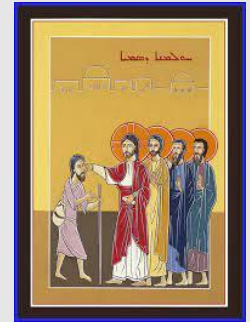




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WEEKLY BULLETIN - 03/26/2023 Season of Great Lent

OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY – FRIDAY 10:30AM – 4:00PM

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MYA

Coordinators: Nahi Rai, Roger Jebara, Frankie Piacentini

Men's Club

President: Amin Al Soueid

Vice-President: Samer Hourani

Friday March 31, 2023 @ 6:00PM

Our *CCD & MYO*

will take turns leading the prayers.

Keep our Children in your prayers.

HEALING OF THE BLIND MAN

MAR 26

Epilepsy Awareness / Purple Day



Celebrated annually on March 26, Epilepsy Awareness Day, or Purple Day, was created to increase the public's understanding of this brain disorder and to eliminate the fear and stigma surrounding it. With over 3.5 million people diagnosed with epilepsy in the U.S. and over 50 million worldwide, it is likely you know someone living with the day-to-day challenges epilepsy brings. The good news is epilepsy can be easily managed if diagnosed and treated correctly, so awareness and research are important.

Prayer for Epilepsy Support

Dear God,

Thank You for Your power, grace, and mercy. I pray that You will use that power to bless all of the people on Earth. I pray that You will support those afflicted with epilepsy. Help them. Strengthen them. Give them peace. I pray that You will watch over and protect them, so they can find comfort through this trial. Please send them comfort so these wonderful souls will know they are not alone. Tell them that they are loved and that so many of us care about them and want them to be happy. I also pray that You will help others know how to serve and support them. Help me know what I can do to be a better friend and helper to those who have epilepsy. Place me where I need to be to help them when they are struggling. Give me the strength and the clarity of mind to aid them in case of an emergency.

I am so grateful for the blessings You have given me. You are the Lord God omnipotent, and through Your power, all things can be accomplished. I pray You will send that power to support those with epilepsy. I close this prayer in Your name, Amen.

Keep Our Seminarians in Your Prayers



On Saturday March 25, 2023, the seminarian Nadim Khaled will receive the minor orders of Cantor and Lector through the imposition of hands by Bishop Gregory J. Mansour. May God Bless You and Keep You Safe. Congratulations.

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary Candle is burning for
Epilepsy Patients

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading
2 Corinthians 10:1-7

Gospel Reading
Mark 10:46-52

DIVINE LITURGIES

Saturday, March 25, @ 6:00PM, *Feast of the Annunciation to the Virgin Mary;* liturgy is offered for a special intention.

Sunday, March 26, @ 11:00AM, liturgy is offered in memory of John Joseph requested by Mary Joseph. May his soul rest in peace.

Friday, March 31, 2023 @ 6:00PM, Stations of the Cross & Blessing with the Holy Cross.

Saturday, April 1, @ 6:00PM, liturgy is offered in memory of Carmina Lombardi requested by family. May her soul rest in peace.

Sunday, April 2, @ 11:00AM, *Palm Sunday;* liturgy is offered in memory of deceased members of the Saleba, Kouri and Marrone families requested by family. May their souls rest in peace.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

March 18-19, 2023

Sunday Collection	\$ 1,596.00
PayPal	\$ 120.00
Coffee Hour	\$ 15.00
Total	\$ 1,731.00

MYO FUNDRAISER - Foul

Income	\$ 483.00
Expenses	\$ 117.43
Total	\$ 365.57

BISHOP'S APPEAL

GOAL	\$ 3,500.00
Amount Received	\$ 2,290.00
Balance	\$ 1,110.00

EPARCHIAL LOAN

Loan Principal and Interest Owed:	\$ 57,125.00
Total Amount Paid as of February 2023:	\$ 34,375.00
Remaining Loan Balance:	\$ 22,750.00

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

If you are sick and homebound and wish to receive communion at home, please contact: the Church Office at 215-389-2000 or Fr. Andrawos at 978-241-2977.

DABKE SIGN-UP

One of our festival traditions is the Dabke performance of our children. To keep this tradition alive, there will be a sign-up sheet in the Church Hall.



The Dates and times of practices will be announced once we have the final number of participating children.

PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH

Our Annual Palm Sunday Brunch will be on **Sunday, April 2, 2023** following Divine Liturgy. **Tickets are now available;** reserve your seat by contacting the Church Office: 215-389-2000 or office@saintmaron.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rice Bowls

Lenten Alms Change Lives

Like every year, our parish supports the Catholic Relief Service in their participates in the Rice Bowl Lenten Program. We have received the rice bowls. You can find them in the back of the church and the hall entrance.



The Annual Discernment Weekend

The weekend of March 24-26, 2023 at Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Seminary. For info: (202) 723-8831



Women Discernment Retreat

The weekend of April 14-16, 2023 at the **Mother of the Light Convent** in Dartmouth, MA.



IN OUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers

Mary V. (Nelson) Scotti, Mike Devinney, Debbie Freedenberg, Allan Emilio Domingez, Rev. Subdeacon Dr. Mallard T. George, Landon Reid, Tamara Lewis, Michael Thomas, Barbara Impriano, Mary McKinney, Jessica McKinney, Angela McKinney, Skyla Simon, Peter Labaki, Nancy Murphy, Marentha Young-Heart, Allison Tretina, Stephanie Devinney, Angela Scorza Anderson, Robert Nigro, Thomas Jones, Raymond Fitzpatrick, Linda Yeckes, Frankie Olivieri, Richy Grande, Marie Eddis, Mia Andrilla, Natalie Ciancaglini, Ashley Iaconelli, Stephen Bressi, Elissar Ayoub, Joanne Simon-Turing, Suzanne Haney, Linda DiBernardo, Joan Speck, David Joseph Cook, Eddie Tayoun, Dennis Strelchuk, Gladys Dalcourt, Denise Furey, Mirta Ruiz, Rita Impo, Jade Kellam, Marion Thomas Branca, Francesca Impo, Lucy DiLuce, Laurent Chidiac, Tom Hart, John Hart, Fadi Jaber, Joseph Realdine, Lisa Alestra, John Nader, Joey Gdowick, Francis Joseph Kerns, Samer Chokeir, Kathy Newman, Rita Arrigale, Maryann Bratton, Renee Sahar, Sister Nahida Al-Sawa, James Cordisio, Stacey Fuentes, Noel Andjuhar, and Angel Salerno. We ask Almighty God to bless them with good health so that they may join us in the Church and give glory and thanksgiving to God. Please notify the Church office of any family member who is ill so that we may remember them in our daily prayers and on our altar of intention.

Come join us for our

Curco De Bingo

Hosted by: The Mad Hatters NYS & Lady Hatters (partners with Saint Maron's)

When: Friday, May 5, 2023
Where: Saint Maron's 7073 Ellsworth St Phila, PA 19117
Time: Doors open at 6pm
Pricing: \$30 for 70 games
*We will also be running specials & a JACKPOT!
This event is BYOB and food

Venmo is preferred
If 8-10 people and you would like to reserve a table PLEASE let us know
*First come, first serve

John Rivera @andrew112

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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ANNUAL BAKE SALE

*PREPS
Schedule*

Mamoul Baking

Friday, March 24, 2023 ~ 2:00 PM

Cookies Baking

Tuesday, March 28, 2023 ~ 3:30 PM

Packaging Cookies & Maamoul

Wednesday, March 29, 2023 ~ 1:00 PM

Lebanese Sesame Cookies

Thursday, March 30, 2023 ~ 6:00 PM

Biscotti Baking

Friday, March 31, 2023 ~ 10:30 AM



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ANNUAL BAKE SALE

Sunday, April 2, 2023

MAAMOUL

1/2 doz. Dates \$ 9.00
1/2 doz. Walnut \$10.00
1/2 doz. Pistachio \$ 11.00

COOKIES

1/2 doz. Apricot \$ 6.00
1/2 doz. Strawberry \$ 6.00

BISCOTTI

Lemon Log \$ 10.00
Anise Log \$ 10.00

Pre Order Now

LEBANESE SESAME COOKIES

1/2 doz. Sesame \$ 6.00

COMBOS

Variety Pack \$ 25.00
(6 Maamoul, 6 Cookies, 1 Biscotti)

Gift Pack \$ 40.00
(12 Maamoul, 12 Cookies, 1 Biscotti)



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**Tickets
are now
Available**

PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH

April 2, 2023

following Divine Liturgy

For Reservations and more Information
215-389-2000
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DONATIONS

\$25.00 Adults

\$10.00 Children
(11yrs. & under)

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THE MARONITE SEMINARY PRESENTS

1500th Anniversary of Philoxenos of Mabbug's death

1ST SESSION
WEDNESDAY,
APRIL 19, 2023
10:00 AM-11:30 AM

2ND SESSION
WEDNESDAY,
APRIL 19, 2023
1:30 PM-3:00 PM

3RD SESSION
THURSDAY,
APRIL 20, 2023
10:00 AM-11:30 AM

4TH SESSION
THURSDAY,
APRIL 20, 2023
1:30 PM-3:00 PM

RSVP



Good Friday Service

**Friday,
April 7, 2023
7:00PM**

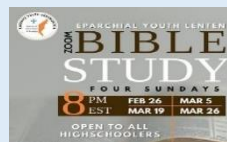
followed by

Lenten Dinner

Bring a dish to share

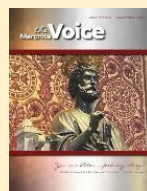


EPARCHIAL MYO LENTEN BIBLE STUDY!



Join us with your Bible to dive deeper into the Word of God! During each session, we will focus on the Sunday Gospel Reading for that week:

Mar. 26 - Healing of the Blind Man



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