

MYO/MYA REGIONAL RETREAT Maronite Spirituality

Saturday, March 3, 11:00 AM - 8:00PM

MYO/MYA Regional Retreat day at
Our Lady Star of the East Church,
Pleasantville, NJ.

There will be two tracks, one for MYO
and another for MYA

Retreat activities include: * Confession * Meals &
snacks * Icebreakers & games * Presentations &
Group discussions * Get to know MYO/MYA from
other area parishes! * Adoration of the Blessed
Mysteries & Divine Liturgy
See Fr. Simon if you are interested in attending.

2018 PASTORAL COUNCIL

Patrice Boulous

Michael Karam

Rosie Canone

Antonios Jabbour

Abe Kassis, Esq.

Steve Koorie

Judge Michael Koury

Elias Chadd

Dr. Charlene Symia

Leonard Symia

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2018 FINANCE COUNCIL

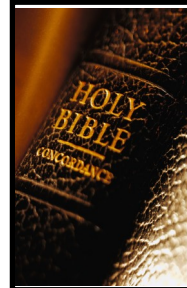
Nehme Nehme, President

Martha Badway

Marta Gabriel

Maynard Melhem

Joseph Moussa



BIBLE STUDY

Come join Father Simon's Bible Study class on
Wednesday, February 14th & 21st at 6:30 PM in the
church hall. There will also be another class in March,
date is yet to be determined. Please use this opportunity
to deepen your understanding of the Scriptures.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY MEETINGS

Two meetings are scheduled for February in preparation
for the meatless dinner.

Thursday, February 15th at 7:00 PM in the hall
Wednesday, February 28th at 7:00 PM in the hall
Please make every effort to attend.

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

The next pastoral council meeting will be held on Sunday,
February 11, 2018 at 7:00 PM in the church hall.

KNIGHTS OF MARY

The Knights of Mary (grades 1-6) will be meeting on
Friday, February 16th from 5 - 7 PM in the church hall. Help us grow your
children's spirituality by encouraging your child to attend.

PIONEERS

The Pioneers will meet on Sunday, February 25, 2018
at 6:00 PM in the church hall.

Weekly Collection

Saturday, - \$518.00

Sunday, - \$1,310.00

Total weekly collection - **\$1,828.00**

BINGO COMMITTEE	Eva Farhat, Patty Boulous, Anthony Koury, Jr.
ST. THERESA SODALITY	Rosie Canone
FINANCIAL AUDITOR	Ferris Koorie
HOLY NAME SOCIETY	Leonard Symia
HERITAGE DAY CHAIRPERSON	Steve Koorie
PARISH ORGANIST	Patty Boulous
MYO/PIONEERS	Arthur Jacob

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS

October through May -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 7 - Week 9

Email: abouna@ololeaston.org

website: ololeaston.org

Feb 10 - Feb 25, 2018

Sunday of the Entrance into Lent Miracle at Cana in Galilee



The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint John 2:1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee,
and the mother of Jesus was there.

Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to
the wedding. When the wine gave out,
the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.'
And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that
to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.'
His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.'

Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the
Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty
or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them,
'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to
the brim. He said to them,
'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.'
So they took it. When the steward tasted the water
that had become wine, and did not know where it came
from (though the servants who had drawn the
water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and
said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then
the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk.
But you have kept the good wine until now.'

Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee,
and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

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 on Fridays.

LITURGY:

Saturdays: 5:00 PM
Sundays: 10:00 AM

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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 physically capable to make an effort on Ash
Monday and Good Friday.

Abstinence - No meat or dairy food throughout Lent. We encourage
you to at least abstain on Ash Monday and Fridays during Lent.

WEEKEND of Feb 10 - Feb 11 * MIRACLE AT CANA IN GALILEE *****
Saturday, Feb 10 - 5:00 PM - AOUTEL KARAM (40 Day Mass) by the Family
Sunday, Feb 11 - 10:00 AM - MARY JABBOUR (40 Day Mass) by the Family. Coffee hour to follow.

ASH MONDAY			
Monday	Feb 12	10:00 AM	JOSEPH ELIAS by Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Budway
		7:00 PM	MARY SAMIA (Memorial Mass) Australia by the Family DAOUN BOULOS by Evelyn Hanni
Tuesday	Feb 13	6:00 PM	CHAMES WARNER by Charles Badway, Jr.
Wednesday	Feb 14	9:00 AM	CANON ANTHONY by Alex & Beverly Karam
Thursday	Feb 15	9:00 AM	MICHAEL JABBOUR by Mary Linda Bellis
Friday	Feb 16	9:00 AM	IN THANKS TO ST. JUDE FOR PRAYERS ANSWERED by Anonymous
		7:00 PM	STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND BENEDICTION

WEEKEND of Feb 17 - Feb 18 * HEALING OF THE LEPER *****
Saturday, Feb 17 - 5:00 PM - GEORGETTE BOULOS CIAMBRONE (5th Anniversary) by the Family
Sunday, Feb 18 - 10:00 AM - ELIAS SYMIA (40 Day Mass) by the Family. Coffee hour to follow.

Tuesday	Feb 20	6:00 PM	NAOMI SHINER by Dr. & Mrs. Elias Isaac
Wednesday	Feb 21	9:00 AM	AOUTEL KARAM by The Baurkot Family
Thursday	Feb 22	9:00 AM	BETTY KARAM BHUIYAN by Claire Willard
Friday	Feb 23	9:00 AM	JOHN SHAHEEN by the Hon. Judge & Mrs. Robert Ellwood
		7:00 PM	STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND BENEDICTION

WEEKEND of Feb 24 - Feb 25 * HEALING OF THE HEMORRHAGING WOMAN *****
Saturday, Feb 24 - 5:00 PM - Available
Sunday, Feb 25 - 10:00 AM - JOSEPH MELHEM (40 Day Mass) by the Family. Coffee hour to follow.



BINGO	FLOOR - 7:00 PM START TIME	KITCHEN - 5:30 PM START TIME
Feb 13	John Isaac	Jenny Vaccaro
Feb 20	Peter Melan	Noelle Richardson

LECTORS

Saturday, Feb 10	Family
Sunday, Feb 11	Family
Saturday, Feb 17	Family
Sunday, Feb 18	Family
Saturday, Feb 24	TBD
Sunday, Feb 25	Family

SCRIPTURE READINGS



Miracle at Cana in Galilee
Rom 14:14-23 / Jn 2:1-11
Healing of the Leper
Rom 6:12-23 / Mk 1:35-45
Healing of the Hemorrhaging Woman
2 Cor 7:4-11 / Lk 8:40-56



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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Eparchy of Saint Maron exists to serve you, the Maronite faithful, and to preach the Gospel to all people. We can only do this effectively with your financial support.

Today, I ask you to make a sacrificial gift to the Eparchy's Annual Lenten Appeal. The proceeds of this year's Appeal will go for the following needs of the Eparchy:

Seminarians: Our seminarians are our future. We need your help so we can invest in their education and formation. We currently have four seminarians and three men in discernment. Each seminarian costs about \$40,000 per year, in the form of tuition, books, room, board and insurance. **40% of your contribution to this year's Annual Appeal** will go for Seminarian Expenses.

Retired Priests: Collectively, the 15 retired priests of the Eparchy served the faithful for over 500 years. Now, we help them with a modest pension of \$1,800 per month. **20% of your contribution will go to support Retired Priests.**

Helping in Lebanon and the Middle East: The Eparchy assists Lebanon and Syria in countless ways, for example: by applying for grants to American foundations and donors, advocating for them with the U.S. government, and channeling and providing direct financial assistance. **10% of your contribution** will go to support Christians in Lebanon and the Middle East.

Endowment: The Eparchy's Endowment Fund provides a source of income each year for the needs of the Eparchy and ensures that the Eparchy will have solid resources in the future. It also provides a "rainy day fund" in case of disaster. **30% of your contribution will be deposited into the Eparchy's Endowment.**

Please open your heart once again to help with these critical needs. Your gift makes a positive difference in the lives of so many throughout the 16 states of the Eparchy, stretching from Maine to Florida. Any gift you make will have a positive effect.

Thank you very much. May God bless you for your generosity! I wish you a holy Lent and a blessed Easter.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

+ Gregory J. Mansour

PS: Please also consider remembering the Eparchy and your parish in your estate plan, or as the beneficiary of an insurance policy, retirement plan or charitable gift annuity. Thank you.

SPINACH PIE SALE

TO BENEFIT CATHOLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION

WHEN: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2018

WHERE: CHURCH HALL

COST: \$4.00 EACH



PICK UP TIME: SATURDAY BETWEEN 2:00 - 6:00

DEADLINE TO ORDER: SUNDAY, FEB 11TH

TO PLACE ORDER CALL:

CHEFFIE KOURY AT 610-905-8894

MINERVA JACOB AT 610-653-7640

NORMA BASSIL AT 610-746-6658

VOLUNTEERS ARE WELCOME TO HELP ON
 FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH, BEGINNING AT 2:00 PM
 AND SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH,
 BEGINNING AT 7:30 AM.

St. Joseph's Hafli

Our Sister Parish, Saint George Maronite Catholic Church of Cranston, Rhode Island is celebrating its



69th Annual Saint Joseph Hafli
 on Saturday, March 3, 2018.

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.

Save the Dates

HOLY NAME MEATLESS DINNER.....March 2nd
 ST. JOSEPH'S BAKE SALE..... March 18th
 HOMELESS DINNER..... March 23rd
 ANNUAL SPRING HAFLIApril 21st
 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION.....May 6th
 41ST ANNUAL LEBANESE HERITAGE DAYS.....August 4th & 5th