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WEEKLY BULLETIN – February 22-23, 2025



Sunday of the Faithful Departed

أحد الموتى المؤمنين

READINGS

1st Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Gospel Reading: Luke 16:19-31

SANCTUARY CANDLE: On this blessed Sunday, the Sunday of the Faithful departed, we light this candle for the repose of souls of all our deceased members. We remember in a very special way Alber Anderson. We lift our prayers asking the Lord of love, mercy and compassion to grant him eternal rest and bring comfort to his family. Through the intercession of our Blessed mother and Saint Maron, may his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in eternal peace. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

DIVINE LITURGIES

Saturday, February 22, @ 4:00PM, liturgy is offered in memory of Helen Abdalla. Requested by Tom and Cynthia Gamba. May her soul rest in peace.

Sunday, February 23, @ 11:00AM, Liturgy is offered in memory of Esther Sanchez de Paz and Jose Ali Paz. Requested by Marie Al Shouli. May their souls rest in peace.

Saturday, March 1, @ 4:00PM, liturgy is offered in memory of Mike Guttersen. Requested by Jeannie and Michael O'niel. May his soul rest in peace.

Sunday, March 2, @ 11:00AM, Liturgy is offered in memory of Helen Abdalla. Requested by Frank and Ritamarie Olivieri. May her soul rest in peace.

Festival 2025 Dabkeh

The next Dabkeh practice for MYO & CCD will be on

Friday, February 21, 2025 at 6:30 PM.

Parish Council Meeting

Monday, February 24, 2025 @6:30 PM

Administrative Assistant: Claudine ElHajal

Parish Committees

- **Parish Council:** Costa J. Mansour, Michael Marrone, Anne Tayoun, Manal ElHajal, Rosemarie Marrone, Barbara Dahdah, Tony Frangie, Khalil Raie, Nahi Rai, Roger Jebara
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MYO Advisors: Zeina Topalian, Anne Tayoun, Summer Dib, Diego Jorge
MYO Coordinator: Summer Dib
MYA Coordinators: Summer Dib, DebbieAnna Semaan
- **Men's Club: President:** John Azzi
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Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn

Lent

2025 Annual Lenten Bishop's Appeal

March 3 – April 18, 2025

This 2nd Collection Supports:

Seminarians: 40% of your contribution will go for Seminarians.

Ministries: 20% of your contribution will go to support Charitable Ministries.

Retired Priests: 20% of your contribution will support Retired Priests.

Help for Lebanon and the Middle East: 10% of your contribution will support Christians in Lebanon and the Middle East.

Endowment: 10% of your contribution will be deposited into the Eparchy's Endowment.

Collected

\$ 260.00

Target

\$ 3,500.00

February 2025 at a Glance

SAT – Feb 22		Sunday of the Faithful Departed
SUN – Feb 23	Sunday of the Faithful Departed	Sunday of the Faithful Departed
MON – Feb 24	Parish Council Meeting Church Hall @ 6:30 pm	

Saint Maron Weekend: February 7 - 9, 2024

March 2025 at a Glance

SAT – Mar 1		Marfaa Weekend
SUN – Mar 2	Marfaa Sunday – Cana Sunday 2nd Garders Confessions	
MON – Mar 3	Lent Begins Bishop’s Appeal Collection Starts	Ash Monday
FRI – Mar 7	Adoration of the Cross Stations of the Cross	
SAT – Mar 8		Healing of the Leper
SUN – Mar 9	MYO Confessions	
FRI – Mar 14	Adoration of the Cross Stations of the Cross MYO and CCD	
SAT – Mar 15		Healing of the Hemorrhaging woman
SUN – Mar 16	Fundraiser: Falafel Sandwiches	
FRI – Mar 21	Adoration of the Cross Stations of the Cross MYA	
SAT – Mar 22	CCD Lenten Retreat: Grades 3, 4, 5 & 6	Parable of the Prodigal Son
SUN – Mar 23	Parable of the Prodigal Son	
FRI – Mar 28	Adoration of the Cross Stations of the Cross	
SAT – Mar 29		Healing of the Paralytic
SUN – Mar 30	Healing of the Paralytic	
2ND Collection: March 3 – April 18, 2005 - Bishop’s Appeal		
Clergy Retreat: March 24-28, 2025		

WEEKLY COLLECTION

February 15-16, 2025

Sunday Collection	\$ 1,160.00
Feast of St. Maron	\$ 20.00
Online Giving	\$ 50.00

Other Collections

Coffee Hour	\$ 12.00
Eparchial Assessment	\$ 0.00
Insurance	\$ 0.00
Fuel	\$ 30.00
Bishop’s Appeal Donation	\$ 5.00

BIBLE STUDY

With Fr. David
Every Thursday
At 10 am

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84726749798?pwd=2IbuLdNgd2XVMYk18QhTnScVcXdFGw.1>

Meeting ID: 847 2674 9798
Passcode: 166641

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IN OUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers

Patricia DeViney, Ed and Theresa Gussin, Barbara Impriano, Paige Moderski, Rita Fortina, Jason Gushue, Lily Gushue, Joann Fontana, Jay O'Donnell, Allison Auld, Carmen Sansweet, Janet Labar, Krystal Valianti, Anne Mgrdichian, Carol Bevelhmyer, Mary V. (Nelson) Scotti, Mike Devinney, Debbie Freedenberg, Allan Emilio Domingez, Rev. Subdeacon Dr. Mallard T. George, Landon Reid, Tamara Lewis, Michael Thomas, Mary McKinney, Jessica McKinney, Angela McKinney, Skyla Simon, Peter Labaki, Nancy Murphy, Marentha Young-Heart, Allison Tretina, Stephanie Devinney, Angela Scorza Anderson, Raymond Fitzpatrick, Linda Yeckes, Frankie Olivieri, Marie Eddis, Mia Andrilla, Ashley Iaconelli, Elissar Ayoub, Joanne Simon-Turing, Suzanne Haney, Linda DiBernardo, Joan Speck, Dennis Strelchuk, Gladys Dalcourt, Denise Furey, Mirta Ruiz, Rita Impo, Jade Kellam, Marion Thomas Branca, Francesca Impo, Lucy DiLuca, Laurent Chidiac, Tom Hart, John Hart, Fadi Jaber, Joseph Realdine, Lisa Alestra, John Nader, Joey Gdowick, Francis Joseph Kerns, Samer Chokeur, Kathy Newman, Rita Arrigale, Maryann Bratton, Renee Sahar, James Cordisio, Stacey Fuentes, Noel Andjuhar, and Angel Salerno.

Upcoming Fundraisers

Sunday, March 16, 2025

Falafel Sandwiches

Saturday, April 12, 2025

Annual Bake Sale

Sunday, April 13, 2025

Palm Sunday Brunch

Sunday, April 27, 2025

Knefeh Breakfast

2025 Annual Festival

Friday, May 30, 2025

Saturday, May 31, 2025

Sunday, June 1, 2025

First Holy Communion Important Dates

1st Confession:

Sunday, March 2, 2025

Retreat:

Saturday, April 26, 2025

First Communion:

Sunday, May 4, 2025



Season of Great Lent



Ash Monday

March 3, 2025 @ 6:00PM

Divine Liturgy

and Distribution of Ashes

Ash Wednesday

March 5, 2025 @ 6:00PM

Divine Liturgy

and Distribution of Ashes



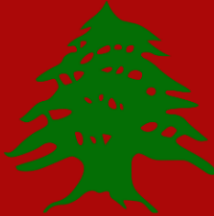
Stations and Adoration of the Cross

Every Friday

during the Season of Lent

March 7 to April 11 @ 6:00PM

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2025 ANNUAL LEBANESE FESTIVAL

FRI, May 30

5pm - 11pm

SAT, May 31

3pm - 11pm

SUN, June 1

1pm - 9pm

*Help us Prepare
for a Successful Festival*

Mark Your Calendar

Festival Food Prep

Thursday, February 27, 2025
@ 4:00PM Hashweh for Kibbi

Friday, February 28, 2025
@ 4:00PM Kibbi Balls

UPDATES:

We have received:

1. Street Closure Permit
2. Liquor Permit

As per the request of many parishioners, I am sharing with you a list of some items needed for the festival.

Please note: items are needed by
May 1, 2025.

Fr. Andrawos

Festival Food Supplies Needed by May 1, 2025

Rose Water	10 Lg bottles
Blossom Water	10 Lg bottles
Strawberry Jam	3 squeeze bottles
Mahlab	2 cont.
Apricot Jam Preserve	4 Jars
Cucumber Pickles	3 tubs
Vermicelli	10 bags
Allspice	10 Lg cont.
Cinnamon	1 Lg cont.
Sumac	5 bags
Sesame	4 bags
Rice – Uncle Ben's	200lbs
Grape Leaves	3 tubs
Apple Cider Vinegar	3 gal.
Paper Towels	
Kitchen Towels (Rags)	
Dishwashing Liquid Soap	
All Purpose Cleaners Spray (Lysol, Clorox...)	



Bar list will be shared once finalized.



2025 National MYO Conference

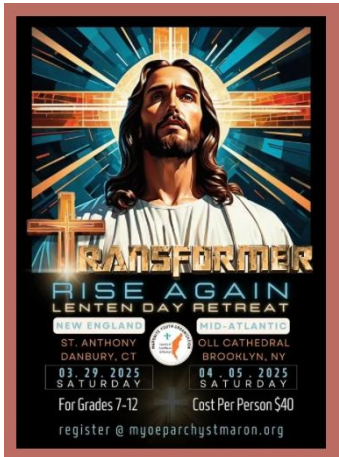
Registration is now open!

Register now at

<https://www.maroniteyouth.org/2025nationals/>



MYO Lenten Retreat



2025 Eparchial LENTEN Retreat - Mid Atlantic

Apr 05, 2025,
10:30 AM – 7:30 PM

Our Lady of Lebanon
Maronite Cathedral
113 Remsen St, Brooklyn,
NY 11201

Region(s): Mid-Atlantic
East, Mid-Atlantic West
(NY, NJ, PA)

Maronite Enrichment Days

Maronite Enrichment Days 2025

St. Ephrem The Man and the Myth



April

30

The Stories We Tell

10:00-11:30 am

We do terrible things to the saints. Instead of modeling ourselves on them, we recreate them in our own image. This session opens with an overview of how the Ephrem of history has been systematically erased and replaced by a caricature of someone who never existed. The reasons for this are as troubling as they are destructive.

Ephrem's World

1:30-3:00 pm

Recovering the Ephrem of history begins by letting him speak for himself, from his own time and place. How did the circumstances of Ephrem's life shape him? How did Ephrem become Ephrem?

May

01

The Work of Your Helper

10:00-11:30 am

How did Ephrem understand himself? He informs us that he has the anointing of heaven, that he speaks for God, that the power that animates and enlivens scripture flows into him, and through him, into his own time. But there are skeletons in his closet: Ephrem carries a dark secret from his past.

Why Ephrem Matters

1:00-2:30 pm

Ephrem's vision offers a path that is simple but hard. It is not the path of orthodoxy (right doctrine) or orthopraxy (right morality) but of orthopathy (authentic spirituality), which is nothing less than an embrace of ROZO.

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Pilgrimage

With Mary, Pilgrims of Hope



May 20 - June 3, 2025

13 Day & 13 Night Tour Includes

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For more information,
contact Fr. Antoine Kairouz
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724-732-4064

This trip is hosted by the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn.

save the date

16th Annual Benefit Dinner for

The Eparchy of Saint Maron

Wednesday, October 22, 2025

The Metropolitan Club

New York

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First Reading - 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians. Your blessing father...

Brothers and Sisters:

Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Praise be to God always.

Gospel Reading - Saint Luke 16:19-31

The Apostle Writes:

'There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames." But Abraham said, "Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us." He said, "Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house for I have five brothers that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment." Abraham replied, "They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them." He said, "No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent." He said to him, "If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

This is the truth. Peace be with you.



Family of Saint Sharbel USA

The FSS-USA hosts its weekly prayers every Tuesday (via zoom) at 8:00 PM.

If you wish to join them every week, don't hesitate to contact them via email at:
communications@familyofsaintsharbel.org

For more info, you can visit: <https://www.familyofsaintsharbel.org/>

Please note that the FSS is a distinct organization separate from the Order of Saint Sharbel.

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الأولى إلى أهل تسالونيقي

يا إخوتي، أمّا الأزمنة والأوقات، أيها الإخوة، فلا حاجة بكم أن يكتب إليكم في شأنها؛ لأنكم تعلمون جيدًا أن يوم الرب يأتي كالسارق ليلاً. فحين يقولون: سلام وأمن! حينئذ يدهمهم الهلاك دهم المخاض للحبلى، ولا يغفثون. أمّا أنتم، أيها الإخوة، فلستم في ظلمة ليغابكم ذلك اليوم كالسارق. فأنتم كلكم أبناء النور، وأبناء النهار؛ ولسنا أبناء الليل ولا أبناء الظلمة. إذا فلا ننم كسائر الناس، بل نسهز ونصح؛ لأن الذين ينامون ففي الليل ينامون، والذين يسكرون ففي الليل يسكرون. أمّا نحن أبناء النهار، فلنصح لابسين درع الإيمان والمحبة، وواضعين خوذة الخلاص. فإن الله لم يجعلنا للغضب، بل لإخراز الخلاص بربنا يسوع المسيح، الذي مات من أجلنا، لنحيا معه ساهرين كذا أم نائمين. فلذلك شجعوا بعضكم بعضاً، وتبينوا الواحد الآخر، كما أنتم فاعلون. والتسبح لله دائماً.

من إنجيل القديس لوقا

قال الرب يسوع: "كان رجل غني يلبس الأرجوان والكتان الناعم، ويتنعم كل يوم بأفخر الولايم. وكان رجل مسكين اسمه لعازر مطروحاً عند بابه، تكسوه القروح. وكان يشتهي أن يشبع من الفتات المتساقط من مائدة الغني، غير أن الكلاب كانت تأتي فتلحس فروحه. ومات المسكين فحملته الملائكة إلى حضن إبراهيم. ثم مات الغني ودفن. ورفع الغني عينيه، وهو في الجحيم يقاسي العذاب، فرأى إبراهيم من بعيد، ولعازر في حضنه. فنادى وقال: يا أبت إبراهيم، إرحمني وأرسل لعازر لينبل طرف إصبعه بماء ويبرد لساني، لأني متوجع في هذا اللهب. فقال إبراهيم: يا أبنائي، تذكر أنك نلت خيرتك في حياتك، ولعازر نال البلبا. والآن هو يتعزى هنا، وأنت تتوجع. ومع هذا كله، فإن بيننا وبينكم هوة عظيمة ثابتة، حتى إن الذين يريدون أن يجتازوا من هنا إليكم لا يستطيعون، ولا من هناك أن يعبروا إلينا. فقال الغني: أسألك إذا، يا أبت، أن ترسل لعازر إلى بيت أبي، فإن لي خمسة إخوة، ليشهد لهم، كي لا يأتوا هم أيضاً إلى مكان العذاب هذا. فقال إبراهيم: عندهم موسى والأنبياء، فليسمعوا لهم. فقال: لا، يا أبت إبراهيم، ولكن إذا مضى إليهم واحد من الأموات يتوبون. فقال له إبراهيم: إن كانوا لا يسمعون لموسى والأنبياء، فإنهم، ولو قام واحد من الأموات، لن يفتنعوا!". حقاً والأمان لجميعكم.



Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn

Flourish

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Friday & Saturday

April 25 & 26, 2025

Saint Sharbel Spiritual Life Center, Pittsburgh, PA

For any questions regarding the Retreat, contact Mr. Paul Kengor, Program Coordinator,

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