

**MARONITE CHRISTIAN FORMATION (MCF)**  
**Saturdays at 4:00 PM**  
Parents please support your children  
in attending weekly classes.

**PIONEERS OF MARY**  
Meetings will take place on Sunday nights 6:00 PM  
in the church hall. All parishioners grades 7 through 12  
are encouraged to join.

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

**ST. THERESA SODALITY MEETING**  
The next St. Theresa Sodality meeting will take place on  
Sunday, March 6th at 3:00 pm in the church hall.  
Call 610-905-6209 if you are in need of transportation.

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
Owti J. Koury
Maynard Melhem
Schawki Milan
Joseph Moussa

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2016**  
**7TH ANNUAL BENEFIT DINNER**  
**EPARCHY OF SAINT MARON**  
**CELEBRATING 50 YEARS 1966 - 2016**  
Details to Follow

**MYA MEETING**  
The next MYA meeting will be held Sun, Feb 28 at 7:00 pm in the hall.

**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	David Elias
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

<b><u>CONFESSIONS:</u></b>  <b>SUNDAY: 9:30 am to 9:50 am (before mass)</b> <b>SATURDAY: 4:30 pm to 4:50 pm (before mass)</b> <b>Also Available by Appointment</b>	<b><u>BAPTISMS:</u></b>  <b><i>Please Call The Parish Rectory</i></b> <b>(non-parishioners sponsors must</b> <b>provide a certificate from their Catholic church)</b>
<b><u>OCTOBER TO MAY</u></b>  <b><u>Arabic Classes:</u> Saturday 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm for children</b> <b>Sundays After the Liturgy for youth &amp; adults.</b> <b><u>Religious Education:</u> Saturday 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm</b>	<b><u>MARRIAGES:</u></b>  <b>Please Notify The Pastor</b> <b>At Least 6 Months Ahead of Time</b>



# OUR LADY OF LEBANON MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH



54 South 4th Street, Easton, PA 18042

Week 9 - Week 11, 2016

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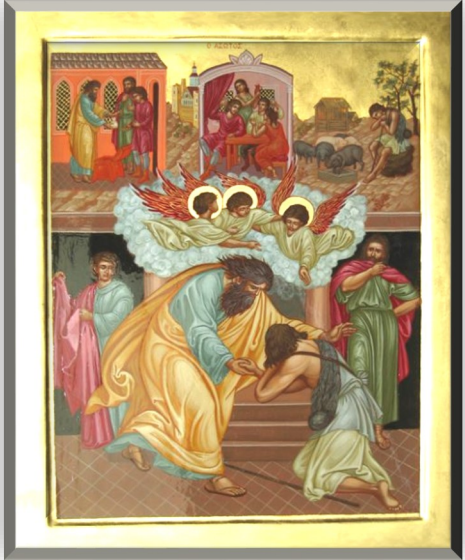
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Feb 26 - Mar 13, 2016

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## 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT PARABLE OF THE PRODIGAL SON



### 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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### The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke 15:11-32

The Lord Jesus says: 'There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me." So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, "How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.' " So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son." But the father said to his slaves, "Quickly, bring out a robe the best one and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet and get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!" And they began to celebrate. 'Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound." Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, "Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!" Then the father said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found." '

### **BIBLE STUDY CLASS**

Father Simon will be teaching Bible Study class ever Wednesday during Lent. Classes are held in the church hall from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. Bibles are not needed. Please use this occasion to strengthen your understanding of the scriptures.

**WEEKEND of Feb 27 - Feb 28**  
**Saturday, Feb 27 - 5:00 PM**  
**Sunday Feb 28 - 10:00 AM**

**\*\*\**Parable of the Prodigal Son*\*\*\***  
**EVA OLIVER (Anniversary) by the Family**  
**LOUISE JOSEPH (10th Anniversary) by daughters Roseann & Charlene & Families. Coffee hour to follow.**

Monday	Feb 29	6:00 PM	<b>SAL RIZZO</b> by James Canone
Tuesday	Mar 1	6:00 PM	<b>MARIE HANNI</b> by Mary Judith Chaponis
Wednesday	Mar 2	6:00 PM	<b>ST. JOHN MARON Feast Day - DIMITRA GIAMCOUMOPOULOS ACHI</b> by Bessie Moseille & Family
Thursday	Mar 3	6:00 PM	<b>MICHAEL STEVENS</b> by George & Kathy Baurkot
Friday	Mar 4	7:00 pm	<b>STATIONS OF THE CROSS &amp; BENEDICTION, CONFESSIONS FROM 6:15 TO 6:45</b>

**WEEKEND of Mar 5- Mar 6**  
**Saturday, Mar 5 - 5:00 PM**  
  
**Sunday, Mar 6 - 10:00 AM**

**\*\*\**Healing of the Paralytic*\*\*\***  
**MANOR & JOSEPHINE MELHEM by Mr. & Mrs. John Melhem & Family**  
**ROSE SYMIA (Birthday Remembrance) by Children & Grandchildren**  
**ROUMANOS & YVONE LAHOUD BOUTROS by Lahoud Boutros & Family**  
Coffee hour to follow.

Monday	Mar 7	6:00 PM	<b>FR. WILLIAM MAGEE</b> by Canon Anthony
Tuesday	Mar 8	6:00 PM	<b>JOHN BOULOS</b> by Mr. & Mrs. Donald Solomon & Family
Wednesday	Mar 9	7:00 PM	<b>MAR CHARBEL RELICS - SEE SCHEDULE ON PAGE 3</b>
Thursday	Mar 10	7:00 PM	<b>MAR CHARBEL RELICS - SEE SCHEDULE ON PAGE 3</b>
Friday	Mar 11	7:00 pm	<b>STATIONS OF THE CROSS &amp; BENEDICTION, CONFESSIONS FROM 6:15 TO 6:45</b>


**WEEKEND of Mar 12 - Mar 13**  
**Saturday, Mar 12 - 5:00 PM**  
**Sunday, Mar 13 - 10:00 AM**

**\*\*\**Healing of the Blind Man*\*\*\***  
**AVAILABLE**  
**REV. NORMAN S. PETER (Anniversary) by Deacon & Mrs. Anthony Koury & Family**  
Coffee hour to follow

**MAR CHARBEL LITURGIES**  
Please contact Fr. Simon if you would like to remember a loved one during either Liturgy celebrated during the visit of Mar Charbel’s relics.  
The intentions will not be limited to one individual.

LECTORS	
<b>Saturday, Feb 27</b>	Piagesi Famil
<b>Sunday, Feb 28</b>	Joseph Family
<b>Saturday, Mar 5</b>	Melhem Family
<b>Sunday, Mar 6</b>	Tatiana Lahoud Boutros
<b>Saturday, Mar 12</b>	Jane Karam
<b>Sunday, Mar 13</b>	Jenny Melhem

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**  
**Parable of the Prodigal Son**  
**2 Cor 13:5-13 / Lk 15:11-32**  
**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**





**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 Appeal ends Easter Sunday, March 27th. Please give what God has put in your heart to give.  
  
Thank you for your generosity!  
Father Simon

**MAR CHARBEL RELICS**  
(SCHEDULE)  
**Wednesday, March 9th**  
3:00 pm Arrival of Relics  
3:30 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet  
3:30-7:00 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament  
6:00 pm Confessions  
7:00 pm Maronite Liturgy in English/Veneration of the Relics  
8:15 pm St Charbel Movie and refreshments  
8:15- 11:00 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament  
  
**Thursday, March 10th**  
10:00 am-7:00 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament  
10:00 am Safro/Morning Prayer  
12:00 pm Spanish Liturgy/Veneration of the Relics  
3:00 pm Rosary  
3:30 pm Healing mass – Liturgy for the elderly and shut-ins  
5:00 pm Dinner for all parishioners  
6:00 pm Confessions  
7:00 pm Maronite Liturgy /Veneration of the Relics  
8:15 pm St Charbel Movie and refreshments  
8:15 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament throughout the night  
  
**Friday, March 11th**  
8:00 am Safro/Morning Prayer  
8:30 am Maronite Liturgy  
9:30 am Departure

  
**Volunteers Needed !!**

BINGO	FLOOR	KITCHEN
Mar 1	Mike Boulos	Rosann Constantine, Jawhara Karam
Mar 8	Elaine Koury	Minerva Jacob

**Holy Name Society**  
**MEATLESS DINNER**  
**Friday, March 4, 2016**  
**12:00 Noon to 6:00 PM**  
**\$5 per Entrée**  
**Menu**  
**Fish & Chips**  
**Baked White Macaroni**  
**Lentils & Rice**  
**Salad is included with above items**  
  
**Falafel Sandwich - \$5**  
**2 Slices of Pizza - \$5**  
**Whole Pizza - \$18 (Must be pre-ordered)**  
**Tickets will be available after each Liturgy or by contacting any member**



**Jesus Christ: The Face of the Father's Mercy**  
Our Lady of Mercy, 132 So. Fifth St., Easton, will offer a Parish Mission Sunday, March 13 through Tuesday, March 15, 7PM - 8PM.  
Rev. Keith Mathur,  
Parochial Vicar Sacred Heart, West Reading, will be the homilist for the evening services.  
Refreshments to follow.  
For more information, please call 610-252-7381.

**OUR LADY OF LEBANON CHURCH**  
**SECOND ANNUAL SPRING Haftli**  
Saturday, April 16, 2016  
Our Lady of Lebanon Church  
Easton, Pennsylvania  
  
Featuring  
Remon Mamari  
and Ensemble  
Lebanese Mezza and Full Dinner Buffet  
Doors open at 7:00 p.m.  
Adults: \$50.00  
Children 3 - 18: \$20.00  
Children under 3: FREE  
For tickets please contact:  
Peter Karam 610-905-7067  
Elaine Koury 610-905-0476  
Minerva Jacob 610-653-7640  
Our Lady of Lebanon Church, Easton, PA / www.oleaston.org

**SPRING HAFLI MEMORIAL AD BOOK**  
Forms are now available if you wish to place an ad in this year’s memorial ad book. Forms may be found in the front and back of the church or you may download the document from our website.  
  
**Deadline is Sunday, March 20, 2016**