February 27, 2022       Cana Sunday; Entrance into Lent

Rev. Tony K. Akoury
Pastor

Rev. Mr. Robert Calabrese
Deacon

Rev. Mr. David Nasser
Sub deacon

Rev. Mr. Michel Bassil
Sub deacon

Our Clergy

Liturgy Schedule

Saturday 5:00 PM
English & Aramaic

Sunday 9:00 AM
English and Aramaic

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

Mass Times
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ASH MONDAY

Divine Liturgy and
Distribution of Ashes

Monday, February 28,
11AM and 7PM
Readings of the Week

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Mass Intentions

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

Sunday, February 27
9:00 AM
Forty Day Liturgy
For Elizabeth Chebib
Requested by Tony Chebib and Family

11:00 AM
For Fariz Darwish
Requested by Wael Darwish

Tuesday, March 1
10:00 AM
For Elizabeth Chebib
Requested by Jeff and Donna Corey

Wednesday, March 2
10:00 AM
For Elizabeth Chebib
Requested by Alex and Jacqueline Shahid

Thursday, March 3
10:00 AM
For Elizabeth Chebib
Requested by Robert and JoAnn Azar

Friday, March 4
10:00 AM
For Michael Stevens
Requested by the Shamatta Family

Saturday, March 5
5:00 PM
For Patricia Gailliot
Requested by Mike and Paula Morris

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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.
Thank You

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

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- Disposable silverware, cups, napkins, and plates
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- Toothpaste, toothbrushes, and mouthwash
- Gifts cards are appreciated!!

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