

SAINT ANTHONY

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26 March 2023

Healing of the Blind Man



SUNDAY READINGS

Epistle - 2 Corinthians 10:1-7

1 Now I myself, Paul, urge you through the gentleness and clemency of Christ, I who am humble when face to face with you, but brave toward you when absent, 2 I beg you that, when present, I may not have to be brave with that confidence with which I intend to act boldly against some who consider us as acting according to the flesh. 3 For, although we are in the flesh, we do not battle according to the flesh, 4 for the weapons of our battle are not of flesh but are enormously powerful, capable of destroying fortresses. We destroy arguments 5 and every pretension raising itself against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive in obedience to Christ, 6 and we are ready to punish every disobedience, once your obedience is complete. 7 Look at what confronts you. Whoever is confident of belonging to Christ should consider that as he belongs to Christ, so do we.

Gospel - Mark 10:46-52

46 They came to Jericho. And as he was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a sizable crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind man, the son of Timaeus, sat by the roadside begging. 47 On hearing that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me." 48 And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he kept calling out all the more, "Son of David, have pity on me." 49 Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." So they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take courage; get up, he is calling you." 50 He threw aside his cloak, sprang up, and came to Jesus. 51 Jesus said to him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see." 52 Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way.

PARISH LIFE

Safro (Morning Prayer)

Monday—Friday - 7:30am

Eucharistic Adoration

Friday —9:30am - 10:30am

Reconciliation

(Confession)

Saturday 9:30am - 10:15am

and by appointment

Baptism and Chrismation

Make arrangements as soon after birth as possible

Mystery of Crowning

Contact the pastor 6 months

Parish Calendar. Please see stanthonymaronitechurch.org for the parish calendar.

Liturgical Hours. Monday through Saturday 9:00 am daily Divine Liturgy in the chapel

Sunday 8:30 am and 11am Divine Liturgies

First Saturday of the Month. Marian devotions at 9:30 am.

St. Sharbel Devotions. Third Sunday of the month at 11:00 am Divine Liturgy

POINTS OF INTEREST

Palm Sunday Candles. Purchase decorated candles for Palm Sunday for your children. \$20 for a 15-inch candle (cash) to carry in procession. They will be sold after each liturgy this Sunday at the entrance to the church. See Claude Abou Harb 804-833-6148.

MYO Regional Retreat. We welcome Father Rodolph Wakim, pastor of St. Stephen Church in Charlotte, NC, as well as youth from Our Lady of Lebanon in Washington, DC and St. Sharbel Church in Raleigh, NC to our Youth Regional Retreat this weekend, 24 - 26 March. Father Rodolph will be our guest speaker on "The Mysteries of the Eucharist."

Stations and Benediction of the Holy Cross will be at 6:30 pm, on each Friday of Lent. Confessions will be available at that time as well.

Lenten Appeal. The annual Lenten Appeal for the Eparchy of Saint Maron is an opportunity to support the formation of priests and the support of the retired priests who have served in our parishes as well as the other work of our Eparchy. The material is being sent in the mail. Please be generous.

Cooking for the Festival. We need volunteers on Tuesdays from 9:30 am to 3:30 and on Thursday evenings from 4:00 to 8:00 pm. Even an hour or two makes a difference!

Sweets Sale. Place your order for Lebanese sweets online or make a donation by today. All proceeds go to Lebanon. Pick up your sweets next week, 2 April, from 9:30 to 12:30 in the hall. Please use cash or checks made out to St. Anthony.

Easter Flowers. If you would like to donate Easter Flowers, please complete the form by today, Sunday, 26 March. <https://forms.gle/T2JcNMgTnMZd9KHF7>

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Tuesday, 28 March at 9:30 am. Festival Cooking

Thursday, 30 March at 4 pm. Festival Cooking, Dancing practice begins at 6 pm.

Friday, 31 March at 6:30 pm. Stations and Benediction of the Holy Cross

Tuesday, 28 March at 7 pm. Pastoral Council Meeting by Zoom.

Saturday, 1 April at 9:30 am. Marian Devotions

MARONITE CHRISTIAN FORMATION

24-26 March Youth Regional Retreat

26 March Preschool–Sixth Grades. Seventh through Twelfth in Regional Retreat

2 April
Free for Easter and Palm Sunday

9 April

16 April All Students

23 April Preschool–Seventh Grades

LITURGY SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Sunday, 26 March Healing of the Blind Man, St. Gabriel the Archangel

8:30 (Father John)

In memory of Harry Shaia, Jr., requested by George and Dean Shaheen
For the intention of all family members, requested by Harry Shaia, Jr.

11:00 (Father Peter)

In memory of Norma and John Nadder, Sr., requested by Teresa and John Nadder, Jr.
In memory of Evelyn Joyce Mazloom, requested by Sam & Evelyn Avampato
In memory of Joyce Beasley, requested by Nicole Beasley

Monday, 27 March St. Matrona of Thessalonica

In memory of Evelyn Joyce Mazloom, requested by Mr. and Mrs. S.H. Habib

Tuesday, 28 March St. Philetus and His Wife St. Lydia, and Their Children

In memory of Harry Shaia, Jr., requested by Ann and Anthony Asher

Wednesday, 29 March St. Cyril of Baalbek

In memory of Zackia Shaia, requested by Harry Shaia, Jr.

Thursday, 30 March St. John Climacus

In memory of all family members, requested by Harry Shaia, Jr.

Friday, 31 March Temptation of Jesus in the Wilderness, Pope St. Lucius I

In memory of all family members, requested by Harry Shaia, Jr.

Saturday 1 April St. Mary of Egypt

In memory of Harry Shaia, Jr., requested by Joe and Cathy George

Sunday, 2 April Hosanna (Palm) Sunday, St. Aphian and His Brother St. Aedesius

8:30 (Father Peter)

In memory of Evelyn Joyce Mazloom, requested by Mr. and Mrs. John Smolock and family
In memory of Harry Shaia, Jr., requested by Joe and Gloria Nadder

11:00 (Father John)

In memory of Gina Loehr, Joseph and Julia Shaar and deceased family members, requested by Regina Shaar Loehr
In memory of Christopher, Trina Beasley and Victoria Beasley Bailey, requested by Faith Koenig Hendricks

USHERS SCHEDULE

Dates	8:30 Divine Liturgy	11:00 Divine Liturgy
26 Mar	Andy Shulleeta, William Shulleeta Frank Greco, Marshal Stephenson	Bill Maust, John Saad, Alex Fabiato
2 Apr	Danny Shibley, Sr., Anthony Shibley Dennis Shibley, Joseph Shibley, Jr., Stephen Shibley, Jr.	Peter George, Duane Peppel, Daniel Dailey

LECTORS SCHEDULE

Dates	8:30 Divine Liturgy	11:00 Divine Liturgy
26 Mar	Hannah Roberts	Leo Maynes
2 Apr	Denise Maurer	Sam LaNeave
8 Apr	Easter Vigil 6:30pm	Sam LaNeave
9 Apr	Easter Sunday 10am	Leo Maynes

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

Dates	8:30 Divine Liturgy	11:00 Divine Liturgy
26 Mar	Nicholas Edwards, Tobias Edwards, Stephen Shibley, Zachary Shulleeta	Wyatt Savage, Patrick Savage, Luke Salloum
2 Apr	Eli Walton, Jacob Walton, Ross Craig, Jack Craig, Wilby Craig	Julian Chaoul, Joseph Chaoul, Sami Sakr, Matthew Habboush
6 Apr	Holy Thursday 6:30pm	Mark El-oukaili, Malek El-oukaili, Luke Saloum, George Oley
8 Apr	Easter Vigil 6:30pm	Eli Walton, Jacob Walton, Stephen Shibley, Zachary Shulleeta
9 Apr	Easter Sunday 10am	Thomas Shaia, Joseph Chaoul, Nicholas Edwards, Tobias Edwards

COLLECTION COUNTERS SCHEDULE

March: John Zeheb & John Nadder
April: David Walton & Paul Shibley
May: Joe George & Anthony Shibley

STEWARDSHIP

19 March 2023

Collections: \$2023 Lenten Appeal: \$325 Easter Flowers: \$275
Contributions: \$1920 Bake Sale Contributions: \$600
Memorials for Scholarship Fund - Harry and Margaret Shaia: \$425

Thank you for your generosity! Please, when you make a contribution to the parish, indicate your envelope number so that we can accurately give you credit. You may want to donate through the parish website StAnthonyMaroniteChurch.org which also provides for automatic giving. Make it easy on yourself.

Lenten Observances 2023

The Most Reverend Bishops Gregory J. Mansour and A. Elias Zaidan have issued the following Lenten guidelines for the Maronites of the United States.

+ All Maronites who are physically capable are to abstain from meat on Ash Monday (19 February 2023) and all Fridays of Lent.

+ Ash Monday and the Great Friday of the Crucifixion (7 April 2023) are also days of fasting. Fasting in the Maronite Church 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. All Maronites who are physically capable should fast on these two days.

Distribution of Ashes

All parish priests are to bless and distribute ashes on Ash Monday during the celebration of the Divine Liturgy as indicated in our liturgical books. This ceremony may not be celebrated on the vigil of Ash Monday (Cana Sunday). For the convenience of some faithful of the Latin Church who may come to Mass at a Maronite Church on their Ash Wednesday, ashes that were blessed on Monday may be given to them after the Mass. However, ashes are not to be blessed again on this day.

Lenten Services

All parish priests are to celebrate the Benediction with the Cross every Friday of Lent except for the Great Friday of the Crucifixion. This service may be preceded by Evening Prayer (*Ramsho*), Stations of the Cross, or even the Divine Liturgy. Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament should not take place on the Fridays of Lent.

Traditional Fasting Discipline

Clergy, religious and laity who wish to observe the more traditional Maronite practice of fasting and abstinence are encouraged to do so. That practice is summarized in the following, taken from the Synod of Mt. Lebanon (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. Dairy products are excluded because they are animal byproducts. Saturdays and Sundays are exempt from fasting and abstaining, as are the following feast days: The 40 Martyrs - 9 March, St. Joseph - 19 March, and the Annunciation- 25 March.

2023 HOLY WEEK LITURGY SCHEDULE

SUN APRIL 2
8:30 am: Fr. Peter
11 am: Fr. John

HOSANNA SUNDAY
Divine Liturgy, Blessing of Palms
Divine Liturgy, Blessing of Palms

MON APRIL 3
8:30 am
9 am: Fr. Peter
6:30 pm: Fr. Peter

MONDAY OF PASSION WEEK
Morning Prayer
Divine Liturgy
Service of the Coming to the Harbor

TUE APRIL 4
8:30 am
9 am: Fr. John
6:30 pm: Fr. John

TUESDAY OF PASSION WEEK
Morning Prayer
Divine Liturgy
Service of the Coming to the Harbor

WED APRIL 5
8:30 am
9 am: Fr. Peter
6:30 pm: Fr. Peter

WEDNESDAY OF PASSION WEEK/JOB
Morning Prayer
Divine Liturgy
Rite of the Lamp and Anointing of the Sick

THU APRIL 6
9 am
6:30 pm: Fr. John
8-10 pm: Fr. Peter

THURSDAY OF THE MYSTERIES
No Divine Liturgy
Divine Liturgy
Benediction and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

FRI APRIL 7
9 am: Fr. Peter
6:30 pm: Fr. Peter

GREAT FRIDAY OF THE CRUCIFIXION
Anaphora of the Signing of the Chalice
Adoration of the Cross

SAT APRIL 8
9 am: Fr. John

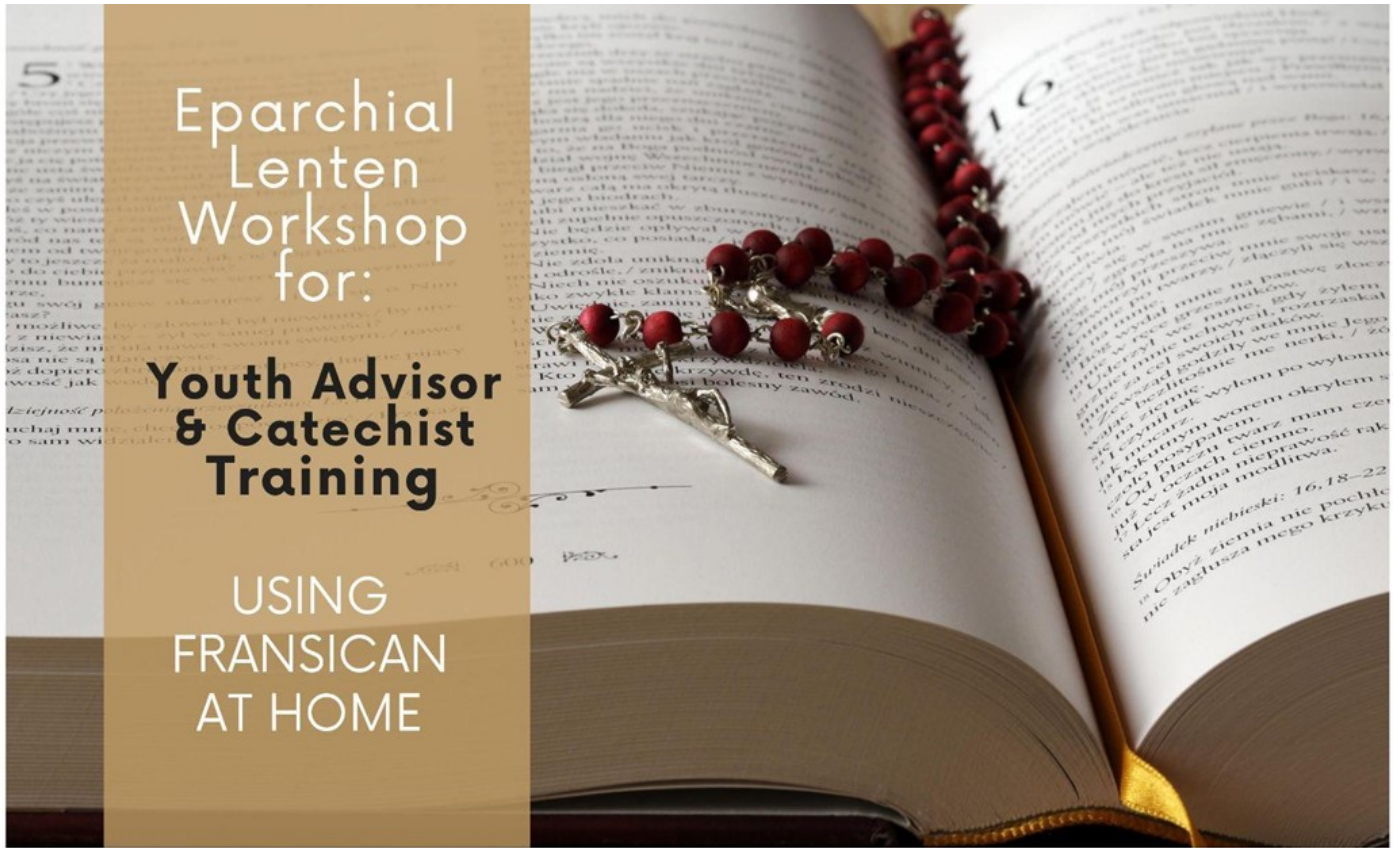
GREAT SATURDAY OF THE LIGHT
Prayer of Forgiveness and Confessions

SAT APRIL 8
6:30 pm: Fr. Peter

GLORIOUS FEAST OF THE RESURRECTION
Divine Liturgy and Rite of Peace

SUN APRIL 9
10 am: Fr. John

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Divine Liturgy and Rite of Peace



Eparchial
Lenten
Workshop
for:

**Youth Advisor
& Catechist
Training**

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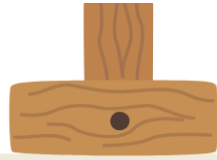
PERSONAL SPIRITUALITY & THE CALL TO HOLINESS

Are you seeking to go deeper into your call to holiness and how to be a more effective catechist or youth advisor?

Join us for a group workshop & sharing

Tuesdays March 7, 14, 21, 28	Via ZOOM 8-9pm EST
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[CLICK HERE](#) FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER



MARONITE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP


Join us for a Wine and Cheese

Art Party

We will be painting, "The Sacred Heart of Jesus"

SUNDAY, APRIL 23
12:00PM

Bring your favorite dish to share
we will provide wine and cheese!



To ensure we have
enough supplies we
will provide a sign
up sheet in the
vestibule

MARONITE FORMATION PROGRAM WINTER/SPRING 2023

Sunday	Jan. 8	ALL students	9:30 am
Sunday	Mar. 5	Pre-S – 8 th Parent First Communion Class	9:30 am 9:30 am
Sunday	Mar. 12	ALL Students	9:30 am
Sunday	Mar. 19	Pre-S – 8 th	9:30 am
Sunday	Mar. 26	Pre-S – 6 th 7th-12th grades—LifeTeen Youth Regional Retreat	9:30 am 9:30 - 11:30 am
Sunday	Apr. 2, 9	Palm Sunday, Easter	
Sunday	Apr. 16	ALL Students	9:30 am
Sunday	April 23	Pre-S – 8 th	9:30 am
Sunday	April 30	Pre-S – 6 th 7th-12th grades—LifeTeen May Procession	9:30 am 9:30 - 11:30 am 12 noon
Tuesday	May 2	First Communion Practice	6:30 pm
Sunday	May 7	First Communion	11:00 am

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