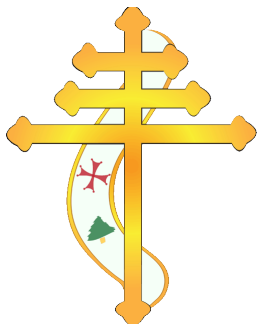


St. Anthony Maronite Catholic Church



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.



MAY 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,

This month we celebrate Mother's Day. Mother's Day is not just a "Hallmark" day but is celebrated in many countries throughout the world. In Lebanon it was on March 21st this year like a number of countries in Europe. For Christians, this feast has a special meaning and originated in the practice of sons who had left home to find work returning in mid-Lent, which is usually near the feast of the Annunciation, to visit with their mothers. It therefore became associated with the Blessed Mother and also with "Mother Church."

The fourth commandment: "Honor your Father and your Mother that you may live long in the land" comes directly after the commandments relating to God and signifies its importance. It is indeed a great privilege to be a parent and in honoring our mothers, we are giving thanks for the gift of life and the nurturing love we received from them. Not that we should neglect the importance of a fathers' role but we have Fathers' Day for that.

This life-giving and nurturing role links our mothers with the Blessed Mother through whom the author of life was born into the world and also with Mother Church where we receive the new life of the Spirit through baptism and are nurtured in our faith through word and sacrament. It also calls upon us to honor those who have 'mothered' us. Those who, though not our mothers and perhaps not mothers at all, have still had a nurturing and life enhancing impact on our lives. They too are worthy of our respect and our gratitude.

If Mothers' Day is about looking back with appreciation and gratitude, the Feast of Ascension is about looking forward with hope. Our Lord told his disciples that if he did not leave the Holy Spirit would not come. It is that Holy Spirit that has formed us into the Church, the body of Christ, of which Christ is the head. Our Lord's departure, though sad for the disciples, opened up the way of new life to all who believe. It is our hope that where the Head has already gone we will one day follow into that fullness of life and love that God alone can give. If we are to have our hopes fulfilled we must continue to live lives of faith which bears fruit in good works. Salvation is a gift which is offered to us. It is not enough to say "I believe" we have to live our faith.

God Bless You, Fr. Bassam



SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR MAY 2026

National Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon – May 3 • Parish Maintenance – May 10

Ascension – May 14^a Fuel and Energy – May 17

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 MAY 2026

Saturday, May 2 4:00 p.m.	+ Antoinette Pioggia RIP (Anniversary) by Children
Sunday, May 3 8:30 a.m.	+ Paul Gibbs & John Ryan RIP by The Stevens Family
10:30 a.m.	+ Ann Nunie Malkoon RIP by Kathleen Chasteen
Tuesday, May 5 12:00 p.m.	+ Ann Sarkis Ryon RIP by Elizabeth Frogameni
Saturday, May 9 4:00 p.m.	+ Living and deceased family of David Abbass by David Abbass
Sunday, May 10 8:30 a.m.	Happy Mother's Day 🌸 + Evelyn Stevens RIP by The Stevens Family
10:30 a.m.	+ For all the mothers whose names are on the Altar Especially the Mothers in our Parish and my Mom Hilda Saade by Fr. Bassam
Tuesday, May 12 12:00 p.m.	+ Lucinda Emily McQueen By Family
Thursday, May 14 12:00 p.m.	The Ascension of Our Lord – Holy Day of Obligation + Rita Sayegh Hannoush RIP by Dr. Nabil & Marie Reine Raheb
Saturday, May 16 4:00 p.m.	+ Living and deceased family of David Abbass by David Abbass
Sunday, May 17 8:30 a.m.	+ Ray, Evelyn, Louis, Maryann, Mark and Michael Stevens RIP by The Stevens Family
10:30 a.m.	✠ For our 1st Communion Children: Amelia, Ella, Olive & Savanah & their families and for all our children by Fr. Bassam ❤️
Tuesday, May 19 12:00 p.m.	+ Ann Sarkis Ryon RIP by James & Marilyn Owendoff
Saturday, May 23 4:00 p.m.	+ Living and deceased family of David Abbass by David Abbass
Sunday, May 24 8:30 a.m.	Sunday of Pentecost + Ray, Evelyn, Louis, Maryann, Mark and Michael Stevens RIP by The Stevens Family
10:30 a.m.	+ Margaret Peggy Sarkis RIP by Peter & Christine Kuselias + Ann Nunie Malkoon RIP by Lynn Dehneh
Tuesday, May 26 12:00 p.m.	+ Ann Sarkis Ryon RIP by James & Nancy Nichols
Saturday, May 30 4:00 p.m.	+ Living and deceased family of David Abbass by David Abbass
Sunday, May 31 8:30 a.m.	Sunday of The Most Holy Trinity + Mark Stevens RIP (6th Anniversary) by The Stevens Family
10:30 a.m.	+ Rita Sayegh Hannoush RIP by Barbara Thomas + Ann Sarkis Ryon RIP by Barbara Thomas



MEMORIALS - MAY 2026

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

MOTHER'S DAY BLESSING

Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you give life and care for your Church.
 Bless these women, as we celebrate this day in their honor. May they be strengthened as Christian mothers.
 Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor and appreciate them
 with a spirit of profound respect.

May the example of Mary, mother of Jesus, inspire them to live their vocation as Christian mothers and call their children to faith.
 Guide and protect them in challenging times and help them to continue to trust in you all the days of their life.
 Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.





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, May 4th**, at 6:00 p.m. in the Church Hall
 - † **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** - Dinner in the Church Hall on **Wednesday May 6th**, 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.
 - † **A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU** to all who supported our parish Family during The Blessed and Holy Season of Lent and Easter. We appreciate you Time, Talent and Treasure.
 - † **MOTHER'S DAY REMEMBRANCE** - If you would like to remember your mother, grandmothers, godmothers, etc., Living and deceased, please write their names on an envelope and drop it into the collection basket with your donation or mail it to the Parish Office. Their names will be put on the Altar during the Masses the weekend of **Mother's Day May 9-10**.
 - † Sunday Hospitality volunteers are needed to keep our Sunday Hospitality going, after both Masses. Your support and generosity are greatly appreciated.
 - † **FIRST COMMUNION SECOND PENANCE** The Sacrament of Penance (Second Reconciliation) will be celebrated on **Sunday May 3, 2026** at 9:30 a.m. Both parents should attend with their child.
 - † **FIRST COMMUNION REHEARSAL** will be on **Saturday, May 16th, 2026** at 4:45 p.m. after Mass
 - † Our St. Anthony children are celebrating their **FIRST COMMUNION** on **Sunday May 17, 2026** at 10:30 a.m. Mass Please Pray for them as they receive Jesus for the First time.
Lord Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of the Eucharist, You left us the outstanding manifestation of Your limitless love for us. Thank you for giving our children the opportunity to experience this love in receiving the Sacrament for the first time. May Your Eucharist presence keep them ever free from sin, fortified in faith and pervaded by love for God and neighbor, and fruitful in virtue, that they may continue to receive You throughout life and attain final union with You at death. Amen.
- † **Congratulations to our Children who will be receiving their 1st Communion** †
Amelia Anne Hannoush • Ella Jamie Kayrouz • Olive Paige Lozowski • Savannah Husni Yusuf

† 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. 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.

PARISH FINANCES - MARCH 2026

	PARISH	CEDARS
Income	34,747.00	13,195.00
Expenses	-22,307.57	-19,270.01
Profit/Loss	12,439.43	-6,075.00

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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