

MARONITE CHRISTIAN FORMATION (MCF)

NO CLASSES EASTER WEEKEND

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

Pastoral council meetings will be held the third Sunday of each month, in the church hall at 7:00 pm

2016 PASTORAL COUNCIL

Abraham Kassis, Esq., President

Samuel Elias, Vice-President

Rosie Touma - Secretary

Patrice Boulous, Liturgy & Sacraments Leader

Michael Karam, Pastoral Outreach Leader

Naomi Koerwitz, Parish Life Leader

Dr. Charlene Symia, Formation Leader

George Daniel, Esq.

David Elias

Keene Jabbour, Esq.

Peter Melan

2016 STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

Nehme Nehme, President

Mary Sue Tumminello, Secretary

Martha Badway

Owtil J. Koury

Maynard Melhem

Schawki Milan

Joseph Moussa

PIONEERS OF MARY

A special meeting will take place on Saturday March 26th from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm in the church hall. All parishioners grades 7 through 12 are encouraged to join.

ST. THERESA SODALITY MEETING

The next St. Theresa Sodality meeting will take place on Monday, April 4th after the 6:00 pm Liturgy and benediction. Call 610-905-6209 if you are in need of transportation.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY MEETING

The Holy Name Society will meet in the crying room on Sunday, April 3rd after the Liturgy. All members, as well as any man who would like to join, are asked to attend.

PARISH MISSION:

To live our Antiochene Catholic faith and nurture our Maronite heritage in order to grow and flourish as a family of Christ in the local community.

BINGO COMMITTEE	Eva Farhat, Patty Boulous, Anthony Koury, Jr.
MCF COORDINATOR	Deanna Baurkot
ST. THERESA SODALITY	Rosie Touma
FINANCIAL AUDITOR	Ferris Koorie
HOLY NAME SOCIETY	Leonard Symia
HERITAGE DAY CHAIRPERSON	Steve Koorie
MYA	Leila Karam / Isaac Jabbour
PARISH ORGANISTS	Patty Boulous / Paul Boulous
MYO/PIONEERS	Antoinette Bader/ Morena Koorie
ARABIC CLASS COORDINATOR	Yasmine Karam

CONFESSIONS:

SUNDAY: 9:30 am to 9:50 am (before mass)
SATURDAY: 4:30 pm to 4:50 pm (before mass)
 Also Available by Appointment

OCTOBER TO MAY

Arabic Classes: Saturday 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm for children
Sundays After the Liturgy for youth & adults.
Religious Education: Saturday 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm

BAPTISMS:

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

MARRIAGES:

Please Notify The Pastor
At Least 6 Months Ahead of Time



**OUR LADY OF LEBANON
MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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Week 12 - Week 14, 2016

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Mar 19 - Mar 28, 2016

HOSANNA SUNDAY



**The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ
according to Saint John 12:12-22**

The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, 'Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord the King of Israel!' Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written: 'Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion.

Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!' His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him.

So the crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to testify. It was also because they heard that he had performed this sign that the crowd went to meet him.

The Pharisees then said to one another, 'You see, you can do nothing. Look, the world has gone after him!' Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.'

Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus.

CLERGY

Father Simon El Hajj, Pastor
 Deacon Anthony Koury

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday through 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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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. 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 is included in your weekly offering packet for your convenience. Our church will have to pay the balance in the event that adequate funds are not raised. The collection total to date is \$1,040.00. The Appeal ends Easter Sunday, March 27th. Please give what God has put in your heart to give.

Thank you for your generosity.
 Father Simon

WEEKEND of Mar 19 - Mar 20 *****Hosanna Sunday (Palm Sunday)*****

Saturday, Mar 19 - 5:00 PM **ST JOSEPH'S FEASTDAY (procession with St. Joseph icon)**
JOHN & MARTHA MERHI AND ALL THEIR DECEASED CHILDREN
 by the Family
HUGUETTE MOUSSA by Mr. & Mrs. Lazarus Melan & Family

Sunday, Mar 20 - 10:00 AM **FOR ALL LIVING & DECEASED MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH**
 Coffee hour will be hosted by the St. Theresa Sodality



EASTER WEEK SCHEDULE

Monday	Mar 21	7:00 pm	<u>Mass Intention:</u> CHAMES WARNER by Maryann Isaac Followed by Benediction of the Cross
Tuesday	Mar 22	7:00 pm	<u>Mass Intention:</u> MARY SIMON by Sharon John Followed by Benediction of the Cross
Wednesday اربعاء أيوب	Mar 23	7:00 pm	<u>Rite of the Lamp Liturgy:</u> For the Sick in the parish. Liturgy with the Rite of Blessing of the oil and anointing of all those who are present in the church. اربعاء ايوب : قداس ورتبة القنديل - تبريك الزيت والمسحة للحاضرين
Holy Thursday خميس الأسرار	Mar 24	7:00 pm	<u>Washing of the Feet & Liturgy</u> خميس الأسرار - قداس ورتبة الغسل <u>Mass intention :</u> For all priests and deacons who served and belong to our parish. Liturgy followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 12:00 AM. يلي القداس والرتبة سجود متواصل أمام القربان حتى الساعة الثانية عشرة ليلا
Good Friday الجمعة العظيمة	Mar 25	3:00 & 7:00 pm	Good Friday Service - Burial Service / Procession / Kissing of the Crucifix الجمعة العظيمة - رتبة الصلب والدفن والزيحاح - يلي الزيحاح تقبيل الصليب المقدس
Saturday of The Light	Mar 26	9:00am - 12:00 pm	Confessions- Fr Robert George & Fr. Robert Kosek /Fr. Simon-Arabic

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 25, 2016 - HOLY LAND COLLECTION

WEEKEND of Mar 26 - Mar 27 *****The Glorious Resurrection - Easter Sunday*****

Saturday, Mar 26 - 8:00 & 11:00 PM **FOR ALL LIVING & DECEASED MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH**

Sunday, Mar 27 - 10:00 AM **FOR ALL LIVING & DECEASED MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH**
 Coffee hour will be hosted by the Holy Name Society

Monday Mar 28 7:00 PM **FELICITATIONS TO THE VIRGIN MARY - WHITE WEEK**
JAMEL DERAYMOND (Anniversary) by the Family

LECTORS

Saturday, Mar 19	Rosie Touma
Sunday, Mar 20	Morena Koorie
Wednesday, Mar 23	Marlene Bedway
Thursday, March 24	Maron Koorie
Saturday, Mar 26	Youth
Sunday, Mar 27	Youth

SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

The Glorious Resurrection - Easter Sunday
Phil 2:1-11, Mt 28:1-10 / 1 Cor 15:12-26, Mk 16:1-8



MONK'S SOUP SALE: The annual Monk's Soup sale will take place on **Good Friday, March 25th**, 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. Anyone who would like to help is asked to come to the church hall at 7:00 AM on Friday. Proceeds benefit the church.



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.



EASTER EGG HUNT - Will take place on Saturday, March 26, 12:00 Noon at Notre Dame High School. Everyone is invited. For more info call Rhonda Elias at 610-905-0050

GOOD FRIDAY FLOWERS

Please bring your own flowers for the Good Friday burial services at 3:00 and 7:00 PM.



VISITS TO SEVEN CHURCHES - Thursday of the Holy Mysteries is March 24, 2016. Following the liturgy we will visit seven area churches. The bus, which is now full, will leave OLOL parking lot 15 minutes after the conclusion of services. Listed below are the churches we will visit for anyone who would like to drive or carpool in their own vehicle.

- 1st Stop:** Our Lady of Mercy Church, Easton - closes at 10:00 PM
- 2nd Stop:** Sacred Heart Church, Bethlehem Twp. - closes at 10:00 PM
- 3rd Stop:** St. Anne's Church, Rectory Chapel, Bethlehem
- 4th Stop:** Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Bethlehem Twp. - closes at midnight
- 5th Stop:** St. Jane's Church, Palmer Township - closes at midnight
- 6th Stop:** St. Anthony's Church, Easton - closes at midnight
- 7th Stop:** Sts. Philip & James Church, Phillipsburg - closes at 11:00 PM

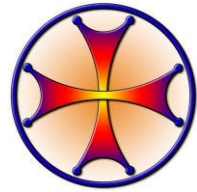
INVITATION



Mr. & Mrs. Antonios Jabbour cordially invite all parishioners to the Baptism of their son, George Antonios on Saturday, April 9, 2016 after the 5:00 PM Liturgy. A reception will follow in the church hall immediately after the ceremony.

HIS EXCELLENCY GREGORY J. MANSOUR

BISHOP OF THE MARONITE EPARCHY OF SAINT MARON, BROOKLYN, NY.
 CALLS



TONY MANSOUR YOUSSEF
 TO THE ORDER OF DEACON

SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 2016 AT 11 AM.
 OUR LADY OF LEBANON CHURCH, 55 SOUTH 4TH STREET, EASTON, PA 18042
 REFRESHMENTS TO FOLLOW

Volunteers Needed !!

BINGO	FLOOR	KITCHEN
Mar 22	HOLY WEEK - NO BINGO	
Mar 29	Frank Farhat	John Isaac