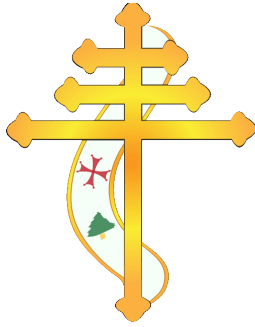


St. Anthony Maronite Catholic Church



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

Trustees: Fred Frangie and Ray Stevens

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.



OCTOBER 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,

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*



God Bless You, Fr. Bassam

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISH THIS MONTH OF OCTOBER

"A Prayer for Our Parish"

Gracious and Loving God, we ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon our Parish to fill us with love. Make us instruments of your love to everyone that we encounter at home, at work, in our neighborhoods, and in our parish community. Work through us so that we can bring your truth to those who are searching for you. Help us to grow in gratitude so that we can recognize and thank you for all the good things you have given us. Instill in us a deep sense of generosity so that we are willing to share our gifts, our talents, our time and our financial resources.

Deepen our desire to follow your will and to do all things for your honor and glory.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, Our Lord and Savior, Amen."

"To make Our Parish Better"

Keep your pastor, parish, staff, and fellow parishioners in your daily prayers. Saying a Rosary, spending time in adoration, fasting or offering up any suffering, annoyance or inconvenience you experience for the well-being of your parish will bring rewards not just for the parish but for you personally. You will begin to see yourself as spiritual support for all the good work being done in and through your parish. Pray also for the return of Catholics who have strayed from the practice of their faith, people raised with no faith, and people searching for meaning and purpose in life. No parish is perfect, and even the best parishes can improve. Imagine what would happen if every person in your parish did one thing to make the parish Better.

"Give and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap." Lk 6:38



SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR OCTOBER 2026

Fuel and Energy – October 4 • Parish Maintenance - October 11

World Mission Sunday – October 18 • All Souls - October 25

Thank you for your Generosity & Support

LITURGY INTENTIONS - OCTOBER 2026 FOR THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

Saturday, October 3 4:00 p.m.	+ Michel Saade Anniversary RIP by Fr. Bassam + Living and deceased family of David Abbass by David Abbass
Sunday, October 4 8:30 a.m.	+ Ray, Evelyn, Maryanne, Louis, Mark and Micheal Stevens RIP by The Stevens Family
10:30 a.m.	+ Special Intentions for all of our Parishioners living & Deceased by Fr. Bassam
3 p.m.	+ Happy 50th Anniversary to Msgr David George by The Parish Family & Friends
Tuesday, October 6 12:00 p.m.	+ Robert Khoury RIP by family
Saturday, October 10 4:00 p.m.	+ Living and deceased family of David Abbass by David Abbass
Sunday, October 11 8:30 a.m.	+ Sr. Dorothy Connors and Fr. Joseph Peacock RIP by The Stevens Family
10:30 a.m.	+ Christiane Semaan - Happy Birthday by children and family + Rita Sayegh Hannoush by Antoine & Laila Hayek
Tuesday, October 13 12:00 p.m.	+ Special Intentions and Healing by Fr. Bassam
Saturday, October 17 4:00 p.m.	+ Living and deceased family of David Abbass by David Abbass
Sunday, October 18 8:30 a.m.	+ All Deceased Priests of St. Anthony's RIP by the Stevens Family
10:30 a.m.	+ Happy Anniversary Fr. Bassam Saade by Family & Friends + Special Intentions for Our Families and Parishioners by Fr. Bassam
Tuesday, October 20 12:00 p.m.	+ Robert Khoury RIP by family
Saturday, October 24 4:00 p.m.	+ Living and deceased family of David Abbass by David Abbass
Sunday, October 25 8:30 a.m.	+ Souls in Purgatory RIP by The Stevens Family
10:30 a.m.	+ Happy Birthday Sam Saadeh by family + Rita Sayegh Hannoush RIP by Adele McCarthy
Tuesday, October 27 12:00 p.m.	+ Special Intentions of Parishioners & Families by Fr. Bassam
Saturday, October 31 4:00 p.m.	ALL SAINTS EVE + Living and deceased family of David Abbass by David Abbass

† 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.

ALL SOULS DAY – NOVEMBER 2

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.

or the Repose of the Souls of: Michel & Hilda Saade, Naoum & Hada Saade, Toufic, Gharita & Elie, Emile, Hnaineh & Nadim, Saade, Georgette & Nehmat Saade. Nakhleh & Salma Matta, Mikhael, Jeanette & Najwa Khairallah, Semaan Semaan & Parents, Adel Samaha & Parents, Mel & Eunice Bartoul, Deacon Jack Manhire and All Priests who served Our Parishes.
All our Parishioners who were buried from our churches and all the poor Souls in Purgatory.

MEMORIALS - OCTOBER 2026



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

50/50 RAFFLES

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 and upkeep of our church property.



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, October 12th at 6 p.m.** in the church hall.

✠ **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** - Dinner in the Church Hall on **Wednesday, October 7th, 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.

✠ **1st Communion Classes** have already started. Please register your children as soon as possible. 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. Thank you.

✠ **MSGR. DAVID GEORGE 50TH ANNIVERSARY ON OCTOBER 4TH AT 3 P.M.**

The Liturgy will be celebrated by Our Bishop Gregory Mansour and a Reception will follow in the Church Hall. All are Welcome. RSVP Required by September 10, 2026 Please respond with the number of adults and children attending. Congratulations to Msgr David 50th Anniversary & we welcome Bishop Gregory, all the clergy and guests.

RSVP

Contact Donna Shibley
 sgtmom29@yahoo.com
 413-519-1845

Food contributions or assistance:

Contact Monte Suleiman
 monteammouri@icloud.com
 860-402-7800

OUR EPARCHY IS CELEBRATING IT'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY DIAMOND RECEPTION

Thursday October 15th - Please Join Bishop Gregory Mansour at the Eparchy of Saint Maron's 17th Annual Benefit Dinner at The Metropolitan Club. Proceeds will support Seminarians, Parishes, Missions, Retired Priests, and the Church in the Middle East. stmaron.org/eparchial-benefit
Your Donations and Financial Support are Greatly Appreciated and Needed.

✠ **SAVE THE DATE - October 29th - "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.

✠ **Please continue to send in your weekly offerings to the parish office as we count on you to meet our monthly bills. Thank you to all those who have continued to support our parish with their weekly envelopes and donations.**

ONLINE GIVING – If you choose, you can now set up the parish as a regular payee with your bank or credit union!

Just input the information : St. Anthony Maronite Church, 375 Island Pond Road, Springfield, MA 01118 • (413) 732-0589

✠ **Women's Guild 2026 St. Anthony's Harvest Bazaar Festival – November 21st 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.** 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

✠ **St. Anthony's Annual Christmas Luncheon** - Save the Date. Join us on Sunday, December 13th. 12 Noon.
 More Information to follow.

PARISH FINANCES - AUGUST 2026

	PARISH	CEDARS
Income	\$11,317.00	\$3,132.00
Expenses	-20,714.72	-11,665.46
Profit/Loss	-\$9,397.72	-\$8,533.46

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).

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