

# SAINT ANTHONY

## MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### Healing of the Paralytic 10 March 2024

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## **SUNDAY READINGS**

### **Epistle - 1 Timothy 5:24 - 6:5**

24 Some people's sins are public, preceding them to judgment; but other people are followed by their sins. 25 Similarly, good works are also public; and even those that are not cannot remain hidden.

6:1 Those who are under the yoke of slavery must regard their masters as worthy of full respect, so that the name of God and our teaching[b] may not suffer abuse. 2 Those whose masters are believers must not take advantage of them because they are brothers but must give better service because those who will profit from their work are believers and are beloved.

Teach and urge these things. 3 Whoever teaches something different and does not agree with the sound words of our Lord Jesus Christ and the religious teaching 4 is conceited, understanding nothing, and has a morbid disposition for arguments and verbal disputes. From these come envy, rivalry, insults, evil suspicions, 5 and mutual friction among people with corrupted minds, who are deprived of the truth, supposing religion to be a means of gain.

### **Gospel - Mark 2:1-12**

1 When Jesus returned to Capernaum after some days, it became known that he was at home. 2 Many gathered together so that there was no longer room for them, not even around the door, and he preached the word to them. 3 They came bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. 4 Unable to get near Jesus because of the crowd, they opened up the roof above him. After they had broken through, they let down the mat on which the paralytic was lying. 5 When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Child, your sins are forgiven." 6 Now some of the scribes were sitting there asking themselves, 7 "Why does this man speak that way? He is blaspheming. Who but God alone can forgive sins?" 8 Jesus immediately knew in his mind what they were thinking to themselves, so he said, "Why are you thinking such things in your hearts? 9 Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, pick up your mat and walk'? 10 But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority to forgive sins on earth"— 11 he said to the paralytic, "I say to you, rise, pick up your mat, and go home." 12 He rose, picked up his mat at once, and went away in the sight of everyone. They were all astounded and glorified God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this."

## 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

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

**Congratulations** to George and Kaylea Oley and the family of George Oley V, who was baptized and chrismated on Sunday, 3 March. May his journey of faith and life be filled with blessings and grace.

**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.

**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).

**Easter Flowers.** Order Easter Flowers for the intention of loved ones or in thanksgiving for blessings by 22 March. Order at <https://forms.gle/WrK78n7Kswj4TbHWA> Pay through Flocknote with a note that says "Easter Flowers."

**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.

**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.

**Dance Practice.** Food Festival Dance Practice begins on Thursday, 14 March. To sign up to dance or volunteer, use the form at <https://forms.gle/HtmNN94QGd6E4iUc6> (put this link into your browser).

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

## MEETINGS AND EVENTS

**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

**Tuesday, 12 March from 10 am to 3 pm.** Food Festival Cooking

**Thursday, 14 March after 4 pm.** Food Festival Cooking, Dance Practice begins at 6 pm.

**Friday, 15 March at 6:30.** Stations and Benediction of the Cross

**Friday, 15 March at 7 pm.** MYO Parish Retreat begins.

## LITURGY SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

**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 Evelyn Joyce Mazloom, requested by Peter and Alison Mazloom

**Monday, 11 March St. Sophronius, Bishop of Jerusalem**

No Divine Liturgy

**Tuesday, 12 March Pope St. Gregory the Great**

No Divine Liturgy

**Wednesday, 13 March St. Theophanes the Chronicler**

No Divine Liturgy

**Thursday, 14 March St. Euphrasia**

No Divine Liturgy

**Friday, 15 March St. Benedict, Founder of Monastic Life in the West**

No Divine Liturgy

**Saturday, 16 March St. Papas**

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

**Sunday, 17 March Sixth Week of Lent, The Healing of the Blind Man, St. Patrick**

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

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

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

In memory of William F. Lyons (Day of Passing), requested by Anthony and Mary Shaia

In memory of Moussa El-Jor and Elham El-Jor, requested by Noha El-Jor

## USHERS SCHEDULE

Dates	8:30 Divine Liturgy	11:00 Divine Liturgy
10 Mar	Andy Shulleeta, William Shulleeta, Frank Greco, Marshall Stephenson	Bill Maust, John Saad, Alex Fabiato, Diana Yaqoo
17 Mar	Danny Shibley, Sr., Anthony Shibley, Dennis Shibley, Joseph Shibley, Jr., Stephen Shibley, Jr.	Peter George, Duane Peppel, Daniel Dailey, Sam LaNeave

## ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

Dates	8:30 Divine Liturgy	11:00 Divine Liturgy
10 Mar	George Oley, Henry and Wilby Craig, Nolan Roberts	Matthew Habboush, Ghady Karam, Vincent Carr
17 Mar	Thomas Shaia, Nicholas and Tobias Edwards, Owen Hendrix, Kingston Lewter	Patrick Savage, Christian and Grayson Funk, Luke Salloum

## TRANSFER OF GIFTS

Dates	8:30 Divine Liturgy	11:00 Divine Liturgy
10 Mar	Madison Shibley, Anna Grace Shaia, Amina Howard, Rosie Boykin	Jenna Chaoul, Leeanne Siefke, Kylie Stephan, Romi Rustom
17 Mar	MYO	Magdalena Choueifati, Emily Carr

## LECTORS SCHEDULE

Dates	8:30 Divine Liturgy	11:00 Divine Liturgy
10 Mar	Margaret Gray	Leo Maynes
17 Mar	Lara Bouhaidar	Denise Maurer

## STEWARDSHIP

**3 Mar 2024**  
Collections: \$2661  
Contributions: \$1670  
Memorial Contributions:  
Edward Yesbeck, Sr \$25

## COLLECTION COUNTERS SCHEDULE

March: John Zehab  
April: David Walton and Paul Shibley  
May: Joe George and Anthony 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.



## **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**



PRAY & HIKE



**MYA  
SPRING  
HIKE**

**Saturday, April 20th**  
**South River Fall Trail -**  
**Shenandoah National Park**

Ready to feel fully alive? Come join young adults from DC, Richmond, and Roanoke, VA, to declutter your busy mind and discover the wonders of God's creation.

For more info, please contact:  
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**REGISTER  
HERE!**

[bit.ly/springhike24](https://bit.ly/springhike24)



**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 <b>Parent First Communion Class</b>	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



## 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.

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