## **DIVINE LITURGY INTENTIONS**

## Maronite **Synaxarion**

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St. Leo the Great, Pope
The memorial of the 500 Martyrs of Tyre
St. James, Hermit. Disciple of our Father St. Maron
St. Eustathius, Patriarch of Antioch
The establishment of the Chair of St. Peter at Antioch
St. Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna, Martyr
St. Margaret, the Penitent
St. Felix II, Pope

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



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.

**<u>SUBDEACON</u>** 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.

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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

# February 18, 2024

# **2ND WEEK OF GREAT LENT: HEALING OF THE LEPER**

# "I do will it. Be made clean." Mark 1:41

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# **READINGS**

### **THIS SUNDAY**

Second Week of Great Lent Healing of the Leper Romans 6:12-23 Mark 1:35-43

### **EPISTLE READERS**

Sunday, February 18 8:30am – Chris Abraham 11:00am – Monique Binkley

Sunday, February 25 8:30am – Cynthia Maroon 11:00am – Mike Kelly

Sunday, March 3 8:30am – Sandy Hamad 11:00am – George Zogbi

Sunday, March 10 8:30am - Erica Peters 11:00am – Sara Sabbagh

## **Coming Events**

Parish Advisory Board Meeting – TBA

Ladies' Guild Meeting – March 3 at 10:00am

Men's Club Meeting - TBA

Caregivers' Meeting - TBA (Following 8:30 Liturgy) \*\*\*\*\*

#### Next special collection:

March 3, 2024 **Caritas Lebanon** 

**Next First Friday Divine Liturgy** And Adoration will be held on **Friday, March 1, 2024** 

## Counting our Blessings

Weekly Collection February 11, 2024 \$5,187.00 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:



The 2024 Eparchial Charities collection has begun.

Please be generous, as these donations Will be used to help others who are less Fortunate than we are.

Our goal for this year is \$7,000. Please help us to reach this goal! Our Goal: \$7,000 Total donated: \$130.00

\$6,870 **Balance**:

Thank you for your donations.



Our Lady of the Cedars Parish is contemplating the installation of a beautiful statue of St. Sharbel on our Parish Grounds.

Having a representation of him on our grounds would not only enhance the spiritual ambiance but also create a meaningful focal point for reflection and prayer.

We are asking for every family that is able, to contribute to this project, either for your family, or in memory of a loved one.

There is a box available in the Church lobby for your donations and there are also envelopes for a memory donation.

The total cost of this project will be approximately \$40,000. Any contribution that you make, no matter how large or how small will be greatly appreciated.

Let us join hands in making this meaningful addition to Our Lady of the Cedars Parish, a testament to our shared faith and devotion.

## **ALL HANDS-ON DECK!!**

On Thursday, February 22nd the Ladies Guild will be making Fatayer Starting at 8:00am in the Tangier Banquet Center kitchen.

Please join us if you are able. Many Hands make light work!



#### ST. SHARBEL STATUE PROJECT



## THINK ABOUT HOLY LENT



\*\*Every Friday, we will pray the Way of the Cross and Benediction with the Cross at 6:00pm, followed by a simple meatless meal.

Make a commitment to attend as many Fridays during Lent as possible.

Volunteers to Provide and Serve meatless meals on Fridays in Lent:

Week 1 – February 16th ----OLC Ladies Guild

Week 2 – February 23rd -----The Sabbagh Family

Week 3 – March 1st -----Maroon, Stewart and Reusch Families

Week 4 – March 8th ----George and Jacklyn Zogbi

Week 5 – March 15th ----Hanan and Violette

Week 6 – March 22nd ----Sahlani and Risha Family

Week 7 – March 29th Great Friday – No Meatless Meal.

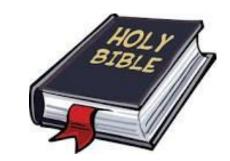
The meatless meals are meant to be something simple such as soup, salad, bread or any ethnic favorite that is without meat. Thank you for your commitment!

### **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.

\*\*Next study will be held on February 27, 2024\*\*

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



"Seek the Lord and His Strength; seek His presence continually!" 1 Chronicles 16:11



Dear Parishioners,

As we approach the Great Lent of Easter, we would like to share with you the important guidelines and regulations regarding fasting and abstaining during this period.

The Great Fasting season is a seven-week period of spiritual preparation for Easter, beginning on Ash Monday and concluding on Holy Saturday at noon. During this time, we are called to abstain from food from midnight until noon, and to refrain from consuming meat, milk, dairy products, and eggs.

We want to remind you that fasting and abstaining are relaxed on Saturdays, Sundays, and certain feast days, including Mar Yuhanna Maron (March 2nd), The Forty Martyrs (March 9th), Saint Joseph (March 19th), Annunciation of the Virgin Mary (March 25th), and the Feast of the Patron Saint of the Parish. However, on Holy Saturday, fasting and abstaining remain mandatory until noon.

It's important to note that individuals who are medically required to eat for their health, particularly those taking medication for chronic illnesses and those in delicate health conditions, are exempt from fasting and abstaining. This also includes patients undergoing temporary or periodic recovery.

Moreover, children are to begin fasting in the year following their first communion, taking into account their school days.

For those exempt from fasting and abstaining, we encourage you to have a light breakfast sufficient for taking medication.

In consideration of life's necessities and to ease the burden on believers, the law of abstaining remains obligatory in the first and last two weeks of Great Lent. Those unable to observe abstaining in other weeks are to compensate with good deeds and acts of mercy.

We hope that this information helps you prepare for the upcoming Great Lent. May this fasting period be a blessed and spiritually enriching time for all of us.

With warm regards, Abouna Ron

# From the Desk of The Pastor

UNITED SAGHBINE SOCIETY PRESENTS



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.









Tickets DONATION \$150 PER PERSON \$150 OF YOUR DONATION IS TAX DEDUCTIBLE

CALL OR TEXT FOR TICKETS AND INFORMATION: 330-697-2528 GEORGE MAROUN 330-283-9619 SAM KAHWAII

Please call early for reservations

#### Dear Friends and Parishioners, Please find below an important notice from the Ladies Guild:

Yesterday was the last day to receive Acme cashback money from Acme. So please bring in any receipts you still have at home to church through Sunday and put them in the box. This will be the last day for collection.

Thank you to all who have participated, we appreciate your support.



Saturday, March 16, 2024 BASSILICA & NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF LEBANON, North Jackson, OH All Ages 18+ YOU AND YOUR FAMILY ARE INVITED TO A LENTEN RETREAT on PREPARING FOR THE MISSION OF THE GOSPEL

### Lent: Time to Prepare, Mission to Share

For more information and/or registration, call, or e-mail: NAM info@namnews.org 914-964-3070

www.namnews.org (register on line via your credit card)

Peace, Abouna Ron





National Apostolate of Maronites

### Mid-West Region: LENTEN RETREAT

LENTEN PRAYERS OF THE SYRIAC MARONITE CHURCH INSPIRING EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS TIME FOR REFLECTION AND MEDITATION

#### RETREAT THEME:

#### RETREAT MASTER:

Fr. Christopher Nahra

#### Assistant Pastor St. Sharbel, Clinton Twp, MI

Pre-reg. deadline: March 6, 2024 Registration **On-Site** \$55 NAM MEMBERS \$65 \$60 \$70 NON MEMBERS Includes all sessions: Continental Breakfast, lunch, dinner,