



# Saint Ann

## Maronite Catholic Church

### *Season of Great Lent – Hosanna Sunday*

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#### MARONITE LITURGY

##### **The Bema**

The Bema is not just a place for reading and announcing, rather, it is the throne of the Divine Teacher, Jesus Christ, through whom all the Scriptures are fulfilled in their two Testaments, Old and New. This is how Philip introduced Him when he found Nathanael: “We have found the one about whom Moses wrote in the law, and also the prophets, Jesus, son of Joseph, from Nazareth” (John 1:45). With this connotation, Jesus taught on the Mount: “Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill” (Matthew 5:17).

Christ, the Lord, dwells in the midst of the community, and He is their center point, and they gather around Him. They listen to Him, because He speaks to them when the sacred books are read, and the sign is the one lit candle, when a letter of the Apostle Paul, another epistle, or the Acts of the Apostles is read on the lectern to the left; and the lighting of the two candles on the Bema, when the Gospel is read, with the community standing, because the Lord is talking to them directly. In preparation for the reading of the Gospel, it is processed and incensed before being read. Then, it is read, with eyes and hearts gazing toward Him, as the Letter to the Hebrews invites us to do: “while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith. For the sake of the joy that lay before him he endured the cross, despising its shame, and has taken his seat at the right of the throne of God” (Hebrews 12:2).

Linked to the Bema, is the bishop's throne, head of the local church, representing the Teacher and the Divine Shepherd, Jesus Christ. Through all that, the prayerful community ought to always raise their gaze toward Jesus, the incarnation, and the Altar, the death and resurrection.

*to be continued*

Liturgical Schedule & Intentions				Readers & Greeter	Readings	Feast day
<b>Sat</b>	19	4:30	For the faithful departed of St. Ann.		G: Jn 11:55-12:11 E: Col 3:23-4.7	St. Joseph the Virgin, Spouse of Mary, C
<b>Sun</b>	20	10:00	For the parishioners of St. Ann, both living and deceased.	Greeter: Christine Akiki En: Davia Boutros Ar: Diana Hannoush	G: Jn 12:12-22 E: Phil 1:1-13	
<b>Mon</b>	21	6:30	For the donors of Catholic Extension		G: Mt 21:17-27 E: Heb 6:1-9	
<b>Tue</b>	22	6:30	For the donors of Catholic Extension		G: Lk 13:22-30 E: 1 Thes 2:13-17	
<b>Wed</b>	23	6:30	For the sick.		G: Jn 11:47-54 E: Heb 2:5-12	St. Rafka, C
<b>Thu</b>	24	6:30	For an increase in vocations to the priesthood.	Greeter: Karen Rezey En: Patti Thornton Ar: Rita Frangieh	G: Lk 22:1-23 E: 1 Cor 11:23-32	
<b>Fri</b>	25	8:00	For the donors of Catholic Extension	Greeter: Karen Rezey En: Gerard Golden Ar: Michel Boutros	G: Jn 19:31-37 E: Heb 12:12-21	
		6:30	Great Friday of the Crucifixion			
<b>Sat</b>	26	6:30	Prayer of Forgiveness with Confession			St. Gabriel the Archangel, An
<b>Sun</b>	27	10:00	<b>E A S T E R</b> For the parishioners of St. Ann, both living and deceased.	Greeter: Henry Nahal En: Richard Thornton Ar: Mirvatte Hannoush	G: Mk 16:1-8 E: 1 Cor 15:12-26	

Please remember to submit your intentions for Divine Liturgies as early as possible.

#### FINACIAL CORNER

<b>Saturday Mar 12 – 4:30 pm</b>	163.00
<b>Sunday Mar 13 – 10 am</b>	1059.00
<b>Easter Flowers</b>	312.30
<b>St. Patrick Luncheon</b>	366.00
<b>Bulletin Income</b>	150.00
<b>Personal Donations</b>	50.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,100.30</b>

Thank you! شكران shukran

#### UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

<b>13 Mar</b>	Easter Flowers
<b>20 Mar</b>	Assessment / Bishop's Appeal
<b>25 Mar</b>	Holy Land Offering
<b>03 Apr</b>	Fuel & Heat

"Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap." (Luke 6: 38)

"I give thanks to my God always on your account for the grace of God bestowed on you in Christ Jesus, that in him you were enriched in every way, with all discourse and all knowledge. " (1 Corinthians 1:4- 5).

If you are traveling or unable to come to church, **please help us by sending a check or donating online.**  
Your support helps us to continue our mission.

#### UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

<b>Sun</b>	20 Mar	10:00 AM	Candy Sale
<b>Fri</b>	25 Mar	4 – 6 pm	Meatless Meal <i>Flower sale for burial service</i>
<b>Sun</b>	03 Apr	9 AM	Religious Education
<b>Wed</b>	06 Apr	6 PM 7 PM	Food Festival meeting Parish Council
<b>Wed</b>	13 Apr	6:30 pm	St. Charbel meeting

#### Hospitality

<b>Sun</b>	13 Mar	St. Patrick Luncheon
<b>Sun</b>	20 Mar	Hosanna Sunday
<b>Sun</b>	27 Mar	Easter Sunday
<b>Sun</b>	03 Apr	

If unable to show up on the day assigned, it is your responsibility to switch with someone else.

#### MEMORIALS for the month of February

**+ Altar Bread, Wine & Sanctuary Lamp**

**In Loving Memory of the deceased members of the Hannoush and Rahal Families, requested by Mr & Mrs Elias Hannoush**

**+ Incense, Charcoal, Candles & Sanctuary Plants**

**For the good health of the Michael Rezey Family requested by Michael and Karen Rezey**

*Customary offering is \$60 per month.*

## POINTS OF INTEREST

**REMINDER.** + Altar Bread, Wine & Sanctuary Lamp/ + Incense, Charcoal, Candles & Sanctuary Plants are available. For your donation please call or talk to Father Alaa.

**Thank You.** Much gratitude and appreciation to all who contributed to the St. Patrick's Day Luncheon and the Candle & Craft Sale. Your time, talents, gifts and heartfelt charity is appreciated.

**Holy Week:** On this most sacred week in the church calendar, please join us as we commemorate the events that forever changed the world. See schedule above.

**Relics of St. Charbel.** The relics of St. Charbel will be at St. Ann's on May 7 - 8. Divine Liturgy will be celebrated on May 8 followed by a procession with the Relics and blessing with sacred oil. His Excellency Bishop Gregory Mansour will be celebrating the Divine Liturgy on Sunday May 8th at our Church. Those interested in volunteering, please call Fr. Alaa.

**Eparchy of St. Maron 50 Years:** Join Bishop Mansour for the Eparchy's Golden Anniversary. Tuesday, May 3 at the NY Athletic Club. Check [www.stmaron.org](http://www.stmaron.org) for more details. The dinner is expected to sell out quickly.

**Candle & Craft Sale:** Sunday March 20, 10:00 AM, Craft and Candle Sale. This will be followed by a **Candy Sale**, after Divine Liturgy.

**Confession & Reconciliation.** Saturday, March 26 is Saturday of the Light. Please join us at 6:30 PM for the Prayer of Forgiveness. The Mystery of Confession will be available during this service.

**Food Festival.** Volunteers are needed for our annual festival to be held on June 11. We look forward to your input and suggestions at our first meeting, scheduled for Wed. April 6 at 6 pm.

+ **BAPTISM & CHRISMATION:** Preparation is required. We encourage this to begin at least one month before the Baptism.

+ **MARRIAGES:** Arrangements six (6) months in advance.

+ **NEW PARISHIONERS:** Welcome to our parish family. May you find spiritual nourishment among our community. Please be sure to register with our parish by calling the Parish House.

+ **HOSPITAL VISITS, SICK CALLS & SHUT-INS:** If someone is hospitalized, sick, in rest homes or unable to leave home, please let us know by calling Father Alaa Issa at (561) 273- 5867.

+ **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** First & third Sunday of the month from 9:00 AM – 9:45 AM in the church hall.

+ **CONFESSIONS:** Saturday 3:30-4:15 PM and by appointment.

+ **DEVOTIONS:** Rosary on every Sunday at 9:00 AM before the Divine Liturgy.

## In Loving Memory of Abraham & Mary (Joseph) NACKLEY & daughters Mary, Catherine, Rose & EDITH

In Memory of the deceased members of The RICE & HEALY Families	In Memory of Michael-David HANNOUSH by his grandparents, Elias & Georgette
In Memory of The deceased members of The REZEY & NACKLEY, SEE & CLOUGH families	In Loving Memory of Our parents Claramae & Joseph KARAM requested by the KARAM family
In Loving Memory of Rose, Fr. Paul, Mike, Joe & Peter KORKEMAZ	In Memory of the deceased members of The TALARICO & DEEP Families
In Loving Memory of Dominic FARINA, Sr. requested by Edith FARINA & family	In Loving Memory of Dot RILEY & the deceased members of the RILEY, MANLEY & PETERSON families requested by Tom RILEY, Sr.
In Loving Memory of Joseph & Helen YAMIN JABOUR requested by Joe & Kathy JABOUR	In Memory of The deceased members of The TAMER & THORNTON families
In Loving Memory of Walter & Mary GOLDEN & the deceased members of the VOLKOMER & GOLDEN families	In Loving Memory of James TRAA Requested by his wife Beverly Traa and the Family



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*Be merciful, just  
as your Father is  
merciful. (Luke 6: 36)*



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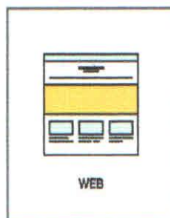
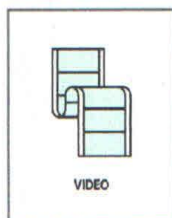
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