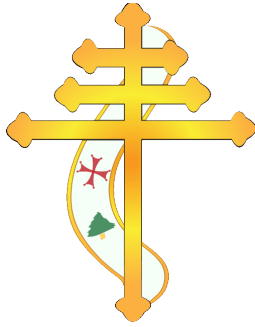


St. Anthony Maronite Catholic Church



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

Parish Council: Monte Albdaawi, Russ Ellis, Fred Frangie (President),
Anna Maria Ghossein, Bassam Karam, Gene Karam, Paul Malkoon,
Donna Shibley (Secretary), Ray Stevens (Vice President)

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 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.



OCTOBER 2025

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,

October 7 is Our Lady of the Rosary weekend. According to tradition, the concept of the rosary was given to Saint Dominic in an apparition by the Virgin Mary in the year 1214 in the church of Prouille. This Marian apparition received the title of Our Lady of the Rosary. The practice of meditation during the praying of the Hail Marys is attributed to Dominic of Prussia (1382–1460), a Carthusian monk. In 1569, the papal bull *Consueverunt Romani Pontifices* by Pope Pius V officially established the devotion to the rosary in the Catholic Church. From the 16th to the early 20th century, the structure of the rosary remained essentially unchanged until in the 20th century the addition of the Fatima Prayer to the end of each decade became more common: *O My Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to*

Heaven, especially those in most need of Thy mercy. There were no other changes until 2002 when Pope John Paul II instituted five optional new Luminous Mysteries. Many blessings and favors, even a naval victory, have been attributed to praying the rosary but the most important result is a deepening of our faith through prayerful meditation on the mysteries.

The mysteries and their fruit are:

Joyful Mysteries (Monday & Saturday)

- + Annunciation. *Fruit: Humility*
- + Visitation. *Fruit: Love of Neighbors*
- + Nativity. *Fruit: Detachment from the things of the world, Love of the Poor*
- + Presentation of Jesus at the Temple. *Fruit: Purity, Obedience*
- + Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple. *Fruit: True Wisdom and Conversion, Piety, Joy of Finding Jesus*

Sorrowful Mysteries (Tuesday & Friday)

- + Agony in the Garden. *Fruit: Sorrow for Sin, Uniformity with the Will of God*
- + Scourging at the Pillar. *Fruit: Mortification, Purity*
- + Crowning with Thorns. *Fruit: Contempt of the world, Courage*
- + Carrying of the Cross. *Fruit: Patience*
- + Crucifixion. *Fruit: Salvation, Forgiveness*

Glorious Mysteries (Wednesday & Sunday)

- + Resurrection. *Fruit: Faith*
- + Ascension. *Fruit: Hope and desire for ascension to Heaven*
- + Descent of the Holy Spirit. *Fruit: Holy Wisdom to know the truth, Divine Charity, Worship of the Holy Spirit*
- + Assumption of Mary. *Fruit: Grace of a Happy Death and True Devotion towards Mary,*
- + Coronation of the Virgin. *Fruit: Perseverance, Trust in Mary's Intercession*

Luminous Mysteries (Thursday)

- + Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan. *Fruit: Openness to the Holy Spirit, the Healer*
- + Wedding at Cana. *Fruit: To Jesus through Mary*
- + Jesus' Proclamation of the Kingdom of God. *Fruit: Trust in God*
- + Transfiguration. *Fruit: Desire for Holiness*
- + Institution of the Eucharist. *Fruit: Adoration*



Clearly great benefit will come to those who pray the rosary with devotion and attention. They are enabled to gather the fruits of the mysteries and perhaps we should all make a special effort during this month, which has traditionally been devoted to our Blessed Mother.

God Bless You, Fr. Bassam

Your Donations and Financial Support are greatly appreciated and needed. Please continue to send in your weekly offerings to the 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. God Bless You Fr. Bassam



SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR OCTOBER 2025

Fuel and Energy – October 5 • Parish Maintenance – October 12

World Mission Sunday – October 19

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY AND 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.



The Christian Stewardship concept is that we all have gifts from GOD mainly

TIME, TALENT, TREASURE

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 FOR OCTOBER 2025

Saturday, October 4 4:00 p.m.	FEAST OF ST FRANCIS ASSASI We pray for Peace In our Parish in our Community and all over the world. + Michel Saade RIP (Anniversary) by the Saade Family + Living and deceased family of David Abbass by David Abbass
Sunday, October 5 8:30 a.m.	HOLY ROSARY SUNDAY 3RD SUNDAY OF THE HOLY CROSS + Ray, Evelyn & Mark, Michel, & Louis Stevens RIP by the Stevens Family + Mary Anne Stevens Shamatta RIP (40 Day Mass) by Deacon Enzo & Marylou DiGiacomo
10:30 a.m.	+ Elias Abdallah Hannoush RIP by the Stevens Family
Tuesday, October 7 12:00 p.m.	+ Christiane Saade Semaan's Birthday by the Saade and Semaan Families
Saturday, October 11 4:00 p.m.	+ Helen Bonneau SI by Sister Gertrude Hooben + Living and deceased family of David Abbass by David Abbass
Sunday, October 12 8:30 a.m.	4TH SUNDAY OF THE HOLY CROSS + Sr. Dorothy Connors & Michael Stevens RIP by Stevens Family + Louis Stevens RIP by Rose Mary Shrude Davidson
10:30 a.m.	+ Joseph Gorecki RIP (11th Anniversary) by Kuselias & Gorecki Families
Tuesday, October 14 12:00 p.m.	+ Harry Hooben SI by Grandma Gertrude Hooben
Friday, October 17 6:00 p.m.	+ Fr. Bassam 33 rd Anniversary in the Priesthood by Family & Friends
Saturday, October 18 4:00 p.m.	+ Living and deceased family of David Abbass by David Abbass
Sunday, October 19 8:30 a.m.	5TH SUNDAY OF THE HOLY CROSS + All Deceased Priests of St. Anthony RIP by the Stevens Family + Louis Stevens & Mary Stevens Shamatta RIP by Barbara Thomas
10:30 a.m.	+ Fr. Bassam 33rd Anniversary by Family & Parishioners + Simon Musallam RIP (40 Day Mass) by Sister Janette Abeid
Tuesday, October 21 12:00 p.m.	+ Billy Hooben SI by Mother Gertrude Hooben
Saturday, October 25 4:00 p.m.	+ Living and deceased family of David Abbass by David Abbass
Sunday, October 26 8:30 a.m.	CHRIST THE KING + Poor Souls in Purgatory RIP by the Stevens Family + Louis Stevens RIP by John Sadak
10:30 a.m.	+ Elias Abdallah Hannoush by Jamil & Jamal Sayegh & Family
Tuesday, October 28 4:00 p.m.	+ Sam Saadeh Birthday by the Saddeh Family + Mary's Grandson SI by Gertrude Hooben



MEMORIALS - OCTOBER 2025

✠ **Altar Bread and Wine** in Loving Memory of Paul F. and Claire Mooradd From Their Family - *through March 2027*

✠ **Sanctuary Lamp** in Memory of Michel and Hilda Saade & Saade Family RIP By The Family

✠ **St. Anthony's Candles** - Available for **October and the rest of the year**

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.



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 and the Massabki Annual Award for an exceptional parishioner or couples who work for the Church.

More info: <https://www.namnews.org>



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.

If you are interested in becoming a Parish Council member, please see Fr. Bassam.
Applicants must be a member of the parish in good standing and attend mass on a regular basis.

✠ **ALL SOULS DAY - NOVEMBER 1ST**. If you would like to remember your deceased loved ones on ALL SOULS DAY, please place their names in an envelope and drop it in the collection basket with your donation or mail them to the parish. Their names will be put on the Altar on All Souls Day & throughout the following week. May their Souls Rest in Peace.

✠ **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** – Monday, October 20th at 6:00 p.m. in the Church Hall

✠ **COFFEE HOUR** – After mass everyone is welcome (We need volunteers and families to help or sponsor each Sunday coffee hour) June God Bless you and reward you for all your time, support and generosity.

✠ **REGISTER NOW - CLASSES FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION** will begin at the end of September 2025. The Sacrament registration forms are available in the church lobby and at the parish office. You must be a member of the Parish to register. Classes begin Sunday, October 5.

✠ **50/50 RAFFLES** will start again. It will be Christmas raffles to benefit our church maintenance. 200 tickets will be sold for \$50 each. The winner will be awarded \$5,000 and the profit will benefit our church maintenance. Thank you for your generosity.

✠ **WOMEN'S GUILD 2025 St. Anthony's Harvest Bazaar Festival** – November 22 9 am - 4 pm Vendor Tables are \$50.00 Please contact Kathy Alevras (413) 478-8076 for Vendor Information and Registration. Huge raffles are available please contact Tanya Boulos for tickets (413) 885-2140 Come enjoy Mediterranean and American Food, as well as, our unique Crafters and Vendors. Shop for early Holiday Gifts

✠ **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** - Serving Dinner in the Church Hall on Wednesday **October 1st, from 5-6:30 p.m.** The cost is \$12 and comes with all the extras (dine-in or take-out) All are welcome.

✠ **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** will be hosting our Social Meeting on **Tuesday October 21st at 6 p.m.** All are invited Knight's member or not. We will have coffee and a lite snack (No charge). We socialize and play Pich (cards).

✠ The Knights of Columbus Meatloaf Dinner, Mashed Potatoes & corn **October 22nd 5-6:30p.m.** \$15 per person, All are welcome come support our Parish.

✠ **SAVE THE DATE** - October 24th Trunk or Treat" North Hall at the Cedars 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. sponsored by the Knights of Columbus details to follow in a separate Flyer

✠ **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** In the month of October, Home City Council 63 will be having a Baby Shower to support the Bethlehem House. A crib will be set up by the Chapel, please donate. Please put your donations in the crib before or after mass. We are looking for any baby things, Clothes, bath towels / wash cloths, formula, diapers, money, toys, etc. Last year we collected over \$1,000 in Cash and items.

✠ **SAVE THE DATE** - October 24th - Halloween Knights sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

✠ **JUBILEE 2025 - PILGRIMAGE OF HOPE** started **December 24, 2024 ending January 6, 2026**. Pope Francis has officially dedicated the year 2025 to be a Jubilee Year. The theme is Pilgrims of Hope. Pope Francis hopes Catholics will travel in 2025 to experience the Holy Year in Rome. For those unable, he hopes they celebrate the message of Hope in their local churches. Hope is the central message of Jubilee Year 2025. Pope Francis prayed "July the Jubilee year be an opportunity to be renewed in Hope. In the heart of each person Hope dwells in the desire and expectation of good things to come."

PARISH FINANCES - AUGUST

	Parish	Cedars
Income	27,332.00	10,154.00
Expenses	-19,342.99	7,123.99
Profit/Loss	7,989.01	3,030.01

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

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