Stations of the Cross are held in the church every Friday during Lent 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.
March 7, 2021

Parable of the Prodigal Son

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 6
5:00 PM
For all who donated to the Knights of Columbus “Toys for Tots”
Requested by Tommy Mansour

Sunday, March 7
11:00 AM
For Marie Raad
Requested by Antoine Chahine
And One Year Memorial
For Amin Karam

Tuesday, March 9
10:00 AM
For Michael, Beulah, and Sharon Mansour
Requested by Tommy Mansour

Wednesday, March 10
10:00 AM
For Betty and George Aseff
Requested by Tommy Mansour

Thursday, March 11
10:00 AM
For Frances Shikany
Requested by Tommy Mansour

Friday, March 12
10:00 AM
For Mabel and Ferris Tibet
Requested by Tommy Mansour

Saturday, March 13
5:00 PM
For Abe and Rose Mansour
Requested by Tommy Mansour

PRAYER REQUESTS

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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.
Our Parish carries the name of St. Joseph. Since we are the Church, let's all get to know well our Patron Saint.
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Mass will be offered for your intentions on April 30.

Throughout the month of March, the Knights of Columbus will be collecting the following items which are urgently needed by homeless shelters:

- Towels or towelettes
- Shampoo, conditioner
- Feminine hygiene products
- Wash cloths
- Baby bottles
- Children’s socks
- Toilet paper
- Body wash, soap
- Deodorant
- Depends
- Baby wipes

Please leave your donations in the box in the church vestibule.

Thank You!!!
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  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

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March 7, 2021

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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

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