



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 – Saturdays:** 7:30 AM

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 parish office 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 parish office 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 parish office no later than Wednesday.

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 parish office or sending an e-mail to schedule intentions.

Upcoming events – Mark your calendars

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| Mon | Mar 03 | Ash MONDAY (6:30 P.M.) Divine Liturgy & Distribution of Ashes |
| Fri | Mar 07 | Stations of the Cross (5:30 P.M.) & Divine Liturgy (6:30 P.M.) |
| Sun | Mar 16 | Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner |

Parish Vocations

Priesthood: *Chorbishop Joe Kaddo, (Pastor of St. Anthony Fall River)*

Religious Life: *Brother Paul HOOVER of the Most Holy Trinity Monastery*

Candidate to subdiaconate: *Richard THORNTON*

CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS

Parish Pastoral Council

As an advisory Board, this council meets on the 1st Wednesday of every month.
– *President: Rosemary PATNODE.*

Daughters of St. Ann

This woman's organization meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 6:30 PM. – *President: Patti THORNTON.*

St. Maron Men's Society

This men's organization meets on the 1st Sunday of each month after Mass. – *President: Al PATNODE.*

Junior MYO

The Junior MYO is a group of young people 10 years old and up. The Youth organization meets on the last Sunday of every month after 10 am Mass in the church. – *Coordinator: Carol SHUFELT.*

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: Sr Florence Joseph FLAHERTY, D.C.*

St. Ann Liturgical Choir

Choir practice takes place the first Monday of each month at 6:30 pm. No special training is required. – *Director: Richard THORNTON.*

Family & Sanctity of Life Committee

The Purpose of this committee is to promote within our parish prayer, education, and action in the defense of all life. Meets on the 2nd Sunday of each month after 10 AM Mass. – *Chairperson: Richard THORNTON.*

Liturgical & Spiritual Committee

Upcoming MEETINGS

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| Wed | Mar 5 | Parish Pastoral Council |
| Sun | Mar 02 | "Altar Servers" – Training Update (All Current Servers Must Attend this Session in Church) |
| Thu | Mar 20 | Daughters of St. Ann |
| Sun | Mar 9 | Spiritual & Liturgical Committee |



Altar Gifts for Mar 2014

In memory of Boulos and Georgette ABDALLAH.

Requested by Tony Abdallah and family.

The Sanctuary Lamp burns 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.

The 2014 Calendar is now available to register your intentions. These are scheduled on a first-come- first-served-basis to ensure an equal opportunity for everyone. Contact the office to arrange your memorial.

Divine Liturgy Intentions

**Sun, Mar 2 – Sunday of the Entrance into Lent
Miracle at Cana in Galilee**

St. John Maron, C

Rom 14:14-23

Jn 2:1-11

The Divine Liturgy intentions are in memory of:

- ✠ Elias George RAHAL, requested by the Hannoush family
- ✠ Michael J. NICHOLAS, Madison-Marie BAKER and Nancy S. NICHOLAS; requested by Samia NICHOLAS & Family
- ✠ Rev. Wissam AKIKI, newly ordained priest for the (Maronite) Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles in St. Louis, MO; requested by St. Ann's
- ✠ For the Unity and Peace among the Christian families and couples

For the blessing and special intentions of:

- ✠ Good health of Cancer patients, our sick & homebound

Ushers Richard Peters, David Nicholas
Greeter Carolyn Lalli
Ar. Lector Mirvatte Hannoush
En. Lector Karen Rezey
Intercessions Richard Peters

Weekly Schedule

Mon, Mar 3; ☿ Ash Monday

St. Thomas Aquinas, Doctor of the Church, C

St. Katherine Drexel, C

2 Cor 5:20 – 6:7

Mt 6:16-21

5:30-6:30 pm – Confession

6:30 pm – Divine Liturgy and Distribution of Ashes

Tue, Mar 4;

Rom 15:1-13

Mt 6:5-15

7:30 am Divine Liturgy

Wed, Mar 5;

Rom 15:14-21

Mt 6:1-4

7:30 am Divine Liturgy

Thu, Mar 6;

1 Tim 6:6-12

Mt 6:25-34

7:30 am Divine Liturgy

Fri, Mar 7; ☿ The 7 Young Men of Ephesus, M

2 Thes 3:6-14

Mt 7:13-27

5:30 pm Stations of the Cross

6:30 pm Divine Liturgy

Sat, Mar 8;

Heb 3:14-4:4

Lk 18:9-14

7:30 am Divine Liturgy

Sun, Mar 9 – 2nd Week of Lent

Healing of the Leper

The Forty Martyrs, M

Rom 6:12-23

Mk 1:35-45

The Divine Liturgy intentions are in memory of:

- ✠ James & Blanche RILEY, requested by Thomas Riley, Sr
- ✠ Yasmine Michel FRANGIEH – 40 day memorial, requested by Tony Frangieh and family
- ✠ Helen ETOLL - 40 day memorial, requested by Henry & Denise, Albert & Pauline NAHAL
- ✠ Marcia YAMIN; Nadia DOWE, Elizabeth YAMIN, requested by Vicky & John Healy

For the blessing and special intentions of:

- ✠ Good health of Cancer patients, our sick & homebound

Ushers Sayed Frangie, Al Patnode
Greeter Gerard Golden
Ar. Lector Rita Frangieh
En. Lector Carolyn Lalli
Intercessions Al Nahal

Pope's Mar Prayer Intentions

Respect for Women: That all cultures may respect the rights and dignity of women.

Vocations: That many young people may accept the Lord's invitation to consecrate their lives to proclaiming the Gospel.

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, Fontine FRANGIE, Joyce & Christy FIRSTIUN, Juliann HALLAL, Donata CALDARONI, Alisa BURKE, Jamileh K-MOUAWAD, Caroline-Marjorie FIELDS, Della MAWAD, Katherine RIBUSTELLI, Marilyn MARVIN, Margaret McDonough; Pauline NAHAL, Sarah BRENNSTUHL, Thomas RILEY, Sr., Gail MOFFRE, Ellen DEEB

Requested prayers from the Book of prayers

- ✠ The speedy recovery of Ellen Deeb.
- ✠ For a young man who is suffering from depression and has lost his desire for everything.
- ✠ For children in the foster care system and the families who care for them.
- ✠ For adopted children, their adoptive families and the mothers who arranged for their adoption.

March BIRTHDAYS

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



- 10 Theresa Shufelt 11 Sherri Peters
 14 Carolyn Lalli 16 Natalia Karamé
 18 Richard Peters 28 Dominic Karrat
- We ask that many blessings be theirs in the coming year.

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.

Please consider sponsoring Sunday refreshments. Thank you.

- Mar 02 Al & Denise Patnode
 Mar 09 Tony & Eva Abdallah & family
 Mar 16 Corned beef & cabbage luncheon

2nd Special Collections for Mar

- 3/02 Snow Removal
 3/09 Building Fund
 3/16 Fuel & Heat
 3/23 Assessment/ Bishop Appeal
 3/30 Easter Flowers

Your Gift to God for Feb. 16

Counted by Rick Thornton & Ron Bagley

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| Weekly Offering | \$1,391.25 |
| Assessment / Bishop Appeal | \$260.00 |
| Building Fund | \$30.00 |
| Fuel & Heat | \$50.00 |
| Catholic Home Missions | \$25.00 |
| TOTAL | \$1,756.25 |

Your Gift to God for Feb. 23

Counted by Rick Thornton & Ron Bagley

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| Weekly Offering | \$855.00 |
| Assessment / Bishop Appeal | \$70.00 |
| Catholic Home Missions | \$47.00 |
| TOTAL | \$972.00 |

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

Schedule for Collection Counters

- Mar 2 Thomas Riley Sr. & Rolla Mooney
 Mar 9 Richard Thornton, Sr. & Ronald Bagley
 Mar 16 Rosemary Patnode & Georgette Hannoush
 Mar 23 Thomas Riley Sr. & Rolla Mooney
 Mar 30 Richard Thornton, Sr. & Ronald Bagley

Pope Francis via Twitter - @Pontifex

Let us never lose hope! God loves us always, even with our mistakes and sins.

Religious Education

Classes resume on Friday, Jan. 24. Please note the following schedule and have children present with sufficient time to allow for class setup. Please keep our program in your prayers.

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| Friday | Mar 7 | 4:15 – 6 pm |
| Friday | Mar 21 | 4:15 – 6 pm |

Distribution of Ashes

All parish priests are to bless and distribute ashes on Ash Monday during the celebration of the Divine Liturgy as indicated in our liturgical books. This ceremony may not be celebrated on the vigil of Ash Monday (Cana Sunday).

For the convenience of some faithful of the Latin Church who may come to Mass at a Maronite Church on their Ash Wednesday, ashes that were blessed on Monday may be given to them after the Mass. However, ashes are not to be blessed again on this day.

Yankee Stadium Bus Trip

The snow may still be flying but the St. Maron Men's Society is already thinking summer and America's favorite pastime - baseball. They have put together a fabulous day trip to see the NY Yankees (85 wins) take on the Cincinnati Reds (90 wins) on Saturday, July 19. Team rivalry dates back to 1938 and again in 1961, when the Yankees rolled to world championships over Cincinnati in short order. Don't miss this opportunity to enjoy a fun filled day. Tickets are only \$80 and include r/t coach transportation on Yankee Trails, stadium admission, soda, bottled water and sandwiches. Contact Mike Rezey (518-463-6889) or Joe Jabour (518-271-6638) for more detailed information and to purchase your tickets.



Corned Beef Dinner – March 16

Did you know the Lebanese and Irish share a common thread: the Phoenicians!

In the 18th century, historians discovered exciting proof of Phoenician-Celtic ties. An ancient Roman dramatist, Titus Maccius Plautus (died 184 B.C.) wrote a play, the Penulus, in which he placed then-current Phoenician into the speech of one of his characters. In the 18th century, linguists noticed the great similarity between that Phoenician and the early Irish Celtic language.

Celebrate your shared heritage by ordering a traditional Corned Beef Dinner in honor of Ireland's Patron Saint Patrick, born 387 in Scotland. Dinner includes a thick slab of steamed corned beef and cabbage, along with a side of fresh potatoes and carrots. Desert is also included. This delectable meal is available for dine-in or take-out. In order to ensure there is a sufficient number of dinners, you will need to pre-purchase a ticket. Tickets are available beginning this Sunday after mass or you may call the parish office at 272-6073 to place your order. Dinners will be available, beginning at 11:30 am.



Sunday March 16 from 11:30 am to 1 pm

Adults: \$10; Children (under age 12): \$5.

Bain taitneamh as do bhéil (that's Celtic for Bon Appétit)

American-Armenian Community Ctr

Shish Kebab Dinner & Bake Sale

Saturday, March 1, 2014 at 3PM (\$13.00). open to the public, Eat-In Or Take-out.

1627 3RD Avenue, Watervliet, NY 12189

SENIOR Services of Watervliet

SENIOR Services of Watervliet are looking for a few PeopleSoft to drive their van one day a week for 4 hrs bring



our seniors to and from the center. For further information, please contact Carol Shufelt on (518) 590-8584.

2014 LENTEN MESSAGE OF OUR HOLY FATHER FRANCIS

He became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich
(cf. 2 Cor 8:9).

Dear brothers and sisters,

May this Lenten season find the whole Church ready to bear witness to all those who live in material, moral and spiritual destitution the Gospel message of the merciful love of God our Father, who is ready to embrace everyone in Christ. We can do this to the extent that we imitate Christ who became poor and enriched us by his poverty. Lent is a fitting time for self-denial; we would do well to ask ourselves what we can give up in order to help and enrich others by our own poverty. Let us not forget that real poverty hurts: no self-denial is real without this dimension of penance. I distrust a charity that costs nothing and does not hurt.

May the Holy Spirit, through whom we are "as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything" (2 Cor 6:10), sustain us in our resolutions and increase our concern and responsibility for human destitution, so that we can become merciful and act with mercy. In expressing this hope, I likewise pray that each individual member of the faithful and every Church community will undertake a fruitful Lenten journey. I ask all of you to pray for me. May the Lord bless you and Our Lady keep you safe.

8 Ways to Pray During Lent

What do we do when we're facing an upcoming big event, celebration, or special occasion in our lives? We prepare for it. Holy Week and Easter are "big events" in the liturgical year of the Church and in the spiritual life of a Christian. So, as Christians, we prepare spiritually for these through the forty days of Lent. This means that, during Lent, we rededicate ourselves to prayer.

There are as many ways to pray as there are pray-ers in this world, but a few prayer methods can help us in particular to spiritually prepare ourselves during Lent:

1. Make your abstinence a prayer-in-action.

Whenever you encounter the thing you are abstaining from or the time of day that you would normally enjoy it, take a moment to say a prayer in recognition of your wholeness in God even without the thing you have given up.

2. Renew yourself through personal reflective prayer.

Lent is a time of spiritual renewal. One easy step you can take is to use the many free online resources to jump-start or reinvigorate your prayer life. Better yet, check out a book from the parish library.

3. Pray the Stations of the Cross.

This prayer helps us reflect on the passion and death of Christ in preparation for Good Friday observance and the Easter celebration. Join us each Friday at 5:30 pm to pray as part of a community.

4. Meditate on Holy Scripture with Lectio Divina.

This method of prayer is characterized by the slow reading and consideration of a text from Scripture, with repetition and meditation on key words or phrases. In this way, lectio divina leads to a deeper communion with the Divine.

5. Reflect deeper on your liturgical prayer.

When you attend Mass during Lent, be conscious of and meditate on the words you pray in the liturgy. After receiving communion, you may want to sit and reflect more deeply on these great prayers of the Church.

6. Join or start a prayer group.

There are many benefits to praying with others. In group prayer you're able to offer and experience a positive example, needed support and encouragement, different perspectives, and the inspiration to grow in the Christian life.

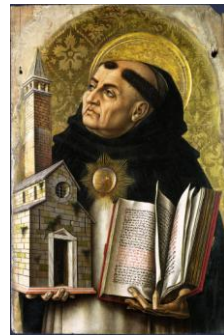
7. Pray with children or as a family.

Being a parent, guardian, or teacher is a holy ministry and a sacred promise. Share your faith with children by letting them see and hear you pray, and by praying together.

8. Start a practice of daily prayer that will last after Lent.

Perhaps the best prayer advice is to use Lent as a time to instill prayer habits that will last long after Lent has concluded. One of the best resources is the Prayer of the Faithful. A new version, Eyes of the Heart, A Short Maronite Prayer of the Faithful - is a shortened version of the 3 volumes of evening (Ramsho) - morning (Saftro) prayers, psalms, hymns and readings. These are available from the Eparchy of St. Maron of Brooklyn.

St. Thomas Aquinas, Doctor of the Church



Thomas Aquinas was born in a hilltop castle in Roccasecca in central Italy in 1225. At the age of five, his studies began at the abbey of Montecassino. When the monastery became a battle site— Thomas was transferred by his family to the University of Naples. It was here that he came into contact with the "new" Aristotle and with the Order of Preachers or Dominicans, a recently founded mendicant order. He became a Dominican over the protests of his family and eventually went north to study, perhaps first briefly at Paris, then at Cologne with Albert the Great, whose interest in Aristotle strengthened Thomas's own interest. He returned to Paris, completed his studies, became a Master and for three years and occupied one of the Dominican chairs in the Faculty of Theology. The next ten years were spent in various places in Italy, with the mobile papal court, at various Dominican houses, and eventually in Rome. In 1274, on his way to the Council of Lyon, he fell ill and died in the Cistercian abbey at Fossanova, which is near Roccasecca.

Writings

The writings of Saint Thomas cover almost every conceivable topic in more than fifty works. He is best known for his *Summa Theologiae* that explores all aspects of creation including the role of God, angels, and human beings. His writings continued until he had a mystical experience at the end of his life that made him think that all he had done was "mere straw." At the time of his death in 1274, he was under suspicion by some



Church authorities and in 1277 a commission appointed by the Bishop of Paris condemned some of his views. The condemnation was lifted; he was canonized and eventually received the title of Common Doctor of the Church. Since his death there have been many forms of Thomistic thought in the subsequent centuries and his influence on Catholic intellectual life remains immeasurable.

Saint Thomas was made a doctor of the Church at the First Vatican Council (1869-1870). The term doctor of the Church designates a saint of eminent learning and great sanctity.

Pope Francis, with retired Pope Benedict present, creates new cardinals

Going to Mass should be a life-changing event

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- On a feast day commemorating the authority Jesus gave to St. Peter and his successors -- the popes -- Pope Francis created 19 new cardinals in the presence of retired Pope Benedict XVI.

To the great surprise of most people present, the retired pope entered St. Peter's Basilica about 15 minutes before the new cardinals and Pope Francis. Wearing a long white coat and using a cane, he took a seat in the front row next to Lebanese Cardinal Bechara Rai, Patriarch of the Maronite Catholic Church.

Pope Benedict's presence at the consistory Feb. 22, the feast of the Chair of Peter, marked the first time he had joined Pope Francis for a public prayer service in the



basilica. Pope Benedict resigned Feb. 28, 2013, becoming the first pope in almost 600 years to do so.

Before beginning the service, Pope Francis walked over to Pope Benedict, who removed his zucchetto to greet Pope Francis. The scene was repeated at the end of the consistory.

The new cardinals, including Cardinal Gerald Lacroix of Quebec and Vincent Nichols of Westminster, England, publicly recited the Creed and swore obedience to the pope and his successors before receiving from Pope Francis a red hat, a ring and the assignment of a "titular church" in Rome, becoming part of the clergy of the pope's diocese.

After they received their red hats, each of the new cardinals walked over to Pope Benedict and greeted him.

Cardinal Lacroix, accompanied by his mother and father at an afternoon reception, said Pope Benedict's presence "surprised me so much that I broke down in tears."

When he went to greet the retired pope, he said he told him, "Holy Father, you are the one who called me to be a bishop."

Only 18 of the archbishops Pope Francis had chosen to be among the first cardinals created during his pontificate were present.

The oldest of the new cardinals -- and now the oldest cardinal in the world -- Cardinal Loris Capovilla, 98, was not present at the ceremony although he became a cardinal the moment Pope Francis pronounced his name. A papal delegate will deliver his red hat to his home in northern Italy.

In his homily Pope Francis did not mention the standard point that the cardinals' new red vestments are symbols of the call to serve Christ and his church to the point of shedding their blood if necessary. Rather, he focused on their being called to follow Christ more closely, to build up the unity of the church and to proclaim the Gospel more courageously.

The Bible, he said, is filled with stories of Jesus walking with his disciples and teaching them as they traveled.

"This is important," the pope said. "Jesus did not come to teach a philosophy, an ideology, but rather a 'way,' a journey to be undertaken with him, and we learn the way as we go, by walking."

After listening to a reading of Mark 10:32-45, Pope Francis also spoke about the very human, worldly temptation of "rivalry, jealousy (and) factions" the first disciples faced.

The reading is a warning to the cardinals and to all Christians to put aside concerns of power and favoritism and "to become ever more of one heart and soul" gathered around the Lord, he said.

Pope Francis told the new cardinals, who come from 15 different countries -- including very poor nations like Haiti and Ivory Coast -- that the church "needs you, your cooperation and, even more, your communion, communion with me and among yourselves."

"The church needs your courage," he said, "to proclaim the Gospel at all times" and "to bear witness to the truth."

The pope also told the cardinals that the church needs their "compassion, especially at this time of pain and suffering for so many countries throughout the world," and for so many Christians who face discrimination and persecution. "We must struggle against all discrimination," he said.

"The church needs us also to be peacemakers, building peace by our actions, hopes and prayers," he said.

The consistory brought to 218 the total number of cardinals in the world; 122 cardinals are under the age of 80 and eligible to vote in a conclave.

Welcome to our Visitors!

Thank you for joining us today. We hope you will grace us



with your presence again. Though not well known in the west, the Catholic Church is comprised of 22 Churches, 21 Eastern and 1 Western Church. The Eastern Catholic Churches refer to those that developed in the eastern half of the Roman Empire, including the communities that derived from them, and are in communion with Rome.

The Maronite faithful persevere in the faith of their ancestors, spiritually united with each other in the Church throughout the world. By a consistent Christian witness, animated by the beautiful theological and spiritual heritage which they have received, the Maronite Church contributes in a unique way to the ongoing renewal and upbuilding of the entire Catholic Church.

For additional information, you can visit the Catholic Encyclopedia or other online resource.

English Martyrs Presentation

“Catholic Martyrs of the English Reformation and Religious Intolerance in America Today” A Presentation by Michael Schweigert. at: St. Madeleine Sophie Church, 3500 Carman Road, Schenectady (Guilfordland) 12303; St. Madeleine Sophie Parish Hall (Former Church) upstairs

Date & Time: Tuesday, April 8, 2014 at 7:00 PM

Description: Using photographs of his extensive travels, Presenter Michael Schweigert brings to life the suppression of the Faith in 16th and 17th century England, and highlights some of the sites associated with the martyrs who gave their lives rather than compromise the Catholic Faith. This presentation will show how we can learn from history to prepare ourselves to stand firm against the growing persecution of the Church today. **For more information:** Contact Michael Schweigert at 518-355-5919 or Martyrsofengland@aol.com.

Sponsor: Adult Christian Enrichment Team (ACE) of St. Madeleine Sophie & St. Gabriel Parishes.

First married Maronite Catholic in U.S. to become a priest



Pope Francis has granted permission for a married deacon to be ordained to the priesthood for the Maronite Catholic Church for the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon.

Deacon Wissam Akiki will be ordained Feb. 27 at St. Raymond's Maronite Cathedral in St. Louis. He is married to Manal Kassab and they have a daughter, Perla. He is the first married man to be ordained to the priesthood for the U.S. Maronite Catholic Church.

The Maronite Church is Eastern rite and is among 22 Catholic Churches that are in union with each other and under the authority of the pope in Rome. The spiritual heritage of the Maronite Church is traced to a fourth-century hermit, St. Maron.

Eastern Catholic Churches have held an ancient tradition of allowing married men to become priests, although since the 1920s the practice generally has not been permitted in the United States, according to a press release from St. Raymond's Cathedral.

St. Raymond's statement also noted that having a married priesthood should in no way "detract from the value that the Church finds in the vocation to celibacy. The celibate

priesthood continues to be highly esteemed. We need to always keep in mind that it is a vocation to be married and a vocation to be a priest."

In the Latin rite of the Roman Catholic Church (including the United States) celibate priesthood has been the normal practice, explained Msgr. Michael Witt, professor of Church history at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary. The Council of Trent, he said, realized that celibacy within the priesthood was a Church discipline.

"In other words, the Church says that she wants her priests to be celibate so that we priests then stand in for Christ at the altar and also beyond the altar," said Msgr. Witt. "There is a marriage bond between the clergy and the Church just as there is a marriage covenant between the Church and Christ. And we as priests are supposed to image that."

Eastern Churches traditionally have dealt with the issue of married priests in a different way. "During the Council of Trullo, the council fathers there acknowledged the legitimacy of a married clergy, but it is highly restricted," said Msgr. Witt. "A (married) priest is not allowed to be a bishop — in fact most bishops (in the Eastern Church) are monks and they must be celibate. And if you're ordained a priest and you're not married, then you're expected to remain celibate the rest of your life."

"The important thing to remember about celibacy in Roman Church is that it is a covenantal relationship between the individual priest and the Church itself. The priest is standing in for Christ — the 'alter Christus' — and he stands in for Christ, not only when he is performing the sacraments, but in a much broader sense than that. We are really married to the Church in a unique kind of way."

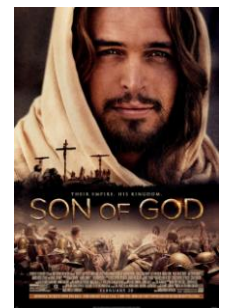
Benedict XVI tells Maronite Patriarch: I pray daily for Lebanon

Pope-emeritus Benedict XVI has assured the leader of the Maronite Catholic Church that he prays daily for Lebanon, the AsiaNews service reports.

Maronite Patriarch Bechara Rai met with the retired Pontiff on February 22, when they were seated close together during the ceremony at which Pope Francis conferred red hats on 18 new cardinals. During their brief conversation, Benedict XVI told the Maronite leader that he had vivid memories of his pastoral visit to Lebanon in September 2012.

SON OF GOD Movie

This major motion picture event is an experience created to be shared among families and communities across the U.S. It brings the story of Jesus' life to audiences through compelling cinematic storytelling that is both powerful and inspirational. Told with the scope and scale of an action epic, the film features powerful performances, exotic locales, dazzling visual effects and a rich orchestral score. The film spans from Jesus' humble birth through his teachings, crucifixion and ultimate resurrection.



- Release date: February 28, 2014 (USA)
- Director: Christopher Spencer
- Running time: 138 minutes | • MPAA rating: PG-13
- Language: English



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

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| <p>✠ In Memory Of Joseph & Helen YAMIN JABOUR Requested by Joe & Kathy JABOUR</p> | <p>In Loving Memory Of our parents Claramae and Joseph KARAM ✠ Requested by the KARAM Family</p> | <p>In Loving Memory of Rose, Father Paul, Mike, Joe, Peter KORKEMAZ ✠</p> | <p>In Memory Of ✠ <i>the deceased members of</i> RICE & HEALY Families</p> |
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