ST. SHARBEL MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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THE GLORIOIUS EPIPHANY OF THE LORD **ENTRANCE INTO GREAT LENT**

CANA SUNDAY - FEBRUARY 27, 2022

READING ROMANS 14:14-23 GOSPEL JOHN 2:1-11



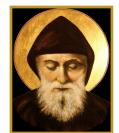
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DIVINE LITURGY

SATURDAY: 4:00 PM

SUNDAY: 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM

ROSARY / CONFESSIONS 30 MINUTES BEFORE **SATURDAY & SUNDAY MASSES**

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

1st Saturday: 3:30 PM

FAMILY OF SAINT SHARBEL **HEALING MASS & BENEDICTION** 22nd Day of Every Month

6:30 PM (November - March)

SAINT SHARBEL MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH

2:00 PM— Baptism Valentino Anthony Sanchez

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH

4:00 PM — Married Couples [Renewal of Vows], by Pastor and Deacon Mike

4:00 PM — Michael Jacobs 30 Year Remembrance, by Rose Ann Jacobs

4:00 PM — Owen Petrzelka, by Family

4:00 PM - Joe, Helen and Betty Shaker, by Family

4:00 PM — Anthony Joseph, by Mary Medley

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH

9:30 AM— Married Couples [Renewal of Vows], by Pastor and Deacon Mike

9:30 AM— Living and Deceased Members of the Roger & Frances Sam Family, by Daughter, Frances

9:30 AM — Samir Thomas Katra Memorial Mass, by Sister and Brother-In-Law, Madeleine & Joseph Abboud and Family

9:30 AM — Matty Moroun, by Sister, Anne Moroun

9:30 AM — Cindy Koehler, by Family

9:30 AM — James Koehler, by Family

9:30 AM— George J. Sassin, by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Campbell

9:30 AM— John Abdella 9 Year Remembrance, by Arlene Abdella & Family

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH

11:30 AM — Married Couples [Renewal of Vows], by Pastor and Deacon Mike

11:30 AM— Cara Noelle Hahn-Harik Special Intention for Healing, by Pastor

11:30 AM— **Samir Thomas Katra Memorial Mass,** by Sister and Brother-In-Law, Madeleine & Joseph Abboud and Family

11:30 AM— Living & Deceased Members of the Habib & Wadea Ghafari Family, by Alfred, Juliette, and Nick (W. VA)

11:30 AM — Mona Badawi, by Nazira Yasso

11:30 AM — Gergeis Sleiman, by Family

11:30 AM— Therese Sfeir, by Laba & Fina Soyad

11:30 AM— Nafeh, Nazzhat and Ramey Samona, by Family

11:30 AM— Sabah Hanna, by Family

11:30 AM— George Chalhoub 10 Year Remembrance, by Family

11:30 AM— Henriette, Shafika and Anis Chalhoub, by Family

11:30 AM— Vergeen Al-Corm, by Family

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH

ASH MONDAY MASS WITH DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES

9:00 AM— Parishioners, Benefactors and Friends, by Deacon Mike

9:00 AM - Diane George, by Donna Deeby

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH

ASH MONDAY MASS WITH DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES

12:00 PM— Parishioners, Benefactors and Friends, by Deacon Mike

12:00 PM - Elias Nassif, by Pastor

12:00 PM — Mona Badawi, by Family

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH

ASH MONDAY MASS WITH DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES

7:00 PM— Parishioners, Benefactors and Friends, by Deacon Mike

7:00 PM — Mona Badawi, by Family

7:00 PM— Therese Sfeir, by Husband, Kozhaya Sfeir

READERS

READERS FOR:

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26 4:00 PM - Terry Mahoney

READERS FOR:

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27

9:30 AM - Carina Abboud

READERS FOR:

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27

11:30 AM - Zeina Samona

Sue Malkoun

READERS FOR:

SATURDAY, MARCH 5

4:00 PM - Janet Peters

READERS FOR:

SUNDAY, MARCH 6

9:30 AM - Terry Mahoney

READERS FOR:

SUNDAY, MARCH 6

11:30 AM - Jano Gemayel

Tony Malouf

LENTEN OBSERVANCES

LENTEN OBSERVANCES 2022

Lent begins on Ash Monday, February 28, 2022 and lasts until Holy Saturday (April 16) at noon. The following Lenten guidelines are observed in the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon. All Maronites who are physically capable are to abstain from meat on Ash Monday (February 28) and 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.

ASH MONDAY

The Liturgy for Ash Monday February 28, 2022 will be at 9 AM, 12 PM and 7 PM.

Blessing of Ashes will take place at each Liturgy. *Ash Monday is a day of complete fast and abstinence.

FRIDAY LENTEN DEVOTION

Our Friday Lenten Devotion will begin on Friday, March 4, 2022 and continue every Friday of Lent. Confessions will be heard at 6 PM

The Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at 6:30 PM followed by the Benediction of the Holy Cross at 7 PM.

TUESDAY, MARCH 1ST **NO LITURGY**

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2ND

9:30 AM— Living and Deceased Members of the Issa & Maysoon Sweidan Family, by Pastor

9:30 AM— Abdo Badawi, by Donna Deeby

THURSDAY, MARCH 3RD

9:30 AM - Joseph, Helen and Betty Shaker, by Family

9:30 AM— Abdo Badawi, by Parishioners

FRIDAY, MARCH 4TH

6:00 PM— Confessions

6:30 PM— Mass

7:00 PM— Stations and Benediction of the Holy Cross

SATURDAY, MARCH 5TH

4:00 PM— Living and Deceased Members of the Peter Neam Family, by Carolyn Neam

4:00 PM— Daniel & Mary Daniel and the Living & Deceased Members of the Simon and Daniel Families, by Family

4:00 PM— Abdo Nasri Badawi, by Helene Latiff

4:00 PM— Salvatore Suputo, by Paul & Lena Kanan

4:00 PM— Owen Petrzelka, by Family

4:00 PM— Mona Badawi, by Eleanor Thomas

4:00 PM— Louis Joseph, by Mary Medley

4:00 PM - Matty Moroun, by Sister, Anne Moroun

SUNDAY, MARCH 6TH

9:30 AM— Diane George 40 Day Remembrance, by Family

9:30 AM— Living and Deceased Members of the Mickey Thomas Family, by Pastor

9:30 AM—Living and Deceased Members of the Linda Thomas Family, by Pastor

9:30 AM— Julia Thomas, by Pastor

9:30 AM— Anis Chalhoub Birthday Remembrance, by Wife, Marene and Family

9:30 AM— George J. Sassin, by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Campbell

9:30 AM— John Farah 21 Year Remembrance, by Niece, Linda Thomas

9:30 AM— Louis P. Abraham 34 Year Remembrance, by Wife, Adele and Family

SUNDAY, MARCH 6TH

11:30 AM— Cara Noelle Hahn-Harik Special Intention for Healing, by Pastor

11:30 AM— Louis Allawerdi Memorial Mass, by Issa & Maysoon Sweidan and Family

11:30 AM— Mother Praxede Sweidan 1 Year Remembrance, by Issa and Maysoon Sweidan and Family

11:30 AM— Living and Deceased Members of the Raid Habash Family, by Pastor

11:30 AM— Mona Badawi, by Parishioners

11:30 AM— Therese Sfeir, by Eleanor Thomas

11:30 AM — Josephine Harb 2 Year Remembrance, by Family

11:30 AM— Antoun Gemayel 13 Year Remembrance, by Chuck Gemayel and Family

11:30 AM - Roland Gemayel 13 Year Remembrance, by Chuck Gemayel and Family

11:30 AM— Therese Naom Issa, by Pastor

11:30 AM— Sabah Hanna, by Family



WEEKLY COLLECTION

February 19 & 20, 2022

Envelopes: \$5,562.00 Online: \$2,290.00

Total Collection: \$7,852.00

\$15,000.00 was Donated In Loving Memory of **Julia Thomas**

by Mickey Thomas and Family

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity!





CONFESSIONS

6:30 PM

MASS

7 PM

STATIONS & BENEDICTION OF THE HOLY CROSS

8 PM

POT LUCK MEAL

Bring one of the following to share: Bread

Potato salad

Salad Pasta salad

Miadra

Loubya Hummus

Fruits



SANCTUARY CANDLE

FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY BURNS FOR:

In Loving Memory of

Mona Badawi 1 Year Remembrance
by Dixe Hunrath

CHAPEL CANDLE

FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY BURNS FOR:

In Loving Memory of
Living and Deceased Members of the
Roger & Frances Sam Family

INCENSE AND CHARCOAL

FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

In Loving Memory of George & Henriette Chalhoub by Family

BREAD AND WINE

FOR THE YEAR 2021 - 2022

Living and Deceased Members of the Michel and Fadia Nahed Family

EPARCHIAL PARISH GOALS

Bishop Eparchial Appeal - \$13,000.00

Eparchial Yearly Assessment - \$30,000.00

LITURGICALLY SPEAKING

CANA SUNDAY

Great Lent is a time for change, for transformation. The Maronite Church begins Great Lent with Cana Sunday, a commemoration of the transformation of water into wine at the wedding feast of Cana of Galilee. This change prepares us for the evening when He changed wine into his blood and bread into his body.

According to Jewish law, the wedding of a virgin was to take place on a Wednesday. The wedding was to be followed with eight days of celebration and an abundance of food and drink was essential. As the wedding wine began to diminish. Mary had only to mention to Jesus that something was going wrong: "They have no wine." Jesus understood that His mother was not simply making an observation, but was seeking His powerful intervention. On her part, Mary was confident that He would listen to her.

At first, Jesus responded with an apparent refusal. "Woman, (is a term of respect which He would also use on the cross) how does this concern of yours involve me?"

The reason for His response was that His hour had not yet come, namely the hour of His death and resurrection, after which He would answer all the prayers of His mother. Mary knew that her prayer would not be refused; she told them to do whatever He told them. Mary trusted in her Son and her request was fulfilled. She told the servants as she tells all of us: do whatever my Son tells you.

Jesus instructed the servants to fill the six water pots. his These jars held 180 gallons of water, which was to be transformed into excellent wine; what was originally lacking is now to be found in superabundance! Aside from the rich theological significance of the transformation of water into wine, let us reflect on the simplicity and "homeliness" of the act. Jesus knew that the lack of wine would be source of embarrassment to the groom and misfortune for the guests. He did not rejoice in the misfortune of others, but used His great power to save a simple man of Cana from humiliation.

Let us imitate His example and be concerned with the simple needs of those around us and how we can fulfill them. (Maronite Prayer of the Faithful)

THIS WEEKEND!



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UPCOMING EVENTS / MEETINGS

Feb 25 Altar Server Training / Pizza Party 6 PM

Feb 26/27 Cana Sunday Renewal of Marriage Vows all Masses

Feb 27 MYA Bake Sale after Masses

Feb 27 Sunday Mass Live Stream 11:30 AM

Feb 28 Ash Monday Mass with Distribution of Ashes

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM - 7:00 PM

March 4 Mass 6:30 PM & Stations and Benediction of the

Cross 7 PM

March 4 Pot Luck 8 PM

March 11 Fridays of Lent Stations & Benediction of the Cross 7 PM

March 12 Lenten Retreat with Deacon John & Bobbi Sfire

March 18 St. Joseph Feast Day Pot Luck 5 -7 PM & 8-10 PM

April 17 Easter Sunday

April 30 First Holy Communion

May-June Annual Raffle Ticket Fundraiser

May 13 Mother's Day Dinner June 17 Father's Day Night

July 14-25 Visit of Saint Sharbel Relics

Sept 24 Annual St. Sharbel Gala

CONGRATULATIONS

BAPTISM AND CHRISMATION

Congratulations to

George and Lauren Akroush on the Baptism of their Son,

Nicholas George Akroush

on Sunday, February 20, 2022 by Chorbishop Alfred Badawi.

BAPTISM

Congratulations to

Joseph Saad and Celeste Cannon

on the Baptism of their Son,

Joseph George Saad IV

on Sunday, February 20, 2022 by Chorbishop Alfred Badawi.

May Nicholas and Joseph be steadfast in their faith and grow constantly in the Lord!



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

GROUPS TO LEAD STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday, March 4 - Men's Club & K of C

Friday, March 11 - MYO

Friday, March 18 - LAS

Friday, March 25 - MYA

Friday, April 1 - Volunteers

Friday, April 7 - Choir

PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we begin this season of Lent, I want to encourage everyone to take the opportunity to go to Confession before Easter.

Listening to the words of Jesus, it is clear that we must repent, or turn away from sin, if we truly desire to live the fullness of the Gospel. And that is exactly what happens when we confess our sins and receive the Lord's mercy and forgiveness. Due to Covid restrictions, we will not have a parish wide confession service this Lent. But to make up for that, we have decided to offer extended hours of confessions in Lent: every Friday of Lent from 6-6:30 PM and our usual Saturday 3:30-4:00 PM and our usual Sunday 9-9:30 AM and 11-11:30 AM. And if those times are difficult, I am always happy to set up an appointment for confession.

I know that there are a lot of concerns about confession, so I want to address a few of those here. First, if you are nervous of not knowing exactly what to say or messing up the prayers, don't worry about it. The Lord is grateful that you are there, and we are happy to help you along the way.

The best way to prepare for confession is to do a thorough **Examination of Conscience**, so you can confess what you have done and how frequently. We don't need stories or excuses, just what has happened.

If you need a good examination of conscience, there are many good options online! We have included one this week on our email page. If it has been a while since your last confession, don't let that be an obstacle! The Lord's mercy is greater than anything we could ever imagine. Especially when you go to confession behind the screen, the priest has no idea who you are, and even if he did, he can never, ever say anything about it. Ever. And remember that confession isn't a place of judgment and condemnation, but a place of healing and new freedom.

I encourage you to watch the beautiful short video on Confession that we included on our email page, website and Facebook site. May it inspire you to come receive the grace that Jesus is waiting to give you in this Sacrament of Healing! Let us listen to the words of Jesus: "There will be more joy in

Let us listen to the words of Jesus: "There will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety nine righteous people who have no need of repentance."

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL PARISH GOAL \$13,000.00

The Bishop's Annual Appeal for 2022 will start on Ash Monday, February 28, 2022, and will last until Easter Sunday, April 17. Please send in your contribution, earmarked Bishop's Appeal 2022, before Easter Sunday. Thank you for your generosity. More information will be emailed to you all.

I invite ALL of YOU to use our gifts to the appeal as a way of SHINING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST, echoing Pope Francis' statement that "it is not enough to receive the light, one must become light."

Thank you for keeping your commitment to plant the seeds of our mission, grow as disciples, and share the Gospel by supporting the ministries of your parish! And thank you for making up missed weeks when you are not able to join us.

May God continue to bless us all!

Chorbishop Alfred Badawi



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