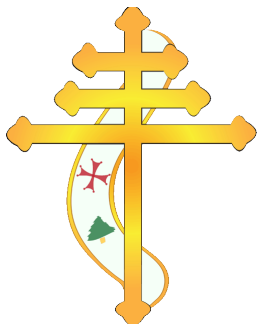


St. Anthony Maronite Catholic Church



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 Schrella Gurau, Donna Shibley (Secretary), Ray Stevens (Vice President), and Kevin Carneiro .
Trustees and 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.



JUNE 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,

The mystery of the Holy Trinity is just that, a mystery, by which we cannot understand fully. God, however, chose to reveal himself to us at first, to the People of Israel through their prophets and teachers “In many and fragmentary ways,” as it says in the Letter to the Hebrews and finally through his Son Our Lord Jesus Christ who, in the words of St John, is the “Word made flesh.” Sacred Scripture affirms the belief that there is one God, but in the New Testament we find Our Lord saying “The Father and I are one” and he promises that when he returns to the Father another Paraclete or counselor will be sent by himself and the Father. The doctrine of the Holy Trinity came from a desire to find some formula that could reconcile the paradox, or apparent contradiction, that while we believe that God is one, we also believe that Father, Son and Spirit are all God but are somehow still distinct from one another.

The word “Trinity” was invented by the theologian, Tertullian, from two Latin words meaning “three” and “one” and he taught that there were three Persons but one God. St. Ephrem, who influenced St. Maron, argued that since we could never know God fully the proper response to the paradox was not one of enquiry but rather awe-filled contemplation. The really important matter is not whether we use our intellect to try to understand what is beyond our understanding or simply sit in contemplation of the mystery. It is whether we remember that we are created in the image and likeness of God and try through his grace to reflect that image and likeness in our lives. Here we have plenty to work with!

The Father is Creator, he is the origin of life and the perfect example of love “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son.” We might ask ourselves if we bring life and love to those around us. Are we constructive, helpful and imaginative in employing our God-given gifts?

The Son is God made man and shows how human beings can be a perfect reflection of the Father. He preached, taught, forgave, confronted and ultimately suffered and died for us. “Greater love has no man” he said, “Than he lay down his life for his friends.” How do we measure up to the standard set by Our Lord in the Gospels? Are we really willing to be self-sacrificing not only for those we love but also for those we dislike? How faithful are we in our relationship with the Father?

The Holy Spirit, given to us in baptism, enables us to be disciples of Our Lord and continue the mission of proclaiming the good News by word and deed. Above all there is the example of the perfect unity between Father, Son and Spirit which is a model for us all in our relations with each other. Do we seek to bring unity, peace and harmony, or are we a source of disunity and discord? We may not be able to understand the mystery of the Holy Trinity but God has given us plenty of food for thought and examples to copy.



God Bless You, Fr. Bassam

SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR JUNE 2026

The Catholic Communication Campaign – June 7 • Parish Maintenance – June 14

Fuel and Energy – June 21 • Peter's Pence Collection – June 28

Thank you for your Generosity & 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.

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 JUNE 2026

Tuesday, June 2 12:00 p.m.	+ Joseph & Odette Toomey RIP by Kathy Ann Bently
Saturday, June 6 4:00 p.m.	+ Living and deceased family of David Abbass by David Abbass + Ann Nunie Malkoon RIP by Marie Mannino
Sunday, June 7 8:30 a.m.	+ Sadie Nassar RIP by The Stevens Family
10:30 a.m.	+ Rita Sayegh Hannoush RIP by Nadim Chehade + Margaret Peggy Sarkis RIP by Joe & Joan Malkoon
Tuesday, June 9 12:00 p.m.	+ Ann Nunie Malkoon RIP by David & Carol Meehan
Saturday, June 13 4:00 p.m.	FEAST OF ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA + All Our Parishioners Happy Feast Day of St. Anthony + Living and deceased family of David Abbass by David Abbass
Sunday, June 14 8:30 a.m.	+ Sally, Pete & Gary Lafountain RIP by The Stevens Family
10:30 a.m.	+ Rita Sayegh Hannoush RIP by Dr. James and Maria Khoury + Ann Nunie Malkoon by Evelyn M. Pelley
Tuesday, June 16 12:00 p.m.	+ Ann Nunie Malkoon by Lawrence Cummings
Saturday, June 20 4:00 p.m.	+ For all the fathers whose names are on the Altar Especially the Fathers in our Parish by Father Bassam + Living and deceased family of David Abbass by David Abbass + Living & Deceased members of the Saade Family
Sunday, June 21 8:30 a.m.	HAPPY FATHER'S DAY + Ray Stevens RIP by The Stevens Family
10:30 a.m.	+ For all the fathers, living and deceased, whose names are on the Altar especially the fathers in our Parish by Fr. Bassam + Robert Khoury RIP by Family
Tuesday, June 23 12:00 p.m.	+ Ann Nunie Malkoon RIP by Elizabeth Frogameni
Saturday, June 27 4:00 p.m.	+ Living and deceased family of David Abbass by David Abbass + Joseph & Odette Toomey RIP by Kathy Ann Bently
Sunday, June 28 8:30 a.m.	+ Margaret, Elias and Richard Thomas RIP by The Stevens Family
10:30 a.m.	+ Rita Adib Sayegh RIP by Dr. Thomas & Danielle Moran + Margaret Peggy Sarkis RIP by A.M.J.S.
Tuesday, June 30 12:00 p.m.	+ Joseph & Odette Toomey RIP by Kathy Ann Bently



MEMORIALS - JUNE 2026

Altar Bread and Wine in Loving Memory of Paul F. and Claire Mooradd From Their Family - *June 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 June 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

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(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, June 8th**, at 6:00 p.m. in the Church Hall
- † **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** - Dinner in the Church Hall on **Wednesday June 3rd**, 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.
- † **FATHER'S DAY REMEMBRANCE** - If you would like to remember your Father, Grandfather, Godfather, etc., living and deceased, please write their names on an envelope & drop it in the collection basket with your donation or mail it to the Parish. Their names will be put on the Altar during Father's Day Weekend Masses June 13-14 and throughout the month of June.
- † **FATHER'S DAY PICNIC** - Sunday June 14th right after the 10:30 mass. We need your help please call Ray Stevens & the Knights of Columbus. Please reserve the date and come and join us to Celebrate Father's Day and our Patron Saint St. Anthony.
- † 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>



A PRAYER FOR FATHERS

Heavenly Father, you entrusted your Son, Jesus, the child of Mary, to the care of Joseph, an earthly father. Bless all fathers as they care for their families. Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness and patience; support them in the work they have to do, protecting those who look to them, as we look to you for love and salvation, through Jesus Christ our rock and defender. Amen.

PARISH FINANCES - APRIL 2026

	PARISH	CEDARS
Income	13,760.00	8,522.00
Expenses	-16,315.16	-15,127.57
Profit/Loss	(2,555.16)	(6,605.57)

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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