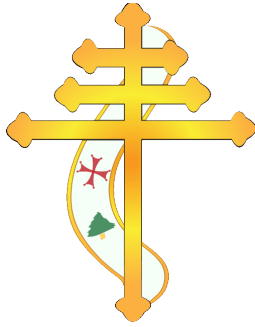


# St. Anthony Maronite Catholic Church



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

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**Parish Council:** Monte Albdaawi, Russ Ellis, Fred Frangie (President),  
Gene Karam, Abdullah Rehayem, Anna Maria Ghossein,  
Donna Shibley (Secretary), Ray Stevens (Vice President), Jo Ann Gagliarducci  
**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 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)  
Began 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.



**MARCH 2024**

## 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 most important feast in the Church's year, the Resurrection of Our Lord from the dead. Today the darkness that enshrouded Our Lord's Passion and Death is banished by the bright light of the Resurrection and so we proclaim,

We do so not only because Our Lord has conquered sin and death but because he has done it for us and so accomplished our salvation. We share in that victory and attain salvation by believing in him. This belief is not just a matter of words, it is one of deeds also. In the Sacred Scriptures, and especially in the New Testament, Our Lord has left us an example and a teaching which is designed to guide us in our pilgrimage of faith. We also have the Church which, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, makes sure that our understanding of Our Lord's teaching is interpreted in our times in a way that is free from error. Finally, he promised to remain with us to the end of time to help us and strengthen us on our way.

Truly today we have much to celebrate and for which we should be profoundly grateful. We have not only been saved from certain damnation, we have been enabled to become children of God and sisters and brothers of Jesus Christ. We have been promised a share in Our Lord's own kingdom and have been given a "Spiritual GPS" more reliable than any human one to help us get there. Finally, we are empowered in our journey with the strength of God himself "Who so loved the world that he gave his only Son." Truly we can say with St. Paul "With God on our side who can be against us?"

Let us therefore rejoice and give thanks to God through lives of service in imitation of Our Lord who came, not to be served but to serve, and give his life as a ransom for many. If we do so we may be sure that one day we will come to rejoice with him in the glory of his Kingdom.

*Alleluia! Christ is Risen, Alleluia!*

*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.**

### WEEKLY OFFERING ENVELOPES

Please continue to send in your weekly offerings to the parish office as we count on you to meet our monthly bills. A Very Special Thanks to all our parishioners who take envelopes and use them. If you would like to have a box the annual envelopes, please let Father know. May God Bless You and reward you for your generosity and support to our parish.



### SECOND COLLECTIONS

**March 3 - Parish Maintenance • March 10 - Eparchial Charity Appeal • March 17 - Fuel & Energy  
March 24 - Easter Flowers • March 29 - Holy Land Collection  
March 31 - Pastor's Collection - Easter Sunday**



### TIME, TALENT, TREASURE

The Christian Stewardship concept is that we all have gifts from GOD mainly  
**TIME, TALENT and TREASURE.**

**TIME** is time for prayer. **TALENT** gives us the opportunity to volunteer any unique talent you may have, which saves the parish their financial resource.

**TREASURE** is probably the most challenging.

Please prayerfully consider supporting our Parish, with its financial needs.  
Consider sharing your Time, Talent, and Treasure with our St. Anthony Parish

***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 MARCH 2024

Friday, March 1 6:00 p.m.	+ Living and Deceased members of the Saade Family by Father Bassam
Saturday, March 2 4:00 p.m.	<b>Feast of St. John Maron (First Maronite Patriarch)</b> + Living and deceased family of David Abbass by David Abbass
Sunday, March 3 8:30 a.m.	+ Deceased Members of the Stevens, Nassar, Sadak Families RIP by Ray & Louis Stevens & families + Edward Higgins RIP by Ray and Sue Stevens and family
10:30 a.m.	+ Louie Gozzi (40-Day Mass) RIP by Gozzi and Malkoon Families
Tuesday, March 5 12:00 p.m.	+ Victor and Stephen Joseph RIP by Michael & Linda Keavany
Friday, March 8 6 p.m.	+ Deceased members of the Saade and Matta Families and Pour Souls in Purgatory by Father Bassam
Saturday, March 9 4:00 p.m.	+ Rose DaBoul RIP by Peter DaBoul + Living and deceased family of David Abbass by David Abbass
Sunday, March 9 8:30 a.m.	+ Ray, Evelyn, Mark and Michael Stevens RIP by Ray and Louis Stevens and families
10:30 a.m.	+ Fayez Hannoush RIP by Nabil & Marie Reine Raheb
Tuesday, March 12 12:00 p.m.	+ Poor Souls in Purgatory by Father Bassam
Friday, March 15 5:00 p.m.	+ Clergy Eparchial Retreat. Stations of the Cross and Service <b>No Mass at 6:00 p.m.</b>
Saturday, March 16 4:00 p.m.	+ Living and deceased family of David Abbass by David Abbass
Sunday, March 17 8:30 a.m.	<b>St. Patrick's Day</b> + Norman, Jane and Cathy Thomas RIP by Ray and Louis Stevens and families
10:30 a.m.	+ Victor and Stephen Joseph RIP by Barbara Thomas
Tuesday, March 19 12:00 p.m.	<b>St. Joseph's Feast Day</b> + Michel & Hilda Saade, Living & Deceased family members by Father Bassam
Friday, March 22 5:00 p.m.	+ Service and Stations of the Cross
6:00 p.m.	+ Parishioners Special Intentions by Father Bassam
Saturday, March 23 4:00 p.m.	<b>Mass and Procession</b> + Living and deceased family of David Abbass by David Abbass
Sunday, March 24 8:30 a.m.	<b>Hosanna Sunday (Palm Sunday)</b> + Ray, Evelyn, Mark and Michael Stevens RIP by Ray and Louis Stevens and families
10:30 a.m.	+ All Parishioners especially our Children and their Families by Father Bassam
Monday, March 25 12:00 p.m.	+ Victor and Stephen Joseph RIP by Gene & Joan Karam
Tuesday, March 26 12:00 p.m.	+ All Volunteers, Donors, Supporters and Helpers by Father Bassam
Wednesday, March 27 12:00 p.m.	+ Victor and Stephen Joseph RIP by Barbara Simball
Thursday, March 28 6:00 p.m.	<b>Thursday of the Mysteries</b> + For Vocation to the Priesthood & All Priests by Father Bassam
Friday, March 29 6:00 p.m.	<b>Great Friday of the Crucifixion</b> + All the Faithful Departed, Peace in the Middle East, Lebanon and The Holy Land by Father Bassam
Saturday, March 30 4:00 p.m.	<b>Easter Vigil - Happy Easter</b> + Living and deceased family of David Abbass by David Abbass + All the Parishioners whose names are on the Altar by Father Bassam
Sunday, March 31 8:30 a.m.	<b>The Glorious Resurrection - Christ is Risen! Happy Easter</b> + Souls in Purgatory by Ray and Louis Stevens and families
10:30 a.m.	+ Marlene Sayegh Najem RIP by Rita & George Hannoush & the Sayegh Family + All the Parishioners whose names are on the Altar by Father 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.**

† **ANNUAL EPARCHIAL BISHOPS APPEAL** - Our Annual Lenten Appeal this year is \$6,900, due at the end of Lent. Your gift to this year's Annual Appeal will support:

- The Seminarians studying for the Priesthood at Catholic University of America
- The Outreach Ministries • Retired Priests • Help for Lebanon and The Middle East • Eparchial Endowment

† **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** – Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Church Hall.

† **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.

† **LENTEN SERVICE AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

During Lent beginning on Friday February 16th at 5:00 Stations of The Cross, 5:30 Service of the Holy Cross, 6:00 Mass of The Holy Cross, 6:30 Lenten Dinner in the Church Hall. To Sponsor a Lenten Dinner, please call Monte Albdaoui, President of the Women's Guild. Thank you for your generosity and Support to our Church

† **CONGRATULATIONS to the Children of Our Parish First Communion Class 2024** for their first Sacrament of Penance: **Elias Moses Albdaoui, Annabella Marie Hannoush, Nicholas Clifford Hannoush, Ryan Hannoush, Luca Jean Abou Jaoude, Faustina Elizabeth-Marie Mahl, Caroline McCarthy, Grayson Charles Richards.**

† **SEASON OF EASTER MASSES** If you would like your names or your loved ones names on the Altar during the Easter Season, please put them in the church envelopes with your donation. Please give them to Father or drop them in the collection basket.

† **Women's Guild Bake Sale on Palm Sunday.** Please support our Bake Sale. If you can donate and help, please call Rouba Sayegh at 413-204-7225 or call Lara Abou Jaoude at 502-523-8001.

† **Palm Sunday Brunch** - Please make your reservations ASAP by calling the President of the Women's Guild Monte at 860-402-7800. Thank you for your support. We need help to set up and prepare for the event. Any help is greatly appreciated.



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 Fr. Bassam's cell 407-276-1136 with your request.



If you have any announcements to add for future bulletins, please see Abouna Bassam with your request.



### **MEMORIALS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH**

† **Altar Bread and Wine in Loving Memory of Paul. F. Mooradd by Claire Mooradd & Family**  
**From March to July 2024** † **Sanctuary Lamp in Memory of Michel and Hilda Saade & Family RIP By The Family**

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.



**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

**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.**

**NAM Convention will be this year in Detroit, MI on July 4-7 2024. Please save the dates, more information to follow.**

### **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>