

**MCF (Maronite Christian Formation)**

Classes are held every **Saturday at 3:30 pm**. Please have your children attend weekly.

**PIONEERS OF MARY**

Meetings will be held every Sunday, at 5:30PM. Kids in grades 7 through 12 are invited to join.

**MONK'S SOUP SALE:** The annual Monk's Soup sale will take place Friday, April 3rd, beginning at 11:30 AM in the church hall. You may eat the soup in the hall or carry out. Please bring your own containers for take out orders. Proceeds benefit the church.

**PARISH ORGANISTS:**

Patty Boulous, Paul Boulous

**PASTORAL COUNCIL:**

**President:** Naomi Karam-Koerwitz

**Vice-President:** Maynard Melhem

**Secretary:** Rhonda Elias

George Baurkot, Esq.

Roseann Joseph, Esq.

Patty Boulous

Alex Karam, Jr., Esq.

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**Heritage Day Chairperson:** Steve Koorie

**Financial Controller:** Ferris Koorie

**BINGO COMMITTEE**

Eva Farhat, Patty Boulous, Anthony Koury, Jr

**MCF COORDINATOR**

Deanna Baurkot

**ST. THERESA SODALITY**

Rosemary Canone

**HOLY NAME SOCIETY**

David Elias

**MYA**

Leila Karam / Isaac Jabbour

**CHOIR DIRECTOR**

Patty Boulous

**MYO/PIONEERS**

Antoinette Elias

**ARABIC CLASSES**

Yasmine Karam

**CONFESSIONS:**

**SUNDAY:** 9:20 am to 9:45 am (before mass)  
**SATURDAY:** 4:00 pm to 4:40 pm (before mass)  
Also Available by Appointment

**BAPTISMS:**

Please Call The Parish Rectory  
(non-parishioners sponsors must provide a certificate from their Catholic church)

**OCTOBER TO MAY**

**Arabic Classes:** Friday 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm  
**Religious Education:** Saturday 3:30 pm - 4:45 pm

**MARRIAGES:**

Please Notify The Pastor  
At Least 6 Months Ahead of Time

**Mission Statement**

Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church has been a fixture in the Easton, Pennsylvania community for over 75 years. Our parish is entrusted with the care and guardianship of all Maronite Catholics in the Lehigh Valley area, as well anyone who wishes to join our community. We are charged with the preservation of the faith, traditions and heritage of the Maronite Catholic Rite through the teachings of Jesus Christ and the doctrines of the Roman Catholic Church. As Maronite Catholics, our mission is to share the spirituality and Liturgy, the treasures of our Eastern heritage, our culture, family ethics and traditions, with all our brothers and sisters in the Lehigh Valley. While promoting the Christian faith, we are called to reach out with compassion to the less fortunate and the needy in our society, especially through our charitable work in the community. All are welcome to join us in worship and in our way of life, as humble servants seeking to glorify our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and live by his eternal life giving commandments.



Week 11 - 13, 2015

**OUR LADY OF LEBANON  
MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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Mar 14 - Mar 29, 2015

**Fifth Sunday of Lent  
Healing of the Paralytic**

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**The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ  
according to Saint Mark 2,1-12.**

When Jesus returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home.

So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door; and he was speaking the word to them.

Then some people came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them.

And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay.

When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, 'Son, your sins are forgiven.'

Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, 'Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?'

At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were discussing these questions among themselves; and he said to them,

'Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, "Your sins are forgiven", or to say, "Stand up and take your mat and walk"?' But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins' he said to the paralytic 'I say to you, stand up, take your mat and go to your home.'

And he stood up, and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, 'We have never seen anything like this!'

**CLERGY**

Father Simon El Hajj, Pastor  
Deacon Anthony Koury

**OFFICE VOLUNTEER:**

Claire Willard

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM  
No office hours or Liturgy on Fridays.

**LITURGY:** Saturdays: 5:00 PM  
Sundays: 10:00 AM

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**BIBLE STUDY CLASS (Date Change)**

Will be held Monday, March 16 and Monday, March 23 In the church hall from 7:00 to 8:00 PM. Bibles are not needed. Please use this opportunity to deepen your understanding of the scriptures.



**WEEKEND of MAR 14 - MAR 15 *Fifth Sunday of Lent - Healing of the Paralytic***  
**Sat., Mar 14 - 5:00 PM -** Elias & Tiro Symia and their deceased Children by the Family  
**Sun., Mar 15 - 10:00 AM -** Mitch Daniel (Anniversary) by Wife, Children & Grandchildren - Coffee hour to follow

Monday	Mar 16	6:00 pm	All the Deceased who have no one to pray for them.
Tuesday	Mar 17	6:00 pm	Dimitra Achi by Best Friends - Deena Hanna, Frances Marcus & Rosie Touma
Wednesday	Mar 18	6:30 pm	St. Joseph's Vigil Mass - Raymond Baurkot, John Boulos, Joseph Marzuoli, George Jabbour & Joseph Badway
Thursday	Mar 19	6:00 PM	St. Joseph's Feast Day (No Fasting or Abstinence) - Jacob & Emily Joseph and daughters, Wanda & Marguerite by Mr. & Mrs. William Joseph
Friday	Mar 20	7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross and Benediction-Confessions from 6 - 6:45 PM

**WEEKEND of MAR 21 - MAR 22 *Sixth Sunday of Lent - Healing of the Blind Man***  
**Sat., Mar 21 - 5:00 PM -** Catherine Melan (Birthday Remembrance) by the Family  
**Sun., Mar 22 - 10:00 AM -** Eva Oliver (1st Anniversary) by daughters Sandy & Jodi and their Families. Coffee hour to follow

Monday	Mar 23	6:00 pm	Lynne Tone Starke by Deacon & Mrs. Anthony Koury & Family
Tuesday	Mar 24	6:00 pm	Rose Symia by Mrs. Bessie Moseillie
Wednesday	Mar 25	7:00 pm	The Annunciation to the Virgin Mary -Holy Day of Obligation - Available (No Fasting or abstinence)
Thursday	Mar 26	6:00 PM	Sara Staszewski by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Jabbour
Friday	Mar 27	7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross and Benediction-Confessions from 6 - 6:45 PM

**WEEKEND of MAR 28 - MAR 29 *Hosanna Sunday (Palm Sunday)***  
**Sat., Mar 28 - 5:00 PM -** Merhej Sassine, wife Anna & all deceased members of their Family by Grandchildren  
**Sun., Mar 29 - 10:00 AM -** Hosanna Sunday - For all living & deceased members of our parish Coffee hour, hosted by St. Theresa Sodality, to follow.

**Publication of Banns** 2nd Banns of marriage is announced for Samuel Khoury of Australia & Dora Elias of Easton. If anyone has a reason why this couple should not be united in Holy Matrimony speak now, only to the Pastor, or forever hold your peace.


LECTORS	
Saturday, March 14	Symia Family
Sunday, March 15	Daniel Family
Saturday, March 21	Melan Family
Sunday, March 22	Oliver Family
Saturday, March 28	Boulos Family
Sunday, March 29	St. Theresa Sodality

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**Healing of the Paralytic**  
1 Tim 5:24 -6:5 / Mk 2:1-12

**Healing of the Blind Man**  
2 Cor 10:1-7 / Mk 10:46-52

**Hosanna Sunday**  
Phil 1:1-13 / Jn 12:12-22



**Annual Lenten Appeal**  
Dear Beloved Parishioners,  
The Annual Lenten Appeal for the Eparchy of St. Maron Brooklyn is now taking place. The Bishop relies upon you to help him serve our Maronite parishes, open new missions, train our future Maronite priests, and support our retired priests. We have been asked to contribute \$6,500 as a parish. The **Collection total to date is \$1,119.00.** Every family is asked to participate in the Appeal at a level which is meaningful for them, and to be as generous as possible. An envelope dated March 8th is included in your weekly offering box for your convenience. In the event sufficient funds are not raised, the church will have to pay the difference. The Appeal ends **Easter Sunday, April 5th.** Please give what God has put in your heart to give.  
**Thank you for your generosity!**  
**Fr. Simon**

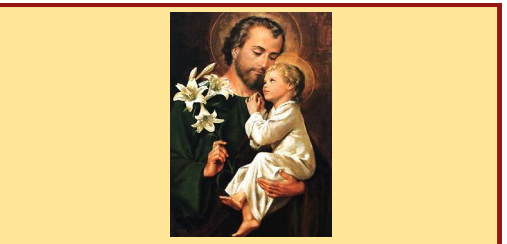
**MYA Lenten Day Retreat (Northeast Region)**  
When: Saturday, March 21st, 2015  
Where: The Shrine of St Joseph 1050 Long Hill Road, Stirling, NJ 07980  
Time: 9:30am- 5:30pm  
Contact Layla Karam for info.

**TWELVE APOSTLES**  
Young men who are seniors in high school or in college, and would like to serve as one of the twelve apostles for this year's washing of the feet ceremony are asked to contact Fr. Simon or Deacon Anthony by Sunday, March 22



BINGO	FLOOR	KITCHEN
Mar 17	Labeebe Buesing, Dee Dee Ellwood	Violine Karam
Mar 24	Mike Boulos	Beverly Karam
Mar 31	Volunteers	Jenny Vaccaro, Jennifer Vaccaro, Hulwe Moussa

**St. Maron's Day Hafli**  
Will be held at our Lady of Lebanon Church Hall on **Saturday, April 25, 2015**  
Doors will open at 6:30 PM. Appetizers will be available from 6:30 pm to 7:15 pm. A short program will begin at 7:15 followed by a dinner buffet. Entertainment will be provided by Ayad Attallah  
Tickets are \$50.00 for adults and \$15.00 for children under 12. Deadline for ticket purchases is April 12th. For tickets and table reservations please see Elaine Koury or Minerva Jacob. We are still accepting ads for the Memoriam Ad book up until March 31, 2015.  
Please consider an ad in memory of a loved one.



**Saint Joseph's Bake Sale**  
The St. Theresa Sodality's annual bake sale will be held on Wednesday, March 18th, in the church hall, following the evening liturgy and procession with the icon of St. Joseph.

**Easter Flowers**  
Anyone who would like to offer a donation for Easter Flowers is asked to place your contribution in the envelopes marked "Easter Flowers". Please check the appropriate box - In Honor of, or in Memory of, the person's name and the amount of the donation. You may place the envelope in the collection basket or give it to Fr. Simon. Thank you for your support!



**Visits To The Seven Churches**  
Thursday of the Holy Mysteries is April 2, 2015. Following the liturgy we will visit seven area churches. If you would like to travel by bus to join us for the visits, please make your reservation with Deacon Anthony by March 22. You will be given a ticket once you sign up. If you prefer to drive your own car, a list of churches that we will visit will be published in a future bulletin. We will take the first 40 people who sign up. There is no charge for the bus.

**LITURGY OF THE CHRISM**  
Will take place on Wed., March 25th at 12:00 noon in Our Lady of Lebanon Cathedral in Brooklyn. A luncheon will follow. For details and transportation, please contact Fr. Simon or Deacon Anthony by Sunday, March 22nd

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK**  
**Who are the Maronites?**  
Did you know...  
.....while the Maronite Church is steeped in Middle Eastern traditions, it is not an ethnic church. The Maronites welcome our brothers and sisters from all backgrounds.