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WEEKLY BULLETIN – March 1-2, 2025

Entrance into Lent أحد مدخل الصوم الكبير
Miracle at Cana in Galilee أحد آية عرس قانا

READINGS

1st Reading: Romans 14:14-23

Gospel Reading: John 2:1-11

SANCTUARY CANDLE: This week's sanctuary candle burns in remembrance of Estephan El Tabchi. May this candle be a sign for us of God's eternal love and a reminder of the hope we hold in Christ's resurrection. We pray God grants him eternal rest where there is no pain or sorrow and bring comfort to his family. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

Knefeh Trays Sale

Sunday, March 2, 2025

Knefeh trays are available for the Marfaa.

Festival 2025 Dabkeh

The next Dabkeh practice for MYO & CCD will be on
Friday, February 28, 2025 at 5:30 PM.

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MYA Coordinators: Summer Dib, DebbieAnna Semaan
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DIVINE LITURGIES

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.

Monday, March 3, @ 6:00PM,

Ash Monday, Divine Liturgy & Distribution of Ashes

Wednesday, March 5, @ 6:00PM,

Ash Wednesday, Divine Liturgy & Distribution of Ashes

Friday, March 7, @ 6:00PM, Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 8, @ 4:00PM,

liturgy is offered for a special intention.

Sunday, March 9, @ 11:00AM,

Liturgy is offered in memory of Akram Ajina and the deceased members of the Ajina family. Requested by Philip and Vivian Rai. May their souls rest in peace.

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

March 2025 at a Glance

SAT – Mar 1		Marfaa Weekend
SUN – Mar 2	Marfaa Sunday – Cana Sunday 2 nd 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 22-23, 2025

Sunday Collection	\$ 1,439.00
Online Giving	\$ 100.00

Other Collections

Coffee Hour	\$ 30.00
Eparchial Assessment	\$ 0.00
Insurance	\$ 0.00
Fuel	\$ 313.00
Bishop’s Appeal	\$ 0.00
Donation	\$ 5.00

BIBLE STUDY

With Fr. David
Every Thursday
At 10 am

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84726749798?pwd=2IbuLdNgd2XV MYk18QhTnScVcXdfGw.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 Bevelhymmer, 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 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, James Cordisio, Stacey Fuentes, Noel Andjuhar, and Angel Salerno.

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Upcoming Fundraisers

Sunday, March 2, 2025
Knefeh Trays Sales

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

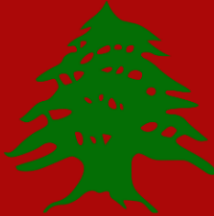
March 5, 2025 @ 6:00PM
Divine Liturgy
and Distribution of Ashes



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

Friday, February 28, 2025

@ 5:30PM Hashweh for Kibbi

Saturday, March 1, 2025

@ 10:00AM 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

Strawberry Jam 3 squeeze bottles

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

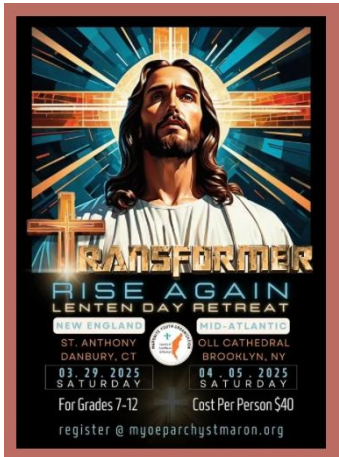
Registration is now open!

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?

Our Lady of Lebanon
Maronite Seminary
7164 Alaska Ave NW
Washington, DC 20012

Registration



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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.

<https://maroniteseminary.org/news-events/seminary-events/about/#:~:text=The%20Maronite%20Enrichment%20Days%20is,Maronite%20Seminary%20hosts%20this%20event.>



16th Annual Benefit Dinner for

The Eparchy of Saint Maron

Wednesday, October 22, 2025

The Metropolitan Club
New York

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Pilgrimage

With Mary, Pilgrims of Hope



May 20 - June 3, 2025

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\$2,900/person, all included except airfare

(Single rooms available for an additional cost)

Limited seats available. Register by 3/31/2025



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.

First Reading - Romans 14:14-23

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

Brothers and Sisters:

I know and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself; but it is unclean for anyone who thinks it unclean. If your brother or sister is being injured by what you eat, you are no longer walking in love. Do not let what you eat cause the ruin of one for whom Christ died. So do not let your good be spoken of as evil. For the kingdom of God is not food and drink but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. The one who thus serves Christ is acceptable to God and has human approval. Let us then pursue what makes for peace and for mutual edification. Do not, for the sake of food, destroy the work of God. Everything is indeed clean, but it is wrong for you to make others fall by what you eat; it is good not to eat meat or drink wine or do anything that makes your brother or sister stumble. The faith that you have, have as your own conviction before God. Blessed are those who have no reason to condemn themselves because of what they approve. But those who have doubts are condemned if they eat, because they do not act from faith; for whatever does not proceed from faith is sin. **Praise be to God always.**

Gospel Reading - Saint John 2:1-11

The Apostle Writes:

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

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فصل من رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل رومة

يا إخوتي، إنِّي عالمٌ وواثقٌ، في الربِّ يسوع، أن لا شيءَ نجسٍ في ذاته، إلا لمن يحسبُه نجسًا، فله يكون نجسًا. فإن كنتَ من أجلِ الطَّعامِ تُحزنُ أخاك، فلا تكونُ سالِكًا في المحبَّة. فلا تُهلكَ بطعامِكَ ذاكَ الذي ماتَ المسيحُ من أجله! إذا فلا تسمَحوا بأن يصيرَ الخبزُ فيكم سببًا للتَّجديفِ. فليسَ ملكوثُ اللهِ أكلاً وشربًا، بل برٌّ وسلامٌ وفرحٌ في الرُّوحِ القُدسِ. فمن يخدمُ المسيحَ هكذا فهو مرضِيٌّ لدى الله، ومقبولٌ لدى النَّاسِ. فلنَسعَ إذا إلى ما هو للسَّلامِ، وما هو لبنيانِ بَعْضِنَا بَعْضًا. فلا تَنقُضَ عَمَلَ اللهِ مِنْ أَجْلِ الطَّعامِ؛ لأنَّ كُلَّ شيءٍ طاهرٌ، ولكنَّهُ يَنقَلِبُ شرًّا على الإنسانِ الذي يأكلُ ويَكُونُ سببَ عِثْرَةٍ لأخيه. فخيرٌ لك أن لا تأكلَ لحمًا، ولا تشربَ خمرًا، ولا تتناولَ شيئًا يَكُونُ سببَ عِثْرَةٍ لأخيك. واحتفظِ برأيكَ لنفسِكَ أمامَ الله. وطوبى لمن لا يدينُ نفسه في ما يقرُّه! أمَّا المُرتابُ في قراره، فإن أكلَ يُدان، لأنَّ عمله غيرُ صادرٍ عن يقينٍ وإيمانٍ. وكلُّ عملٍ لا يصدرُ عن يقينٍ وإيمانٍ فهو خطيئةٌ. والتسبيحُ لله دائمًا.

من إنجيل القديس يوحنا

في اليومِ الثالثِ، كانَ عرسٌ في قانا الجليل، وكانت أمُّ يسوعَ هناك. ودُعِيَ أيضًا يسوعُ وتلاميذهُ إلى العرسِ. ونفذَ الخمرَ، فقالتَ لیسوعَ أمُّه: «ليسَ لديهمَ خمرٌ». فقالَ لها يسوعُ: «ما لي ولكِ، يا امرأة؟ لم تأتِ ساعتي بعد!». فقالتَ أمُّه للخدمِ: «مهما يقلُ لكم فأفعلوه!». وكانَ هناك سِتَّةُ أجزانٍ من حَجَرٍ، مُعدَّةٌ لتطهيرِ اليهودِ، يسعُ كُلُّ منها من ثمانينَ إلى مئةٍ وعشرينَ لبيترًا، فقالَ يسوعُ للخدمِ: «املأوا الأجرانَ ماءً». فملأوها إلى فوق. قالَ لهم: «استشفوا الآنَ، وقدموا لرئيسِ الوليمةِ». فقدموا. وذاقَ الرئيسُ الماءَ، الذي صارَ خمرًا - وكانَ لا يعلمُ من أين هو، والخدمُ الذين استشفوا يعلمون - فدعا إليه العريسَ وقالَ له: «كُلُّ إنسانٍ يقدِّمُ الخمرَ الجيِّدَ أولاً، حتَّى إذا سكرَ المدعوونَ، قدَّمَ الأقلَّ جودةً، أمَّا أنتَ فقدَ أبقيتَ الخمرَ الجيِّدَ إلى الآن!». تلكَ كانتَ أولى آياتِ يسوعَ، صنَعها في قانا الجليل، فأظهرَ مجدهَ، وأمنَ به تلاميذهُ. حقًا والأمان لجميعكم.



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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