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Sunday, January 21, 2024, Sunday of the Priests

Sunday, January 21, 2024 at 11:00 o'clock

Marie Fares Nasr (mother of George and Claude BouAbboud) 40 day anniversary

Monday, January 22, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.

Liturgy in honor of Saint Sharbel

Sunday, January 28, 2024 at 11:00 o'clock

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 Feast Day)

Divine Liturgy at 7:30 p.m.

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

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

Divine Liturgy in honor of Saint Sharbel

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, January 21, 2024

Halim Younes, Anthony Beasley, John Nadder and Fawzi Abouchabke

Ushers for Sunday, January 28, 2024

Roger Abou Jaoude, Elie Malkoun, Kevin Pitzer and George Choueiry

Altar Servers for Sunday, January 28, 2024

George Beasley and Marek Oszwaldowski

Thank you for your generosity

Summary of the Collection for Sunday, January 14, 2024

Regular collection \$ 2700

Pledge \$ 500

Donation by mail \$ 240

Coffee Hour \$ 78

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

Second Collection

On Sunday, **January 28, 2024**, a second collection will be taken for the Catholic Bishops' Worldwide Charities (this collection combines the four USCCB collections: Central & Eastern Europe, the Church in Latin America, Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and Operation Rice Bowl which is a part of CRS). The total is divided evenly. All funds collected will be forwarded to the Chancery for transfer to the USCCB.

Scripture Readings

Sunday, January 21, 2024 (Sunday of the Priests)

1Tim 4:6-16; Lk 12:42-48

Sunday, January 28, 2024 (Sunday of the Righteous & Just)

Heb 12:18-24; Mt 25:31-46

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

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

Holy Hour and Eucharistic Adoration

Starting on **Sunday, January 28, 2024** and every last Sunday of each month following the Divine Liturgy, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for private prayer and meditation. We tried to hold the Eucharistic Adoration on a weekday night, but it was not convenient for many.

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.**

■ The Annual Saint Maron Luncheon will take place on **Sunday, March 3, 2024**, following the Divine Liturgy. Guest of honor will be His Excellency Bishop Gregory Mansour. More information in future bulletins.

Bishop's Annual 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. Please send in your contribution, earmarked **Bishop's Appeal 2024**, before Easter Sunday. Thank you for your generosity.

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. Thank you.

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.



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.

FYI

What is conscience?

Conscience is the inner voice in a man that moves him to do good under any circumstances and to avoid evil by all means. At the same time it is the ability to distinguish the one from the other. In the conscience God speaks to man.

Conscience is compared with an inner voice in which God manifests himself in a man. God is the one who becomes apparent in the conscience. When we say, "I cannot reconcile that with my conscience", this means for a Christian, "I cannot do that in the sight of my Creator!" Many people have gone to jail or been executed because they were true to their conscience.

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