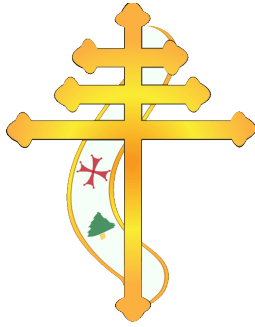


St. Anthony Maronite Catholic Church



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

Parish Council: Russ Ellis, Fred Frangie (President), Paul Malkoon, Ellen Gianinni, Laurie Schcrella Gurau, Donna Shibley (Secretary), Ray Stevens (Vice President), and Kevin Carneiro .

Trustees: Fred Frangie and Ray Stevens

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 3rd 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.



AUGUST 2026

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,

Celebrated every year on August 15, the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary commemorates the death of Mary and her bodily assumption into Heaven, before her body could begin to decay—a foretaste of our own bodily resurrection at the end of time. Because it signifies the Blessed Virgin's passing into eternal life, it is the most important of all Marian feasts and a Holy Day of Obligation. Other names for this feast day are: The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary; The Assumption of Mary Into Heaven; The Dormition of the Theotokos; The Falling Asleep of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The Feast of the Assumption is a very old feast of the Church, celebrated universally by the sixth century. The feast was originally celebrated in the East, where it is known as the Feast of the Dormition, a word which means "the falling asleep." The earliest printed reference to the belief that Mary's body was assumed into Heaven dates from the fourth century, in a document entitled "The Falling Asleep of the Holy Mother of God." The document is written in the voice of the Apostle John, to whom Christ on the Cross had entrusted the care of His mother, and recounts the death, laying in the tomb, and assumption of the Blessed Virgin. Tradition variously places Mary's death at Jerusalem or at Ephesus, where John was living.

Eastern Christians, both Catholic and Orthodox, continue to refer to the Feast of the Assumption as the Dormition of the Theotokos today.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven at the end of her earthly life is a defined dogma of the Catholic Church. On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII, exercising papal infallibility, declared in *Munificentissimus Deus* that it is a dogma of the Church "that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory." As a dogma, the Assumption is a required belief of all Catholics; anyone who publicly dissents from the dogma, Pope Pius declared, "has fallen away completely from the divine and Catholic Faith."

While Eastern Christians have kept these early tradition surrounding the Assumption alive, Western Christians have largely lost touch with them. Some, hearing the Assumption described by the Eastern term dormition, incorrectly assume that the "falling asleep" means that Mary was assumed into Heaven before she could die. But Pope Pius XII, cites ancient liturgical texts from both East and West, as well as the writings of the Church Fathers, all indicating that the Blessed Virgin had died before her body was assumed into Heaven.

"This feast shows, not only that the dead body of the Blessed Virgin Mary remained incorrupt, but that she gained a triumph out of death, her heavenly glorification after the example of her only begotten Son, Jesus Christ . . ."

God Bless You, Fr. Bassam



Don't take a vacation from church. There are Catholic Churches all over the World. Please continue to send in your weekly offerings to our parish office as we count on you to meet our monthly bills. Meanwhile, thank you to all those who have continued to support our parish with their weekly envelopes and donations.

Follow this link for mass times by location - www.masstimes.org



SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR AUGUST 2026

Parish Maintenance – August 2

Assumption - August 15 • Fuel and Energy – August 16

Thank you for your generosity and 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.

50/50 RAFFLES started 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 and upkeeping our church property. Please support our raffle and Thank you for your generosity.

LITURGY INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST 2026

Saturday, August 1 4:00 p.m.	+ Living and deceased family of David Abbass by David Abbass + Margaret Peggy Sarkis RIP by Anita Russo
Sunday, August 2 8:30 a.m.	+ Anna, Elias Kalill and children Farris, Paul, Julia, Marion RIP by The Stevens Family + Paul, Julia & Marion by The Stevens Family
10:30 a.m.	+ Rita Sayegh Sarkis RIP by the Zahle Club + Margaret Peggy Sarkis RIP by Kathleen Bently
Tuesday, August 4 12:00 p.m.	+ Robert Khoury RIP by Family
Thursday, August 6 12:00 p.m.	THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD + Rita Sayegh Hannoush RIP by Najed & Madeleine Noujaim
Saturday, August 8 4:00 p.m.	+ Living and deceased family of David Abbass by David Abbass
Sunday, August 9 8:30 a.m.	+ Ray, Evelyn, Maryanne, Louis, Mark and Micheal Stevens RIP by The Stevens Family + Rolland A. Rivest III RIP by Joseph Stevens
10:30 a.m.	+ Rita Sayegh Hannoush RIP by Tony & Joumana Hachem + Vivian & Mulhem Hawil RIP by Mariam & Shameran Hawil
Tuesday, August 11 12:00 p.m.	+ Living and deceased family of David Abbass by David Abbass
Saturday, August 15 4:00 p.m.	FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY (Holy Day of Obligation) + Our Family and Our Parish Families SI by Fr. Bassam + Alma Mary Noga RIP by Fr. Bassam
Sunday, August 16 8:30 a.m.	+ Maryann Stevens Shamatta 1st Anniversary RIP by the Stevens Family + For all Parishioners and families SI by Fr. Bassam
10:30 a.m.	+ Sally Daboul Hitson RIP (40 Day Mass) by the family + Rita Sayegh Hannoush RIP by Maroun & May Ghossein & Ghossein family
Tuesday, August 18 12:00 p.m.	+ Rolland A. Rivest III RIP by Marc & Angi LeClerc
Saturday, August 22 4:00 p.m.	+ Living and deceased family of David Abbass by David Abbass
Sunday, August 23 8:30 a.m.	+ Louis Stevens on Occasion of his Birthday RIP by The Stevens Family + Maria Mansur & Hawil Mulhem RIP by Mariam & Shameran
10:30 a.m.	+ Rita Sayegh Hannoush RIP by Tony & Carol Samaha
Tuesday, August 25 12:00 p.m.	+ Rania & Anna Maria Saadeh Happy Birthday by the Saadeh Family
Saturday, August 29 4:00 p.m.	+ Living and deceased family of David Abbass by David Abbass
Sunday, August 30 8:30 a.m.	+ Christine, Sharon and Joey Stevens RIP by The Stevens Family
10:30 a.m.	+ Yousef, Katerina & Simon Musallam & George Abeid RIP by Jeanette Abeid + Rita Sayegh Hannoush RIP by Tony & Carol Samaha



MEMORIALS - AUGUST 2026

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

MEMORIALS & SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Memorials & Special Intentions – **\$50 for each per month**

To sponsor **ALL** (Altar Candles, Sanctuary Lamp, Altar Bread & Wine, Shrine of St. Anthony Candles, Charcoal & Incense, Special Intention)
\$300.00 for all per month

To sponsor a religious gift in memory/honor of your loved one or for a special intention, please call the parish office.
(413) 732-0589 to schedule your request or see Abouna Bassam.



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** – Our next meeting will be held on **Monday, September 6th**, at 6:00 p.m. in the Church Hall
- ✠ **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** - Dinner in the Church Hall on **Wednesday, September 8th**, from 5-7 p.m.
- ✠ **COFFEE HOUR** – After mass everyone is welcome. We need volunteers and families to help or sponsor each Sunday coffee hour.
 May God Bless you and reward you for all your time, support and generosity.
- ✠ **SUNDAY HOSPITALITY** - Volunteers are needed to keep our Sunday Hospitality going, after both Masses. Your support and generosity are greatly appreciated.
- ✠ **1st Communion Classes** start in September. Please register your children as soon as possible. Thank you.
- ✠ We are Celebrating the **50TH ANNIVERSARY of Msgr. David George on October 4th at 3 p.m.**
 There will be a Liturgy with Bishop Gregory Mansour. Reception to follow in the Church Hall. All are Welcome.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISH THIS MONTH OF AUGUST

“A Prayer for Our Parish”

Gracious and Loving God, we ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon our Parish to fill us with love. Make us instruments of your love to everyone that we encounter at home, at work, in our neighborhoods, and in our parish community. Work through us so that we can bring your truth to those who are searching for you. Help us to grow in gratitude so that we can recognize and thank you for all the good things you have given us. Instill in us a deep sense of generosity so that we are willing to share our gifts, our talents, our time and our financial resources. Deepen our desire to follow your will and to do all things for your honor and glory.
 We ask this through Jesus Christ, Our Lord and Savior, Amen.”

“To make Our Parish Better”

Keep your pastor, parish, staff, and fellow parishioners in your daily prayers. Saying a Rosary, spending time in adoration, fasting or offering up any suffering, annoyance or inconvenience you experience for the well-being of your parish will bring rewards not just for the parish but for you personally. You will begin to see yourself as spiritual support for all the good work being done in and through your parish. Pray also for the return of Catholics who have strayed from the practice of their Faith, people raised with no faith, and people searching for meaning and purpose in life. No parish is perfect, and even the best parishes can improve. Imagine what would happen if every person in your parish did one thing to make the parish Better.

“Give and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap.” Lk 6:38

PARISH FINANCES - JUNE 2026

	PARISH	CEDARS
Income	15,639.00	24,210.00
Expenses	-14,462.26	-16,666.35
Profit/Loss	1,176.74	7,543.65

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).

It is very important for our Parish to support our National Laity Organization, who gives scholarships to our children throughout the United States and the Massabki Annual Award for an exceptional parishioner or couples who work for the Church on the local level or on a National Level for the Glory of God



P.S. To be eligible to receive the Massabki Brothers Annual Award, you must be a registered member of NAM and in Good Standing. Registration forms are in the Vestibule and Online. Thank you.

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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