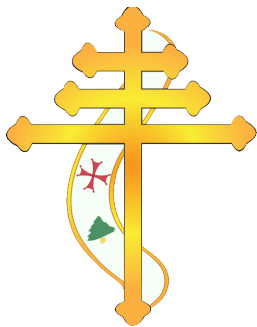


St. Anthony Maronite Catholic Church



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

Parish Council: Monte Albdaawi, Russ Ellis, Fred Frangie (President),
Anna Maria Ghossein, Bassam Karam Gene Karam, Paul Malkoon,
Donna Shibley (Secretary), Ray Stevens (Vice President)

Trustees: Fred Frangie, Ray Stevens

Parish Finance Committee: Kevin Carneiro, Peter Hannoush, Paul Phaneuf

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.



GLORIOUS BIRTH OF OUR LORD

DECEMBER 2025

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,

Once again in this Christmas season we reflect on the story of the Glorious Birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. As we kneel before the crib we are reminded that God so loved the world that he sent his Son into the world "that the world might be saved through him."

Each Christmas Almighty God offers us a special gift His Son, our Savior. This gift can really change our lives providing we welcome him into our hearts and show our gratitude by loving God and our neighbor. The presence of Christ in our lives will truly bring us joy and happiness. As we reflect on Christ's coming we think about receiving him in Holy Communion. We consider receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation to prepare ourselves in the best possible way to receive him so that we may be transformed by him. This will bring peace into our lives and give to this great feast its true meaning.

Let us make our real celebration of Christmas and the New Year a spiritual one. It is all too easy to get caught up in the material preparations for the season. Let us take time to prepare spiritually in the remaining days of the Season of Announcement so that we may have prepared a way for the Lord and be ready to celebrate the Glorious Birth with hearts full of joy and hope.

Let us also give thanks for the many blessings God has showered upon us in 2025. I would like to thank everyone for their loyal support during the year and especially those who have helped in so many different ways in the activities of the parish events. Your generosity in sharing your time, talents and treasure is a wonderful witness to your faith.

May the Peace of the Christ Child dwell in your hearts now and always.

God Bless You, Fr. Bassam

MEMORIALS - DECEMBER 2025



† Altar Bread and Wine in Loving Memory of Paul F. and Claire Mooradd From Their Family - **through March 2027**

† Sanctuary Lamp in Memory of Michel and Hilda Saade & Saade Family RIP By The Family

† St. Anthony's Candles - Available for **November and the rest of the year**

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.



SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR DECEMBER 2025

Christmas Flowers - December 7 • Immaculate Conception - December 8

Fuel and Energy - December 21 • Father's Christmas Gift - Dec 25

Christmas Offering - December 25 • Circumcision World Day of Peace - January 1

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY AND SUPPORT.

Your Donations and Financial Support are greatly appreciated and needed. Please continue to send in your weekly offerings to the 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. God Bless You Fr. Bassam

† 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.



The Christian Stewardship concept is that we all have gifts from GOD mainly

TIME, TALENT, TREASURE

Give and it shall be given to you Luke 6:38

May Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, reward you for your help and support to our Parish.

Liturgy Intentions for Seasons of Announcements & Birth of our Lord - December 2025

Tuesday, December 2 12:00 p.m.	+ John F Rivers RIP (1 year Anniversary) by the Daboul Family
Saturday, December 6 4:00 p.m.	+ Living and deceased family of David Abbass by David Abbass
Sunday, December 7 8:30 a.m.	BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST + Poor Souls in Purgatory by the Stevens Family + Louis Stevens RIP by Nadim Chehade
10:30 a.m.	+ Issa (John) Ghossein RIP by Lynn Dehneh
Monday, December 8 12:00 p.m.	THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (Holy Day of Obligation) + My Mother Hilda and All the Mothers Living and Deceased by Fr. Bassam
Tuesday, December 9 12:00 p.m.	+ Special Intentions by Gertrude Hooben
Friday, December 12 6:00 p.m.	FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE + Special Intentions by Fr. Bassam
Saturday, December 13 4:00 p.m.	+ Living and deceased family of David Abbass by David Abbass
Sunday, December 14 8:30 a.m.	REVELATION TO JOSEPH + Mark Stevens RIP (Birthday) by Stevens Family + Marilyn Rondeau RIP by Husband Tom Rondeau
10:30 a.m.	+ Saade Family Living and Deceased (SI) by Fr. Bassam
Monday, December 15 6:00 p.m.	+ 1st Novena - Michel & Hilda Saade, Living & Deceased Family Members of the Saade Family by Fr. Bassam
Tuesday, December 16 6:00 p.m.	+ 2nd Novena - Special Intentions by Gertrude Hooben
Wednesday, December 17 6:00 p.m.	+ 3rd Novena - Adel ,Semaan Najwa, Elie, Nadim and Deceased Family Members by Fr. Bassam
Thursday, December 18 6:00 p.m.	+ 4th Novena - Parishioners Living & Deceased by Fr. Bassam
Friday, December 19 6:00 p.m.	+ 5th Novena - Alma, Sarah, Moni & Rosalie, & Living and Deceased members of the Saade Family by Fr. Bassam
Saturday, December 20 5:00 p.m.	+ 6th Novena - Living and deceased family of David Abbass by David Abbass
Sunday, December 21 8:30 a.m.	GENEALOGY SUNDAY - 7th Novena + Evelyn Stevens RIP (Birthday) by the Stevens Family + Louis Stevens RIP by Michale Sadak
10:30 a.m.	+ Parish Family & Friends Special Intentions by Fr. Bassam
Monday, December 22 6:00 p.m.	+ 8th Novena - Peace in The World by Fr. Bassam
Tuesday, December 23 6:00 p.m.	+ 9th Novena - Gertrude Hooben SI by Gertrude Hooben
Wednesday, December 24 4:00 p.m.	CHRISTMAS EVE + All Children and Families in Our Parish, Family and Friends by Fr. Bassam
Thursday, December 25 Midnight	CHRISTMAS DAY - BIRTH OF JESUS + Parish Families and Friends, and All those names placed on the Altar by Fr. Bassam
10:30 a.m.	BIRTH OF JESUS - Merry Christmas to All
Friday, December 26 12:00 p.m.	PRAISES OF THE MOTHER OF GOD + Saade & Matta Families Living and Deceased by Fr. Bassam
Saturday, December 27 4:00 p.m.	ST. STEPHEN THE FIRST MARTYR + Living and deceased family of David Abbass by David Abbass
Sunday, December 28 8:30 a.m.	+ Evelyn Stevens RIP (12th Anniversary) by the Stevens Family + Louis Stevens RIP by Peter and Georgette Hannoush
10:30 a.m.	+ Michel & Hilda Saade & Living and Deceased members by Fr. Bassam
Tuesday, December 30 4:00 p.m.	+ Special Intentions by Gertrude Hooben
Wednesday, December 31 4:00 p.m.	NEW YEARS EVE + Peace in the World & Living & Deceased members of our Parish by Fr. Bassam
Thursday, January 1 10:30 a.m.	SOLEMNITY OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD - CIRCUMCISION OF JESUS NEW YEARS DAY (Holy Day of Obligation) + Peace in the World & Happy New Year to All by Fr. 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.

Dear Parishioners,

We need to update our parish list so please we need your informations; your name, address, phone number and emails of your family and your children specifically if they are living in their independent household. We thank you for your support to our parish and we truly appreciate you.

May God continue to bless you and reward you for your support and generosity to our church. Father Bassam

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – Monday, December 8th at 6:00 p.m. in the Church Hall

✙ Come and Join Us for **ST. ANTHONY'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON** –December 7th. 12 Noon Catered by Posto Restaurant Prices are \$45 for adults, \$20 for Children 5-12 and Children under 5 - Free. Children can Decorate their own Stockings and Take Pictures with Santa. Please make Reservations A.S.A.P. with Georgette Hannoush at 413-575-5169

✙ **CHRISTMAS NINE DAYS NOVENAS** Dec 15th-23rd weekdays at 6:00 p.m. Weekend between Masses Come and Join us to prepare Spiritually for this Blessed Christmas Season to Birth of Our Lord and Savior

✙ **CHURCH DECORATING** – Wednesday December 10th at 9:00 a.m. Please Come and Join us to Decorate Our Church for Christmas. All are Welcome. Thank You.

✙ **CHRISTMAS PAGEANT REHEARSAL** - Christmas Eve 2:30 p.m. & Mass at 4 p.m All Children in Our Parish are welcome to participate. Costume fitting and rehearsals will begin Sunday, December 7th at 9:30 a.m. Thanks to all parents for bringing your children & making them part of The Christmas Pageant.

✙ **CHRISTMAS FLOWERS** - You can offer a Christmas Poinsettia to The Altar of The Lord in Honor/remembrance of your loved ones Living or Deceased suggested donation per plant, per name \$10.00 Thank You & God Bless Fr Bassam

✙ **CHRISTMAS MASSES** - If you would like your loved ones name placed on The altar for the Christmas Masses, please put their names in an envelope (indicate if they are living or deceased), and place the envelope with your donation in the collection basket or give it to Father Bassam

✙ **COFFEE HOUR** – After mass everyone is welcome (We need volunteers and families to help or sponsor each Sunday coffee hour) God Bless you and reward you for all your time, support and generosity.

✙ **50/50 RAFFLES** - 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 & Upkeeping of our Church Property. Please support our raffle and Thank you for your generosity.

✙ **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** - Serving Dinner in the Church Hall on **Wednesday, December 3rd from 5-6:30 p.m.** The cost is \$12 and comes with all the extras (dine-in or take-out) All are welcome.

✙ **JUBILEE 2025 - PILGRIMAGE OF HOPE** started **December 24, 2024 ending January 6, 2026**. Pope Francis has officially dedicated the year 2025 to be a Jubilee Year. The theme is Pilgrims of Hope. Pope Francis hopes Catholics will travel in 2025 to experience the Holy Year in Rome. For those unable, he hopes they celebrate the message of Hope in their local churches. Hope is the central message of Jubilee Year 2025. Pope Francis prayed "July the Jubilee year be an opportunity to be renewed in Hope. In the heart of each person Hope dwells in the desire and expectation of good things to come."

PARISH FINANCES - OCTOBER

	Parish	Cedars
Income	10,546.00	20,321.14
Expenses	18,102.02	8,506.11
Profit/Loss	(7,556.02)	11,815.03

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>

It is very important for our Parish to support our National Laity Organization, who gives scholarships to our children and the Massabki Annual Award for an exceptional parishioner or couples who work for the Church.

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