Jesus Christ our Lord, make us worthy to remember the faithful departed who professed their faith in you and received your Body and Blood as nourishment and blessings. Grant them rest, and may they share in your eternal banquet and your everlasting joy. Count them among your chosen ones, and may they raise glory and thanks to you, to your Father, and to your Holy Spirit forever. Amen.
Readings of the Week

Sunday, 2/20 1 Thes 5:1-11 Lk 16:19-31
Monday, 2/21 1 Thes 4:13-18 Lk 12:1-7
Tuesday, 2/22 2 Thes 1:1-12 Lk 12:8-12
Wednesday, 2/23 2 Thes 2:1-12 Lk 12:13-21
Thursday, 2/24 2 Thes 2:13-3:5 Lk 12:22-32
Friday, 2/25 1 Cor 15:35-44a Lk 12:33-40
Saturday, 2/26 1 Cor 15:51-58 Lk 12:49-59

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 19
5:00 PM
For Gloria Maloof
Requested by Fred and June Isaf

Sunday, February 20
9:00 AM
For Ernest Najjar
Requested by the Shamatta Family

11:00 AM
For Milad and Nouha Jbarah
Requested by Najibe Jbarah

Tuesday, February 22
10:00 AM
For Patricia Dorko
Requested by the Shamatta Family

Wednesday, February 23
10:00 AM
In thanksgiving for blessings
Requested by the Shamatta Family

Thursday, February 24
10:00 AM
For Hadi Abi Karam
Requested by Ray Hines

Friday, February 25
10:00 AM
For Raymond Stevens
Requested by the Shamatta Family

Saturday, February 26
5:00 PM
For Saide Chihane
Requested by the Shamatta Family

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.

Ash Monday
February 29

Divine Liturgy
and Distribution of Ashes

11:00 AM and 7:00 PM

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Stations of the Cross
Fridays of Lent at 7:30PM

Guidelines for Fasting and Abstinence

The Most Reverend Bishops Gregory Mansour have issued the following guidelines for the Maronites of the U.S.:

All Maronites who are physically capable are to abstain from meat on Ash Monday (February 28) 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.

Personal Devotion

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.
Fundraiser to Support the Pregnancy Aid Clinic (PAC)

During the Season of Lent, the MYO and the St. Joseph Pro-Life Ministry will be raising funds for the Pregnancy Aid Clinic. Please visit the virtual baby bottle drive page to make an online donation to benefit Pregnancy Aid Clinic's mission, “Promoting the sanctity of human life, as recognized in the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church.”

Pregnancy Aid Clinic is the only Catholic pregnancy resource center endorsed by the Archdiocese of Atlanta. PAC offers women free pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, education, resources, and earn-as-you-learn programs. Please support this life-saving mission with your prayers and donations.

www.pregnancyaidclinic.com/babybottle

You can donate online or take a baby bottle or envelope from the vestibule of the church.
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RESTORATION:
ARISE & WALK
MARK 2:1-12

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The flowers on the altar for the month of February are given by Claudette and Michael Andrea in memory of Joseph and Mary Andrea and Reda and Chafic Hanna.

The candles, bread, and wine are given by the Shamatta Family in memory of Michael Stevens.

If you would like to donate flowers or candles, bread, and wine for the altar in memory or honor of a loved one, please contact the parish office at info@sjmcc.org. Names will be published in the bulletin.
The Ladies Altar and Rosary Society will host a take-out breakfast on Sunday February 20 after the 9AM and 11AM Divine Liturgies. Proceeds are used for our beautiful new altar linens and furnishings. Please support the Ladies’ efforts And enjoy a delicious breakfast!

During the months of February and March We will be collecting donations for

People Making Progress
A 5013c which provides services for adults with development disabilities.

Personal care items most needed include:
Vinyl tablecloths
Towels and washcloths
Sheets for full and queen beds
Kitchen towels and hot pads
Disposable silverware, cups, napkins, and plates
Art supplies and markers
Toothpaste, toothbrushes, and mouthwash
Gifts cards are appreciated!!

Items may be placed in the box in the church vestibule.
THANK YOU!!!

Thanks to all who donated to the International House of Women. Mass will be offered for your intentions on March 15.
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