

# St. Anthony Maronite Catholic Church



**Rev. Bassam M. Saade, D.Min, Pastor**  
**Deacon Dr. Enzo V. Di Giacomo**  
**Deacon Norman Hannoush**

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**Parish Council:** Russ Ellis, Fred Frangie (President), Paul Malkoon, Ellen Gianinni, Laurie Scharella Gurau, Donna Shibley (Secretary), Ray Stevens (Vice President), Paul Phaneuf and Kevin Carneiro .  
**Trustees and Finance Committee:** Fred Frangie, Ray Stevens, and Paul Malkoon

## LITURGIES

Saturday Vigil - 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.  
Tuesday - 12 noon. St. Anthony's Mass

## HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

12 noon & 6 p.m.

## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every Tuesday 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon  
and Saturday from 3:00 - 3:50 p.m.

## VENERATION OF ST. CHARBEL'S RELIC

Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month  
from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

## BAPTISM

Call the Parish Office for information

## MATRIMONY

Arrangements with the Pastor must be  
made at least six months in advance

## MARONITE CHRISTIAN FORMATION

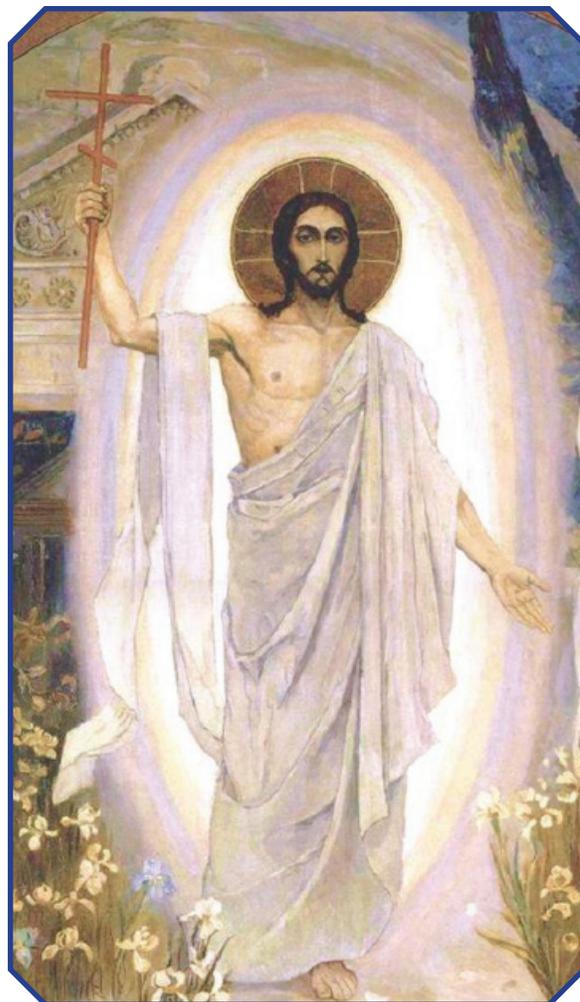
(Religious Education)  
Begins in September

## RECONCILIATION

Saturdays from 3:00-3:45 p.m. or  
call to schedule a confession.

## COMMUNION FOR THE SICK

Please call the Parish Office at  
413-732-0589.



**APRIL 2026**

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## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

“As a faith community we preserve the rich spiritual heritage of the Maronite Church, its liturgy, spirituality, Culture and Aramaic “Syriac” language of Christ. We share this mission of the Universal Catholic Church by being a caring and welcoming family, inviting all who are seeking closeness with God to share this rich heritage and traditions with us. All are welcome”.

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## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

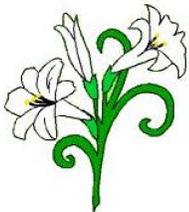
*My Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,*

This month, we celebrate the most important feast in the Church's year, the Resurrection of Our Lord from the dead. Today the darkness that enshrouded Our Lord's Passion and Death is banished by the bright light of the Resurrection and so we proclaim,

We do so not only because Our Lord has conquered sin and death but because he has done it for us and so accomplished our salvation. We share in that victory and attain salvation by believing in him. This belief is not just a matter of words, it is one of deeds also. In the Sacred Scriptures, and especially in the New Testament, Our Lord has left us an example and a teaching which is designed to guide us in our pilgrimage of faith. We also have the Church which, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, makes sure that our understanding of Our Lord's teaching is interpreted in our times in a way that is free from error. Finally, he promised to remain with us to the end of time to help us and strengthen us on our way.

Truly today we have much to celebrate and for which we should be profoundly grateful. We have not only been saved from certain damnation, we have been enabled to become children of God and sisters and brothers of Jesus Christ. We have been promised a share in Our Lord's own kingdom and have been given a "Spiritual GPS" more reliable than any human one to help us get there. Finally, we are empowered in our journey with the strength of God himself "Who so loved the world that he gave his only Son." Truly we can say with St Paul "With God on our side who can be against us?"

Let us therefore rejoice and give thanks to God through lives of service in imitation of Our Lord who came, not to be served but to serve, and give his life as a ransom for many. If we do so we may be sure that one day we will come to rejoice with him in the glory of his Kingdom.



### Alleluia! Christ is Risen, Alleluia!

*God Bless You, Fr. Bassam*



#### SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR APRIL 2026

Holy Land Good Friday April 3 • Priest Easter Gift – April 5 • Easter Offering – April 5  
Fuel and Energy – April 12 • Parish Maintenance – April 19 • Catholic Home Missions Appeal – April 26  
Thank you for your Generosity & Support.

† Your Prayers are needed. We pray for God's blessings and the healing and well-being of the sick and the shut-ins of our parish. Remember them in your prayers. If you know of anyone who is homebound and would like a pastoral visit and communion, please contact the rectory or Father Bassam personally.

**Altar Candles, Sanctuary Lamp, Shrine of St. Anthony Candles, Charcoal & Incense are available.**

To sponsor a **religious gift in memory/honor of your loved one** or for a special intention

Memorials & Special Intentions - (\$50 each/month)

Monthly memorial intentions for living and deceased members of your family and friends can be requested.

Please see Abouna Bassam or call the office 413-732-0589 or his cell 407-276-1136 with your request.

#### 50/50 RAFFLES will be starting again.

Our Monthly Raffles to Benefit our Church Maintenance. 100 tickets will be sold for \$10 each, \$500 will be awarded to the winner & the profit will benefit our Parish toward our Maintenance account. Please support our raffle and Thank you for your generosity.

## LITURGY INTENTIONS FOR APRIL 2026

Wednesday, April 1 10:30-11:30 a.m.	<b>CONFESSION</b>
12:00 p.m.	+ Margaret "Peggy" Sarkis by Christian & Paula Kuselias
Thursday, April 2 6:00 p.m.	<b>HOLY THURSDAY – THE LAST SUPPER AND THE WASHING OF THE FEET</b> + Saade Family and All Priests living and deceased by Fr. Bassam
Friday, April 3	<b>GOOD FRIDAY – OUR LORD’S BURIAL</b> 10:00 a.m. Anaphora 2:00 p.m. Stations of The Cross 3 - 4 p.m. Confession 6 p.m. Burial of Our Lord
Saturday, April 4 10:00 a.m.	<b>EASTER EVE - VIGIL</b> + Prayer of Forgiveness
4:00 p.m.	<b>EASTER VIGIL</b> + Living and deceased family of David Abbass by David Abbass
Sunday, April 5 8:30 a.m.	<b>EASTER SUNDAY - THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD</b> Ray, Evelyn, Louis, Maryann, Mark and Michael Stevens RIP by The Stevens Family For all Our Children and Families by Fr. Bassam
10:30 a.m.	+ For all Families, Parishioners & Friends especially those names placed on the Altar by Fr. Bassam
Tuesday, April 7 12:00 p.m.	+ Ann Sarkis Ryon RIP by Padykula Adham Family
Saturday, April 11 4:00 p.m.	+ Living and deceased family of David Abbass by David Abbass
Sunday, April 12 8:30 a.m.	+ Michael Stevens RIP (5th anniversary) by The Stevens Family
10:30 a.m.	+ Margaret Peggy Sarkis RIP by Frank & Susan Liebel & by Ingrid Kuselias + Frank Gentile RIP by Denise Della Croce
Tuesday, April 14 12:00 p.m.	+ Ann Sarkis Ryon RIP by Anita Brantley
Saturday, April 18 4:00 p.m.	+ Living and deceased family of David Abbass by David Abbass
Sunday, April 19 8:30 a.m.	+ Ray Stevens RIP (His Birthday) by The Stevens Families
10:30 a.m.	+ Rita Sayegh Hannoush RIP (40 Day Mass) by Husband George Hannoush & Family
Tuesday, April 21 12:00 p.m.	+ Ann Sarkis Ryon RIP by Diane Frangie
Saturday, April 25 4:00 p.m.	+ Living and deceased family of David Abbass by David Abbass
Sunday, April 26 8:30 a.m.	+ Ray, Evelyn, Louis, Maryann, Mark and Michael Stevens RIP by The Stevens Family
10:30 a.m.	+ In Memory of Joseph & Odette Toomay RIP by Kathleen Bently + Ann Nunie Malkoon RIP by Frank & Noura Cammarata
Tuesday, April 28 12:00 p.m.	+ Ann Sarkis Ryon RIP by Connery John Ryan

### MEMORIALS - APRIL 2026



Altar Bread and Wine in Loving Memory of Paul F. and Claire Mooradd From Their Family - *April through July 2027*  
 Sanctuary Lamp for Knights of Columbus by The Knights of Columbus - **April 2026**  
 St Anthony Candles in memory of my parents Michel and Hilda Saadé by Father Bassam and Family April 2026

✠ Please support our **BISHOP EPARCHIAL APPEAL** during this Lenten Season. These funds go towards: Seminarians, Ministries, Retired Priests, Support for Christians in Lebanon and The Middle East and The Eparchy's Endowment Fund. Your support and Generosity are most appreciated.

✠ **YEAR END TAX STATEMENTS** - The Year End Tax Statements are now available. If you would like a copy of your Tax Statement, please call the Office to Request a copy to be sent to you. Thank you very much for your Generosity and Support to our Parish.



**CONFESSIONS** will be heard every **Saturday** from 3:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. as well as upon request.  
**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** every **Saturday** from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.  
**Mass and Novena of St. Anthony** - every **Tuesday** at noon.

- † **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** – **Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>** at 6:00 p.m. in the Church Hall
- † **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DINNERS** - Every one is welcome on **Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>** from 5-7 p.m.
- † **KFC PASTA SUPPER** – **April 1<sup>st</sup>** Knights of Columbus 5:00 p.m. Please support.
- † **COFFEE HOUR** – After mass, everyone welcome (Asking for volunteers and families to sponsor each Sunday coffee hour)  
 May God Bless you and reward you for all your support.
- † **SUNDAY HOSPITALITY** - Volunteers are needed to keep our Sunday Hospitality going, after both Masses. Your support and generosity are greatly appreciated.
- † **PASTA LUNCH** - **Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>** - need volunteers.
- † **PALM SUNDAY CANDLES** will be sold by MYO.
- † **PALM SUNDAY BAKE SALE** - still need chair and volunteers.
- † **EASTER MASS INTENTIONS APRIL 4<sup>TH</sup>-5<sup>TH</sup>** - If you would like your loved one's names Living and Deceased to be remembered at all the Easter Liturgies and during the Easter Season, please enclose a list of their names with your donation in an envelope and either put it in the collection basket, give it to Father or mail it to the Parish Office. The names will be put on the Altar and remembered at all the Easter Masses & During the Easter Season. May God Bless you and hear your prayers.
- † **EASTER FLOWERS** if you would like to donate Easter Flowers for the Easter Season, please bring them to the Church, during the Holy Week.
- † **GOOD FRIDAY FLOWERS FOR OUR LORD** – Red Roses will be provided for donation and if you would like to bring your own, you are welcome to do so. Thank you
- † **MYO (Maronite Youth Organization)** - Easter Flower Sale Please support them.
- † **MOTHER'S DAY REMEMBRANCE** - If you would like to remember your mother, grandmothers, godmothers, etc., Living and deceased, please write their names on an envelope and drop it into the collection basket with your donation or mail it to the Parish Office. Their names will be put on the Altar during the Masses the weekend of Mother's Day May 9-10.
- † A Very Special Thank you to all who supported our Parish Family during The Blessed and Holy Season of Lent and Easter. We appreciate your Time, Talent, and Treasure.
  - Those who decorated the Church and Built The Lord's Tomb.
  - The Ushers, Altar Servers, Lectors, Choir Members, Organist, Soloist and Hospitality Teams.
  - All those who cleaned and prepared the Church for This Blessed and Holy Season.
  - The Women's Guild and helpers who hosted and made Lenten Dinners for Good Fridays
  - Our Volunteers and anyone who helped in any way.
  - For those who were generous to me PERSONALLY this Easter Season, I Thank you from the bottom of my Heart.

Thank you & God Bless you a Thousand fold  
 It was a truly Blessed Happy & Joyful Easter Season because of your Love. Christ was truly present among us & the Spirit of Brotherhood was overwhelming. Again Thank you & God Bless you during this Blessed Easter Season and throughout the whole year - Fr. Bassam

**PARISH FINANCES - FEBRUARY 2026**

	PARISH	CEDARS
<b>Income</b>	<b>\$25,546.00</b>	<b>\$16,458.33</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$30,896.15</b>	<b>\$10,027.21</b>
<b>Profit/Loss</b>	<b>(5,350.15)</b>	<b>6,331.12</b>

Please we need your help and financial support to keep our Parish stable. Thank you for your Generosity.



**BECOME A NAM MEMBER**

**NAM Registration** – please consider becoming a NAM (National Apostolate of Maronite).

More info: <https://www.namnews.org>

**Follow us on social media**

† St. Anthony's Maronite Church ~ you will need to be accepted to join this group to protect who is allowed as pictures of families are posted

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/269624729721819>

† St. Anthony's Maronite Catholic Church ~ this is a public group where anyone can join.

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