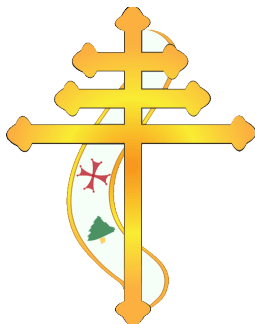


St. Anthony Maronite Catholic Church



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)

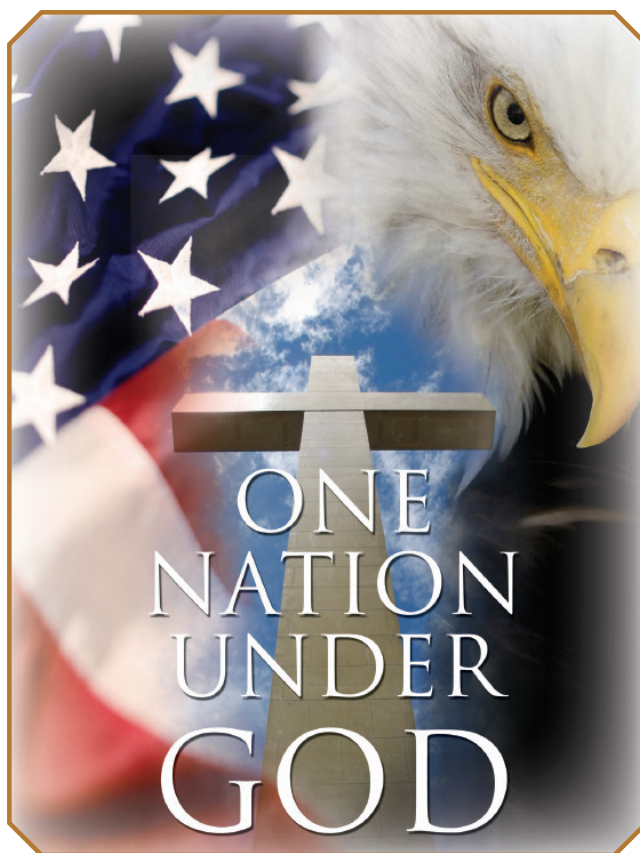
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RECONCILIATION

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.



JULY 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,

For much of Jesus' earthly ministry, Christ kept distant from the Jewish leaders who opposed Him, even though a great and powerful multitude of people followed Jesus. He didn't come to fight and do battle with the religious leaders of the day.

This is a good lesson for all of us who follow Christ. He did not come into this world to be a brawler and a fighter - although it would have been in His power to do so . . . and to win! He didn't come to make fools of His opponents - although He most certainly could have! He didn't come to shout and cry in the streets in a hostile way - although it would have been certain that He would have been heard like no one else would be heard! The fact is that He came for none of those reasons.

We are not here to do battle with others. We are, instead, to faithfully proclaim the truth of the gospel - and live lives of holiness - and, when our message is rejected, we move on. And when we are persecuted for it, leave it to God to take care of it.

At times this is very difficult. I once heard a news commentator say that if you want to attack a group of people without major repercussions, attack Catholics. This does not mean that we are weak or are easy to take advantage of - it means that we believe in the great Commandment - love God above all things and love your neighbor for the sake of God.

Let us resolve to open our ears to the words of Our Lord and respond to his call so that we will be transformed by the Holy Spirit and become truly Ambassadors for 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 JULY 2026

Parish Maintenance – July 12

Fuel and Energy – July 19

† 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.



God our Father, giver of life, we entrust the United States of America to your loving care.

You are the rock on which this nation was founded.

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 JULY 2026

Saturday, July 4 4:00 p.m.	+ Living and deceased family of David Abbass by David Abbass + Gertrude Hooben Special Intentions by Gertrude Hooben
Sunday, July 5 8:30 a.m.	+ Steve, Tekla, Arthur and Chris Stevens RIP by The Stevens Family
10:30 a.m.	+ Elizabeth Thomas RIP by Rosemary Thomas + Margaret Peggy Sarkis RIP by Colleen Shea Martone + Rita Sayegh Hannouh RIP by Tara Balise
Tuesday, July 7 12:00 p.m.	+ Ann Nunie Malkoon RIP by Christine Asseline & Clara Mancino
Saturday, July 11 4:00 p.m.	+ Living and deceased family of David Abbass by David Abbass + Gertrude Hooben Special Intentions by Gertrude Hooben
Sunday, July 12 8:30 a.m.	+ Louis Stevens (!st Anniversary) RIP by The Stevens Family + Louis Stevens RIP by Rosemary Thomas
10:30 a.m.	+ Rita Sayegh Hannouh RIP by Samira Zebian & Family + Margaret Peggy Sarkis RIP by John Sadak
Tuesday, July 14 12:00 p.m.	+ Joseph & Odette Toomey RIP by Kathy Ann Bently
Saturday, July 18 4:00 p.m.	+ Living and deceased family of David Abbass by David Abbass + Gertrude Hooben Special Intentions by Gertrude Hooben
Sunday, July 19 8:30 a.m.	Feast of St. Sharbel + Betty, Jim, Billy Mango and Sue Nassar RIP by The Stevens Family + Maryann Shamatta RIP by Rosemary Thomas
10:30 a.m.	+ Rita Sayegh Hannouh RIP Ann E Asselin + Ann Nunie Malkoon RIP by Michael & Dorothy Venuto
Tuesday, July 21 12:00 p.m.	+ Joseph & Odette Toomey RIP by Kathy Ann Bently
Thursday, July 23 12:00 p.m.	Feast of St. Sharbel + Rita Sayegh Hannouh RIP by John & Mariann Hayek + For all Our Parishioners and Families by Fr. Bassam
Saturday, July 25 4:00 p.m.	+ Neil Daboul RIP by Peter Daboul + Living and deceased family of David Abbass by David Abbass
Sunday, July 26 8:30 a.m.	+ Elizabeth & Tom Thomas RIP by The Stevens Family
10:30 a.m.	+ Ann Nunie Malkoon RIP by Barbar Thomas + Rita Sayegh Hannouh RIP by Denisse Beaudin
Tuesday, July 28 12:00 p.m.	+ Ann Sarkis Ryan RIP by Anita Bantley



MEMORIALS - JULY 2026

Altar Bread and Wine in Loving Memory of Paul F. and Claire Mooradd From Their Family - *July 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 July 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.
- † Please support our **BISHOP EPARCHIAL APPEAL** during this year. 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. Our Bishop Appeal was **\$6,900** and our Assessment is **\$20,700** We collected **\$136.00** toward our Bishop Eparchial Appeal during this Lenten Season.
- † The **61st ANNUAL NAM CONVENTION** is **July 1st - 5th in San Diego, CA**. Join us & enjoy the city and the hospitality.
<https://www.namaronites.org/convention-2026>

Please Pray for Our Parish this Month of July

“ 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 you r 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 - MAY 2026

	PARISH	CEDARS
Income	19,344.00	31,027.00
Expenses	-18,882.75	-15,263.83
Profit/Loss	461.25	15,763.17

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.

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