

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 27	-	\$593.00
Sunday, Feb 28	-	\$768.00
Mail-In	-	\$470.00
Online Giving - Feb	-	\$1,000.00
Total Collection	-	\$2,831.00
Eparchial Charities YTD	-	\$713.00

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.

Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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Easton, PA 18042
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Week 10 - Week 12 Email: abouna@ololeaston.org website: ololeaston.org Mar 6 - Mar 21, 2021

Parable of the Prodigal Son



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."

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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*****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 EL-KHOURY & HAMEME LICHAA (Memorial Mass)
 by Mr. & Mrs. Boutros Khoury & Family

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

Stations of the Cross will be live-streamed on Facebook

*****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

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

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

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

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



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>



Online Maronite Enrichment Days
Guest Speaker: Rodrigue Constantin
Passions, Virtue, and Moral Growth
in John of Apamea's Dialogues on the Soul
April 15, 22, and 29, 2021
Schedule

	Thursday, April 15, 2021	Thursday, April 22, 2021	Thursday, April 29, 2021
11:00 am – 12:30 pm Eastern Time	1 st Talk	2 nd Talk	3 rd Talk
	The Diseases of the Soul	Psychology, Therapy, and Moral Growth	The Three Levels of Moral Growth

To Register, Visit: <https://thehiddenpearl.org/maronite-enrichment-days>

Until 2022

Save the Date: April 26-28, 2022
 At the Maronite Seminary



**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.

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.

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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