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February 15, 2026, Cana Sunday; Entrance Into Great Lent

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

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

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

Special Intention

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

Chorbishop Dominic Ashkar (one year anniversary)

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

- Mikhael Youssef Kazzi (requested by Gilbert Kazzi)
- Joseph Fayad, Joseph & Salwa Maatouk (by Micheline Maatouk)

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

- Antoine Emile Touma (requested by Deacon Michel Touma)
- Youssef Wanna (40 Day anniversary) requested by David Wanna

Friday, March 6, 2026 at 7:30 p.m.

Divine Liturgy and Benediction with the Holy Cross

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

- Mounira Abi Khalil Chedid (requested by Antoine Chedid)
- Norma Younes (40 Day anniversary) requested by her colleagues

Friday, March 13, 2026 at 7:30 p.m.

Divine Liturgy and Benediction with the Holy Cross

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

Roland Elias Moura (40 Day anniversary) requested by Joseph Moura

Ushers for Sunday, February 15, 2026

Halim Younes, Victor Beasley and Antoine Issa

Ushers for Sunday, February 22, 2026

Roger AbouJaoude, Kevin Pitzer, and George Choueiry

Ushers for Sunday, March 1, 2026

Halim Younes, John Nadder and JoAnne Nasr

Altar Servers for Sunday, February 15, 2026

Mateo AbouJaoude, Jason Nasr, Marek Oszwakdowski & Michael Fawaz,

Altar Servers for Sunday, February 22, 2026

Marek Oszwakdowski, Michael Fawaz, Evan Kazzi & Chris Moussa

Thank you for your generosity

Summary of the Collection for Sunday, February 8, 2026

Regular Collection \$3388

Donation by Mail \$ 485

Visitor's Check \$ 10

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

Bishop's Annual Appeal

The **Bishop's Annual Appeal** for 2026 will start on Ash Monday, **February 16, 2026**, 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 2026, before Easter Sunday**. Thank you for your generosity.

Scripture Readings

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

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

Monday, February 16, 2026, Ash Monday

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

Sunday, February 22, 2026 (Healing of the Leper)

Rom 6:12-23; Mk 1:35-45

Ash Monday Liturgy

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 Services

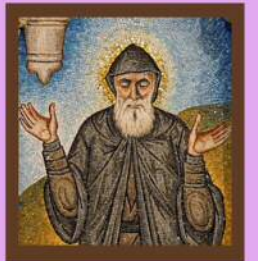
Every **Friday of Lent**, we will have a Divine Liturgy followed by the Benediction with the Holy Cross at **7:30 p.m.** Following the Liturgy a **simple lenten (meatless) meal** will be served in the social hall.

Every Friday of Lent is a **day of abstinence.**

Abstinence means that no meat or meat products may be consumed during the 24 hour period.

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. Rabi 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.

LENT

☒ PRAYING

☒ FASTING

☒ ALMSGIVING

Lent BEGINS

Just as the four seasons annually usher in the birth, life, ripening and death cycles of nature so also the Syriac-Maronite Church's remembrance of the significant moments of Christ's birth, baptism, ministry, death, resurrection and glorification usher in the time of salvation for the New Testament people. The Maronite Church adopted a yearly calendar, divided into various stages or seasons. Each season, numbering six in the Maronite calendar, are called the Temporal cycle, and focus on these saving events.

Lent, the 3rd season of the Maronite calendar serves as a preparation for Resurrection, and consists of fifty days. This period, longer than the traditional forty days, reflects the monastic penitential emphasis on conversion, spiritual awakening and personal renewal. Every Sunday is counted in the fifty day cycle of Great Lent unlike others Churches. These fifty days spiritually prepare the Church for the Glorious Resurrection and then the fifty days after it, give birth to the Church at Pentecost. Therefore, Lent for Maronites begins on **Cana Sunday** leaving the whole question of Ash Wednesday, a Latin para-liturgical event, late as a symbolic call of the Church to repentance. When the Maronite Church adopted this Latinization, namely Ashes some 500 hundred years ago, it decided to place it closest to the beginning of Lent – hence Ash Monday.

Great Lent is composed of two cycles: a liturgy of the Sundays of Lent numbering 7: Cana, the Leper, the Hemorrhaging Woman, the Prodigal Son, the Paralytic, Bartimaeus the Blind and Hosanna Sunday and a weekday cycle composed of 6 weeks divided into 3 stages initiating the pattern of Christ's public life: the Week of Lent, Miracles and Hosanna Week. This weekday cycle reflects our estrangement from God and our need for conversion. The Lenten readings and prayers exhort worshipers to take courage and to turn back by imitating Christ through prayer, fasting, and penance. Lent commemorates the penitential aspect of the Lord's forty day fasting. The Syriac Fathers have traditionally described this movement toward God as a nautical journey whose destination is the Harbor of Life. "Bless our fasting...Make it a journey which will lead us to the harbor of salvation." The Sunday Lenten liturgies call to mind the power of God and his mystery over creation, hence the miracle accounts designated for the Sundays before Easter.



SECOND ANNUAL



Flourish

Women's Retreat
April 17 - 19, 2026

Restored, Refreshed & Renewed in Christ

"Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom" 2 Cor 3:17



The St. Sharbel Spiritual Life Center, Pittsburgh, PA



Hotel Block: Double Tree Hilton



Registration fee: \$155

Space is limited, be sure to
register by April 3rd.
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With Keynote Speaker,

*Johnnette Benkovic
Williams*

Join us for this uplifting Retreat with
special guest Johnnette Williams,
Founder of Women of Grace® & EWTN TV
and Radio Host.

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