

### FASTING & ABSTINENCE 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. Exceptions are made for the following feast days: Saint John Maron (March 2), The Forty Martyrs (March 9), Saint Joseph (March 19) and The Annunciation (March 25). and every Saturday and Sunday, following the teachings of the Apostolic Constitutions (AD 380). For Saturday commemorates Creation and Sunday the Resurrection. The Constitutions make an exception for the Saturday of Light, because it is not appropriate to rejoice and celebrate on the day when the Creator is under the earth, for the Creator surpasses all his creatures in nature and honor.

**Abstinence** is refraining from eating meat and dairy products during Passion Week and every Friday of the year, except for the period between the feasts of Resurrection and Pentecost, and between Christmas and Epiphany, and on holy days of obligation, such as The Nativity, Epiphany, The Presentation of Christ in the Temple, Saint Maron, Saint Joseph, The Ascension, The Assumption, The Exaltation of the Cross, All Saints, The Immaculate Conception, and the feast day of the patron saint of a parish.

Abstinence is practiced according to the ancient, pious custom preserved in all Eastern Churches, Catholic and Orthodox alike, in preparation for the following feast days: The Nativity Fast, which we have limited to the period between December 16 and December 24, in order to make it easier for the faithful; The Fast of Saints Peter and Paul, which we have determined to be between June 21 and June 28; and The Fast of the Assumption, which we have limited to the period between August 7 and August 14.

**The Eucharistic Fast** is abstaining from eating food, starting at midnight, prior to communion, or at least an hour prior to communion.

### MASKS REQUIRED FOR ALL CHURCH EVENTS

Everyone who attends any church function will be required to wear a mask. This includes, but is not limited to Baptisms, weddings, Funerals and Liturgies.

We are taking this stance for the protection of all parishioners. We are not restricting your freedom to decide what is best for you, we are ensuring the safety of the majority who want to attend Mass and are willing to mask up!

We ask that you stay home if you do not agree with our position until we can all gather safely once this pandemic is over.

### WEEKLY COLLECTION

Saturday, Feb 19	-	\$315.00
Sunday, Feb 20	-	\$413.00
Mail-In	-	\$290.00
Total Collection	-	\$1,018.00

### PASTOR CONTACT

In the case of any needed pastoral assistance, we ask that only the family contact Fr. Youssef on his cell phone at (412-583-5702).



## Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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Week 9 - Week 11

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Feb 27 - Mar 14, 2021

## Healing of the Hemorrhaging Woman



### The 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

Fr. Youssef Keikati. Administrator  
Deacon Anthony Koury

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday through Thursday  
10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

No office hours on Fridays

### LITURGY:

Saturday: 5:00 PM  
Sunday: 10:00 AM  
Holy Days of Obligation: 7:00 PM

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### BAPTISM

Preregistration for Baptism is required. Catholic sponsor certificates must be received by the parish before the Baptism is scheduled.

### CONFESSION

Saturday: 4:30- 4:50 PM, Sunday, 9:30 - 9:50 AM  
Also available by appointment

### MARRIAGE

Please notify the pastor at least one year prior to date. Engaged couples need to register as parishioners and take required marriage classes.

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please inform us of the sick and shut-ins at 412-583-5702

### 1ST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS

October through April, Saturdays 3:45- 4:45  
Parents of children must be registered in parish.

### LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Letters will only be given to registered active parishioners.



**\*\*\*Healing of the Hemorrhaging Woman\*\*\***

Saturday, Feb 27 - 5:00 PM **GEORGE BAURKOT** by Judge Kimberly McFadden  
 Sunday, Feb 28 - 10:00 AM **HEALING MASS FOR AMIN NEHME**

Tuesday	Mar 2	9:00AM	<b>ST. JOHN MARON FEAST DAY</b> <b>SPECIAL INTENTION</b> by Steve Constantine & Family
Wednesday	Mar 3	9:00 AM	<b>PETER &amp; LILLIAN KARAM AND JOSEPH &amp; MARY BARAKAT</b> by Mr. & Mrs. Tony Karam & Family
Thursday	Mar 4	9:00 AM	<b>NORA DANIEL</b> by Sharon John & Family
Friday	Mar 5	9:00 AM 7:00 PM	<b>KATHRYN ISAAC</b> by the Geosits Family <b>STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND BENEDICTION</b>

**Stations of the Cross will be live-streamed on Facebook**

**\*\*\*Parable of the Prodigal Son\*\*\***

Saturday, Mar 6 - 5:00 PM **JOSEPHINE MELHEM (Birthday Remembrance)** by John J. Melhem & Family  
 Sunday, Mar 7 - 10:00 AM **HAMID CONSTANTINE EI-KHOURY (Memorial Mass)**  
 by Mr. & Mrs. Boutros Khoury & Family

Tuesday	Mar 9	9:00AM	<b>THE FORTY MARTYRS / SISTER MARTE JARJOU</b> by Fr. Youssef
Wednesday	Mar 10	9:00 AM	<b>DAOUN BOULOS</b> by Mr. & Mrs. Nick Giacomopolous
Thursday	Mar 11	9:00 AM	<b>MICHAEL JABBOUR</b> by Claire Willard & Family
Friday	Mar 12	9:00 AM 7:00 PM	<b>GEORGE KOORIE</b> by Brad, Suzanne & Patricia Superka <b>STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND BENEDICTION</b>

**\*\*\*Healing of the Paralytic\*\*\***

Saturday, Mar 13 - 5:00 PM - Available  
 Sunday, Mar 14 - 10:00 AM Available

**EPARCHIAL CHARITIES APPEAL - LENT - FEBRUARY 15 - APRIL 4, 2021**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Healing of the Hemorrhaging Woman  
*2 Cor 7:4-11 / Lk 8:40-56*  
 Parable of the Prodigal Son  
*2 Cor 13:5-13 / Lk 15:11-3*  
 Healing of the Paralytic  
*1 Tim 5:24-6:5 / Mk 2:1-12*



**VIRTUAL ROSARY**

JOIN US AS WE PRAY THE ROSARY EVERY 2ND MONDAY OF THE MONTH AT 8:00 PM  
 MARCH 8 - LED BY CHORBISHOP MICHAEL THOMAS  
 APRIL 12 - LED BY BISHOP ELIAS ZAIDAN  
 ZOOM LINK: MEETING ID 883 4965 1080  
 PASSCODE: rosary  
<https://tinyurl.com/OFSLROSARY>



**2021 Vocations Awareness: Poster, Essay, Multimedia Contest**

*"Train the young in the way they should go; even when old, they will not swerve from it." Proverbs 22:6*

**Posters**  
 K-1: Draw the story of Noah & the Ark, Genesis 6-8  
 2-3: Draw the story of Jonah & the Whale, Jonah 1-4  
 4-6: Draw the story of Daniel in the Lion's Den, Daniel 6  
 7-9: Depict the Parable of the lost sheep, Luke 15  
 10-12: Depict "Jesus walks on water", Matthew 14:22-33

**Essays**  
 K-1: In your own words, write a short paragraph telling us what you liked about the story of Noah & the Ark.  
 2-3: In your own words, write what you thought about the story of Jonah & the Whale (30 words minimum)  
 4-6: In your own words, write your thoughts about the story of Daniel in the Lion's Den. (100 words minimum)  
 7-9: Analyze the Parable of the lost sheep. (500 words minimum)  
 10-12: What does the story of Jesus walking on water mean to you? (1500 words minimum)

**Multimedia (PowerPoint or Presentation)**  
 7-12: Put together a 3 - 5 minutes presentation, either a PowerPoint or video presentation on the following subjects.  
 1) Analyze the Parable of the Lost Sheep.  
 2) Analyze the Story of "Jesus Walking on Water".

**Guidelines**  
 1) All entries must be the original work of the entrant. Any previously submitted entries or entries that are noticeably not the work of the individual student will be disqualified.  
 2) Each student may only enter in ONE category.  
 3) NO GROUP entries. This is an individual student competition.  
 4) Each parish may submit up to 3 entries per category/grade level.  
 5) POSTERS MUST BE ON 14 x 22 Poster Board Paper  
 6) Entries must be clearly marked, on the back, and grouped by age group with a paperclip or divider.  
 7) Individual participants can mail in their own entries, must indicate parish affiliation, City & State.  
 8) All entries must have the students name, address, parish name, grade level and age.  
 10) All entries must be post marked by May 31st., 2021 and mailed to the below address. Multimedia entries should be sent to the below email address.  
 Vera Maalouf - [vsmaalouf@gmail.com](mailto:vsmaalouf@gmail.com)  
 4378 94th St. Pleasant Prairie, WI 53158  
 Judges: The judging will be done by a team of volunteer professionals with educational, theological and technical backgrounds.  
 All decisions of the judging team are considered final. All winning entries will be featured at the upcoming NAM convention  
**Prizes** (1 per grade group/category)  
 1st Place: \$100, 2nd Place: \$75, 3rd Place: \$50

National Apostolate of Maronites - [www.namnews.org](http://www.namnews.org)  
 Serving the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon & the Eparchy of Saint Maron

**Eparchial Charities 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 4, 2021



**GREAT LENT**

Dear Brother Priests, Deacons and Subdeacons, Consecrated Men and Women:

Our Maronite Sisters will be hosting Part II of the Maronite Spirituality Virtual Workshops during Great Lent

We are blessed to have our own Priests presenting these workshops via Zoom. The workshops will be on Thursdays from 8:00pm - 9:15pm from Feb 25th to March 25th. The dates and presenters are listed on the right side of this page.

I encourage you to sign up and benefit from this excellent formation opportunity.

Register at <https://www.maroniteservants.org>. If you have any questions, please reach out to the sisters via their website or email [maroniteservants@gmail.com](mailto:maroniteservants@gmail.com).

Thank you,  
 + Gregory

**GREAT LENT**

Learn more about the Maronite Faith and Traditions.

**VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS**

- FEB. 25: GREAT LENT: FASTING, PRAYER, & ALMSGIVING  
FR. RUDY WAKIM
- MAR. 4: OVERVIEW OF THE MARONITE LITURGICAL YEAR  
FR. NAJI KIWAN
- MAR. 11: MARONITE RITUALS FOR GREAT LENT  
MSGR. JIM ROOT
- MAR. 18: SYRIAC THEMES IN PASSION WEEK  
FR. AARON SANDBOTHE
- MAR. 25: MARY IN OUR MARONITE TRADITION  
FR. KEVIN BEATON

Via Zoom on Thursdays 8:00-9:15PM  
[Register Here](#)

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