helping out with the choir. The choir sounds great every week, but more voices are always better. You do not have to read music and do not have to have a professional singer's voice. Rather, you just need to show up and sing along. Please feel free to see Amber to sing with the choir. And also, please do not forget everyone is encouraged to sing from their seats as well.

Holy Week & Pascha Services + April 21 - 28

Sunday	Bridegroom Service at 6:00 pm
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Tuesday	Bridegroom Service at 6:00 pm
Wednesday	Holy Unction Service at 6:00 pm
Thursday	Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am Service of the Washing of the Feet and the Passion Gospels at 6:00 pm
Friday	Royal Hours at 10:00 am + Vespers - Decent from the Cross at 3:00 pm + Lamentations Service at 6:00 pm
Saturday	Vesperal Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am + Nocturns, Rush Service, Paschal Canon & Divine Liturgy at 10:00 pm
Sunday	Paschal Agape Vespers at 1:00 pm