

**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
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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

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

MYA MEETING
The last MYA meeting before summer break will be held on Sunday, April 9th at 7:30 PM in the church hall.

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

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 11 - 13 Email: abouna@ololeaston.org Website: ololeaston.org Mar 18 - Apr 2, 2017

Fourth Sunday of Great Lent
Sunday of the Prodigal Son / St. Joseph’s Feast Day



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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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."


WEEKEND of Mar 18 - Mar 19 ***<i>Sunday of the Prodigal Son / St. Joseph Feast Day</i>***	
Saturday, Mar 18 - 5:00 PM -	JOHN BOULOS (Birthday Remembrance) by wife Joyce, sons John & Michael Ziyeh St Joseeph & Coffee hour to follow.
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 ***<i>5th Sunday of Lent - Healing of the Paralytic Man</i>***	
Saturday, Mar 25 - 5:00 PM -	ANNUNCIATION TO THE VIRGIN MARY ELIAS & TIRO SYMIA by Grandchildren
Sunday, Mar 26 - 10:00 AM -	CANONE ANTHONY (1st Anniversary) & Wife DOURA (3rd Anniversary) by Emil Anthony & Family
Sunday, Mar 26 - 12 Noon -	Available

Monday	Mar 27	6:00 PM	EDWARD GEOSITS by Sharon John & Family (rescheduled from March 14)
Tuesday	Mar 28	6:00 PM	AZIZ KOURY by Dr. & Mrs. Elias Isaac
Wednesday	Mar 29	NO MASS	NO MASS
Thursday	Mar 30	6:00 PM	LILLY CONSTANTINE by the Family
Friday	Mar 31	7:00 PM	STATIONS OF THE CROSS

WEEKEND of Apr 1- Apr 2 ***<i>6th Sunday of Lent - Healing of the Blind Man</i>***	
Saturday, Apr 1 - 5:00 PM -	MERHEJ & ANNA BOULOS by Grandchildren
Sunday, Apr 2 - 10:00 AM -	Available
Sunday, Apr 2 - 12 Noon -	Available

	BIBLE STUDY - Arabic Bible Study on Wed., March 22nd @ 7:00 PM. English Bible Study on Thursday, March 30th @ 7:00 PM. Father Simon will be teaching both classes in the church hall. All are welcome!
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LECTORS	
Saturday, Mar 18	Family
Sunday, Mar 19	Family
Saturday, Mar 25	Family
Sunday, Mar 26	Family
Saturday, Apr 1	Family
Sunday, Apr 2	TBD


SCRIPTURE READINGS	
	The Prodigal Son / St. Joseph Feast Day <i>2 Cor 13:5-13 / Lk 15:11-32</i>
	5th Sunday: Healing of the Paralytic Man <i>1 Tim 5:24-6:5 / Mk 2:1-12</i>
	6th Sunday: Healing of the Blind Man <i>Cor 10:1-7 / Mk 10:46-52</i> 

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


Holy Name Society	
MEATLESS DINNER	
Friday, March 31, 2017	
12:00 Noon to 6:00 PM	
	
\$6 per Entrée	
Menu	
Fish & Chips	
Baked White Macaroni	
Lentils & Rice	
<i>Salad is included with above items</i>	
Falafel Sandwich - \$6	
2 Slices of Pizza - \$6	
Whole Pizza - \$20 (Must be pre-ordered)	
Tickets will be available after each Liturgy or by contacting any member	

<u>Annual Lenten Appeal</u>
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!

<u>Parish Lenten Dinner for the Needy - April 7, 2017</u>
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 final-ize 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.


SAVE THE DATE
THIRD ANNUAL SPRING HAFLI
Saturday, April 29, 2017
Entertainment: Shadi Naddaf
For advance ticket sales contact:
Norma Bassil
Minerva Jacob
Elaine Koury
Details to follow in upcoming bulletins.

	BINGO	FLOOR - 7:00 PM START TIME	KITCHEN - 5:30 PM START TIME
	Mar 21	Frank Farhat	Caroline Dergham
	Mar 28	John Isaac	Volunteer