

## **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.

## **Holy Name Society Meeting**

The next Holy Name Society meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 15th at 7:00 PM in the church hall. Plans for the annual meatless dinner will be finalized.

## **PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING**

The monthly Pastoral Council meeting will be held on Sunday, March 19th at 7:00 PM in the church hall.

## **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

### **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**

**Religious Education: Saturday 3:45 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**



Week 9 - 11

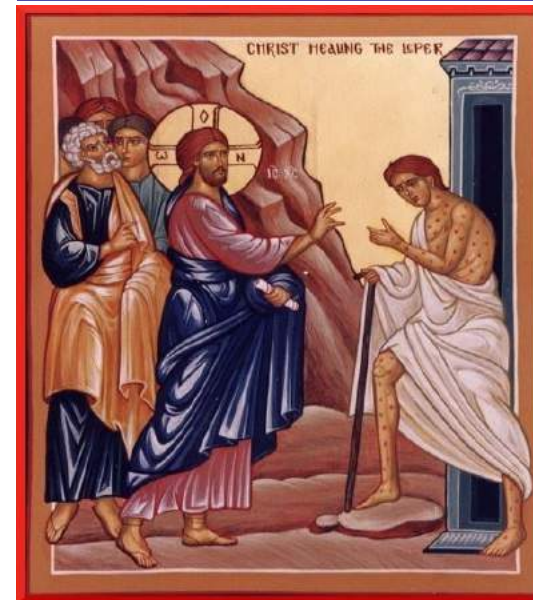
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Mar 4 - Mar 19, 2017

## **Season of Great Lent**

### **2nd Sunday of Lent - Healing of the Leper**



### **The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint Mark 1:35-45**

In the morning, while it was still very dark, Jesus got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, 'Everyone is searching for you.' He answered, 'Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do.' And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons. A leper came to him begging him, and kneeling he said to him, 'If you choose, you can make me clean.' Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him, 'I do choose. Be made clean!' Immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean. After sternly warning him he sent him away at once, saying to him, 'See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.' But he went out and began to proclaim it freely, and to spread the word, so that Jesus could no longer go into a town openly, but stayed out in the country; and people came to him from every quarter.

### **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 Mar 4 - Mar 5 \*\*\* 2nd Sunday of Lent - Healing of the Leper\*\*\***  
**Saturday, Mar 4 - 5:00 PM - CANONE ANTHONY** by The Hon. Judge & Mrs. Robert Ellwood  
**Sunday, Mar 5 - 10:00 AM - BUDWI BADIH CONSTANTINE** by Maroun & Amal Maroun & Family.  
 Coffee hour to follow.  
**Sunday, Mar 5 - 12 Noon - Available**

Monday	Mar 6	6:00 PM	JAMEL DERAYMOND by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Buesing & Family
Tuesday	Mar 7	6:00 PM	JOHN SHAHEEN by Mr. & Mrs. Isaac Jabbour & Family
Wednesday	Mar 8	6:00 PM	ELFRIEDA PERGOSKY by Folee Glosser
Thursday	Mar 9	6:00 PM	SAM SAAD by Dr. Elias & Mary Isaac
Friday	Mar 10	7:00 PM	STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**WEEKEND of Mar 11 - Mar 12 \*\*\* 3rd Sunday of Lent - Sunday of Hemorrhaging Woman\*\*\***  
**Saturday, Mar 11 - 5:00 PM - ROSE SYMIA (Birthday Remembrance)** by Children and Grandchildren  
**Sunday, Mar 12 - 10:00 AM - KARIM & SUSAN MICHAEL AND SON PAUL (Birthday Remembrances)**  
 by Mr. & Mrs. Saadeh Boulos & Family. Coffee hour to follow.  
**Sunday, Mar 12 - 12 Noon - Available**

Monday	Mar 13	6:00 PM	ESTEPHAN MOUSSA by Mr. & Mrs. Budwi Jacob & Family
Tuesday	Mar 14	6:00 PM	EDWARD GEOSITS by Sharon John & Family
Wednesday	Mar 15	6:00 PM	FATHER NORMAN S. PETER (Anniversary) by Deacon & Mrs. Anthony Koury
Thursday	Mar 16	6:00 PM	NORA DANIEL by the Canone Family
Friday	Mar 17	7:00 PM	STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**WEEKEND of Mar 18 - Mar 19 \*\*\* Sunday of the Prodigal Son / St. Joseph Feast Day\*\*\***  
**Saturday, Mar 18 - 5:00 PM - JOHN BOULOS (Birthday Remembrance)** by wife Joyce, sons John & Michael  
**Sunday, Mar 19 - 10:00 AM - YVONNE ROMANOS LAHOUD** by The Boutros Family  
 Procession with St. Joseph Icon to follow Liturgy  
**Sunday, Mar 19 - 12 Noon - Available**

**Banns of Marriage** - 3rd Banns of marriage is announced for Owtal 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.

**LECTORS**


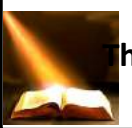
Saturday, Mar 4	Family
Sunday, Mar 5	Family
Saturday, Mar 11	Family
Sunday, Mar 12	Family
Saturday, Mar 18	Family
Sunday, Mar 19	Family

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**2nd Sunday: Healing of the Leper**  
*Romans 6:12-23 / Mark 1:35-45*

**3rd Sunday: Hemorrhaging Woman**  
*2 Cor 7:4-11 / Lk 8:40-56*

**the Prodigal Son / St. Joseph Feast Day**  
*2 Cor 13:5-13 / Lk 15:11-32*

**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 in Lent

**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.



A 58" Samsung LED Smart TV will be raffled off, in addition to other prizes. Sodality members will be selling raffle tickets after each weekend Mass.

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**THIRD ANNUAL SPRING HAFLI**

**Saturday, April 29, 2017**

For Advance ticket sales contact:

- Norma Bassil
- Minerva Jacobs
- Elaine Koury

Details to follow in upcoming bulletins.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**



THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY'S  
**ANNUAL MEATLESS DINNER**  
**Friday, March 31, 2017**

Details will be published in future bulletins.

**BIBLE STUDY**

**Arabic Bible Study** on Wed., March 22nd @ 7:00 PM  
**English Bible Study** on Wed., March 29th @ 7:00 PM  
 Father Simon will be teaching both classes in the church hall. Everyone is welcome to attend!

**Parish Lenten Dinner for the Needy - April 7, 2017**

A Lenten dinner will be hosted for the areas needy on Friday, April 7, 2017 from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM in the Church Hall. This is an inaugural event and arrangements will be made to serve a traditional Lenten meatless dinner to 400 of the areas needy. A meeting will be held on March 19 during the St. Joseph Day Bake Sale to finalize preparations, including registering volunteers and accept donations. Please contact the parish office or any member of the Outreach team - Michael Karam, Sam Elias, or Peter Melan for additional information.

**68th Annual Saint Joseph Hafli**



Our Sister Parish, Saint George Maronite Catholic Church of Cranston, Rhode Island is celebrating its 68th 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
Mar 7	Rosie Canone, Marta Gabriel	Jenny Vaccaro
Mar 14	Mike Boulos	Sharon John

