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Sunday, February 4, 2024, Sunday of the Faithful Departed

Sunday, February 4, 2024 at 11:00 o'clock

Elias Maroun Andary (father of Elsi El Sayed) 40 day anniversary

Thursday, February 8, 2024 (Eve of St. Maron's Feast Day)

Divine Liturgy at 7:30 p.m. (For the Parish)

Sunday, February 11, 2024 at 11:00 o'clock

Monday, February 12, 2024 (Ash Monday) at 7:30 p.m.

Divine Liturgy and distribution of Ashes

Friday, February 16, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.

Divine Liturgy and Benediction with the Holy Cross

Sunday, February 18, 2024 at 11:00 o'clock

Fahimee Matta (mother of Sabah Khoury) 40 day anniversary

Thursday, February 22, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.

Divine Liturgy in honor of Saint Sharbel

Friday, February 23, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.

Divine Liturgy and Benediction with the Holy Cross

Sunday, February 25, 2024 at 11:00 o'clock

Joseph Fayad and Joseph and Salwa Maatouk

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

Ushers for Sunday, February 4, 2024

Halim Younes, Gebran Fatouche, Antoine Issa and Joseph Nasr

Ushers for Sunday, February 11, 2024

Fawzi Abouchabke, Maroun Mezher, Tony ElKhouri and Mark Malkoun

Altar Servers for Sunday, February 11, 2024

Mateo AbouJaoude and Jason Nasr

Thank you for your generosity

Summary of the Collection for Sunday, January 28, 2024

Regular collection	\$2393
Pledge	\$ 900
Donation by mail	\$ 650
Individual Contribution	\$3000 (anonymous)
Coffee hour	\$ 66
January 22	\$ 407
Second Collection	\$ 510

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

Holy Day of Obligation

Friday, February 9, 2024, Feast of Saint Maron, is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Divine Liturgy will take place on **Thursday, February 8, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.**

Annual Saint Maron Luncheon

The Annual Saint Maron Luncheon will take place on **Sunday, March**

Scripture Readings

Sunday, February 4, 2024 (Sunday of the Faithful Departed)

1Thes. 5:1-11; LK 16:19-31

Sunday, February 11, 2024; Cana Sunday, Entrance into Lent

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

Monday, February 12, 2024 (Ash Monday)

2 Cor 5:20-6:7; Mt 6:16-21

3, 2024, following the Divine Liturgy. His Excellency **Bishop Gregory Mansour** will be the Guest of Honor. Tickets are \$40 per person (adults) and \$20 (children 3- 12 years old). For tickets or more information please get in touch with Gebran Fattouche at (443) 600-9484. Reservations are available in the social hall every Sunday following the Divine Liturgy.

Attention all MYO

The annual regional retreat for the Maronite Youth Organization (MYO), ages 13 to 18 years old, will take place **March 15, 16, 17, 2024**, at Saint Anthony Maronite Church in Glen Allen [Richmond] Virginia. If you would like to attend, please let me or Dalal Moura know. Registration forms and permission slips will be provided.

Calling All MYA (Maronite Young Adults)

In an effort to organize the MYA (Maronite Young Adults) there will be a meeting for all **young people age 18-30 on Sunday, February 4, 2024**, in the social hall following the Divine Liturgy.

Ushers

As the number of our ushers and greeters dwindles, we are in need of a few more people to serve in this capacity. Please let me or Mr. Halim Younes know if you are willing to serve as an usher and the schedule will be announced in the weekly bulletin. Thank you.

Bishop's Annual Lenten Appeal

The Bishop's Annual Appeal for 2024 will start on **Ash Monday, February 12, 2024**, and will last until **Easter Sunday**. The Annual Bishop's Appeal is an opportunity for all of us in the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn to act with unity in expressing our love for God and to help give the light of our Maronite faith to future generations.

Here is the link for the Eparchy's annual appeal:

<http://www.stmaron.org/lenten-appeal>.

Please send in your contribution, earmarked **Bishop's Appeal 2024**, before Easter Sunday. The Church is all the better because of our common efforts. Thank you for your generosity.





The Season of the Great Lent will begin on **February 12, 2024** with Ash Monday.



Ash Monday

The Liturgy for **Ash Monday [February 12]** will be at **7:30 p.m.** Ashes will be given at the Liturgy. Ash Monday is a day of complete fast and abstinence. Every Friday of Lent is a day of Abstinence.

Lenten Observances and Devotion

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 12**) 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.



Lenten Services

Starting on **Friday, February 16, 2024**, and every Friday of Lent thereafter, we will have a Divine Liturgy followed by the Benediction with the Holy Cross at **7:30 p.m.** Following the Liturgy a **simple lenten (meatless) meal** will be served in the social hall.

