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THE EPIPHANY - INTO JUNE

Celebration of the Feast of St. Maron & Sunday of the Entrance into Lent February 11th, 2024

Sun., Feb. 11	Celebration of the Feast of St. Maron & Sunday of the Entrance into Lent / St. Charalampus 9 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners 11:30 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners	
Mon., Feb. 12	7:30 pm Liturgy of the Blessing and Imposition of Ashes St. Meletius of Antioch	
Tues., Feb. 13	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Catherine of Ricci / St. Beatrice of Ornacieux	
Wed., Feb. 14	10 am Divine Liturgy Sts. Cyril & Methodius / St. Valentine the Priest	
Thurs., Feb. 15	10 am Divine Liturgy Sts. Faustinus & Jovita	
Fri., Feb. 16	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Theodore the Soldier	
Sat., Feb. 17	10 am Divine Liturgy for Massoud Vahdat St. Agapitus, Bishop Synnada	by Mrs. Salma Vahdat
Sun., Feb. 18	Sunday of the Healing of the Leper / Pope St. Leo the Great 9 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners 11:30 am for Josian Joe Saikali	by Mr. & Mrs. Wadih Saikali

January 2024 Financial Standing

Ordinary Income

- ◆ Collections on Sundays & Holy Days: **\$17,044.00**
- ◆ Cathedral Stipends from Marriages & Funerals, Hall Rent, Candles, Breakfast, Luncheon, Raffle, Dues, Religious Education, Flowers **\$59,816.50**

Total Ordinary Income: \$76,860.50

Ordinary Expenses

- ◆ Payroll, Gas, Electricity, Building Insurance and Medical Insurance, Leasing Equipment, TV, Phone, Internet, Supplies for Church, Hall & Office, Postage, Regular Maintenance, Charity, Eparchial Appeal, Insurance....**\$25,028.00**

Total Ordinary Expenses: \$25,028.00

Total Ordinary Income vs Expenses: \$51,832.50

Do you know? A couple of basic monthly expenses:

The Monthly Eparchial Assessment & Bishop's Appeal has increased from \$2,125 to \$2,670 a month starting January 2024.

The Cathedral's Building Insurance increased 14.3% in 2023, and we paid \$46,122 for the year. It has gone up another 11% in 2024, so we pay \$51,195. The Cathedral monthly building insurance is now \$4,266.25

**Thank you for your contribution
in helping maintain the Church
and in planning different activities**

HELP LEBANON!



BY CHECK:

Make your donation to Lebanon by sending a check to the Eparchy of St. Maron of Brooklyn and in the memo designate your charity either to Caritas, Lebanon, Saint Vincent de Paul or The Franciscan Sisters of the Holy Cross.

ONLINE:

You may also donate online by clicking [here](#).

FAMILY-TO-FAMILY HELP THROUGH CARITAS LEBANON

In coordination with Caritas Lebanon, a family in the United States is now able to sponsor a family in Lebanon. The sponsorship varies from \$50 to \$100 per month depending on the size and the need of the family.

Please click [here](#) to sponsor a family.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Confraternity & Knights Meeting

This Sunday, February 11th, the Confraternity will meet in the Chapel and the Knights will meet in the rectory after the 11:30 am Divine Liturgy.

Letter for Annual Donations

Parishioners who for tax purposes would like a letter stating their annual contribution, please email cathrectory@verizon.net or call the rectory at 718-624-7228.

MYO Bible Study

The MYO will meet on Saturday, February 10th, for bible study in preparation for the Season of Great Lent. The day begins with the Divine Liturgy at 10 am and is followed by a discussion and different activities.

Ash Monday

The Liturgy of the Blessing and Imposition of Ashes on the forehead will be held on Monday, February 12th, at 7:30 pm.

Promoting Vocations

The Eparchy is trying to bring more awareness to the different vocations in life: priesthood, consecrated life, diaconate, married life and generous single life. For this reason, an icon of the Holy Family along with a prayer will be given to a different family each week for prayer every night so God may guide us to discern and promote the various vocations. Please see Fr. Chuck to be put on the list.

Stations and Benediction of the Cross

Every Friday of Lent beginning Friday, February 16th, at 7:30 pm, we will pray the Stations and Benediction of the Cross. The service will be followed by a Lenten supper.

Catholic Relief Services Lenten Rice Bowl

Join our faith community and more than 12,000 Catholic communities across the United States in a life-changing Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's Rice Bowl in the vestibule of the Cathedral. During the 40 days of Lent, let us reflect on how hunger and malnutrition affect our human family, and on the need to take action to end this global injustice. Click [here](#) to learn more.

The 2024 Eparchial Lenten Appeal

A second collection for the Eparchial Charities Appeal will be taken up every Sunday during the Season of Great Lent. We are asked to raise \$8,000 to participate in this awesome mission of the Eparchy. Thank you for your generosity.

Palm Sunday Celebration

Children ages 3 to 12 are encouraged to participate in the Palm Sunday celebration by reading, by processing with the gifts and through other activities during the 11:30 am Divine Liturgy. Please see Leila Vogl to register.

Knights Easter Raffle

The Knights are sponsoring an Easter Raffle. Tickets are available from Edgard Abi Daher, William Abou Chrouh, Roger Shammass and Georges El Hage. The drawing will take place on Sunday, April 16th, after the 11:30 Divine Liturgy.

Traditional Fasting & Abstinence Observance

Those who wish to observe the traditional Maronite practice of fasting and abstinence are invited to follow this practice. According to the Synod of Mount Lebanon of 1736, every weekday of Lent (Monday through Friday) is a day of fasting and abstinence from meat and dairy products (eggs, butter, milk, etc.). Fasting involves eating and drinking nothing at all (except water and medicine) from midnight until noon. The rest of the day, normal meals can be taken but without meat or dairy products. Saturdays and Sundays are exempt from fasting and abstaining as are the following feast days: St. Maron on Feb. 9th if it falls during Lent, the 40 Martyrs on March 9th and St. Joseph on March 19th.

St. Joseph Breakfast

The Knights will be sponsoring a breakfast in honor of St. Joseph on March 17th after the 11:30 am Divine Liturgy. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$30 a person.

Pre-Order Maamoul

Families may pre-order their maamoul today. The Confraternity will do a baking session a week or two before Easter, so the maamoul will be fresh for the celebration.

Interested in Joining the Choir?

The choir of the Cathedral would like to welcome anyone interested in joining them to praise the Lord in a more dedicated way. We are also looking for someone who knows the Maronite music to play the organ. Members of the Choir meet on Zoom every Wednesday to plan for Sunday. Please make sure to see Christiane Merhej after the 11:30 Divine Liturgy if you would like to join.

MARONITE ENRICHMENT DAYS

AT THE MARONITE SEMINARY

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2024

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10



LECTURE 1

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

LETTERS TRAVELING INTO SYRIAC



MARONITE SEMINARY CHAMBER CHOIR

1:00 PM - 1:30 PM



LECTURE 2

1:30 PM - 3:00 PM

DISILLUSIONED IN CONSTANTINOPLE



LECTURE 3

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

THE HOLY PLACE IN THE DESERT




LECTURE 4


1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

A NEW SYRIAC LIBRARY FOR THE LEARNED SOLITARY

THURSDAY, APRIL 11



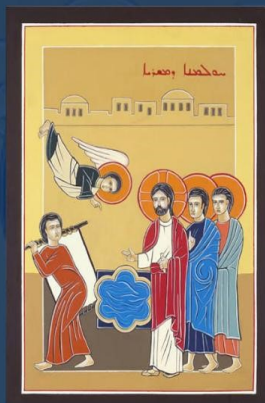
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Lenten Scripture Sharing: Faith, Mercy, Healing



Dive deeper into the Maronite Gospels for the Sundays of Great Lent presented by the Maronite Servants of Christ the Light and guest contributors.

We welcome you to join us live as we highlight spiritual lessons from each Gospel. Participants will also have an opportunity to share their insights as well. Thursdays at 8:00pm EST

FEBRUARY 22: HEALING OF THE
HEMORRHAGING WOMAN

FEBRUARY 29: PARABLE OF THE
PRODIGAL SON

MARCH 7: HEALING OF THE PARALYTIC

MARCH 14: HEALING OF THE BLIND MAN

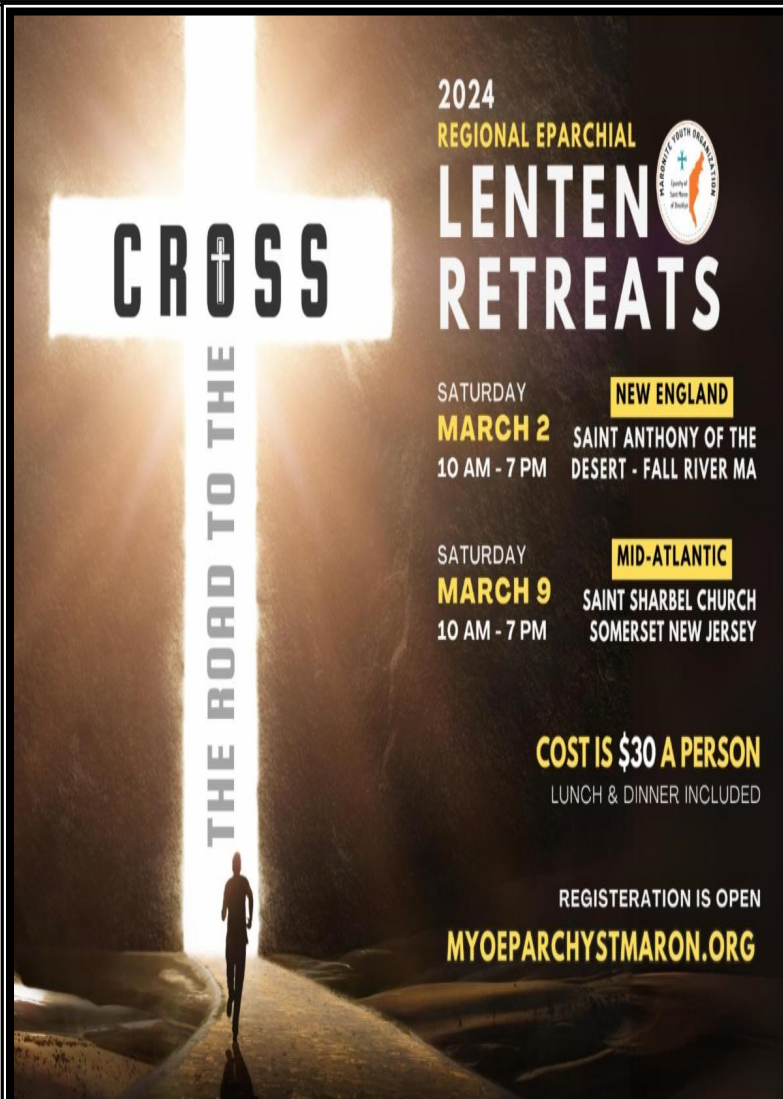
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2024
REGIONAL EPARCHIAL
**LENTEN
RETREATS**



SATURDAY
MARCH 2
10 AM - 7 PM

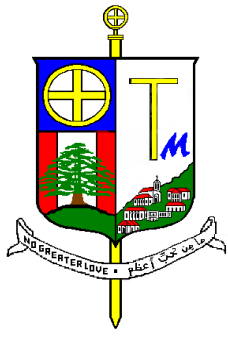
NEW ENGLAND
SAINT ANTHONY OF THE
DESERT - FALL RIVER MA

SATURDAY
MARCH 9
10 AM - 7 PM

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Lent 2024

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

If you believe in Jesus Christ, sacrifice always has meaning. It leads to something, just as the Cross led to the Resurrection. Life is not about being comfortable but about answering God's call to us. Our response makes our lives "worth living," as Archbishop Fulton Sheen used to say.

During this season of sacrifice, please consider making a sacrificial gift for this year's Annual Lenten Appeal for the Eparchy of Saint Maron. There are so many people suffering here and around the world (especially in Lebanon) who can be helped by our prayers, fasting and almsgiving. The Eparchy can be part of your Lenten sacrifice, as we rely upon your generosity to serve the faithful in the Eparchy and the Middle East.

Your gift to this year's Annual Lenten Appeal will support:



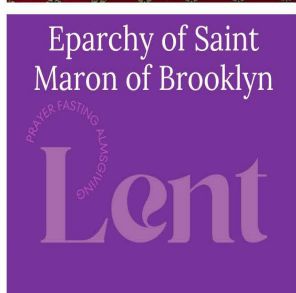
Seminarians: We currently have three excellent men preparing for the priesthood. Our seminarians are our future; we need to educate them well so that they can minister effectively as priests someday. The costs of Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Seminary are about \$450,000 per year. **40% of your contribution to this year's Annual Appeal will go for Seminarians.**

Ministries: Our outreach to young people, the elderly, families, and in defense of life from conception to natural death, helps people at the most crucial times in their lives. You can ensure that the Eparchy continues this important work. **20% of your contribution will go to support Ministries.**

Retired Priests: The Eparchy's 17 retired priests served the faithful well. We help them with a modest pension each month. **20% of your contribution will support Retired Priests.**

Help for Lebanon and the Middle East: The Eparchy has provided an unprecedented amount of support to help in Lebanon and the Middle East over the past few years. We can never forget the homeland of our Maronite Church. **10% of your contribution will support Christians in Lebanon and the Middle East.**

Endowment: The Eparchy's Endowment Fund supports today's needs and ensures the Eparchy will have resources in the future. **10% of your contribution will be deposited into the Eparchy's Endowment.**



Please open your heart once again and make a gift. Your participation in this Appeal impacts the lives of many people, both inside the Eparchy, and in the Middle East. Any gift will be appreciated. Please visit <http://www.stmaron.org/lenten-appeal> for more information.

Thank you, and may God bless you for your generosity! I wish you a blessed Lent and Easter.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

+ Gregory

+ 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.

Sunday Readings

قراءات الأحد

Feast of St. Maron

عيد مار مارون

The Second Letter to Timothy 3:10-17

You have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, and my suffering the things that happened to me in Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra. What persecutions I endured! Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them. Indeed, all who want to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. But wicked people and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving others and being deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

The Gospel according to Saint John 12:23-30

Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour. 'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say "Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine.

رسالة القديس بولس الثانية إلى تيموثاوس 3:10-17
يا إخوتي، لقد تبعت تعليمي، وسيرتي، وقصدي، وإيماني، وأتاني، ومحبتني، وثباتي، وأضطهاداتي، وآلامي، كالتّي أصابتنّي في أنطاكية وإيقونية ولسترة، وأيّ اضطهاداتٍ أحتملتُ! ومن جميعها نجاني الربّ! فجميع الذين يريدون أن يحيوا بالقوى في المسيح يسوع يضطهدون.
أما الناس الأشرار والمشعوذون فإنهم يتمادون في الشرّ، مضللّين الآخرين وهم أنفسهم مضللّون.
أما أنت فأنبئت على ما تعلمته وأيقنته، عارفاً ممّن تعلمته، وأنتك منذ الطفولة تعرف الكتب المقدسة القادرة أن تصيرك حكيماً في سبيل الخلاص بالإيمان في المسيح يسوع.
فالكتاب كلّهُ إيماناً بالله الهمة، وهو مفيدٌ للتعليم، والتوبيخ، والتقويم، والتأديب في البرّ، ليكون رجُلُ الله كاملاً، مُعدّاً لكلّ عملٍ صالحٍ.

إنجيل القديس يوحنا 12:23-30

قال الربّ يسوع: «لقد حانت الساعة لكي يمجدَ ابنُ الإنسان.
الحقّ أقول لكم: إنّ حبة الجبّة، إنّ لم تقع في الأرض وتمت، تبقى واحدة. وإن ماتت تأتي بثمر كثير. من يحب نفسه يفقدها، ومن يبغضها في هذا العالم يحفظها لحياة أبدية.
من يخدمني فليتبغني. وحيث أكون أنا، فهناك يكون أيضاً خادمي. من يخدمني يكرّمه الأب.
نفسي الآن مضطربة، فماذا أقول؟ يا أبت، نجني من هذه الساعة؟ ولكن من أجل هذا بلغت إلى هذه الساعة! يا أبت، مجدّ اسمك. «فجاء صوت من السماء يقول: «قدّ مجدّت، وسامجد.»
وسمع الجمع الحاضر فقالوا: «إنّه رعد. «وقال آخرون: «إنّ ملاكاً خاطبهُ.»
أجاب يسوع وقال: «ما كان هذا الصوت من أجلي، بل من أجلكم.

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