

St. Anthony Maronite Catholic Church



Rev. Bassam M. Saade, D.Min, Pastor
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Parish Council: Monte Albaiwi, Russ Ellis, Fred Frangie (President),
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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

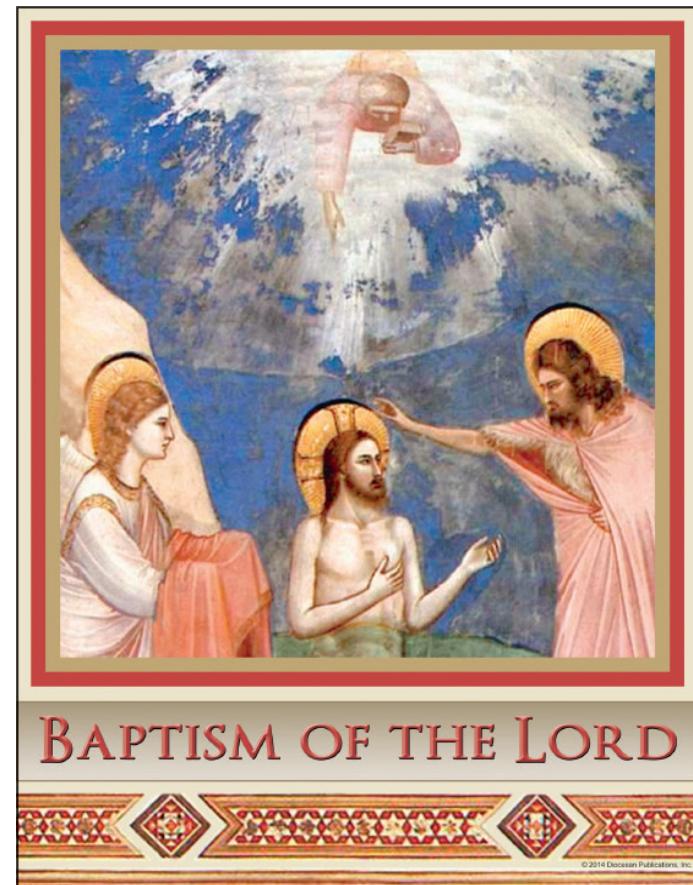
(Religious Education)
Begins in September

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.



BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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JANUARY 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,

As we begin The Season of Epiphany, we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. This was not a baptism like ours, this was the baptism of John which was a sign of repentance for sin. This makes the feast very puzzling because we believe that our Lord was “like us in all things but sin”. It is our belief that he was completely free from all sin both original and actual. So why did this happen? We read in Matthew’s Gospel: ‘John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.”’

In Jesus, we see not repentance but humility. And this is an example for us. So often when we are asked to do something we respond “that’s not my job” or “that’s nothing to do with me”. In doing so, we not only display pride, we also miss an opportunity to show humility and render service to someone or some mission.

This feast also marks the beginning of Jesus’ ministry, He is commissioned by God our Father and the Holy Spirit who descends upon him in the form of a dove. Our ministry, our mission, is a sharing in the ministry and mission of Jesus which he entrusted to the Church. It is therefore a time when we might profitably reflect on our ministry and mission.

Jesus is our paradigm, our exemplar. In Him, we see ministry and mission perfectly accomplished and in every way. He proclaimed the Good News, healed the sick, preached and taught, forgave and reconciled, challenged and corrected, and ultimately gave himself completely by suffering and dying on the cross. The core of His whole ministry was obedience to the Father and love of neighbor.

Let us thank almighty God for having given us the great privilege of sharing in his Son’s mission, repent of our shortcomings and resolve to share our God-given gifts more generously and more lovingly in future.

God Bless You, Fr. Bassam



SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR JANUARY 2026

Circumcision World Day of Peace – January 1 • Initial Offering - January 4

Epiphany – January 9 • Parish Maintenance – January 11 • Fuel and Energy – January 18

US Catholics Bishop’s Worldwide Charities – January 25

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 JANUARY 2026

Thursday, January 1 10:30 a.m.	SOLEMNITY OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD Circumcision Of Jesus (Holy Day of Obligation) New Years Day + Peace in the World & Happy New Year to All by Fr. Bassam
Saturday, January 3 4:00 p.m.	+ Living and deceased family of David Abbass by David Abbass
Sunday, January 4 8:30 a.m.	THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD / BAPTISM OF OUR LORD JESUS + Sadie, Sue and George Nassar by The Stevens Family + Louis Stevens by Lynn Dehneh
10:30 a.m.	+ Peace in the World & Our Hearts by Father Bassam + For All Our Parishioners and Families by Father Bassam
Tuesday, January 6 12:00 p.m.	FEAST OF EPIPHANY HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION + For All Our Parishioners and Families by Father Bassam + Gigi Saadeh Birthday and Special Intentions by Mike Saadeh & Family + Helen Bonneau Special Intentions by Gertrude Hooben
Saturday, January 10 4:00 p.m.	+ Living and deceased family of David Abbass by David Abbass
Sunday, January 11 8:30 a.m.	+ Ray, Evelyn, Mary Anne, Louis, Mark & Michael Stevens RIP by The Stevens Family + Louis Stevens by Cheryl Marrewa
10:30 a.m.	+ Hilda Saade RIP (Birthday) by Fr. Bassam and Saade Family
Tuesday, January 13 12:00 p.m.	+ Rene Bonneau Special Intentions by Gertrude Hooben
Saturday, January 17 4:00 p.m.	+ Living and deceased family of David Abbass by David Abbass
Sunday, January 18 8:30 a.m.	+ Edna Edith Shibley RIP (40-day Mass) by The Shibley Family + Ray, Evelyn, Mary Anne, Louis, Mark & Michael Stevens RIP by The Stevens Family
10:30 a.m.	+ Ann Malkoon (Nunie) 40-day Mass by The Malkoon Family + Fr. Bassam Birthday by Family and Friends
Tuesday, January 20 12:00 p.m.	+ Gertrude Hooben Special Intentions by Gertrude Hooben
Saturday, January 24 4:00 p.m.	+ Living and deceased family of David Abbass by David Abbass
Sunday, January 25 8:30 a.m.	+ Louis Stevens by Barbara Thomas + Caterina, Maria, Elizabeth & Joe Ceravolo by The Stevens Family
10:30 a.m.	+ Living and Deceased members of our Family by Fr. Bassam + Ann Malkoon (Nunie) RIP by George & Peggy Sarkis
Tuesday, January 27 12:00 p.m.	+ Harry, Max, Zachary Special Intentions by Grandma Gertrude Hooben
Saturday, January 31 4:00 p.m.	+ Living and deceased family of David Abbass by David Abbass

MEMORIALS - JANUARY 2026

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

Sanctuary Lamp in Memory of Michel and Hilda Saade & Saade Family RIP By The Family
January 2026

St. Anthony's Candles In Memory of Hooben Family especially Peter and Billy Hooben RIP
 by Gertrude Hooben - *January & February 2026*

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





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, January 5th at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Hall

† KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DINNERS - Every one is welcome on **Wednesday, January 7th from 5-7 p.m.**

† 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 1st, 2026**, parents are asked to help your children memorize their prayers and get them ready for their First Confession. Thank you for your collaboration.

† 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.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

A Special Thank you to all who gave their time, talent and treasure during this Christmas Season and throughout the New Year.

- † Those who Decorated the Church during this Blessed Christmas Season
- † Those families who donated Christmas Poinsettias
- † The Knights of Columbus; Wreath and Coats for the Children
- † Those who gave their time to practice for the Christmas Pageant
- † The Children who participated in the Christmas Pageant
- † The Women's Guild
- † The altar servers, lectors, ushers, musicians and choir members who served during the Christmas Masses and Throughout the Year
- † All the families who supported in so many ways to make Christmas so special at St. Anthony.
- † A very special thanks and gratitude to all our Parishioners who were generous to me this Christmas Season and **THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. Thank you for your Love and Support to me & to Our Parish.**



PARISH FINANCES - NOVEMBER 2025

	Parish	Cedars
Income	\$15,692.00	\$28,789.00
Expenses	\$20,949.00	\$15,922.62
Profit/Loss	(\$ 5,257.00)	\$9,866.38

Please we need your help and Financial Support to keep our Parish Stable. Thank you for your Generosity.

Congratulations To Our NAM Award Recipients

MS. BARBARA THOMAS for receiving the NAM Silver Massabki Award for her outstanding services to Our Parish of St. Anthony Maronite Catholic and The Eparchy of St. Maron.



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

Please note: 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>

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