

# SAINT ANTHONY

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### Parable of the Prodigal Son 3 March 2024

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## SUNDAY READINGS

### Epistle - 2 Corinthians 13:5-13

5 Examine yourselves to see whether you are living in faith. Test yourselves. Do you not realize that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless, of course, you fail the test. 6 I hope you will discover that we have not failed. 7 But we pray to God that you may not do evil, not that we may appear to have passed the test but that you may do what is right, even though we may seem to have failed. 8 For we cannot do anything against the truth, but only for the truth. 9 For we rejoice when we are weak but you are strong. What we pray for is your improvement.

10 I am writing this while I am away, so that when I come I may not have to be severe in virtue of the authority that the Lord has given me to build up and not to tear down.

11 Finally, brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you. 12 Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the holy ones greet you.

13 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the holy Spirit be with all of you.

### Gospel - Luke 15:11-32

11 Then he said, "A man had two sons, 12 and the younger son said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of your estate that should come to me.' So the father divided the property between them. 13 After a few days, the younger son collected all his belongings and set off to a distant country where he squandered his inheritance on a life of dissipation. 14 When he had freely spent everything, a severe famine struck that country, and he found himself in dire need. 15 So he hired himself out to one of the local citizens who sent him to his farm to tend the swine. 16 And he longed to eat his fill of the pods on which the swine fed, but nobody gave him any. 17 Coming to his senses he thought, 'How many of my father's hired workers have more than enough food to eat, but here am I, dying from hunger. 18 I shall get up and go to my father and I shall say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. 19 I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers."' 20 So he got up and went back to his father. While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him. 21 His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' 22 But his father ordered his servants, 'Quickly bring the finest robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. 23 Take the fattened calf and slaughter it. Then let us celebrate with a feast, 24 because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and has been found.' Then the celebration began. 25 Now the older son had been out in the field and, on his way back, as he neared the house, he heard the sound of music and dancing. 26 He called one of the servants and asked what this might mean. 27 The servant said to him, 'Your brother has returned and your father has slaughtered the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.' 28 He became angry, and when he refused to enter the house, his father came out and pleaded with him. 29 He said to his father in reply, 'Look, all these years I served you and not once did I disobey your orders; yet you never gave me even a young goat to feast on with my friends. 30 But when your son returns who swallowed up your property with prostitutes, for him you slaughter the fattened calf.' 31 He said to him, 'My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. 32 But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.'"

## PARISH LIFE

**Safro (Morning Prayer)**  
Monday—Friday - 7:30am

**Reconciliation (Confession)**  
Saturday 9:30am - 10:15am  
and by appointment

**Baptism and Chrismation**  
Make arrangements as soon  
after birth as possible

**Eucharistic Adoration**  
Friday —9:30am - 10:30am

**Mystery of Crowning**  
Contact the pastor 6 months  
in advance

**Parish Calendar.** Please see [stanthonymaronitechurch.org](http://stanthonymaronitechurch.org) for the parish calendar.

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

Sunday 8:30am and 11am Divine Liturgies

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

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

## POINTS OF INTEREST

**Cooking for the Food Festival.** Volunteers are needed to cook on Tuesdays from 10 am to 3 pm and on Thursdays after 4 pm beginning 6 February.

**Stations and Benediction of the Cross.** Each Friday during Lent at 6:30 pm. Confessions are available during the service.

**MYA Elections.** MYA members (between the ages of 18 and 34) may vote in their elections that will take place this weekend. Please check your Flocknotes for a ballot.

**Set Your Clocks.** Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, 10, 2024. Spring Forward.

**Easter Bake Sale to Benefit Families in Lebanon.** Please support families struggling with the economic crisis. Deadline to order is 20 March. Pick up from the Social Hall from 9:30 to 12 pm on 24 March. Order at <https://forms.gle/7dfyirqEYEnuoixD8> (put this link into your browser).

**Parish Regional Retreat for the Maronite Youth Organization, 15 - 17 March.** Mark your calendars for teens 13 to 18 to attend our annual retreat. Sign up with Cathy George now.

**Maronite Women's Fellowship Communion Brunch.** All women of the parish are invited to join us in celebrating the Holy Eucharist on Sunday, 10 March during the 8:30 liturgy. After Liturgy, they will have brunch and activities in the social hall.

## MEETINGS AND EVENTS

**Sunday, 3 March MCF at 9:30 am.** All Students

**Monday, 4 March at 4 pm.** Serving the evening meal at the Salvation Army.

**Tuesday, 5 March from 10 am to 3 pm.** Food Festival Cooking

**Wednesday, 6 March.** Eucharistic Adoration and Prayers for Vocations beginning after morning liturgy to 7:15 pm.

**Thursday, 7 March after 4 pm.** Food Festival Cooking

**Friday, 8 March at 6:30.** Stations and Benediction of the Cross

**Sunday, 10 March MCF at 9:30 am.** Preschool - Eighth Grades

**Sunday, 10 March at 8:30 am.** Maronite Women's Fellowship Communion Liturgy and Brunch

## **LITURGY SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS**

**Sunday, 3 March Fourth Week of Lent, The Parable of the Prodigal Son, St. Thomas Aquinas**

**8:30 am (Father John )**

In memory of Rita and Charles Oley, their son, Paul, and deceased parents and siblings,  
requested by Theresa Hanzel

In memory of Harry Shaia, Jr., requested by Harry and Melissa Shaia

In memory of Connie Yesbeck, requested by George Yesbeck, Sr.

**11:00 am (Father Peter)**

In memory of Karina Simon Slaughter (one year anniversary), requested by the Simon Family

In memory of Bob Hendricks (10 year anniversary), requested by Faith Hendricks

**Monday, 4 March St. Paul and His Sister, St. Juliana**

In memory of Samir and Warde Abboud, requested by Katia Rustom

**Tuesday, 5 March St. Albert the Great**

**Wednesday, 6 March St. Conan of Isauria**

In memory of Bill Hailey (on his birthday), requested by his Family

**Thursday, 7 March The 7 Young Men of Ephesus**

For the intention of Kathy Cebrowski, requested by Barbara Belsky

**Friday, 8 March St. Frances of Rome**

**Saturday, 9 March The Forty Martyrs**

**Fifth Week of Lent, The Healing of the Paralytic, St. Auxentius**

**Saturday, 9 March (Liturgy in Arabic)**

**5:30 pm**

In memory of Harry, Margaret and Christopher Shaia, requested by Harry and Melissa Shaia

**Sunday, 10 March**

**8:30 am (Father Peter)**

In memory of Eleanor Washburn, requested by Teresa and John Nadder

In memory of Martha Ann Patrick, requested by Joe and Gloria Nadder

**11:00 am (Father John)**

In memory of Harry Shaia, Jr., requested by Harry and Melissa Shaia

In memory of Eleanor Joyce Mazloom, requested by Peter and Alison Mazloom

**There will be no Divine Liturgies Monday through Friday, 11-15 March.**

## USHERS SCHEDULE

Dates	8:30 Divine Liturgy	11:00 Divine Liturgy
3 Mar	Trey Shibley, Ed Shibley, Jr., Dave Howard, Joseph Fodill	Raymond Khoury, Milad Habboush, Freddy Fakher, Charbel Chaoul
10 Mar	Andy Shulleeta, William Shulleeta, Frank Greco, Marshall Stephenson	Bill Maust, John Saad, Alex Fabiato, Diana Yaqoo

## ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

Dates	8:30 Divine Liturgy	11:00 Divine Liturgy
3 Mar	Ross Craig, Jack Craig, Jacob Walton, Eli Walton, Lucas BouAbssi	Elie Stephan, Sami Sakr, George Choueifati, Luke Salloum
10 Mar	George Oley, Henry and Wilby Craig, Nolan Roberts	Matthew Habboush, Ghady Karam, Vincent Carr

## TRANSFER OF GIFTS

Dates	8:30 Divine Liturgy	11:00 Divine Liturgy
3 Mar	Coco Aboutanos, Hannah Roberts, Cooper Sheriff, Emily Carr, Stella Mclvor	Ashley Maust, Alyssa Maust, Magdalena Choueifati, Alexa Haddad
10 Mar	Madison Shibley, Anna Grace Shaia, Amina Howard, Rosie Boykin	Jenna Chaoul, Leeanne Siefke, Kylie Stephan, Romi Rustom

## LECTORS SCHEDULE

Dates	8:30 Divine Liturgy	11:00 Divine Liturgy
3 Mar	Denise Maurer	Mary Habboush
10 Mar	Margaret Gray	Leo Maynes

## STEWARDSHIP

**25 Feb 2024**  
Collections: \$2582  
Contributions: \$2725

## COLLECTION COUNTERS SCHEDULE

February: George Yesbeck  
March: John Zehab  
April: David Walton and Paul Shibley

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](http://stanthonymaronitechurch.org) which also provides for automatic giving. Make it easy on yourself.

## LENTEN OBSERVANCES 2024

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** (12 February 2024) and all **Fridays of Lent**.
- ✠ **Ash Monday** and the **Great Friday of the Crucifixion** (29 March 2024) 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.



## **All Women in the Parish**

Please join us in celebrating the Holy Eucharist on Sunday, 10 March, during the 8:30 Divine Liturgy. We will gather together and sit in the front of the church during liturgy, as Father will bestow a special blessing over us.

## *Communion Brunch*

**March 10th at 9:30am**

An Easter bonnet contest will ensue,  
along with a game of crack the egg.

Please come to unify the women of our Maronite faith in Christ.

**MARONITE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP**



**MARONITE CHRISTIAN FORMATION SCHEDULE**

Sunday	Jan. 28	Pre-S - 8 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am
Sunday	Feb. 4	ALL Students	9:30 am
Sunday	Feb. 11	Pre-S - 8 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am
Sunday	Feb. 18	Pre-S - 8 <sup>th</sup>	9 :30 am 9:30 - 11:30 am
Sunday	Feb. 25	All Students (Breakfast & Activities) <b>Parent First Communion Class</b>	9:30 am
Sunday	Mar. 3	All Students	9:30 am
Sunday	Mar.10	Pre-S - 8th	9:30 am
Sunday	Mar. 17	Pre-S - 6 <sup>th</sup> 7th-12th grades at the <b>Youth Regional Retreat 15th - 17th</b>	9:30 am 9:30 - 11:30 am
Sunday	Mar. 24 Palm Sunday, Mar. 31 Easter	Palm Sunday, Easter <b>Easter Egg Party TBA</b>	
Sunday	Apr. 7	PreS - 8th Parent First Communion Class	9:30 am
Sunday	Apr. 14	PreS - 6 <sup>th</sup> 7th-12th grades–LifeTeen	9:30 am 9:30 - 11:30 am
Sunday	April 21	ALL Students	9:30 am
Tuesday	April 23	First Communion Practice	6:30 pm
Sunday	April 28	<b>First Communion</b>	9:30 am



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