February 21, 2021         Healing of the Leper

Liturgy Schedule

Saturday 5:00 PM
English & Aramaic

Sunday 11:00 AM
English & Aramaic
and Arabic

Tuesday-Friday 10:00 AM
(in the Chapel)

Confessions
30 minutes before every
Divine Liturgy

Eucharistic Adoration
First Friday of every
month 7:00 PM and every
Thursday at 9:30 AM
(before Mass)

Stations of the Cross will be held in the
church every Friday during Lent beginning
on February 19 at 7PM.

On account of the pandemic restrictions, we
are not able to continue our tradition of
Lenten suppers.

Easter Lilies

If you would like to donate Easter lilies in
memory or in honor of a loved one, please
send your check to the parish office. Names
will be published in the bulletin at Easter.

Our Clergy

Rev. Tony K. Akoury
Pastor

Rev. Mr. Robert Calabrese
Deacon

Rev. Mr. David Nasser
Sub deacon

Rev. Mr. Michel Bassil
Sub deacon
Readings of the Week

**Sunday, 2/21**
Rom 6:12-23  Mk 1:35-45

**Monday, 2/22**
1 Thes 3:6-13  Mt 6:22-24

**Tuesday, 2/23**
Gal 2:11-17  Mt 7:1-12

**Wednesday, 2/24**
Rom 3:19-27  Mt 12:38-45

**Thursday, 2/25**
Phil 4:4-10  Lk 8:4-15

**Friday, 2/26**
Rom 1:18-25  Mt 18:23-35

**Saturday, 2/27**

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**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, February 20**
5:00 PM
For Kozhaya Akoury
Requested by Marc Karam

**Tuesday, February 23**
10:00 AM
For Sam Kolyani
Requested by Marlene Kolyani

**Wednesday, February 24**
10:00 AM
For Amir Kolyani
Requested by Marlene Kolyani

**Thursday, February 25**
10:00 AM
For Rhameen Kolyani
Requested by Marlene Kolyani

**Friday, February 26**
10:00 AM
For Ernest and Louise Najjar
Requested by the Shamatta Family

**Saturday, February 27**
5:00 PM
For Evelyn and Raymond Stevens
Requested by the Shamatta Family

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**Lenten Guidelines for Fasting**

All Maronites who are physically capable are to abstain from meat on Ash Monday (February 15) and all Fridays of Lent. Ash Monday and the Great Friday of the Crucifixion are also days of fasting. Fasting in the Maronite Church involves eating and drinking nothing at all (except water and medicine) from midnight until noon. The rest of the day normal meals can be taken, but without meat. All Maronites who are physically capable are to fast on these two days.

Clergy, religious and laity who wish to observe the more traditional Maronite practice of fasting and abstinence are encouraged to do so. That practice is summarized in the following, taken from the Synod of Mt. Lebanon (1736): Every weekday of Lent (Monday through Friday) is a day of fasting and abstinence from meat and dairy products (eggs, butter, milk, etc.) Fasting involves eating and drinking nothing at all (except water and medicine) from midnight until noon. The rest of the day normal meals can be taken, but without meat or dairy products. Dairy products are excluded because they are animal byproducts. Saturdays and Sundays are exempt from fasting and abstaining, as are the following four feast days: St. Maron - February 9, The 40 Martyrs - March 9, St. Joseph - March 19, and the Annunciation - March 25.

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**PRAYER REQUESTS**

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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"I am the Lady of the Rosary. Continue always to pray the Rosary every day" - Our Lady of Fatima

JOIN US AS WE PRAY THE ROSARY

EVERY 2ND MONDAY OF THE MONTH AT 8PM EASTERN STANDARD TIME
FOR THE INTENTIONS OF GOOD HEALTH, PEACE, & STABILITY FOR OUR WORLD

FEBRUARY 8
LED BY BISHOP GREGORY MANSOUR

MARCH 8
LED BY CHORBISHOP MICHAEL THOMAS

APRIL 12
LED BY BISHOP ELIAS ZAIDAN

LOOKING AHEAD - MAY 10

GREAT LENT

Learn more about the Maronite Faith and Traditions.

VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS

- MAR. 4: OVERVIEW OF THE MARONITE LITURGICAL YEAR
  Fr. Naji Kiwan
- MAR. 11: MARONITE RITUALS FOR GREAT LENT
  Msgr. Jim Root
- MAR. 18: SYRIAC THEMES IN PASSION WEEK
  Fr. Aaron Sandbothe
- MAR. 25: MARY IN OUR MARONITE TRADITION
  Fr. Kevin Beaton

Via Zoom on Thursdays 8:00 - 9:15PM
Register Here

HOSTED BY THE MARONITE SERVANTS OF CHRIST THE LIGHT
Our Parish carries the name of St. Joseph. Since we are the Church, let's all get to know well our Patron Saint.
St. Joseph lived in a moment of crisis - political, cultural, moral, and religious. He raised a family in such a moment. Every choice Joseph made was urgent and he made them all well. How?
And Why St. Joseph is the Pillar of Families, Patron of the Dying, Terror of Demons, Protector of the Holy Church....and so much more?
We invite you to join us in this adventure to learn about all the wonders of Our Spiritual Father.
Morning Sessions with Jinny Abi Sarkis begin on Fridays March 5th at 11am.
Contact: jinnyabisarkis@hotmail.com
Evening Sessions with Abouna Toni and Marlene Kolyani begin on Thursdays March 4th at 7pm. Contact: info@sjmcc.org or mkolyani@yahoo.com
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"THE GLORY OF GOD IS MAN FULLY ALIVE"
~ Saint Irenaeus

A SERIES OF TALKS WITH GUEST SPEAKER

FATHER PETER HOPKINS LC

TUESDAY FEB 16 7PM ET OPENING PRAYER BY BISHOP ELIAS ZAIDAN
BELOVED SONS & DAUGHTERS OF GOD

TUESDAY MAR 16 7PM ET OPENING PRAYER BY BISHOP ELIAS ZAIDAN
REMOVING THE OBSTACLES TO TRUE HAPPINESS

THURSDAY APR 8 7PM ET OPENING PRAYER BY BISHOP GREGORY MANSOUR
INTIMACY WITH CHRIST

TUESDAY MAY 18 7PM ET
THE LOVE OF CHRIST COMPELS US

ZOOM LINK
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DEVELOP A DAILY HABIT OF MEDITATING ON THE GOSPEL OF THE DAY DURING THIS SEASON OF

Great Lent

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Each year during Lent, I ask you to reflect on God’s blessings and to support the Eparchy of Saint Maron with a donation to our Annual Lenten Appeal. Much has happened in the past year – the pandemic and its consequences, civil unrest, economic and political instability, and unprecedented financial hardship have burned across the world. And yet, God always watches over his children throughout the most challenging times, and our Eparchy is here to serve you. We rely upon your help to give us the resources to serve you and the faithful throughout the Eparchy.

Please consider making a sacrificial gift to this year’s Annual Lenten Appeal. Your gift will support:

- **Seminarians**: We currently have five men preparing for the priesthood. Our seminarians are our future priests, and we need to educate and form them well so that they can minister effectively to our faithful in the future. The costs of Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Seminaries are about $400,000 per year. **40%** of your contribution to this year’s Annual Appeal will go for Seminarians.

- **Ministries**: Our outreach and services to young people, the elderly, families, and in defense of life from conception to natural death, can help prevent our country from daily violence and ungodly destruction. If you can contribute, it will be truly appreciated. **20%** of your contribution will go to support Ministries.

- **Retired Priests**: The Eparchy’s 15 retired priests served the faithful for over 50 years in total. We help them with a modest pension of $2,000 per month. **20%** of your contribution will support Retired Priests.

- **Helping in Lebanon and the Middle East**: The Eparchy provided an unprecedented amount of support to help in Lebanon and the Middle East last year. Our primary focus is on the needs of our own Eparchy, but we can never forget the homeland of our Maronite Church. **10%** of your contribution will support Christians in Lebanon and the Middle East.

- **Endowments**: The Eparchy’s Endowment Fund supports needs today and ensures the Eparchy will have resources in the future. **10%** of your contribution will be deposited into the Eparchy’s Endowment.

Please open your heart once again and make a gift. Your participation in this Appeal can impact the lives of many people, both inside the Eparchy, and outside of it in the Middle East. Any gift will help.

Thank you, and may God bless you for your generosity! I wish you a blessed Lent and Easter.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

+ Gregory J. Maresour

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**F.S.** Please also consider remembering the Eparchy and your parish in your estate plan, or as the beneficiary of an insurance policy, retirement plan or charitable gift annuity. Thank you.
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