

# 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:** Monte Albdaiwi, Russ Ellis, Fred Frangie (President), Gene Karam, Abdullah Rehayem, Anna Maria Ghossein, Donna Shibley (Secretary), Ray Stevens (Vice President)

**Trustees:** Fred Frangie, Ray Stevens

**Parish Finance Committee:** Kevin Carneiro, Ray Stevens, 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 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.



## FEBRUARY 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 Week of the Priests. In the Gospel reading from Luke, our Lord tells us: "From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required; and from the one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded." This holds true for all Christians but especially those in the ordained ministry. The threefold ministry of Bishop, Priest and Deacon emerged during the first century and has remained with us ever since. It is a ministry of service within the Church and for its members. One of the titles of the Holy Father is 'Servant of the Servants of God' and the Pallium which he and Archbishops wear over their vestments is always made of wool as a reminder that the Good Shepherd laid the lost sheep across his shoulders and carried it gently back to the flock.

Our Lord is only referred to as a priest in the Letter to the Hebrews. He was not a priest in Judaism nor did he come from a priestly family and yet his is the example on which the ordained ministry in the Church is modeled. Ours is not a sacrificial ministry but a pastoral one. We are called upon to be leaders, teachers, healers, preachers, reconcilers and good stewards or managers of the gifts and responsibilities entrusted to us. There was a time when priests, and especially bishops, behaved like a sort of clerical aristocracy and regarded themselves as masters rather than servants but that was not the way it was and not the way it is intended to be. The clergy, (bishops, priests, and deacons) are servants of the People of God, called to live lives of personal holiness, dedication, prayer and service. We can only discharge our responsibilities when these are the characteristics of our lives. We call to mind the characteristics that are required to be leaders, teachers, healers, reconcilers and good stewards or managers of the gifts and responsibilities entrusted to them.

Our Lord is the pattern and exemplar for all but especially those in the ordained ministry. We are called to show his compassion, understanding, willingness to forgive and also to confront evil and expose hypocrisy just as Our Lord did with the Scribes and the Pharisees. As clergy, we are called upon to proclaim the Good News not only by our words but by lives that bear witness to Our Lord's values. Ours is not a sacrificial ministry but it is a self-sacrificial ministry and one which none of us could possibly carry out but for the Grace of God and the prayers of the faithful.

*God Bless You, Fr. Bassam*



### SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR JANUARY 2026

Parish Maintenance – February 1 • Eparchial Charities Appeal – February 8

St. Maron Special Offering – February 9 • Fuel and Energy – February 15

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.



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.*

**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 FEBRUARY 2026

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| <b>Sunday, February 1</b><br>8:30 a.m.      | + Ray, Evelyn, Mary Anne, Louis, Mark & Michael Stevens RIP by The Stevens Family<br>+ Louis Stevens RIP by Geraldine Yacovone & Laurie Ann Collins   |
| 10:30 a.m.                                  | + Anna (Nunie) Malkoon RIP by Barbara Thomas<br>+ Living and Deceased members of The Saade Family by Fr. Bassam   |
| <b>Monday, February 2</b><br>12:00 p.m.     | <b>THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD IN THE TEMPLE</b><br>+ Anna (Nunie) Malkoon RIP by Richard Cohen  |
| <b>Tuesday, February 3</b><br>12:00 p.m.    | + Gertrude Hooben Special Intentions by Gertrude Hooben   |
| <b>Saturday, February 7</b><br>4:00 p.m.    | + Living and deceased family of David Abbass by David Abbass  |
| <b>Sunday, February 8</b><br>8:30 a.m.      | <b>SUNDAY OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED</b><br>+ Ray, Evelyn, Mary Anne, Louis, Mark & Michael Stevens RIP by The Stevens Family<br>+ Louis Stevens & Mary Anne Stevens RIP by Lee, Daniella, Theresa Benndetti<br>+ For all the Faithful Departed especially those names on the Altar by Fr. Bassam |
| 10:30 a.m.                                  | <b>FEAST OF ST. MARON</b><br>+ Anna (Nunie) Malkoon RIP by Gerd & JoAnn Siller<br>+ Michel & Hilda Saade and deceased members of the Saade and Khairallah by Fr. Bassam   |
| <b>Monday, February 9</b>                   | <b>FEAST OF ST. MARON (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)</b><br>+ Peace and Special Intentions of Family and Parishioners by Fr. Bassam   |
| <b>Tuesday, February 10</b><br>12:00 p.m.   | + Gertrude Hooben Special Intentions by Gertrude Hooben   |
| <b>Saturday, February 14</b><br>4:00 p.m.   | + Living and deceased family of David Abbass by David Abbass<br><b>HAPPY VALENTINES DAY</b> - For All Couples and Families by Fr. Bassam  |
| <b>Sunday, February 15</b><br>8:30 a.m.     | <b>MIRACLE OF CANA SUNDAY</b><br>+ Ray, Evelyn, Mary Anne, Louis, Mark & Michael Stevens RIP by The Stevens Family  |
| 10:30 a.m.                                  | + Peace in the World & Blessed Lent to all by Fr. Bassam<br>+ Anna (Nunie) Malkoon RIP by Marilyn Rovelli   |
| <b>Monday, February 16</b><br>12:00 p.m.    | <b>ASH MONDAY</b><br>+ Deceased members of the Saade & Khairallah Families by Fr. Bassam  |
| 6:00 p.m.                                   | + All our Parishioners & Families by Fr. Bassam   |
| <b>Tuesday, February 17</b><br>12:00 p.m.   | + Gertrude Hooben Special Intentions by Gertrude Hooben   |
| <b>Wednesday, February 18</b><br>12:00 p.m. | <b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b><br>+ Peaceful & Spiritual Lent and Special Intentions by Fr. Bassam  |
| <b>Friday, February 20</b><br>5:00 p.m.     | <b>SERVICE OF THE HOLY CROSS</b><br>+ Anna Malkoon (Nunie) RIP by Rosemary Ann Thomas   |
| 6:00 p.m.                                   | + Lenten Dinner by St. Anthony Women's Guild  |
| <b>Saturday, February 21</b><br>4:00 p.m.   | + Living and deceased family of David Abbass by David Abbass  |
| <b>Sunday, February 22</b><br>8:30 a.m.     | <b>HEALING OF THE LEPER</b><br>+ Ray Stevens RIP (26th Anniversary) by The Stevens Family<br>+ Ray, Evelyn, Mary Anne, Louis, Mark & Michael Stevens RIP by The Stevens Family  |
| 10:30 a.m.                                  | + Anna Malkoon (Nunie) RIP by David Glantz  |
| <b>Tuesday, February 24</b><br>12:00 p.m.   | + Gertrude Hooben Special Intentions by Gertrude Hooben   |
| <b>Friday, February 27</b><br>5:00 p.m.     | <b>SERVICE OF THE HOLY CROSS</b><br>+ Anna Malkoon (Nunie) by Ronnie Stevens  |
| 6:00 p.m.                                   | + Lenten Dinner by St. Anthony Women's Guild  |
| <b>Saturday, February 28</b><br>4:00 p.m.   | + Living and deceased family of David Abbass by David Abbass  |



**CONFESIONS** 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, February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Hall

† KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DINNERS - Every one is welcome on **Wednesday, February 4<sup>th</sup> from 5-6:30 p.m.**

† WOMEN'S GUILD - Lenten Dinners Every Friday starting February 20<sup>th</sup> – March 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. after Lenten Mass. If you would like to help or donate anything to these meals please contact the Guild.

† FIRST PENANCE FOR OUR FIRST COMMUNION CLASS - Very Special Thank to Mrs. Ellen Giannini for her hard work, guidance and support to our First Communion Class and Families. Just as a reminder that the First Penance will be on **February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026**, parents are asked to help your children memorize their prayers and get them ready for their First Confession. Thank you for your collaboration.

† Women's Guild Meeting date February /11<sup>th</sup> after 10:30 mass.

† 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.

† THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED - All Faithfully Departed will be remembered at all Divine Masses, during the week of February 8<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>. If you would like your loved ones to be remembered, 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.

† FEAST OF ST MARON February 9<sup>th</sup> celebrated **Sunday February 8<sup>th</sup> Potluck** - families welcome to bring a dish or make a donation. for supplies and cleaning please contact Monte for dish items you wish to bring or paper goods?

† Lent Dinner - every Friday - Guild hosts and list will need to go out. Call Monte for days you like to make meal or make a donation for host.

† PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH - February 29<sup>th</sup> EARLY!!) brunch Chair call Tanya for tickets or volunteer.

† 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.

† 40 DAY MASS for Nouni Guild - offer service and Volunteer if the family like

## PARISH FINANCES - DECEMBER 2025

|             | Parish      | Cedars      |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Income      | \$29,047.00 | \$18,606.00 |
| Expenses    | \$21,706.15 | \$14,868.91 |
| Profit/Loss | \$7,340.85  | \$3,737.09  |

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

## MEMORIALS - FEBRUARY 2026

Altar Bread and Wine in Loving Memory of Paul F. and Claire Mooradd From Their Family - **February through July 2026**



Sanctuary Lamp in Memory of Michel and Hilda Saade & Saade Family RIP By The Family - **February 2026**

St. Anthony's Candles In Memory of Hooben Family especially Peter and Billy Hooben RIP

by Gertrude Hooben - **February 2026**

**ALTAR CANDLES, SHRINE OF ST. ANTHONY CANDLES, CHARCOAL & INCENSE ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY AND THE REST OF THE YEAR**



## 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.  
<https://www.facebook.com/StAnthonysMaroniteChurch>