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

In coordination with Caritas Lebanon, every Maronite Eparchy was asked to assist needy families in Lebanon. The sponsorship varies from \$50 to \$100 per month, depending on the size and the need of the family. Sponsorship will be for this year, 2021, and everyone is able to help.

I ask you to promote this project through your social media, bulletins, and other ways to connect with your parishioners. Father John Nahal, President of Caritas Lebanon, USA, is coordinating this effort and he will be happy to answer any questions you might have. You may reach him at (314) 621-0056 or [rector@straymondscathedral.com](mailto:rector@straymondscathedral.com).

The need is great. Thankfully we already have some families who have sponsored families in Lebanon, but we need more. Any support you can give in this regard is greatly appreciated. Please refer to the links below for additional information.

**Links:**

<http://www.caritaslebanon.org/>

[CaritasFamiliesLeb for sponsorship2021\(7\).pdf \(caritaslebanon.org\)](#)

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Gregory

+ Gregory John Mansour

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## 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).

## WEEKLY COLLECTION

Saturday, Feb 6	-	\$473.00
Sunday, Feb 7	-	\$168.00
Mail-In	-	\$350.00
Total Collection	-	\$991.00

## 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.



## Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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Easton, PA 18042  
610-252-5275



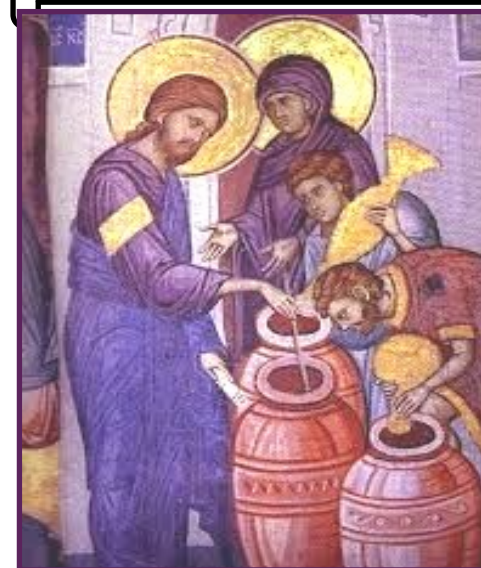
Week 7 - Week 9

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website: [ololeaston.org](http://ololeaston.org)

Feb 13 - Feb 28, 2021

## Sunday of 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

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.

### MARRIAGE

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

### 1ST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS

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

### CONFESSION

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

### ANointing OF THE SICK

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

### LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Letters will only be given to  
registered active parishioners.

## 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** of meat is encouraged on Ash Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays during Lent and everyday during Holy Week.



**\*\*\* Sunday of the Entrance into Lent - Miracle at Cana in Galilee\*\*\***

**Saturday, Feb 13- 5:00 PM**      **BETTY KARAM BHUYIAN** by Jackie Nehme & Family

**Sunday, Feb 14 - 10:00 AM**      **AOUTEL KARAM** by Charlotte Assise

***Fr. Youssef will remain in the church after the 10:00 AM Liturgy on Ash Monday from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM to distribute ashes to those who do not want to attend Mass.***

<b>ASH Monday</b>	<b>Feb 15</b>	<b>10:00 AM 7:00 PM</b>	<b>HABOUK SHUMAR</b> by Earl & Bernadette Metzgar <b>QUEENIE JABBOUR</b> by Joumana Melhem & Children
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Feb 16</b>	<b>9:00AM</b>	<b>DONNA JABEIR</b> by Marlene Bedway
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Feb 17</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>MARION ESTEPHAN</b> by Labebe Buesing
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Feb 18</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>FR. ETIENNE BARAKAT</b> by Fr. Youssef Keikati
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Feb 19</b>	<b>9:00 AM 7:00 PM</b>	<b>IN HONOR OF ST. JOSEPH</b> <b>STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND BENEDICTION</b>

**\*\*\*Healing of the Leper\*\*\***

**Saturday, Feb 20- 5:00 PM**      **GEORGETTE CIAMBRONE (8th Anniversary)** by the Family

**Sunday, Feb 21 - 10:00 AM**      **FRANCES KOURY** by Patty Mosellie

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Feb 23</b>	<b>9:00AM</b>	<b>SISTER LILLIAN ISKANDAR</b> by Fr. Youssef
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Feb 24</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>HELEN JABOR</b> by the Baurkot Family
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Feb 25</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>FRANCES MELHEM</b> by Marlene Bedway
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Feb 26</b>	<b>9:00 AM 7:00 PM</b>	<b>NAOMI SHINER</b> by the Family of Jennie Melhem <b>STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND BENEDICTION</b>

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

**Saturday, Feb 27 - 5:00 PM**      **Available**

**Sunday, Feb 28 - 10:00 AM**      **Available**

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

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**Sunday of the Entrance into Lent**  
***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***

**VIRTUAL ROSARY**

**JOIN US AS WE PRAY THE ROSARY EVERY 2ND MONDAY OF THE MONTH AT 8:00 PM**

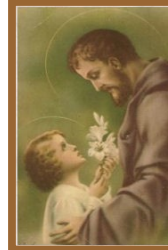
**MARCH 8 -**      **LED BY CHORBISHOP MICHAEL THOMAS**

**APRIL 12 -**      **LED BY BISHOP ELIAS ZAIDAN**

**ZOOM LINK:**      **MEETING ID 883 4965 1080**

**PASSCODE:**      **rosary**

**<https://tinyurl.com/OFSLROSARY>**



## The Year of St. Joseph

The greatness of Saint Joseph is that he was the spouse of Mary and the father of Jesus. In this way, he placed himself, in the words of Saint John Chrysostom, “at the service of the entire plan of salvation”.

Saint Paul VI pointed out that Joseph concretely expressed his fatherhood “by making his life a sacrificial service to the mystery of the incarnation and its redemptive purpose. He employed his legal authority over the Holy Family to devote himself completely to them in his life and work. He turned his human vocation to domestic love into a superhuman oblation of himself, his heart and all his abilities, a love placed at the service of the Messiah who was growing to maturity in his home”.

Thanks to his role in salvation history, Saint Joseph has always been venerated as a father by the Christian people. This is shown by the countless churches dedicated to him worldwide, the numerous religious Institutes, Confraternities and ecclesial groups inspired by his spirituality and bearing his name, and the many traditional expressions of piety in his honor. Innumerable holy men and women were passionately devoted to him. Among them was Teresa of Avila, who chose him as her advocate and intercessor, had frequent recourse to him and received whatever graces she asked of him. Encouraged by her own experience, Teresa persuaded others to cultivate devotion to Joseph.

Every prayer book contains prayers to Saint Joseph. Special prayers are offered to him each Wednesday and especially during the month of March, which is traditionally dedicated to him.

Popular trust in Saint Joseph is seen in the expression “*Go to Joseph*”, which evokes the famine in Egypt, when the Egyptians begged Pharaoh for bread. He in turn replied: “Go to Joseph; what he says to you, do” (*Gen 41:55*). Pharaoh was referring to Joseph the son of Jacob, who was sold into slavery because of the jealousy of his brothers (cf. *Gen 37:11-28*) and who – according to the biblical account – subsequently became viceroy of Egypt (cf. *Gen 41:41-44*).

As a descendant of David (cf. *Mt 1:16-20*), from whose stock Jesus was to spring according to the promise made to David by the prophet Nathan (cf. *2 Sam 7*), and as the spouse of Mary of Nazareth, Saint Joseph stands at the crossroads between the Old and New Testaments.

## 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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