



Saint Ann Catholic Church • Maronite Rite

A Catholic Parish of the Antiochian Syriac Maronite Church



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Mass Schedule

Sundays: 10:00 AM **Tuesdays – Thursdays:** 7:30 AM

Fridays: 6:30 PM followed by the veneration of the cross

Saturdays: 5:00 PM

Holy Days of Obligation:

Vigil Liturgy: 6:30 PM | Actual Feast Day: 7:30 AM

Office Hours

Tuesday through Friday: 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Mondays: office is closed. | Saturdays: by appointment.

LITURGICAL SERVICES

Sacraments of Baptism & Confirmation

Please call the rectory for arrangements 3 weeks prior to the celebration of the Sacrament. Parents & Godparents should meet with the Pastor to schedule a date & arrange for proper parental preparation.

Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation

Confession can be heard before and after Liturgies or by appointment

Sacrament of Matrimony (Marriage)

For Weddings, 6 months advance notice is required in order that proper preparation may be made for the celebration of the Sacrament.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

If a family member is seriously ill at home or in a hospital, or they are unable to come to Church and would like to receive communion at home, please call the rectory to arrange for Communion, Confession or the Anointing of the Sick with Holy oil.

The list is updated every Thursday; if you would like to add a name, please call the rectory no later than Wednesday.

Eucharistic Adoration

Every Sunday preceding the morning Liturgy for 30 minutes at 9:30 AM

Funerals

Please contact the Pastor as soon as possible after the death of a loved one.

Mass Intention Dedications

If you would like to have a mass dedicated, Mass cards are available for various intentions including memorials. Your voluntary gifts of any amount are gratefully accepted. Mass reservations should be made in advance.

You can request an announced or an unannounced Mass Intentions to be said for a living or deceased family member, friend or loved one by calling the rectory or sending an e-mail to schedule intentions.

CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS

Pastoral Parish Council

As an advisory Board, this council meets on the 1st Wednesday of every month.

President: Joe JABOUR.

Daughters of St. Ann

This women's organization meets on the 3rd Thursday of every month at 6:30 PM.

President: Eva ABDALLAH.

St. Maron Men's Society

This men's organization meets on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:00 PM.

President: Albert NAHAL.

Junior MYO

The Junior MYO is a group of young people 10 years old and up. We are a Maronite youth organization based in the United States. This Youth's organization meets on the last Sunday of every month after 10:00 Am Mass in the church.

Coordinators: Patricia THORNTON & Lora KARRAT.

Religious Education

Religious Education is available for all children in 1st through 6th grades. Classes are scheduled for 1 Friday and 1 Saturday a month.

Coordinator: Sister Florence Joseph FLAHERTY.

St. Ann Liturgical Choir

Director: Rick THORNTON.



Altar Gifts for March 2013

In Thanksgiving.

Requested by Sayed Frangie

The Sanctuary Lamps burn continuously, reminding us of Christ, the eternal and everlasting light.

It is proper and fitting to offer our Sanctuary lamp in memory, to honor a loved one or for a special intention.

It is scheduled on a first-come- first-served-basis to ensure an equal opportunity for everyone.

Divine Liturgy Intentions

Sun, Mar 3 – Parable of the Prodigal Son

St. Thomas Aquinas, Doctor of the Church, C

2 Cor 13:5-13

Lk 15:11-32

The Divine Liturgy intentions are in memory of:

- ✠ Mary Faith YANAS, mother of Fr. John YANAS, pastor of Sacred Heart in Troy requested by the parish of St. Ann

The Divine Liturgy intentions are for the blessing and special intentions of:

- ❖ Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, for his health and well-being, and in thanksgiving for his service to the Church
- ❖ College of Cardinals preparing for the conclave
- ❖ Cancer patients and our sick and homebound

SUNDAY

Ushers: Paul REZEY / David NICHOLAS

Greeter: Kathy JABOUR

Arabic Lector: Rita FRANGIEH

English Lector: Thomas RILEY, Sr.

Intercessions: Zena EID

Mon, Mar 4;

2 Cor 9:1a, 5-15

Lk 9:37-45

No Divine Liturgy

Tue, Mar 5;

1 Cor 16:15-24

Mk 8:22-26

7:30 am Divine Liturgy

Wed, Mar 6;

Rom 14:1-13

Lk 7:1-10

7:30 am Divine Liturgy

Thu, Mar 7; The 7 Young Men of Ephesus, M

2 Cor 1:23-25

Mt 15:29-39

7:30 am Divine Liturgy

Fri, Mar 8 ∞;

2 Cor 12:21-13:5

Mt 9:27-35

6:30 pm Divine Liturgy followed by Veneration of the Cross

Sat, Mar 9; The Forty Martyrs, M

2 Cor 4:11-18

Lk 6:20-23

5:00 pm Divine Liturgy

Sun, Mar 10 – Healing of the Paralytic

St. Thomas Aquinas, Doctor of the Church, C

1 Tim 5:24-6:5

Mk 2:1-12

The Divine Liturgy intentions are in memory of:

- ✠ Badiha MOUANES, mother of Fr. Tony MOUANES, requested by the parish of St. Ann
- ✠ Lorenzo Gregory SCAVIO, requested by the parish of St. Ann

SUNDAY

Ushers: Tony ABDALLAH / Joe JABOUR

Greeter: Georgette HANNOUSH

Arabic Lector: Mirvatte HANNOUSH

English Lector: Bob STOLAR

Intercessions: Natalya KARAME

Pope's March Prayer Intentions

Respect for Nature. That respect for nature may grow with the awareness that all creation is God's work entrusted to human responsibility.

Clergy. That bishops, priests, and deacons may be tireless messengers of the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

Pray for our Sick and Homebound

Heal Your servants, who are sick, O Lord, and send them help and comfort from Your holy place.

Wadad FRANGIE, Chantelle BOUDIWAN, Jay MOONEY, Chas TANGREDI, Paul STAVIS, Foutine FRANGIE, Audrey DOWALIBY-FINSON, Joyce & Christy FIRSTIUN, Juliann HALLAL, Donata CALDARONI, Alisa BURKE, Mary GOLDEN, Jamileh MAWAD, Caroline-Marjorie FIELDS, Della MAWAD, Katherine RIBUSTELLI, Marilyn MARVIN, Piero BERGONZELLI; Margaret McDonough; Jeremy WROBLE, Frank DORRITIE, Nawal FAKHOURI

March BIRTHDAYS

As they celebrate their birthdays this month, we hold up to God the lives of:

10 Theresa SHUFELT

13 Lisa RYAN

14 Carolyn Lalli

16 Natalia KARAME

28 Dominic KARRAT

We ask that many blessings be theirs in the coming year.

Upcoming events - Mark your calendars

05/18 Pontifical Dedication of Watervliet Church

09/21 1st Annual Golf Tournament

11/09 Annual Parish Hafli (Diner)

EVENTS FOR MARCH

Wed 03 Parish Council Meeting

Tue 19 St. Maron Men's Society Meeting

Thu 21 Daughters of Saint Ann Meeting



Saturday Mass

Please make note of the change in time for Saturday Mass from 5:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. We sincerely apologize for the lack of attention given to bringing more awareness to this change.

Religious Education - March

1. Saturday, Mar. 09 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
2. Friday, March 22 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Schedule of Coffee Hour Sponsors

Sign-up sheets are in the binder on the table in front of St. Ann in the main entrance of the church.

Mar. 03

Mar. 10 Elias & Georgette Hannoush

Mar. 17 Tony & Eva Abdallah

Mar. 24 Clayton & Carol Shufelt

2nd Collections for March

- 3/3 Building Fund
- 3/10 Easter Flowers
- 3/17 Fuel & Heat
- 3/24 Assessment / Bishop's Appeal

Mass Collections for Feb 9-11 and 16-17

Counted by Rich THORNTON & Jeanette AUGUST-KARAM

Sunday Offering	\$1,449.00
Fuel & Heat	\$236.00
Bishop's Appeal	\$270.00
Building Fund	\$20.00
Snow Removal	\$10.00
Ash Monday	\$27.00
St Maron	\$113.00
US Catholic Bishops Charities	\$122.00
Initial Offering	\$5.00

TOTAL \$2,120.00

Mass Collections for Feb 23-24

Counted by Rich THORNTON & Ronald BAGLEY

Sunday Offering	\$732.00
Bishop's Appeal	\$20.00
Building Fund	\$20.00
Snow Removal	\$165.00

TOTAL \$917.00

We do apologize for not posting the collection this week. Thank You for your generosity and continued commitment to your parish! Please consider increasing your weekly donation, and don't forget to make up the Sundays you are absent. We are counting on your efforts.

Reminder of Ongoing Fundraisers

Please bring in:

- ✓ Unwanted cellphones for credit.
- ✓ Empty plastic bottles and cans for recycling.

Lenten Devotion

Throughout the Season of Great Lent, **every Friday evening at 6:30 PM**, we will celebrate the Divine Liturgy followed by the veneration of the Cross and benediction with the Holy Cross. Your participation will help us grow in the unity and the love of Christ, who poured out His precious blood upon the cross to save us from the slavery of sin.

We ask all parishioners to take notice of this change and we hope everyone will be able to make it.

Lenten Observances 2013

The Most Reverend Bishops Robert Shaheen and Gregory Mansour have issued the following Lenten guidelines for the Maronites of the United States:

- ❖ All Maronites who are physically capable [...] all Fridays of Lent.
- ❖ Ash Monday and the Great Friday of the Crucifixion are also days of fasting. Fasting in the Maronite Church involves eating and drinking nothing at all (except water and medicine) from midnight until noon. The rest of the day normal meals can be taken but without meat. All Maronites who are physically capable are to fast on these two days.

PS: Women who are pregnant and persons who are sick are not required to fast.

Lenten Bible Study Program

Every Thursday, from 7:30 – 8:30 pm at the Church Hall

Book Reference: the Year of Faith – A bible Study Guide for Catholics

Date	Theme
02/21/2013	Belief in Jesus Christ
02/28/2013	Assent to the Creed
03/07/2013	Conversion
03/14/2013	The Witness of Charity
03/21/2013	Celebrating Faith

Missal Book, Qurbono

New Liturgical books of the Divine Liturgy should be here in February. **You can sponsor a book in memory / honor of a loved one. Suggested contributions: \$25.00** Envelopes for this purpose are on the table in the rear of the church.

Prayer for the Election of a New Pope

O God, eternal shepherd, who govern your flock with unfailing care, grant in your boundless fatherly love a pastor for your Church who will please you by his holiness and to us show watchful care. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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Season of Great Lent –

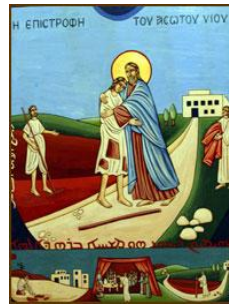
PARABLE OF THE PRODIGAL SON

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us of a how a son boldly goes to his father and asks for "his portion" (of his inheritance). Actually, all of the property belongs to the father and the son has no rights to any of it. How often do we treat all of the gifts of God as if they were our rightful portion rather than gifts of God. Seeking freedom and pleasure, with money in hand, the son does not concern himself about anybody or anything; he goes far from home so that no one knows what he is doing. He ran off to live among non-believers where more pleasures could be offered to him, but he soon went through all of his money. Then, a famine struck the land and he was forced to seek work in tending for pigs. The Jews considered pigs as unclean and the one who cared for pigs, as cursed. In the face of physical and moral degradation, he was forced to come to his senses. "How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough to spare, but I perish with hunger. I will arise and go to my father ...".

The father must have been waiting for his son each day because he saw him at a distance and ran out to meet him. He embraced and kissed him. He gave him a robe (a sign of honor), a ring (a sign of authority) and shoes (unlike slaves who did not have shoes). The son was treated as if he had never been away. He showed courage and humility in his return. It took courage to examine his life and ascertain his pitiful condition. It took humility to admit his mistakes to his father.

The older son represent those who prefer to see a sinner destroyed rather than saved. He is jealous and self-righteous, considering only the sins of his brother and not of his repentance. He even tries to incite the father against his brother. However, the father encouraged him to be happy because his brother, who had been lost, has been found. How joyful is heaven on the occasion of the return of a sinner to the Father.

On some occasions, we are able to identify with the prodigal son who has gone astray. Let us imitate his courage and humility and seek the forgiveness of the Father. At other times, we are able to see ourselves as the older son, righteous and unwilling to forgive the mistakes of another. At times like this, let us listen to the wisdom of the Father and be joyful at the conversion of the sinner. This icon depicts the miracle of the healing of a woman suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years. She was healed by reaching out in faith and touching the hem of Our Lord's robe. The necessity of faith in the healing, given by Christ, is further shown in the other incidents of faith and is illustrated in the lower level of the icon. These healing miracles of faith illustrate well the verse written in Syriac on each of the Lenten icons: "These are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God..." (Jn 20:31)



Icon Description: This icon personifies the true meaning of Lent- the return of the wayward son, the penitent sinner, to his loving and ever compassionate Father and to his Father's house, the Church. In the center of the icon is shown the repentant son, clothed in rags and footsore, clasped in the embrace of his loving father. In the

lower panel we see three pictures depicting past events happened to the wayward son. The servant holding the new robe, the sandals and the ring, symbolizes the assured future, where the son receives once again the honored place in the family. The displeasure and jealousy of the elder son is shown here, warning us that we must be welcoming and rejoice at the return of sinners to the church.

Kids Korner

In this Sunday's gospel, we hear of a son



who asks his father for money, then leaves home and goes far away. He spends all of the money. The weather changes

and rain stops falling. Without rain, plants do not grow. The son finds work caring for pigs. He is hungry and remembers how his father's farmers ate well. Now, he is sorry for taking the money, goes home and apologizes to his father. The dad is very happy to have his son home! He gives him gifts and holds a party to celebrate. The father in the story is just like God. This is how God would feel if we ran away from him and we started doing things we shouldn't do.

He doesn't give up on us when we do things that are wrong, and he will always forgive us if we've truly changed and are sorry for what we've done. Jesus gave us the Sacrament of Confession where we can go to apologize to God and be forgiven.



Daughters of St. Ann

Mark your Calendars! The Daughters of St. Ann are excited to be offering traditional fare and new items on the following dates.

March 3 - BAKE/FOOD Sale. Please call Georgette Hannoush @ 489-1606 to help set up, bake, cook, sell or support in any way you can.

March 24 - SWEETS will be available, just in time for Easter. These homemade delicacies are perfect as gifts or to fill children's baskets.

March 17 - Decorated Candles – a MUST for the children on Palm Sunday. The candles will be decorated with a neutral color scheme. Should you wish to add a specific color to match an outfit, call Georgette Hannoush @ 489-1606.

Thank you ALL for your support. The bake sale is a labor of love entailing hard work and precious personal time. Monies raised go towards the building fund. This is an ongoing fundraiser. We rely on everyone's support.

Bishop's Appeal 2013

Please take the time to read our beloved Bishop's letter provided here. Many depend on this "appeal" especially our seminarians, retired priests, mission churches, and many other charitable causes. We realize that these are tough economic times, but keep in mind that our dear Lord has given us much and continues to give us so much that our contribution is but a small token for His great generosity. As a reminder, our share of the Bishop's Appeal is \$2,000.00 (and parish Assessment is \$4,500.00) regardless of how much is collected. As always, please... give generously.



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Lent 2013

Prot. No. 107/1/13

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Every year you have responded generously to our appeal to support our many Eparchial services because you know that together we can do so much more than we can do alone.

You train our seminarians (8 of them) and support our retired priests (11 of them), you help to develop programs and catechetical texts for children and youth, support retreats for our deacons and subdeacons. You have helped us prepare translations of our liturgical texts, you help our new religious community for women, the Maronite Servants of Christ the Light, and you assist our Patriarch and Bishops in Lebanon and Syria to reach out to the poor and needy.

In order to be worthy of your continued trust, six years ago we began a pro-active and thorough program of financial accountability and transparency in every parish and institution of the Eparchy. The Eparchy is also audited by an outside accounting firm, Walter Cook and Associates, which investigates all aspects of the Eparchy's financial dealings. We publish this report annually in the *Maronite Voice*.

You have made the success of the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn possible because of your great confidence and generosity. This year we will have 5 ordinations to the priesthood! Yet we have so much more to do. Please open your hearts once again to help your Eparchy to fulfill her God-given calling to make known the face of Christ in the world.

The Annual Eparchial Appeal is one of our most important efforts because each person in the Eparchy is asked to help with the effort. Your donation to the 2013 Appeal is greatly appreciated and much needed. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely yours in Christ,















+ Gregory

+ Gregory J. Mansour

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Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and may perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen

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	 In Loving Memory Of the deceased members of the REZEY & NACKLEY, SEE & CLOUGH Families	
 In Memory Of David & Jenny REZEY & Nehme FRANGIE	 In Memory Of <i>The Deceased Members</i> <i>of the</i> TALARICO & DEEP Families	 In Loving Memory Of Dot RILEY and the deceased members of the RILEY, MANLEY & PETERSON Families Requested by Tom RILEY, Sr.
 In Memory Of Boulos, Georgette & Assaad ABDALLAH Nagieh & Simon FRANGIE Requested by the ABDALLAH Family	 In Memory Of our grandparents Francis & Marsha KADDU, and Suleiman & Jamileh FRANGIE	 In Loving Memory Of our Mother Clara Mae KARAM Requested by the KARAM Family
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