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**Sunday of the Righteous and the Just, January 31, 2021**

Sunday, January 31, 2021 at 11 o'clock

Sunday, February 7, 2021 at 11 o'clock

Tuesday, February 9, 2021 (Feast of Saint Maron) at 7:30 p.m.  
For the Parish

Sunday, February 14, 2021 at 11 o'clock

Monday, February 15 (Ash Monday) at 7:30 p.m.  
Divine Liturgy, Blessing and Distribution of Ashes

Friday, February 19, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.  
Divine Liturgy and Benediction with the Holy Cross

Sunday, February 21, 2021 at 11 o'clock

Friday, February 26, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, February 28, 2021 at 11 o'clock  
Antoine Touma

Reconciliation (Confession) is available every Sunday between 10:15 and 10:45 a.m. before the Divine Liturgy.

The last Sunday of every month, a Holy Hour of Adoration will take place after the 11:00 a.m. Liturgy.

### **Let us Pray the Rosary**

Please join fellow parishioners as we pray the Holy Rosary every **Sunday at 10:15 a.m.** in preparation for the Divine Liturgy and in honor of our Blessed Mother, Mary.

### **Thank you for your generosity**

Summary of the Collection for **Sunday, January 24, 2021**

Regular Sunday Collection \$ 635

Individual Donation \$ 1000

Second Collection \$ 60

Thank you for your generosity and may God bless you all.

### **Holy Day of Obligation**

**Tuesday, February 9, 2021, Feast of St. Maron**, Patron and Founder of the Maronite Church, is a Holy Day of Obligation. Liturgy will be **at 7:30 p.m.** A Holy Day of Obligation means that a Catholic person who has reached the age of reason is obligated under the penalty of mortal sin to participate in the divine liturgy on that day.

### **Lenten Observances 2021**

For us Maronites, Lent begins on **Ash Monday, February 15, 2021** and lasts until **Holy Saturday (April 3) at noon**. The following Lenten guidelines are observed in the Eparchy of Saint Maron.

- ★ All Maronites who are physically capable are to **abstain from meat** on Ash Monday (**February 15**) and all Fridays of Lent.
- ★ Ash Monday and the Great Friday of the Crucifixion 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 are to fast on these two days.

### **Ash Monday**

The Liturgy for **Ash Monday [February 15]** will be **at 7:30 p.m.** Blessing of Ashes will take place at the Liturgy.

**ASH Monday** Ash Monday is a day of complete fast and abstinence.

### **Lenten Devotion**

Starting on **Friday, February 19, 2021** and every Friday of Lent, the Divine Liturgy followed by the Benediction of the Holy Cross will take place **at 7:30 p.m.**

### **Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple**



**Tuesday [February 2]**, we celebrate the feast of the presentation of Jesus in the temple. The presentation of Jesus in the temple is in fulfillment with the Jewish law that every male child must be taken to the temple and an animal must be offered as a sacrifice. That is why Joseph is artistically depicted in this scene holding a cage with two doves in it.

The prophet Simeon and the prophetess Anna meet the Holy Family while at the temple in Jerusalem. Simeon was told by God that he would see the Savior before he died.

When Simeon sees baby Jesus he takes him from Mary and holds Him in his arms and praises God proclaiming, "Now dismiss your servant, O Lord, because my eyes have seen your salvation" Lk 2:29.

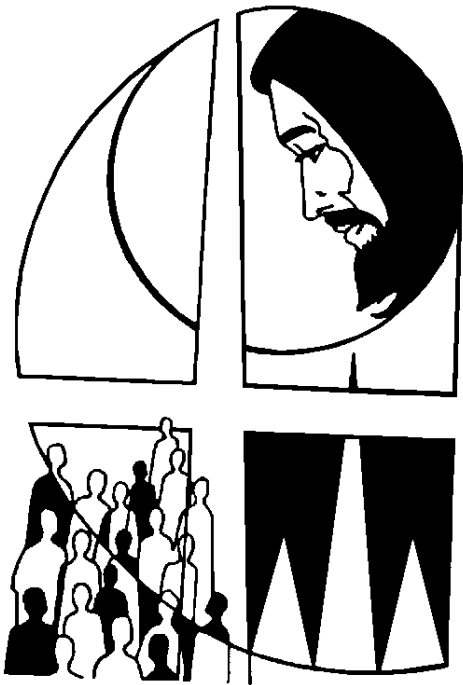
Simeon then blesses Mary and Joseph and prophesies to Mary: "Behold this child is set for the fall, and for the resurrection of many in Israel. ..." Lk 2:34.

### **Parish's Email**

Please note the Parish's email is:

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## Sunday of the Righteous and the Just



This Sunday the Maronite Church celebrates the Sunday of the Righteous and Just. This is actually the traditional Maronite feast in honor of all the saints. Whereas the Latin Church celebrates the feast of All Saints on November 1<sup>st</sup>, the Maronite Church, following its ancient tradition dedicates this Sunday to their memory.

On this day we call to mind all the men and women, children of the Church, who have followed the path of justice and righteousness. We remember the prophets, apostles and martyrs, the hermits, ascetics, men and women religious, as well as all Christians who have led holy lives.

As our Liturgy so often reminds us, they are just in the sight of God because they have patterned their lives on Jesus Christ, the Just One.

The saints are our models; their prayers and fasting have taught us to fight against sin and temptation and so gain the reward of righteousness.

The saints are our intercessors; by their prayers we obtain the pardon of our sins and are strengthened in the Christian virtues.

They were the salt of the earth and the light of the world, they call us to follow their path. Through their intercession may we, one day, merit eternal life with God. ☐

*(Maronite Divine Office)*

### Scripture Readings

Sunday, February 7, 2021, Sunday of the Faithful Departed

1 Thes 5:1-11; Lk 16:19-31

Sunday, February 14, 2021, Cana Sunday

Rom 14:14-23; Jn 2:1-11

Monday, February 15, 2021, Ash Monday

2Cor5:20 - 6:7; Mt 6:16-21



" I am the Lady of the Rosary. Continue always to pray the Rosary every day" - Our Lady of Fatima



JOIN US AS WE PRAY THE

# ROSARY

EVERY 2ND MONDAY OF THE MONTH  
AT 8PM EASTERN STANDARD TIME

FOR THE INTENTIONS OF GOOD HEALTH,  
PEACE, & STABILITY FOR OUR WORLD

**FEBRUARY 8**

LED BY BISHOP GREGORY MANSOUR

**MARCH 8**

LED BY CHORBISHOP MICHAEL THOMAS

**APRIL 12**

LED BY BISHOP ELIAS ZAIDAN

LOOKING AHEAD ■ **MAY 10**

 **ZOOM LINK**

**MEETING ID: 883 4965 1080**

**PASSCODE: rosary**

**<https://tinyurl.com/OFSLRosary>**

The Zoom link information for the monthly rosary:

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