On Friday, March 19, the Feast of St. Joseph, the Divine Liturgy will be offered at 7PM. There will be no Stations of the Cross.

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 21, 2021         Healing of the Blind Man

Readings of the Week

Sunday, 3/21          2 Cor 10:1-7   Mk 10:46-52
Tuesday, 3/23         Rom 8:12-18   Jn 7:1-13
Wednesday, 3/24       1 Thes 4:1-9   Lk 11:37-48
Friday, 3/26           2 Thes 3:6-18  Lk 4:1-13
Saturday, 3/27        1 Thes 2:17-3:5  Jn 11:55-12:11

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 20
5:00 PM
For Kozhaya Akoury
Requested by The Ladies Altar and Rosary Society

Sunday, March 21
11:00 AM
Forty Day Liturgy for Maroun N. Selwan
Requested by the Rosselli Family

Tuesday, March 23
10:00 AM
For Carmen Cecilia Lares
Requested by Grisselle Bazzani

Wednesday, March 24
10:00 AM
For the Lares-Torres Family
Requested by Grisselle Bazzani

Thursday, March 25
10:00 AM
For Vincent and Linda Aseff
Requested by Tommy Mansour

Friday, March 26
10:00 AM
For Kozhaya Akoury
Requested by Louie and Cindy Abdou

Saturday, March 27
5:00 PM
For Kozhaya Akoury
Requested by Lou and Robin Isaf

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.

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.
The monthly Rosary was resumed in March. We will pray the Rosary in English on the first Saturday of each month at 4:30PM (immediately before the 5:00PM Liturgy). We will pray the Rosary in Arabic on the first Sunday of each month at 10:30AM (immediately before the 11:00AM Liturgy). In April, the Rosary will be prayed on the second weekend of the month.

March 6 and 7
April 10 and 11
May 1 and 2
June 1 and 2
July 5 and 6
August 7 and 8
September 4 and 5
October 2 and 3
November 6 and 7
December 4 and 5

Please mark your calendar and plan to join us!
Thanks so much to all those who donated clothing to our Winter Drive. We collected almost 250 items of clothing which were given to the Atlanta Mission for the homeless and to Mother Teresa’s House of Grace, a refuge for women with HIV-AIDS.

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
- Body wash, soap
- Baby bottles
- Children’s socks
- Toilet paper
- Deodorant
- Depends
- Baby wipes

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JOIN US AS WE PRAY THE
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EVERY 2ND MONDAY OF THE MONTH
AT 8PM EASTERN STANDARD TIME
FOR THE INTENTIONS OF GOOD HEALTH,
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FEBRUARY 8
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MARCH 8
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APRIL 12
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- MAR. 25: GREAT LENT: FASTING,
  PRAYER, & ALMSGIVING
  FR. RUDY WASTH
- MAR. 4: OVERVIEW OF THE
  MARONITE LITURGICAL YEAR
  FR. NAJI KIWIN
- 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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BISHOP ELIAS ZAI'DAN

TUESDAY MAR16 7PM ET OPENING PRAYER BY REMOVING THE OBSTACLES TO TRUE HAPPINESS
BISHOP ELIAS ZAI'DAN

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

TUESDAY MAY18 7PM ET THE LOVE OF CHRIST COMPELS US

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DO YOU WANT TO LIVE THIS SEASON OF GREAT LENT MORE INTENTLY THROUGH PRAYER?

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

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