

SAINT ANTHONY

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19 March 2023
Saint Joseph the Spouse of Mary



SUNDAY READINGS

Epistle - Ephesians 3:1-13

For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles— 2 assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, 3 how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. 4 When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, 5 which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. 6 This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

7 Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power. 8 To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, 9 and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things, 10 so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. 11 This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, 12 in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him. 13 So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory.

Gospel - Matthew 1:18-25

18 This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about[a]: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. 19 Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

20 But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: 23 "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us").

24 When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. 25 But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

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

Congratulations! We congratulate Talal, Heba, Malek, and Mark El Oukaili who were baptized and chrismated on 11 March . May their journey of faith and life be filled with abundant blessings.

Festival Dancing begins Thursday, 16 March at 6 pm. Contact Pam Gray for more information: 804-467-6524.

Acolyte Meeting at 9:30 in the church. The altar servers will meet in the church during MCF classes for training.

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!

Food Drive. Commonwealth Catholic Charities is in desperate need of non-perishable goods for their food pantry. Please bring in items by 19 March and place them in the box in the vestibule.

Sweets Sale. Place your order for Lebanese sweets online or make a donation by 26 March. All proceeds go to Lebanon.

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

POINTS OF INTEREST continued

Finance Council. We are indebted to **John Zeheb** for his decades of generous and skillful leadership of the Finance Council. As I have said on several occasions, I did not worry about the parish finances, because I knew that John did. However, John has asked to be relieved of this responsibility. Because of some corporate issues related to the scholarship endowment fund, John will retain his title as Chair until 31 December 2023, but will no longer be responsible for the leadership of the Finance Council.

After much consultation, consideration and prayer, I have asked **Paul Shibley** to serve as Acting Chair of the Finance Council. On 1 January 2024, he will automatically transition into the title of Chair. Paul is someone we all know and trust.

To assist Paul and the Finance Council with the accounting functions, I have asked **Charles Blati**, who is already a member of the Finance Council, to serve as Parish Accountant. His education and years of experience make him ideal for this responsibility.

Chris Yago, Jr. and Andrew Condlin will continue to serve as members of the Council. They provided a great service to the parish in the Sadler Road negotiations.

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Saturday, 18 March at 11 am. Liturgy Committee Meeting

Sunday, 19 March at 9:30 am. Acolyte Meeting in the church

Tuesday, 21, March at 9:30 am. Festival Cooking

Thursday, 23 March at 4 pm. Festival Cooking. Dance practice begins at 6pm

Friday, 24 March at 6:30 pm. Stations and Benediction of the Holy Cross

Tuesday, 28 March at 7:00 pm. Pastoral Council Meeting by Zoom.

LITURGY SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Sunday, 19 March Feast of St. Joseph, Fifth Week of Lent

8:30 (Father John)

For the intentions of the Saad Family

In memory of Evelyn Joyce Mazloom, requested by Teresa and John Nadder

11:00 (Father Peter)

In memory of Gina Loehr, Joseph and Julia Shaar and deceased family members, requested by Reginia Shaar Loehr

In memory of Harry Shaia, Jr. (40 day remembrance), requested by his family.

Monday, 20 March St. Photina the Samaritan Woman

In memory of Evelyn Joyce Mazloom, requested by her children and grandchildren

Tuesday, 21 March St. Synesius, Bishop of Ptolemais

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

Wednesday, 22 March St. Sergius Paulus

For the intentions of Paul Hoa Minh Tran, requested by Anh Mai Tran

Thursday, 23 March St. Rafka

In memory of Evelyn Joyce Mazloom, requested by Evelyn Mazloom

Friday, 24 March St. Artemon, Bishop of Seleucia

In memory of Violet Herro, requested by her children

Saturday 25 March The Annunciation of the Virgin Mary

In memory of Samir & Warde' Abboud, requested by Katia Rustom

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

MARONITE CHRISTIAN FORMATION

- 19 Mar** Preschool - Seventh Grades, First Communion Parents meet in the hall.
24-26 Mar Youth Regional Retreat
26 Mar Preschool–Sixth Grades. Seventh through Twelfth in Regional Retreat
2 Apr 9 Apr Free for Easter and Palm Sunday

LECTORS SCHEDULE

Dates	8:30 Divine Liturgy	11:00 Divine Liturgy
19 Mar	John Saad	Denise Maurer
26 Mar	Hannah Roberts	Leo Maynes
2 Apr	Denise Maurer	Sam LaNeave

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

Dates	8:30 Divine Liturgy	11:00 Divine Liturgy
19 Mar	Grayson Funk, Christian Funk, Patrick Savage, Thomas Shaia	Julian Chaoul, Joseph Chaoul, Sami Sakr, Matthew Habboush
26 Mar	Nicholas Edwards, Tobias Edwards, Stephen Shibley, Zachary Shulleeta	Patrick Savage, Luke Salloum, Matthew Habboush
2 Apr	Eli Walton, Jacob Walton, Ross Craig, Jack Craig, Wilby Craig	Julian Chaoul, Joseph Chaoul, Sami Sakr, Matthew Habboush

COLLECTION COUNTERS SCHEDULE

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

STEWARDSHIP

12 March 2023

Collections: \$2978 Lenten Appeal: \$610
Contributions: \$300 Hall Rental: \$350
Easter Flowers: \$75 Memorial Contributions Katrina Slaughter: \$625
Memorials for Scholarship Fund - Harry and Margaret Shaia: \$575

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.

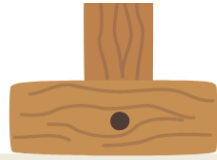
Lenten Services

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.



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





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 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 Parent First Communion Class	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 Easter Egg Party TBA	
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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