

DIVINE LITURGY INTENTIONS

Maronite Synaxarion

<p>Sunday, March 17th 8:30am Mr. Miller from Maria and Nathan Stewart Lisa Abdoo Liming from Sandy Hamad and family 11:00am Deacon Bob Foster from Barbara and Larry Taylor Nazih Hamad (21st Anniv.) and Emile Abou Chehade (1st Anniv.) from Nina and Roger Hamad</p>	<p>St. Alexis. St. Lazarus</p>
<p>Monday, March 18th No Service</p>	<p>St. Cyril, Bishop of Jerusalem. St. Joseph of Arimathea</p>
<p>Tuesday, March 19th 9:00am – Divine Liturgy</p>	<p>St. Joseph, Spouse of the Virgin Mary</p>
<p>Wednesday, March 20th 9:00am – Divine Liturgy</p>	<p>St. Photina, the Samaritan. St. Silwanus, the Pious</p>
<p>Thursday, March 21st No Service</p>	<p>St. Synesius</p>
<p>Friday, March 22nd 9:00am - Divine Liturgy Intentions of the Reusch family from Sdn. Paul and Gena Boulos 6:00pm - Way of the Cross and Benediction with the Cross</p>	<p>St. Sergius Paulus. St. Leo IX, Pope.</p>
<p>Saturday, March 23rd 9:00am – Divine Liturgy Salwa Sabbagh from the Sabbagh family</p>	<p>St. Rafqa, the Lebanese Nun</p>
<p>Sunday, March 24th Hosanna Sunday 10:30am Deacon Bob Foster from Rick and Marty Thiemann Lisa Abdoo Liming from Deacon Tom and Bernie Maroon</p>	<p>St. Artemas, Bishop of Seleucia</p>

**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.

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



March 17, 2024

**6th WEEK OF GREAT LENT:
 Healing of the Blind Man**

**“Take courage;
 get up, he is
 calling you.”**

Mark 10:49



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READINGS

THIS SUNDAY

Sixth Week of Great Lent
Healing of the Blind man
2 Corinthians 10:1-7
Mark 10:46-52

EPISTLE READERS

Sunday, March 17

8:30am – Erica Peters
 11:00am – Sara Sabbagh

Sunday, March 24

10:30am – Noor Neochi

Saturday, March 30

10:30pm - Cheryl Christ

Sunday, March 31

10:30am

Sunday, April 7

8:30am – Stephanie Hamad
 11:00am – Freddy Nemr

Coming Events

Parish Advisory Board Meeting – TBA

Ladies' Guild Meeting – April 7th at 10:00am

Men's Club Meeting - TBA

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

Next special collection:

March 29, 2024
Holy Land Collection

Next First Friday Divine Liturgy
And Adoration
will be held on
Friday, April 5, 2024

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Counting our Blessings

Weekly Collection

March 10, 2024

\$3, 519.00

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

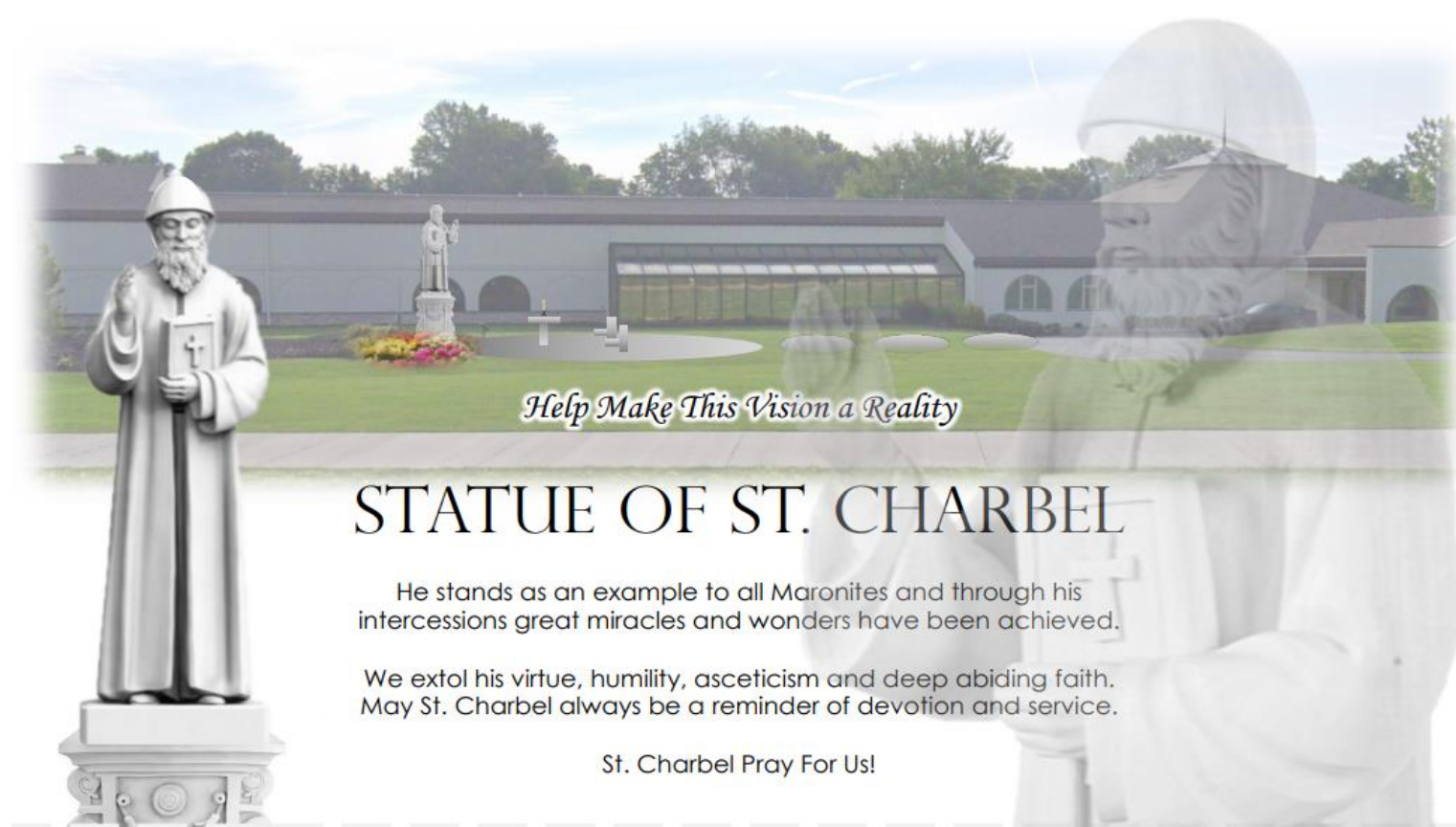
Total donated: \$717.00

Balance: \$6,283

Thank you for your donations.

FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION

Since the Feast of the Annunciation falls during Holy Week this year, The celebration of the Feast will Be on Wednesday, April 3rd.



Help Make This Vision a Reality

STATUE OF ST. CHARBEL

He stands as an example to all Maronites and through his intercessions great miracles and wonders have been achieved.

We extol his virtue, humility, asceticism and deep abiding faith. May St. Charbel always be a reminder of devotion and service.

St. Charbel Pray For Us!

We have raised approximately \$1,100 toward this beautiful statue. Please make your donations for yourselves or in memory of a loved one.

OUR LADY OF THE CEDARS OF MOUNT LEBANON
 MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Lebanese Festival 2024

Food Preparation Schedule

Sunday	April 21	Grapeleaves	Hall & Kitchen
Monday	May 6	Mah'mool	Hall & Kitchen
Sunday	May 19	Sambousic	Hall & Kitchen
Sunday	June 2	Fatayer	Hall & Kitchen
Monday	June 3	Fatayer	Hall & Kitchen
Wednesday	June 5	Ka'ak	Hall & Kitchen
Sunday	June 9	Kibbee S.	Kitchen only

PLEASE CALL ASAP WITH YOUR RESERVATIONS!!

Our Lady of the Cedars of Mount Lebanon
MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Hosanna Sunday Brunch *Shaneenee*

SUNDAY MARCH 24, 2024
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING 10:30AM LITURGY

Menu

Scrambled Eggs, Ham, Sausage, Mujadara,
Cheese & Olives, Sesame & Zaatar Breads,
Fruit, French Toast, Potato Patties,

The Easter Bunny will make an early visit!



“Let the faithful join with the
Angels and children, singing
to the Conqueror of death:
Hosanna in the highest!”

PLEASE REQUEST RESERVATIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
CALL BARB FOSTER AT (330) 929-4734
OR CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE AT (330) 666-3598



From the Desk of The Pastor



THE HEALING OF THE BLIND MAN

Mark 10:46-52

The miracle of the healing of Bartimaeus took place near Jericho, one of the most ancient towns of the world, on the Jordan River, not far from the Dead Sea, close

to the mountain where Jesus fasted for 40 days. Jericho had special characteristics: it is about 15 miles northeast of Jerusalem. Because it is 1,200 feet below sea level, it was considered the winter residence of the high class of the Jews and for at least 20,000 Priests awaiting there for their turn of service in the Temple.

According to the customs of that time, the blind used to go two by two accompanied by a dog. That is why Luke and Matthew, who report the same story, mention two blind persons. Mark, who probably knew the blind man of Jericho personally, calls him by his name, Bartimaeus, which means in Aramaic “son of Timaeus”.

It was close to the Passover, the last one for Jesus. The city and the streets of Jericho were full of people. Jesus was coming from the north, from the region of Galilee and intended to enter the city by the northern gate. Bartimaeus was standing there. He heard by the noise of the feet, that something special was happening. He asked “Who was passing?” He was told that it was Jesus. There and then he started to shout in order to attract Jesus’ attention. The crowd pressing around Jesus, was disturbed by his cries and tried to silence him, but he only shouted louder, because no one was going to take from him his chance to escape from his darkness.

Then probably, he didn’t wait for the people saying to him: “Get up! He is calling you!” As a blind man he heard before them the call of Jesus.

Then, guided by his sense of smell to the scent of the Divine Perfume emanating from Jesus, he came running to Jesus. In his heart, in his mind as well as in his sense of hearing, he knew exactly where Jesus was, because when Jesus calls, he shows us how to approach him: “He is the way, the truth, and the light.” The miracle of the curing of the physical blindness was preceded by the healing of the soul in order to see Jesus when he stands always before us and to hear him when he whispers to us.

This story is an illuminating story. There is the sheer persistence of Bartimaeus. Nothing will stop him to come to Jesus. His response to the call of Jesus was immediate and so eager that he cast off his cloak to run more quickly to Jesus.

Bartimaeus had faith. He was sure that Jesus would cure him, but chances happen only once and Bartimaeus came like a shot to Jesus. He won his chance.

In the end there is a precious touch in this story. Bartimaeus, may have been a beggar by the way side, but he was a man of gratitude. “Immediately as he received his sight, says the Gospel, he followed Jesus.”

Let us examine ourselves. Bartimaeus was grateful, we most of the time, we are not. What room does Jesus occupy in our life? Are we not acting as scriptures say: “This nation honors me by its lips, while its heart is far from me?”

Oh my Jesus, strengthen my faith and help me to know that everything which is not for you makes no sense and at the end what remains is what is remaining for God.

Amen



HOLY WEEK 2024

OUR LADY OF THE CEDARS CHURCH

Hosanna Sunday –

10:30am Divine Liturgy followed by procession and Sha'Neenee Family Brunch

Holy Monday –

7:00pm Stations of the Cross and Adoration of the Cross

Holy Tuesday –

9:00am Divine Liturgy

7:00pm Stations of the Cross and Adoration of the Cross

Holy Wednesday –

9:00am Divine Liturgy

7:00pm Rite of the Lamp

Thursday of the Mysteries

7:00pm Divine Liturgy and Washing of the feet

9:00-10:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

(The Church will remain open until 11:00pm)

Great Friday of the Crucifixion

6:00pm Stations of the Cross (Outside – weather permitting)

7:00pm Adoration of the Cross and Burial of Our Lord in the Tomb

(Please bring flowers and place them on the shroud before the service begins).

Great Saturday of the Light

Prayer of Forgiveness

11:30am

FEAST OF THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

Easter Vigil – Saturday 10:30pm Divine Liturgy and Procession

Easter Sunday – 10:30am Divine Liturgy

WELCOME TO THE DAYS OF HOLY WEEK AT OUR PARISH

“Seek the Lord and His Strength; seek His presence continually!”

1Chronicles 16:11

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 April 30, 2024****

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

It is with great pleasure that we extend to you an invitation to attend **The Guild of St Anthony Annual Recognition Dinner.**

As you may know, the Guild of St Anthony of the Desert is an annual fundraiser that helps raise money to assist the Antonine Sisters in their ministry for the elderly and disabled.

The opening of Antonine Village in 2015 represents a great leap forward. In addition to the Adult Day Care, we have added Assisted Living and Memory Care to our ministry. A new addition to the Antonine Village is currently open and includes 21 bedrooms.

This year's membership is \$95 per person (\$65 is tax deductible).

The dinner will be held on SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2024
In CEDAR HALL at OUR LADY OF LEBANON NATIONAL SHRINE
2759 North Lipkey Road, North Jackson, OH 44451 (330) 538-9822
www.antoninevillage.org

Cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres start at 6:00 following the 5pm Liturgy. The **All-Lebanese Menu** dinner with special desserts will follow.

If you decide to help -
PLEASE RSVP to the Antonine Sisters at 330-538-9822 by **April 1.**

Please know that your generosity is very much appreciated. We rely on your assistance in order to keep up with the expenses of our valuable mission.

We look forward to seeing you. We pray that God will bless you and your families.

Sincerely yours,

The Antonine Sisters

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

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

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

Thank you for your commitment!