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Sunday, January 29, 2023; Sunday of the Deceased Priests

Sunday, January 29, 2023 at 11:00 o'clock

Riad Chit Dirani

Sunday, February 5, 2023 at 11:00 o'clock

Simon Koweter

Thursday, February 9, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. (Feast of St. Maron)

Sunday, February 12, 2023 at 11:00 o'clock

For the Parish

Thursday, February 16, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.

Divine Liturgy and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Sunday, February 19, 2023 at 11:00 o'clock

Monday, February 20, 2023 (Ash Monday) at 7:30 p.m.

Divine Liturgy and blessing of the Ashes

Friday, February 24, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.

Divine Liturgy and Benediction with the Holy Cross

Sunday, February 26, 2023 at 11:00 o'clock

Antoine, Charbel and Emile Touma

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 5, 2023

Fawzi Abouchabke, Maroun Mezher, Tony Khouri & Mark Malkoun

Ushers for Sunday, February 12, 2023

Halim Younes, Victor Beasley, Rafah Elias and Salah Dagher

Altar Servers for Sunday, February 5, 2023

Mateo Abou Jaoude and Marek Oszwaldowski

Thank you for your generosity

Summary of the Collection for Sunday, January 22, 2023

Regular collection	\$1651
Pledge	\$1500
Individual contribution	\$2000
Donation by Mail	\$ 665
2 nd collection	\$ 649

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

Holy Day of Obligation

Thursday, February 9, 2023, Feast of Saint Maron, the Founder of the Maronite Church, is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Divine Liturgy will take place **at 7:30 p.m.**

Saint Maron Feast Day Luncheon

Sunday, February 12, 2023, Our Lady of Lebanon Parish will hold its annual Saint Maron Feast Day Luncheon in the Church's Social Hall following the Divine Liturgy. 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.

Scripture Readings

Sunday, January 29, 2023; Sunday of the Priests

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

Sunday, February 5, 2023; The Righteous and Just

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

Sunday, February 12, 2023; Sunday of the Faithful Departed

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

Attention All MYO

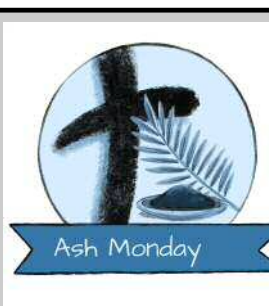
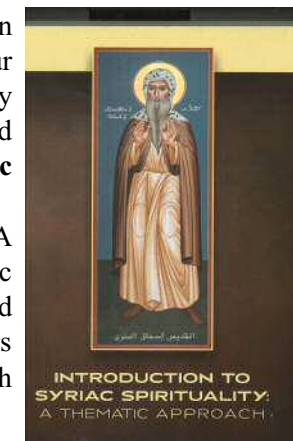
The Maronite Youth Organization (MYO) would like to invite all the children to join them in the social hall after Liturgy on **Sunday, February 5, 2023**. in making Valentine's Day Cards! Let us help our children spread love and joy this Valentine's Day through the arts and crafts of hand making cards to give to those they love!! See the flyer sent with this bulletin for more information. If you have any questions please contact Zoe Zahrah atzoezahrah6@gmail.com or Dalal Moura at djm030229@gmail.com.

Book Signing

On Sunday, February 12, 2023, in conjunction with Saint Maron Feast Day Luncheon, Our Lady of Lebanon will host a **book signing** by Chorbishop Seely Beggiani for his newest and recently published book **Introduction to Syriac Spirituality: A Thematic Approach**.

“Introduction to Syriac Spirituality: A Thematic Approach is an introduction to Syriac spirituality by presenting the themes and insights of a selection of major Syriac writers who lived from the fourth to the eighth centuries.”

Books will be available to purchase for \$30 a book, and Chorbishop Beggiani will be available to sign your copy if you so desire.



The Season of Great Lent begins on **Ash Monday, February 20, 2023**. **Starting on Friday, February 24**, and every Friday of Lent thereafter, we will have a Divine Liturgy followed by the Benediction with the Holy Cross.

Following the Liturgy a simple lenten meal will be served in the hall.

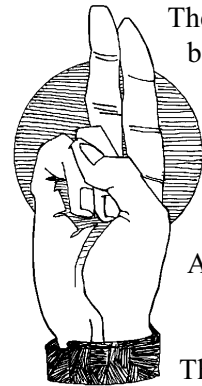
The Liturgy for **Ash Monday [February 20]** will be at **7:30 p.m.** Blessing of Ashes will take place at the Liturgy. Ash Monday is a day of complete fast and abstinence.

This Sunday, the Maronite Church begins a series of three Sundays dedicated to prayer for the dead. This first Sunday is set aside as a commemoration of all the deceased priests of the Church.

Christ has established the priesthood for His Church and entrusted it with great responsibilities.

The priest is given the task of caring for the spiritual needs of the people of his parish. The bishop, however, is responsible for not only all the people of the diocese, but also for his priests and other ministers.

The more the Lord gives to the Church, the more He asks from it. The gift of the priesthood calls the people of God, the Church, to pray for those who were entrusted with the divine mysteries and carried on the salvific work of Christ. The bishops and priests are called to be the salt of the earth and the light and presence of Christ among us. All these responsibilities have been given to men who possess human weakness and frailty.



The gospel for the Eucharist today speaks of the "faithful servant" which is, of course, the role of the priests and bishops. They are to be like the wise virgins always ready to serve the Lord, and like the faithful servant, eager to multiply the talents God has given them.

Because the priests and bishops have been given so much responsibility over the Church of God, they must know, not only God's will, but must also constantly strive to be examples of fidelity and prudent action. The Church's ministers must always seek to be strong in virtue, persevering in willingness and humble and constant in action. If not, they may delay the Master's coming.

Because of the dangers and temptations that assail the bishops and priests, we must pray for them. This is our Christian duty and it arises out of our gratitude for the service they have rendered God in His Church. We pray that all God's priests and bishops may enter into the house of the Lord and reap the rewards of the faithful servant. May the Lord entrust them with even greater things!

(Maronite Divine Office)

No one is born a priest

It takes:

families who talk about vocations,

Parishes that pray, encourage and promote vocations to religious life

priests who with their compassion and life show Christ's love

Let us pray for vocations to priesthood and religious life so that when a priest dies there will be another one to take his place.

