

**Maronite Christian Formation  
(MCF)**

MCF classes are held every Saturday at **3:45PM** in the church hall.

All second grade students who have not made their First Communion are asked to attend every week in order to prepare for their First Communion in Spring 2017. Parents please make it a priority to help your children by ensuring students are present for all classes.



**St. Theresa Sodality Monthly Meeting**

The monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, March 2nd at 6:00 PM in the church hall.

***SPRING HAFLI  
APRIL 29, 2017***

*The planning meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 22 at 7:00 PM in the church hall for the 2017 Spring Hafli. The meeting is open to any parishioner who wants to help.*

**PIONEERS OF MARY**

Meetings will be held every Sunday in the hall at 6:00 PM.

**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.*

<b>BINGO COMMITTEE</b>	Eva Farhat, Patty Boulous, Anthony Koury, Jr.
<b>MCF COORDINATOR</b>	Deanna Baurkot
<b>ST. THERESA SODALITY</b>	Rosie Touma
<b>FINANCIAL AUDITOR</b>	Ferris Koorie
<b>HOLY NAME SOCIETY</b>	Leonard Symia
<b>HERITAGE DAY CHAIRPERSON</b>	Steve Koorie
<b>MYA</b>	Selana Koorie
<b>PARISH ORGANIST</b>	Patty Boulous
<b>MYO/PIONEERS</b>	Alexa Koorie
<b>ARABIC CLASS COORDINATOR</b>	Rita Bassil

<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>Religious Education:</u> Saturday 3:45 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>



Week 8 - 10

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Feb 18 - Mar 5, 2017

**Sunday of the FAITHFUL DEPARTED**



**The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ  
according to Saint Luke 16,19-31.**

There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames." But Abraham said, "Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us." He said, "Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house for I have five brothers that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment." Abraham replied, "They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them." He said, "No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent." He said to him, "If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead." '

**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 and 12 Noon

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

**WEEKEND of Feb 18 - Feb 19**      **\*\*\*Sunday of the Faithful Departed\*\*\***  
Saturday, Feb 18 - 5:00 PM - CATHERINE GARDELLA SHAHEEN (40 Day Mass) by husband Michael  
Sunday, Feb 19 - 10:00 AM - ESTEPHAN MOUSSA (1 Yr. Anniversary) by the Family. Coffee hour to follow.  
Sunday, Feb 19 - 12 Noon - Available

Monday	Feb 20	6:00 PM	NED SHAHEEN by Queenie Jabbour
Tuesday	Feb 21	6:00 PM	CHAMES WARNER by Mrs. George Mosellie & Family
Wednesday	Feb 22	6:00 PM	MARY SIMON by Mr. & Mrs. Tony Karam & family
Thursday	Feb 23	6:00 PM	ROSE SYMIA by Mr. & Mrs. Alex Karam, Sr.

**WEEKEND of Feb 25 -Feb 26**    **\*\*Sunday of the Entrance into Lent/Miracle at Cana in Galilee\*\***  
Saturday, Feb 25 - 5:00 PM - MARY SIMON by Deacon & Mrs. Anthony Koury  
Sunday, Feb 26 - 10:00 AM - KAMIL MELHEM by Mr. & Mrs. Edward Elias. Coffee hour to follow.  
Sunday, Feb 26 - 12 Noon - Available

			<b>***ASH MONDAY***</b>
Monday	Feb 27	10:00 AM	CATHERINE SHAHEEN by John & April Shaheen
		7:00 PM	MICHAEL JABBOUR by James Jowdy
Tuesday	Feb 28	6:00 PM	EVA OLIVER by Marlene Bedway
Wednesday	Mar 1	6:00 PM	MARIE HANNI by Mary Judith Chaponis
Thursday	Mar 2	6:00 PM	EDWARD JOSEPH by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Moussa

**WEEKEND of Mar 4 -Mar 5**      **\*\*\*Second Sunday of Lent - Healing of the Leper\*\*\***  
Saturday, Mar 4 - 5:00 PM - Available  
Sunday, Mar 5 - 10:00 AM - BUDWI BADIH CONSTANTINE by Maroun & Amal Maroun & Family  
followed by coffee hour.  
Sunday, Mar 5 - 12 Noon - Available

**Banns of Marriage** - 1st Banns of marriage is announced for Owtil Koury and Samantha Santiago. 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.  
**Lenten Guidelines: Fasting:** All the faithful who are physically capable are to fast everyday during Lent. Fasting involves no eating and drinking at all, (except water and medicine) **from 12 Midnight until 12 Noon.** We urge those who are not capable to make a good effort on Ash Monday and all Fridays during Lent.  
**Abstinence:** No meat throughout Lent. We encourage you to at least abstain on Ash Monday and all Fridays during Lent.

LECTORS

Saturday, Feb 18	Family
Sunday, Feb 19	Family
Saturday, Feb 25	Jane Karam
Sunday, Feb 26	Family
Saturday, Mar 4	TBD
Sunday, Mar 5	TBD

SCRIPTURE READINGS



**Sunday of the Faithful Departed**  
**1 Thes 5:1-11 / Lk 16:19-31**  
**Sunday of Great Lent: Wedding at Cana**  
**Romans 14:14-23 / John 2: 1-11**  
**Second Sunday: Healing the Leper**  
**Romans 6:12-23 / Mark 1:35-45**

**Our Lady of Lebanon Parish Mission, Easton PA**  
**Launching Into Great Lent**  
**February 24-26, 2017**

**Friday February 24**  
6:00PM Arrival  
7:00PM MYO Gathering (ages 12-17): “Launching into Great Lent”  
Supper/Ice breakers/Presentation/Group Sharing/Adoration  
9:30 PM Closing Prayer

**Saturday February 25**  
9:00-12:30 PM Children’s Retreat: Launching Into Lent (ages 5-11):  
Bible teaching /video/music/crafts /prayer/snacks & lunch  
3:00-5:00PM Afternoon Reflection on Launching into Great Lent for Adults  
Concluding with Vigil Liturgy at 5:00PM  
6:30PM MYA (ages 18-35) Bible sharing at the Church, followed by a  
Social and Dinner (place to be confirmed).

**Sunday February 26**  
The Maronite Servant Sisters will be speaking at the Liturgies, and connecting with the parishioners at coffee hours.

**For more info contact Fr. Simon or Antoinette Bader 610-703-9724**

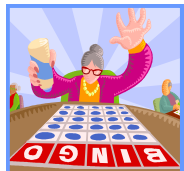
**SPINACH PIE SALE**  
**WHEN: FRIDAY, MARCH 3RD & SATURDAY MARCH 4TH**  
**WHERE: CHURCH HALL**  
**COST: \$4.00 EACH**  
**PICK UP TIMES: FRIDAY-BETWEEN 3:30 & 6:30 PM**  
**SATURDAY– BETWEEN 11:00 AM & 5:00 PM**  
**DEADLINE TO ORDER: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH**

**TO PLACE ORDER:**  
**CALL CHEFFIE KOURY AT 610-905-8894**  
**MINERVA JACOB AT 610-653-7640**  
**NORMA BASSIL AT 610-746-6658**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**  
**THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY’S**  
**ANNUAL MEATLESS DINNER**  
**Friday, March 4th, 2016**  
Details will be published in future bulletins.

**Saint Joseph’s Bake Sale**  
The St. Theresa Sodality’s annual bake sale will be held on **Sunday, March 19th**, in the church hall following the 10:00 AM liturgy and procession with the icon of St. Joseph. Everyone is invited to attend!

**68th Annual Saint Joseph Hafli**  
Our Sister Parish, Saint George Maronite Catholic Church of Cranston, Rhode Island is celebrating its 68<sup>th</sup> Annual Saint Joseph Hafli on Saturday, March 18, 2017. As part of its celebration it is holding a \$10,000 Grand Prize Raffle. The raffle ticket cost \$100 per ticket and “one lucky winner” need not be present at the event. If you are interested in supporting this annual event you may purchase a raffle ticket by contacting Rosann Constantine in person or by telephone at 610-253-2269.

	BINGO	FLOOR - 7:00 PM START TIME	KITCHEN - 5:30 PM START TIME
	Feb 21	Frank Farhat	Rosann Constantine, Jawhara Karam
	Feb 28	Elaine Koury	Minerva Jacob