

# 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 Scharella Gurau, Donna Shibley (Secretary), Ray Stevens (Vice President), Paul Phaneuf 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 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

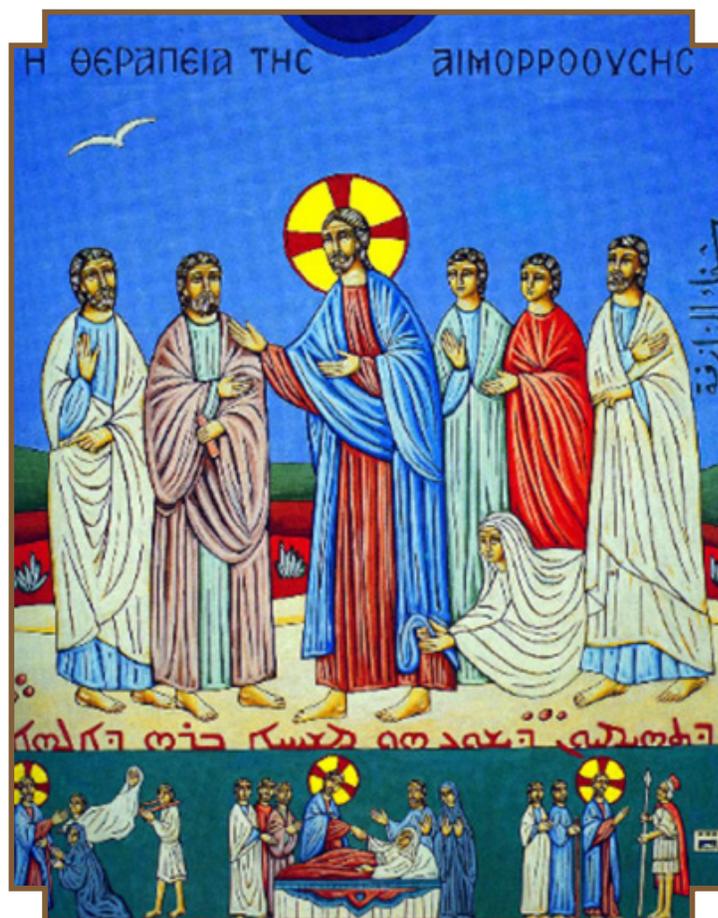
(Religious Education)  
Begins in September

## 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.



**MARCH 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,*

Throughout Lent, several of the Sunday Gospels will deal with miracles performed by our Lord. I would therefore like to reflect on what a miracle really is, the significance of miracles in our Lord's ministry and what these gospels means for us.

A miracle may be described as an event for which no natural cause can be discovered. In order for a person to be canonized at least two miracles, usually healing ones, must be shown to be the result of devotions to that person. The Vatican is very thorough in verifying the original diagnosis as well as the cure for which there is no human explanation and so you see we do still live in the age of miracles!

Our Lord worked many miracles during His life. He changed the water into wine at Cana, healed a leper, healed a hemorrhaging woman, a paralytic, and a blind man, even the miracle of forgiveness of the prodigal son. These miracles have one thing in common, they are all demonstrations of our Lord's power which is His as the Son of God and which comes directly from the Father. This becomes clearer when we remember that many of the ills from which people suffered were seen as the result of the power of evil. Our Lord is therefore portrayed as one whose power is greater than the power of evil by overcoming its consequences.

During Lent, we are asked to do penance. The three traditional ways of doing penance: prayer, fasting and good works. Prayer includes all forms both private and public but the Way of the Cross is particularly suited to Lent recalling as it does our Lord's Passion and death which won our salvation. Fasting is usually understood to relate the quantity of food we eat. In fact fasting covers any form of voluntary self-deprivation and could include TV, computer games and texting. Freeing up time from our busy lives is important so that we can use that time to be together more as a family, have time for extra prayer and most importantly have time for good works. All methods of doing penance are good but doing good works is the Golden Way because it is a practical way of showing our love of neighbor by helping them in some way.

Penance should make us a better person and so which combination of penances each of us chooses should address our spiritual deficiencies. Neither should we regard ourselves as limited to one penance only. We could do all three forms either all the time or on different days of the week and so we might do a prayer penance on Mondays and Thursdays; a fasting penance on Tuesdays and Fridays; and good works on Wednesdays and Saturdays. On Sundays we should attend the Divine Liturgy and perhaps do the Way of the Cross before or afterwards, fast from shopping and spend time with family and perhaps visit someone who is lonely or ill.

*God Bless You, Fr. Bassam*

### 2026 PARISH COUNCIL AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

A very special Thank You to Our Parish Council members who served for the Last Years. May God reward you for your support, advice, and dedication to our Parish.

**Our New parish council members:** Russ Ellis, Fred Frangie (President), Paul Malkoon, Ellen Gianinni, Laurie Schreli-Gurau, Donna Shibley (Secretary), Ray Stevens (Vice President), Paul Phaneuf and Kevin Carneiro .

**Our Trustees and Finance Committee:** Fred Frangie, Ray Stevens, and Paul Malkoon



### SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR MARCH 2026

Parish Maintenance – March 1 • Fuel and Energy – March 15  
Easter Flowers and Decorations - March 22 • Palm Sunday – March 29  
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 MARCH 2026

Sunday, March 1 8:30 a.m.	<b>Healing of The Hemorrhaging Woman</b> + Deceased members of the Stevens, Nassar & Sadak Families RIP by The Stevens Family
10:30 a.m.	+ Anna (Nunie) Malkoon RIP by The Stevens Family
Tuesday, March 3 12:00 p.m.	+ Ann Sarkis Ryon RIP by Paul & Donna Glantz
Friday, March 6 5:00 p.m.	<b>Third Friday of Lent - Service of the Cross</b> + Anna (Nunie) Malkoon RIP by Harro & Maria Raus
6:00 p.m.	+ Lenten Dinner
Saturday, March 7 4:00 p.m.	+ Frank Gentile RIP by Debbie Chmielewski & Rond and Pauline Chmielewski + Living and deceased family of David Abbass by David Abbass
Sunday, March 8 8:30 a.m.	<b>Parable of the Prodigal Son</b> + Mary Anne Shamatta (Birthday) RIP by The Stevens Family + Marilyn Rondeau RIP by Husband Tom Rondeau
10:30 a.m.	+ Waddad Sayegh RIP (1 year Anniversary) by The Sayegh Family + Anna (Nunie) Malkoon RIP by John Caldi
Tuesday, March 10 12:00 p.m.	+ Ann Sarkis Ryon RIP by Thomas & Denise Kane
Friday, March 13 5:00 p.m.	<b>Fourth Friday of Lent - Service of the Cross</b> + Anna Nunie Malkoon RIP by Robert & Cathy Gorden
6:00 p.m.	+ Lenten Dinner
Saturday, March 14 4:00 p.m.	+ Living and deceased family of David Abbass by David Abbass
Sunday, March 15 8:30 a.m.	<b>Healing of The Paralytic</b> + Norman, Jane & Cathy Thomas RIP by The Stevens Family
10:30 a.m.	+ Anna Nunie Malkoon RIP by Joe & Marie Sarkis & Family
Tuesday, March 17 12:00 p.m.	+ Ann Sarkis Ryon RIP by Janet & Brianne Pollander
Friday, March 20 5:00 p.m.	<b>Fifth Friday of Lent - Service of the Cross</b> + Anna Nunie Malkoon RIP by Maria Decarvalho (Nena)
6:00 p.m.	+ Lenten Dinner
Saturday, March 21 4:00 p.m.	+ Living and deceased family of David Abbass by David Abbass + Joseph G Malkoon RIP by his children
Sunday, March 22 8:30 a.m.	<b>Healing of the Blind Man</b> + Ray, Evelyn, Mary Anne, Louis, Mark & Michael Stevens RIP by The Stevens Family
10:30 a.m.	+ Margaret "Peggy" Sarkis RIP (40 Day Mass) By The Sarkis Family
Tuesday, March 24 12:00 p.m.	+ Ann Sarkis Ryon RIP by Christine Springler
Friday, March 27 5:00 p.m.	<b>Sixth Friday of Lent - Service of the Cross</b> + Anna Nunie Malkoon RIP by Irene Menard
6:00 p.m.	+ Lenten Dinner
Saturday, March 28 4:00 p.m.	+ For All Our Children by Father Bassam + Living and deceased family of David Abbass by David Abbass
Sunday, March 29 8:30 a.m.	<b>Hosanna Sunday/Palm Sunday</b> + For All Our Children and Families by Father Bassam + Souls in Purgatory by The Stevens Family + Anna Nunie Malkoon RIP by Ray & Sue Stevens
10:30 a.m.	+ For All Our Children and Families by Father Bassam + Margaret "Peggy" Sarkis RIP by Barbara Thomas
Monday, March 30 12:00 p.m.	<b>Holy Week</b> + Ann Sarkis Ryon RIP by Dwayne & Lisa Mauck
Tuesday, March 31 12:00 p.m.	+ Anna Nunie Malkoon RIP by Thomas Shaer



**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** – Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Hall
- † **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DINNERS** - Every one is welcome on **Wednesday, March 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.
- † **CONGRATULATIONS TO 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. Congratulations to the Children who received Their First Penance on February 1<sup>st</sup>. Amelia Anne Hannoush, Ella James Kayrouz, Olive Paige Lozowski & Savannah Husni Yusef.
- † **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.
- † **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.
- † **EASTER MASS INTENTIONS APRIL 4<sup>TH</sup>-5<sup>TH</sup>** - If you would like your loved one's names Living and Deceased to be remembered at all the Easter Liturgies and during the Easter Season, 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. The names will be put on the Altar and remembered at all the Easter Masses & During the Easter Season. May God Bless you and hear your prayers.
- † **EASTER FLOWERS** if you would like to donate Easter Flowers for the Easter Season, please bring them to the Church, during the Holy Week.
- † **PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH** - **March 29<sup>th</sup> after 10:30 Mass**, please contact Tanya at (413) 885-2140 for Reservations. Adults \$40.00 and Children \$25.00, 5 and under are Free of Charge Come and Join us to Celebrate this great event.
- † **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.
- † Please support our **BISHOP EPARCHIAL APPEAL** during this Lenten Season. 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.
- † **YEAR END TAX STATEMENTS** - The Year End Tax Statements are now available. If you would like a copy of your Tax Statement, please call the Office to Request a copy to be sent to you. Thank you very much for your Generosity and Support to our Parish

### PARISH FINANCES - JANUARY 2026

	PARISH	CEDARS
Income	\$9,947.00	\$400.00
Expenses	\$36,507.49	\$4,698.57
Profit/Loss	(-26,560.49)	(-4,298.57)

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

### MEMORIALS - MARCH 2026

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

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

Altar Candles in Memory of Charles and Adele Stevens RIP by Daughter Ellen Giannini - March

Altar Candles in Memory of Joseph and Theresa Gianinni RIP Son Gary Giannini - March

**ALTAR CANDLES, SHRINE OF ST. ANTHONY CANDLES, CHARCOAL & INCENSE ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 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.

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