

DIVINE LITURGY INTENTIONS

Maronite Synaxarion

<p>Sunday, January 28th 8:30am Chris Hamad (7-year ann. of death) by Sandy Hamad 11:00am Marleine Lababidi (7 yr. anniv.) by the Lababidi family Deacon Bob Foster by Gilbert Salem and family Antoine Matar by Christiane and Francois Risha</p>	<p>St. Ephrem the Syriani, Doctor of the Church</p>
<p>Monday, January 29th No Service</p>	<p>St. Palladius. St. Hippolytus, Martyr</p>
<p>Tuesday, January 30th 9:00am – Divine Liturgy</p>	<p>St. Maximus the Confessor</p>
<p>Wednesday, January 31st 9:00am – Divine Liturgy For the Intentions of Father Ronald by Sdn. Paul and Gena Boulos</p>	<p>Don John Bosco</p>
<p>Thursday, February 1st No Service</p>	<p>St. Pionius, Martyr. St. Eutychian, Pope</p>
<p>Friday, February 2nd First Friday 9:00am – Divine Liturgy and Adoration Deacon Bob Foster by Sdn. Chuck and Mary Beth Abraham</p>	<p>Presentation of Christ in the Temple, also called the Entrance of Christ to the Temple.</p>
<p>Saturday, February 3rd 9:00am – Divine Liturgy</p>	<p>Simeon the Elder and Anna the Prophetess</p>
<p>Sunday, February 4th 8:30am Deacon Bob Foster by Sandy Hamad Nouha Abou Chehade by Deacon Tom and Bernie Maroon 11:00am Violette Choueiry by the OLC Caregivers Josephine Akiki by Maria and Nathan Stewart</p>	<p>St. Isadore of Pelusium</p>



Welcome New Parishioners

Please register at our parish office

DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday	8:30am. & 11:00am
Monday	No Service
Tuesday	9:00am
Wednesday	9:00am
Thursday	No Service
Friday	9:00am
Saturday	9:00am

CONFESSION

Available following Saturday
 Divine Liturgy
 or by appointment

SACRAMENTS

Baptism & Chrismation
 Contact the Parish Office

Marriage
 Contact the Parish Office at least
 6 months before the wedding

Sick Calls & Anointing
 Notify Fr. Ronald
 Text/call 330-509-0098

DEACON Thomas Maroon, Sr.

SUBDEACON Paul Boulos
SUBDEACON Chuck Abraham

CAREGIVERS Chuck Abraham

www.Ourladyofthecedarschurch.org

Banquet. Hall / Caterer:
 Tangier's – Angelica George
 (330) 418-4778

Contact Fr. Ronald directly
 (330) 509-0098

Contact Fr. Eid via email,
 calling, or text message. If you
 receive voicemail, he will return
 your call

Our Lady of the Cedars of Mount Lebanon

MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH

كنيسة سيّدة أرز جبل لبنان المارونيّة

PASTOR **FATHER RONALD EID** (330) 666-3598

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS TUESDAY – FRIDAY 9:00AM – 1:00PM



January 28, 2024

Sunday of the
 Righteous and The Just

“Amen I say to
 you, what you did
 not do for one of
 these least ones,
 you did not do
 for me.”

Matthew 25:45



507 SOUTH CLEVELAND-MASSILLON ROAD, FAIRLAWN, OHIO 44333

Please don't forget to offer intentions for your Loved ones; living or deceased.
 We believe in the power of the Eucharist.

READINGS

THIS SUNDAY

Sunday of the Righteous and the Just

Hebrews 12:18-24

Matthew 25:31-46

EPISTLE READERS

Sunday, January 28

8:30am – Stephanie Hamad

11:00am – Freddy Nemr

Sunday, February 4

8:30am – Tom Jesser, Jr.

11:00am – Layla Roland

Sunday, February 11

8:30am – Cheryl Christ

11:00am – Michelle Reyes

Sunday, February 18

8:30am – Chris Abraham

11:00am – Monique Binkley

Coming Events

Parish Advisory Board Meeting – TBA

Ladies' Guild Meeting – TBA

Men's Club Meeting - TBA

Caregivers' Meeting - TBA

(Following 8:30 Liturgy)

Next special collection:

January 28, 2024

Eparchial Charities

Next First Friday Divine Liturgy

And Adoration

will be held on

Friday, February 2, 2024

Counting our Blessings

Weekly Collection

January 21, 2024

2,786.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Electronic Giving

If you would like to make your Sunday contributions, or give a donation please scan the QR Code below:



Dear Parishioners,

As we approach the season of Lent, we kindly request those who took home palm branches from Palm Sunday to return them to the church.

Please bring your palm branches to the church and drop them off in the designated collection area. Your contribution will allow us to continue the meaningful tradition of using last year's palms for this year's Ash Monday. Thank you for your cooperation and participation in this special preparation for the Lenten season.

Blessings,



Be At Peace

By St. Francis de Sales

Do not look forward in fear
to the changes in life;
rather, look to them with full hope
that as they arise, God,
whose very own you are,
will lead you safely through all things;
and when you cannot stand it,
God will carry you in His arms.
Do not fear what may happen tomorrow;
the same understanding Father
who cares for you today
will take care of you then and every day.
He will either shield you from suffering
or will give you unfailing strength to bear it.
Be at peace and put aside all
anxious thoughts and imaginations.

ACME CASH BACK PROGRAM
Please return your Acme receipts
To the Church as soon as possible
So that they can be tallied for the
Acme Cash Back Program.

Thank you for your participation in
This fundraising effort for our
Parish!

From: The Ladies Guild



Evening with the Scriptures

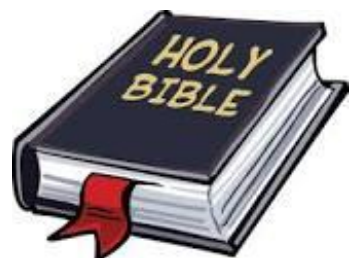
On the last Tuesday of each Month, at 7:00pm, Father Ronald will be leading a Scripture Study at the Church.

****Study will resume on January 30th.****

All are welcome! Come and expand your knowledge of the Word of God.

*"Seek the Lord and His Strength; seek
His presence continually!"*

1 Chronicles 16:11



SUNDAY OF THE RIGHTEOUS AND THE JUST

MATTHEW 25:31-46

The conclusion of the long discourse of Jesus which preceded the Passion of Christ and which is peculiar to St. Matthew, portrays the final judgement that will accompany the final great day.

This passage is called "Parable" only because Jesus is depicted as a Shepherd, the righteous as sheep and the wicked people as goats. The Maronite tradition had always applied this Gospel to the Feast of All Saints.

The sheep are designated as representing the righteous and the just, for many reasons; they are mostly in white color, the color of peace, humility, and humbleness. They are also obedient and stuck always together because they have the sense of community life and togetherness.

On the other hand, the goats are mostly not with very agreeable colors. They are also very independent, stubborn and difficult to pasture.

Jesus took this comparison of sheep and goats because in His time, these kinds of animals were the most important sources of revenue for living and surviving. In Lebanon, it is said that those who survived famine during the First World War were mostly shepherds.

Jesus reduces the material off the last Judgement to four elements: I was hungry and you gave me food. I was thirsty and you gave me drink. I was a stranger and you gave me refuge. I was naked and you gave me clothes. I was ill and you gave me remedy. I was imprisoned and you gave me support.

The judgement does not depend on the knowledge we have amassed or the fame we have acquired, or on the fortune that we have gained, but on the help that we have given. God will judge us in accordance with our reaction to human need. We live in a society, in a community of brothers and sisters and we have duties and obligations toward each other. We don't live alone on this globe. On the last judgement God will judge us less on what we did than on what we did not do.

Jesus is asking help in little things; a meal to the hungry, a drink to the thirsty, a shelter to a stranger, a vestment to a naked, a cheering to the sick, and a visit to a prisoner. They are little things which anyone can do. But they are very important because Jesus in this Parable repeats them four times.

Jesus confronts us with the wonderful truth that all such help given is given to himself. Small or big, our help with Jesus will take immense dimensions.

St. Martin of Tours, France, was a Roman soldier and a Christian. On one cold winter day, as he was entering the city, a beggar stopped him. He was blue and shivering with cold. St. Martin took off his soldier's coat, cut it in two with his sword and gave half of it to the beggar.

That night he saw in a dream all the angels of Heaven and Jesus in the middle. Jesus was wearing half of a Roman soldier's cloak. One of the angels said to him: "Master, why are you wearing this old cloak? Who gave it to you?". And Jesus answered softly: "My servant Martin gave it to me."

When we learn the price of generosity we too will know the joy of helping Jesus Christ himself. Generosity can be in material things but especially in love, mercifulness, charity and compassion.

There is a prayer that is almost international saying: "Oh Lord, teach us to be generous." Generosity is the first divine attribute.

Amen



From the Desk of The Pastor



Thoughts on the Parish Priest.

If the priest preaches for more than ten minutes, we say: How very long-winded he is. If his sermon is short, we say: He didn't prepare well enough. If the parish's income is meager, we say: He is a failed businessman. If he mentions money, we say: He is a slave to money. If he owns a car, we say: He is worldly. If he doesn't own a car, the parish feels embarrassed and considers him exaggerated. If he is cheerful and joyful, we say: He is not serious. If he is dignified and reserved, we say: He is not friendly. If he collects donations and organizes activities, we say: He is draining the people. If he doesn't do these things, we say: He is not sociable. If he takes his time in confession to help the sinner, we say: He is too slow. If he doesn't and acts quickly, we say: He is not a good guide. If he starts his Mass on time, we say: His watch is wrong and he's in a rush. If he is late for Mass, we say: He hinders and delays the congregation. If he rearranges and organizes the church, we say: He is wasteful with money. If he doesn't, we say: He is responsible for the lack of renewal and progress in the church. If he is young, we say: He lacks experience. If he is old, we say: He should retire. 16 "But to what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to their playmates, 17 "'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.' 18 For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon.' 19 The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is justified by her deeds." (Matthew 11: 16-19) Dear brothers and sisters, let us pray for our priests so that God may bless their path and guide them in their service. Let us refrain from criticizing them, as we do not want to bear the responsibility for our shortcomings.
(Unknown author)



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OUR ANNUAL
Fundraising Hafli

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2024

Our Lady of the Cedars Church

507 SOUTH CLEVELAND-MASSILLON ROAD – FAIRLAWN, OHIO

DOORS OPEN AT 7:00PM ~ MAZZA AT 7:30PM

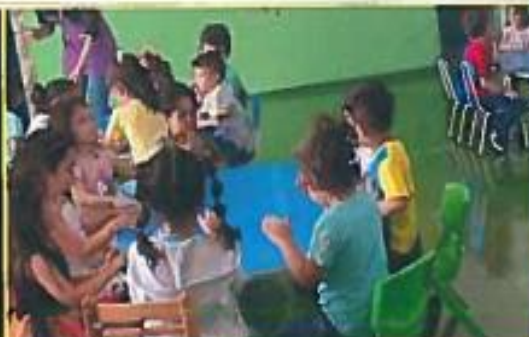
DINNER SERVED AT 8:30PM ~ LIVE MUSIC 9:30PM

LEBANESE MAZZA AND 5 STAR CUISINE DINNER

Proceeds to benefit St. Anthony school in Saghbine, Lebanon.

Established in 1955, St. Anthony provides education for the children of Saghbine and neighboring villages.

Unable to attend but would still like to help, please consider a contribution. Donations are tax deductible.
Make checks payable to United Saghbine Society.



Featuring Andre Ebrahim and Band

Tickets DONATION
\$150 PER PERSON

\$150 OF YOUR DONATION
IS TAX DEDUCTIBLE

CALL OR TEXT FOR TICKETS AND INFORMATION:

GEORGE MAROUN 330-697-2528
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*Please call early
for reservations*

ST. MARON FEAST DAY DINNER

*Sunday, February 11th
Following the 10:30am Liturgy*

St. Maron Feast Day
Sponsors:

Chris & Stephanie Hamad
Sandy Hamad
Roger & Nina Hamad
Mark & Jackie Hamad
Jim & Beverly Peters
Elias & Nada Rami
George & Nancy Sahlani
Paul & Gena Boulos
Zu & Clarissa Kahwaji
Francois & Christiane Risha
Patti Staeger
Tom & Paula Hadley
Walid & Autumn Kahwaji
Elie & Violette Shamatta
John & Erin Jesser
Ace & Patty Morcos
Kamil & Hanan Khoury
Camile & Jessica Ghorayeb
Dr. Louis & Dr. Andrea Saliba
Leila Baker
Fares Jasser

MEAL MENU

To Be Announced...

I am sure it will be
worth waiting for!

For Table Reservations
(for groups of 4 or more)

Call Roger Hamad
330-338-9719

Or
Parish Office
330-666-3598