Father Tony extends his gratitude to all who prayed for him and sent him their good wishes while he was in quarantine. He is very happy to be back, with a negative Covid test.

The Divine Liturgy will be celebrated by Father Tony on Saturday, January 23 at 5PM and on Sunday, January 24 at 11AM.

Father Tony will also celebrate the Liturgy Tuesday through Friday at 10AM.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Thursdays at 9:30 AM resumes this week.
To offer a Mass for a loved one, please stop by the parish office or call us to check the schedule and book your Mass.

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Mass Intentions

- Saturday, January 23, 5:00 PM
  - For Paul Solomon
  - Requested by The Shamatta Family

- Tuesday, January 26, 10:00 AM
  - For Mary Mardini
  - Requested by Elaina Mishu

- Wednesday, January 27, 10:00 AM
  - For Mona Rached
  - Requested by Abbie Rose Mansour

- Thursday, January 28, 10:00 AM
  - For Jocelyne Nassar and Children
  - Requested by Abbie Rose Mansour

- Friday, January 29, 10:00 AM
  - For Jocelyne Nassar and Children
  - Requested by Abbie Rose Mansour

- Saturday, January 30, 5:00 PM
  - For Mona Rached
  - Requested by the Shamatta Family

The 2021 Maronite Liturgical Calendar is posted on our website: sjmcc.org.
You can print it from the website.
13 January 2021

Dear Brother and Sisters in Christ,

On December 8, 2020, Pope Francis declared a “Year of Saint Joseph”, so that we may reflect on the spiritual value of the Saint who is called “Patron of the Universal Church”.

Our first Maronite parish in the United States, established in New York in 1890, came under the name of Saint Joseph. We have parishes named after Saint Joseph in Olean, New York; Atlanta, Georgia; and Waterville, Maine. Some of our parishes also have Saint Joseph Societies. Saint Joseph always has a place in every Maronite heart.

Saint Joseph, the “foster father” of Jesus and the “chaste spouse” of the Virgin, also has two feasts to his honor in the Maronite Church: the Fifth Sunday of the Season of the Glorious Birth, just before Christmas, as well as March 19th. These feasts bring attention to different aspects of Joseph’s role as the “Virgin who cared for the Virgin”, and the Patron of the Universal Church.

What a grace for us to honor Saint Joseph. The Holy Father has granted plenary indulgences for those who honor the Saint. On the website of the Diocese of Charlotte a description of this, as well as the Holy Father’s Decree, can be found here.

A visit to any one of our parishes named for Saint Joseph, as well as those parishes hosting a Saint Joseph Sodality, would be included in this indulgence.

There are so many treasures hidden in the person of Saint Joseph; we can only begin to explore. Who else could have loved and cared for the Virgin Mary and the Christ Child with such tender and masculine love, such obedience to the Heavenly Father, and such fidelity to his noble mission?

O Saint Joseph, foster father, faithful spouse, guide to the troubled, and true patron of believers, pray for us!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Gregory

+ Gregory John Mansour
"With a Father's Heart"

From DEC -08- 2020

To Dec- 08-2021

"My beloved father, all my trust is in you. Let it not be said that I invoked you in vain, and since you can do everything with Jesus and Mary, show me that your goodness is as great as your power."

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Plenary Indulgence in the Year of St. Joseph

Conditions for the plenary indulgence: The plenary indulgence is granted to the faithful under the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic Communion, and prayer for the Pope’s intentions) to Christians who, with a spirit detached from any sin, participate in the Year of St. Joseph on these occasions and manners indicated by the Apostolic Penitentiary:

The plenary indulgence is granted to those who will meditate for at least 30 minutes on the Lord’s Prayer, or take part in a Spiritual Retreat of at least one day that includes a meditation on St. Joseph. “St. Joseph, an authentic man of faith, invites us”, the decree reads, “to rediscover our filial relationship with the Father, to renew fidelity to prayer, to listen and correspond with profound discernment to God’s will.”

The indulgence can also be obtained by those who, following St. Joseph’s example, will perform a spiritual or corporal work of mercy. St. Joseph “encourages us to rediscover the value of silence, prudence and loyalty in carrying out our duties,” the decree notes.

The recitation of the Holy Rosary in families and among engaged couples is another way of obtaining indulgences, in order that “all Christian families may be stimulated to recreate the same atmosphere of intimate communion, love and prayer that was in the Holy Family.”

The recitation of the Litany to St. Joseph (for the Latin tradition), or the Akathistos to St. Joseph (for the Byzantine tradition), or any other prayer to St. Joseph proper to the other liturgical traditions, for the persecuted Church ad intra and ad extra, and for the relief of all Christians suffering all forms of persecution. Because, the decree notes, “the flight of the Holy Family to Egypt shows us that God is there where man is in danger, where man suffers, where he runs away, where he experiences rejection and abandonment.”

A universal saint In addition to these, the Apostolic Penitentiary grants a plenary indulgence to the faithful who will recite any legitimately approved prayer or act of piety in honor of St. Joseph, for example, “To you, O blessed Joseph” especially on 19 March, on 1 May, the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, on St. Joseph’s Sunday (according to the Byzantine tradition) on the 19th of each month and every Wednesday, a day dedicated to the memory of the saint according to the Latin tradition.” The decree recalls the universality of St. Joseph’s patronage of the Church, noting that St. Teresa of Ávila recognized him as “a protector for all the circumstances of life”. Pope St. John Paul II also said that St. Joseph has “a renewed relevance for the Church of our time, in relation to the new Christian millennium.”

For the sick Amid the ongoing Covid-19 health crisis, the gift of the plenary indulgence is also extended to the sick, the elderly, the dying and all those who for legitimate reasons are unable to leave their homes. They too can obtain the plenary indulgences if they are detached from any sin and have the intention of fulfilling, as soon as possible, the three usual conditions and recite an act of piety in honor of St. Joseph, offering to God the pains and hardships of their lives.

The Office of Family and Sanctity of Life

“The Glory of God is Man Fully Alive” ~ Saint Irenaeus

A Series of Talks with Guest Speaker

Father Peter Hopkins LC

Tuesday January 12 7PM
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Tuesday March 16 7PM

Opening Prayer on Jan 12 with Bishop Gregory Mansour

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Anyone who can help in this worthy project can send a check payable to Eparchy of Saint Maron and mail to 109 Remsen Street, Brooklyn New York 11201

All monies will be wired directly to Bishop Rahme for this effort. A tax exempt letter will come from me to acknowledge every donation. Thank you.

Bishop Gregory Mansour
Thank You!

Our thanks to the Knights of Columbus and those who joined them in taking down the Christmas decorations.

Thanks to all who donated toys to the Knights of Columbus toy drive. We collected 29 new toys which were delivered to “Toys for Tots.” The Liturgy on Saturday, March 6, will be offered for your intentions.

During the months of January and February, the Knights of Columbus will be collecting winter clothing for the poor. Men’s, women’s, and children’s sizes are needed. Donations will go to the Atlanta Mission. Please place clothing in the donation box in the church vestibule.
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