

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.

2017 PASTORAL COUNCIL

Patrice Boulous: President

Samuel Elias

Keene Jabbour, Esq.

Michael Karam: Vice President

Steve Koorie

Judge Michael Koury

Peter Melan

Leonard Symia

Dr. Charlene Symia, Formation Leader

Rosie Touma : Secretary

Mary Sue Tumminello

2017 STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

Nehme Nehme, President

Martha Badway

Owtill J. Koury

Marta Gabriel

Maynard Melhem

Joseph Moussa

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.

MYO RETREAT

This year's annual retreat will be held at St. Maron's Church in Minneapolis, MN, from July 3 - 8, 2017. The retreat is open to current Pioneer members 13 - 17 years old. Parents - please confirm with Father Simon if your children will be attending this year. Travel arrangements need to be made as soon as possible.

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	Selana Koorie
PARISH ORGANIST	Patty Boulous
MYO/PIONEERS	Alexa Koorie
ARABIC CLASS COORDINATOR	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

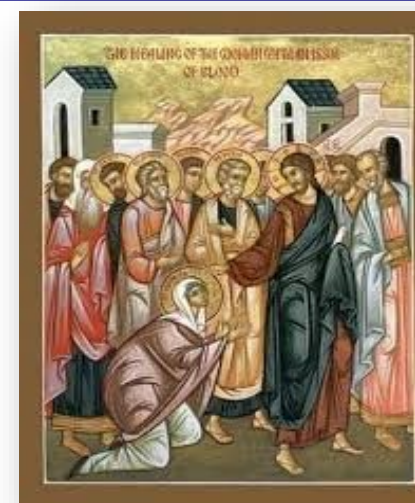


Week 10 - 12 Email: abouna@ololeaston.org

Website: ololeaston.org

Mar 11 - Mar 26, 2017

Third Sunday of Great Lent Sunday of Healing of the Hemorrhaging Woman



Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke 8:40-56

When Jesus returned, the crowd welcomed him, for they were all waiting for him. Just then there came a man named Jairus, a leader of the synagogue. He fell at Jesus' feet and begged him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter, about twelve years old, who was dying. As he went, the crowds pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years; and though she had spent all she had on physicians, no one could cure her. She came up behind him and touched the fringe of his clothes, and immediately her hemorrhage stopped. Then Jesus asked, 'Who touched me?' When all denied it, Peter said, 'Master, the crowds surround you and press in on you.' But Jesus said, 'Someone touched me; for I noticed that power had gone out from me.' When the woman saw that she could not remain hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before him, she declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed. He said to her, 'Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace.' While he was still speaking, someone came from the leader's house to say, 'Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the teacher any longer.'

When Jesus heard this, he replied, 'Do not fear. Only believe, and she will be saved.' When he came to the house, he did not allow anyone to enter with him, except Peter, John, and James, and the child's father and mother. They were all weeping and wailing for her; but he said, 'Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping.' And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But he took her by the hand and called out, 'Child, get up!' Her spirit returned, and she got up at once. Then he directed them to give her something to eat. Her parents were astounded; but he ordered them to tell no one what had happened.

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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WEEKEND of Mar 11 - Mar 12 *3rd Sunday of Lent - Healing of the 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 Ziyeh St Joseph and coffee hour follows for all who are in church
Sunday, Mar 19 - 10:00 AM - YVONNE & ROMANOS LAHOUD-BOUTROS by The Family
 Procession with St. Joseph's Icon to follow Liturgy
Sunday, Mar 19 - 12 Noon - Available

Monday	Mar 20	6:00 PM	CATHERINE MELAN (Birthday Remembrance) by the Family
Tuesday	Mar 21	6:00 PM	NAOMI STAHL by Joseph M. Karam
Wednesday	Mar 22	6:00 PM	NICK CIAMBRONE by Keene Jabbour
Thursday	Mar 23	6:00 PM	HABIB NEHME by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Moussa & Family
Friday	Mar 24	7:00 PM	STATIONS OF THE CROSS

WEEKEND of Mar 25 - Mar 26 * 5th Sunday of Lent - Healing of the Paralytic Man*****

Saturday, Mar 25 - 5:00 PM - ANNUNCIATION TO THE VIRGIN MARY
 ELIAS & TYRA SYMIA by Grandchildren
Sunday, Mar 26 - 10:00 AM - CANONE ANTHONY (1st Anniversary) & Wife DOURA (2nd Anniversary) by Emil Anthony & Family.
Sunday, Mar 26 - 12 Noon - Available

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. All are welcome!

LECTORS

Saturday, Mar 11	Family
Sunday, Mar 12	Family
Saturday, Mar 18	Family
Sunday, Mar 19	Family
Saturday, Mar 25	Family
Sunday, Mar 26	Family

SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

5th Sunday: Healing of the Paralytic Man
1 Tim 5:24-6:5 / Mk 2:1-12

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. Thank you for your support!

Annual Lenten Appeal

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. The church will have to pay the balance in the event that adequate funds are not raised. Collection ends Easter Sunday, April 16, 2017. Please give what God has put in your heart to give. Thank you for your generosity!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY'S
ANNUAL MEATLESS DINNER
Friday, March 31, 2017
 Details will be published in future bulletins.

SAVE THE DATE
THIRD ANNUAL SPRING HAFLI

Saturday, April 29, 2017
 For advance ticket sales contact:
 Norma Bassil
 Minerva Jacob
 Elaine Koury

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 accepting donations. Please contact the parish office or any member of the Outreach team - Michael Karam, Sam Elias, or Peter Melan for additional information.

Gethsemane Cemetery Spring Clean-Up

Clean-up of all graves will take place on **Monday, March 20th**. If you would like to save items from your loved ones grave site, please remove them prior to **March 20th**.

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 14	Mike Boulos	Sharon John
Mar 21	Frank Farhat	Caroline Dergham