DIVINE LITURGY INTENTIONS	Maronite Synaxarion
Sunday, February 25th 8:30am Erin and John Jesser for health and blessings from Sdn. Chuck and Mary Beth Abraham Deacon Bob Foster by Yvonne and Tom Jesser 11:00am Lisa Abdoo Liming (40 day liturgy) by Thomas Abdoo جناز الاربعين Deacon Bob Foster by Gilbert Salem and Family Sophie Massoud, Margie Fickes and Cynda Perkson by Barbara Foster	St. Felix II, Pope
Monday, February 26th No Service	St. Porphyrius, Bishop of Gaza. St. Alexander, Bishop of Alexandria
Tuesday, February 27th 9:00am – Divine Liturgy	St. Thalaleus
Wednesday, February 28th 9:00am – Divine Liturgy Deacon Bob Foster by Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Ungashick	St. Koura and St. Marana, Virgins. Disciples of St. Maron
Thursday, February 29th No Service	St. Leo, Pope
Friday, March 1st 9:00am - Divine Liturgy and Adoration Intentions of Yvonne and Tom Jesser by Sdn. Paul and Gena Boulos 6:00pm - Way of the Cross and Benediction with the Cross	St. Domnina. The Guardian Angel
Saturday, March 2nd <mark>Holy day of obligation</mark> 9:00am – Divine Liturgy	Our Father St. John Maron, Patriarch of Antioch
Sunday, March 3rd 8:30am Deacon Bob Foster by the OLC Caregivers In memory of Chris Hamad by Sandy Hamad and family 11:00am Deacon Bob Foster by Sdn. Chuck and Mary Beth Abraham Michelle Doyle by Deacon Tom and Bernie Maroon Adele Chaccour from her son Johnny Khodeir and family	St. Thomas Aquinas, Doctor of the Church



DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

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

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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

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Contact Fr. Ronald directly (330) 509-0098

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

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

February 25, 2024

3RD WEEK OF GREAT LENT: Healing of the **Hemorrhaging Woman**

"Daughter, your faith has saved you; go in peace." Luke 8:48

READINGS

THIS SUNDAY

Third Week of Great Lent Healing of the Hemorrhaging Woman 2 Corinthians 7:4-11 Luke 8:40-56

EPISTLE READERS

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

Sunday, March 17 8:30am – Stephanie Hamad 11:00am – Noor Neochi

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 18, 2024 \$1,539.00 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: \$217.00 \$6,783 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.



ST. SHARBEL STATUE PROJECT

St. Sharbel Pray for us!

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

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

- Week 4 March 8th ----Jacky Zogbi, Nina Hamad, Nada Rami, Jessica Ghorayeb, **Rita Ghorayeb**
- Week 5 March 15th ----Hanan and Violette
- Week 6 March 22nd ----Sahlani and Risha Family

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

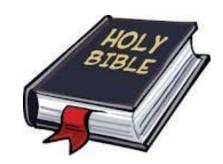
The meatless meals are meant to be something simple such as soup, salad, bread or any ethnic favorite that is without meat. Thank you for your commitment!

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 the Word of God.



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



Dear Parishioners,

In this week's bulletin, I would like to share with you a powerful reflection inspired by the story of the Hemorrhaging Woman from the Gospel of Mark. This story resonates deeply with many of us as it illustrates the profound healing that comes through faith and trust in Jesus Christ.

The Hemorrhaging Woman endured years of suffering, seeking relief from various sources to no avail. But upon hearing about Jesus, she summoned the courage to approach Him, believing that even touching the fringe of His garment would bring about her healing. Her act of faith was met with immediate restoration and affirmation from Jesus Himself, who commended her for her faith and granted her peace.

As we reflect on this passage, we are reminded of the transformative power of faith. Like the Hemorrhaging Woman, we may find ourselves grappling with fear, doubt, and uncertainty in the face of our own struggles and afflictions. Yet, it is precisely in these moments of vulnerability that Jesus invites us to approach Him with boldness and trust.

Perhaps, like the Hemorrhaging Woman in our reflection, we too may hesitate, wrestling with our own fears and insecurities. But let us remember that Jesus stands ready to receive us with open arms, eager to grant us the healing and peace that we seek.

In our own lives, may we find the courage to reach out to Jesus, trusting in His love and mercy to see us through our darkest moments. Let us not be afraid to bring our needs before Him, knowing that He hears our prayers and responds with compassion.

May the story of the Hemorrhaging Woman serve as a source of inspiration and hope for each of us as we journey in faith together. Let us continue to pray for one another, trusting in the power of God's love to bring about healing and wholeness in our lives.

In Christ's love, Fr. Ronald

From the Desk of The Pastor

The Healing Power of Faith: A Reflection on the Hemorrhaging Woman

The Three Pillars of Lent

The three pillars of Lent are **PRAYER**, **FASTING**, **AND ALMSGIVING**. These practices have been a part of the church tradition for centuries and are still observed by many Christians today.

•Prayer is an essential aspect of the Lenten season. During this time, individuals are encouraged to reflect on their relationship with God and to seek a deeper spiritual connection with the divine. This can be achieved through daily prayers, attending church services, or participating in devotional activities such as the Stations of the Cross.

•Fasting is another important aspect of Lent. It involves giving up certain luxuries or desires for a period of time in order to focus on spiritual needs. This can take many forms, such as giving up food for a day, abstaining from certain foods for a period of time, or giving up other things like television or social media. The purpose of fasting is to help individuals draw closer to God by acknowledging their dependence on God and breaking away from worldly distractions.

•Almsgiving is the third pillar of Lent and involves helping those in need. This can involve donating to charities, volunteering time at a local soup kitchen, or helping a neighbor in need. Almsgiving is an expression of compassion and love. It is an integral part of the entire season, as it helps individuals to focus on their obligations to others and to live a life of selflessness and service.

The three pillars of Lent – prayer, fasting, and almsgiving – serve as a reminder of the importance of spiritual growth and reflection. Through these practices, individuals can deepen their faith, strengthen their relationship with God, and live a more meaningful and purposeful life.





YOU AND YOUR FAMILY ARE INVITED TO A LENTEN RETREAT on PREPARING FOR THE MISSION OF THE GOSPEL

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)





National Apostolate of Maronites

Mid-West Region: LENTEN RETREAT

Saturday, March 16, 2024 BASSILICA & NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF LEBANON, North Jackson, OH All Ages 18+

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

RETREAT THEME:

Lent: Time to Prepare, Mission to Share

RETREAT MASTER:

Fr. Christopher Nahra

Assistant Pastor St. Sharbel, Clinton Twp, MI

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