

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, Mar 6	-	\$236.00
Sunday, Mar 7	-	\$944.00
Mail-In	-	\$305.00
Total Collection	-	\$1,485.00

Eparchial Charities YTD - \$1,360.00

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).

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.

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Week 11 - Week 13

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Mar 13 - Mar 28, 2021

Healing of the Paralytic



The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint Mark 2:1-12

When Jesus returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door; and he was speaking the word to them.

Then some people came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, 'Son, your sins are forgiven.'

Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, 'Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?' At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were discussing these questions among themselves; and he said to them, 'Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, "Your sins are forgiven", or to say, "Stand up and take your mat and walk"? But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins' he said to the paralytic 'I say to you, stand up, take your mat and go to your home.' And he stood up, and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, 'We have never seen anything like this!'

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

Saturday, Mar 13 - 5:00 PM - JOYCE BOULOS by Mr. & Mrs. John Thomas
Sunday, Mar 14 - 10:00 AM MELHEM MELHEM by Deacon Anthony, Cheffie & Anthony Koury, Jr.

Tuesday	Mar 16	9:00AM	SISTER LILLIAN ISKANDER by Fr. Youssef
Wednesday	Mar 17	9:00 AM	PATRICE BAURKOT by the Hon. Judge & Mrs. Robert Ellwood
Thursday	Mar 18	7:00 PM	ST. JOSEPH FEAST DAY - VIGIL MASS
Friday	Mar 19	9:00 AM 7:00 PM	JOSEPHINE SYMIA by Marlene Bedway STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND BENEDICTION

Stations of the Cross will be live-streamed on Facebook

*****Healing of the Blind Man****

Saturday, March 20 - 5:00 PM CATHERINE MELAN (Birthday Remembrance) by the Family
Sunday, March 21 - 10:00 AM SONYA SHAHEEN by Michael Shaheen

Tuesday	Mar 23	9:00AM	SISTER MARTE JARJOU by Fr. Youssef
Wednesday	Mar 24	7:00 PM	THE ANNUNCIATION TO THE VIRGIN MARY - VIGIL MASS JENNIE MELHEM by Kate Kollet
Thursday	Mar 25	9:00 AM	MARY JABBOUR by Marlene Bedway
Friday	Mar 26	9:00 AM 7:00 PM	MARY SHUMAR by Elizabeth Bubba STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND BENEDICTION

*****Hosanna Sunday (Palm Sunday)****

Saturday, Mar 27 - 5:00 PM Available
Sunday, Mar 28 - 10:00 AM FOR ALL THE CHILDREN OF THE PARISH by Fr. Youssef

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

Healing of the Blind Man
2 Cor 10:1-7 / Mk 10:46-52

Hosanna Sunday
Phil 1:1-13 / Jn 12:12-22



CONDOLENCES

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of

BERLIN KASSIS

Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

LETTER FROM THE PARISH FINANCIAL COMMITTEE

Dear Fellow Parishioners:

As I am sure you can appreciate, 2020 was a challenging financial year for the parish. Annual Revenue fell by over \$300,000 from \$537,559 in 2019 to \$189,314 in 2020 primarily because of lost revenue from major fund-raising activities such as Bingo and Heritage Day. The church operated at a net loss of \$107,320 as the cash balance in the church bank accounts at year end was reduced to \$647,444 from the \$754,764 balance at the close of 2019.

Despite the decrease in revenue, the parish maintained programs throughout the year without interruption or cutbacks such as Catholic education subsidies and other activities. Continued financial support through parishioner donations has been essential during this difficult year. As we are anticipating a number of maintenance projects for the church, hall and parking lot that will require significant attention, your continued generosity will be critical during these uncertain times.

Copies of the 2020 Profit & Loss Statement will be made available at the church during upcoming services. Parishioners may also receive an electronic copy upon email request to the church at ololchurch@yahoo.com.

The Finance Committee would also like to thank Ferris Koorie for his tireless efforts in preparing the church's annual financial reports.

If you have any questions regarding the parish financials, please feel free to contact a Parish Finance Committee member via email below.

Thank you.

Parish Finance Committee

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Marta Gabriel - martag73@yahoo.com

Jody Piagesi - jodyop@gmail.com



SANCTUARY CANDLE SPONSORSHIP



Please contact Fr. Youssef or the rectory if you would like to sponsor the Sanctuary Candle for a week, a month or a full year in memory of a loved one or for a special intention.

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.