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February 1, 2026, Sunday of the Righteous and the Just

Sunday, February 1, 2026 at 11:00 o'clock

- ◆ Fr. Mounir Fakhry, and his father Gergis Melhem Fakhry, and his mother Nouf Habchi Fakhry [requested by Simon Fakhry]
- ◆ Dr. George Younes and
- ◆ Malakee Moubarak Chahwan, 40 day anniversary, [request by Fadi Chahwan]

Sunday, February 8, 2026 at 11:00 o'clock

For the Parish

Monday, February 9, 2026 (Feast of Saint Maron) at 7:30 p.m.

For the Parish

Sunday, February 15, 2026 at 11:00 o'clock

Noukbat Abousaleh (sister of Mounir Abousaleh), 40 Day anniversary [requested by Mounir Abousaleh]

Monday, February 16, 2026, (Ash Monday) at 7:30 p.m.

Ash Monday Divine Liturgy

Friday, February 20, 2026 at 7:30 p.m.

Divine Liturgy and Benediction with the Holy Cross

Sunday, February 22, 2026 at 11:00 o'clock

Mikhael Youssef Kazzi (requested by Gilbert Kazzi)

Ushers for Sunday, February 1, 2026

Halim Younes, Gebran Fattouche, Antoine Issa and Joseph Nasr

Ushers for Sunday, February 8, 2026

Fawzi Abouchabke, Maroun Mezher, Tony El-Khoury & Mark Malkoun

Ushers for Sunday, February 15, 2026

Halim Younes, Victor Beasley and Antoine Issa

Altar Servers for Sunday, February 1, 2026

Marek Oszwakdowski, Michael Fawaz, Jason Nasr and Chady Nasr

Altar Servers for Sunday, February 8, 2026

Marek Oszwakdowski, Michael Fawaz, Evan Kazzi & Chris Moussa

Thank you for your generosity

Summary of the Collection for Sunday, January 25, 2026

January 22, 2026	\$ 55
Pledge	\$300
Donation by Mail	\$0.00

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

Saint Maron Feast Day Lunch

Sunday, February 8, 2026, the Saint Maron Feast Day annual lunch will take place following the Divine Liturgy. Please save the date and plan to join us as we celebrate the legacy of our Father, Saint Maron. For more information, please contact Gebran Fattouch at (443) 600-9484.

Reservations are available every Sunday in the social hall following the Divine Liturgy.

Scripture Readings

Sunday, February 1, 2026 (The Righteous & the Just Sunday)

1 Tim 4:6-16; Mat 25:25-37

Sunday, February 8, 2026 The Faithful Departed & St. Maron

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

2 Tim 3:10-17; Jn 12:23-30 (Saint Maron)

February 15, 2026 (Cana Sunday or Entrance into Lent)

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

Doctrinal Note: The Value of Marriage

Hosted by the Eparchial Couples Ministry and Saint Sharbel Center, Bishop Gregory Mansour will conduct a zoom presentation on the Value of Marriage on **February, 10, 2026 at 8:00 p.m.** Meeting ID 853 7619 7295, Passcode: 250823. All couples and young adults are welcome.



For us Maronites, the Season of the Great Lent will begin on **February 16, 2026** with Ash Monday.



The Liturgy for **Ash Monday [February 16]** 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 16) 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 20, 2026**, 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.

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

Sunday of the Righteous and the Just

Today 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 1st , 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 lead 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 Prayer of the Faithful Volume 1)

GREAT LENT:
ACCORDING TO OUR MARONITE
LITURGY, SAINTS & TRADITION

Maronite Faith Formation Sessions at 8pm:

February 19– First Pillar: [Prayer](#)
(Bishop Gregory Mansour)

February 26– Second Pillar: [Fasting](#)
(Fr. Rabih Aoun)

March 5– Third Pillar: [Almsgiving](#)
(Fr. Vincent Farhat)

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Hosted by the Maronite Servants of Christ the Light in conjunction with the St. Sharbel Spiritual Life Center.





