

# THE PARISH OF Saint Maron

LITURGIES

## Weekdays

- 8:30 a.m. Tuesdays & Thursdays
- 7:00 p.m. Wednesday following with Holy Hour
- No Liturgy on Mondays (Except Holy Days)
- Fridays at noon; no liturgies on legal holidays

## Weekends

- Saturday evening at 4:30 p.m.
- Sunday morning at 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

## CONFESSION

Every Saturday at 3:30 p.m. • Wednesdays 8:00 p.m.  
Sundays 30 mins. before Liturgy, or by appointment

## COMMUNION CALLS FOR SHUT-INS

Conducted weekly. Please contact the Parish office to arrange for special visits.

## HOSPITAL CALLS

If someone is in the hospital, please call the Parish office.

**Maronite Center:** 330-792-7671

**Antonine Sisters:** 330-538-2567

**Adult Daycare:** 330-538-9822

**Music Director:** Micky Hafely 330-272-7557

**Pastor:** Rev. Tony Massad

**Deacon:** William George

**Subdeacon:** James Essad

**Director of Religious Education:**

Sr. Samia Abou-Shakra

## PRAYER LINE

Please call the office with names of family and friends in need of our prayers.

## MYSTERIES OF INITIATION (BAPTISM AND CHRISMATION)

Arrangements for these Mysteries must be preceded by instructional classes for parents and sponsors.

(One sponsor must be an active Catholic and both sponsors must be 18 years or older.) It is desirable that classes be taken when a couple learns of pregnancy.

Sponsorship forms are required for sponsors. Contact Fr. Tony Massad for instructions.

## MARRIAGES

The couple themselves should contact the Parish office at least **six months** in advance.

## FUNERAL LITURGY AND PRAYER SERVICES

*Have the funeral director contact the Parish Office directly.*

Pastor must be consulted to set times for Prayer Service and Funeral Liturgies. The regular Parish Liturgy will be cancelled on the day of the funeral, on weekdays only.

## MARONITE CATHOLIC FORMATION (MCF)

From September to May

1555 South Meridian Rd. • Youngstown, Ohio 44511

Office: 330-792-2371

Parish E-mail: [parishoffice@stmaronyoungstown.org](mailto:parishoffice@stmaronyoungstown.org)

Web: [www.stmaronyoungstown.org](http://www.stmaronyoungstown.org)



# DIVINE LITURGIES



We pray the Rosary in church every Saturday at 4:10 pm and before weekday liturgies at 8:10 am on Tuesday and Thursday and at 11:40 am on Friday.  
We also pray the Rosary every Wednesday at 6:15 pm in the church and on Facebook.

**SAT 15 MAR / HEALING OF THE HEMORRHAGING WOMAN / St. Benedict, Founder of Monastic Life in the West**

**4:30 PM**

+ Repose of **Great Aunt Satoot Thomas** by Amelia Yazbek & Diana Berringer  
+ Repose of **Walt Sardich** by Family

**SUN 16 MAR / HEALING OF THE HEMORRHAGING WOMAN / St. Papas**

**08:30 AM**

+ Repose of **Adwane Warchol** by Mirna Dibo  
+ Repose of **Albert Dohar** by Steve & Marian Welch

**11:00 AM**

+ Repose of **Madeline Michael & Her Sister Terry Abraham** by James Boulson  
+ Repose of **Gloria Latessa** by John & Laurie Farris

**MON 17 MAR / St. Patrick**

**NO LITURGY**

**TUE 18 MAR / 8:30 AM / St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Doctor of the Church**

**NO LITURGY**

**WED 19 MAR / 7:00 PM / St. Joseph the Virgin, The Spouse of Mary**

**NO LITURGY**

**THU 20 MAR / 8:30 AM / St. Photina, the Samaritan Woman**

**NO LITURGY**

**FRI 21 MAR / 12:00 PM / St. James, Bishop of Catania**

+ Repose of **Paul & Kathleen Limongi** by Emmalyn Borak & Family

**7:00 PM**

**FRIDAY PRAYER OF THE CROSS**

**SAT 22 MAR / PARABLE OF THE PRODIGAL SON / St. Sergius Paulus**

**4:30 PM**

+ Repose of **Eileen Galip** by Ronald Galip  
+ Repose of **Beatriz Ramirez Granados** by Michael & Georgia Dohar

**SUN 23 MAR / PARABLE OF THE PRODIGAL SON / St. Rafka**

**08:30 AM**

+ Repose of **Connie Berardino** by Bruce & Karen Joseph  
+ Repose of **Faye Basile** by Hekmet & Jean Estephan

**11:00 AM**

+ Repose of **Rocco & Joann Mediati** by Joe & Rosa Calabria  
+ Repose of **Fady Chamoun** by Frances Sarkis

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Num 15:37-41; 2 Cor 7:4-11;  
Lk 8:40-56



**Lectors - Mar. 15 & 16**

**Saturday**

**4:30 pm:** Charles Zidian, Jr.  
/ Patti Machuga

**Sunday**

**8:30 am:** Thomas Calko  
/ Theresa Calko  
**11:00 am:** Linda Awad  
/ Rose Sahyoun

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Zech 3:1-7; 2 Cor 13:5-13;  
Lk 15:11-32



**Lectors - Mar. 22 & 23**

**Saturday**

**4:30 pm:** Carol Essad  
/ Mike Dohar

**Sunday**

**8:30 am:** Anne-Marie Luchansky  
/ Vince Talley  
**11:00 am:** Kalyn Sharrow  
/ MCF (3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade)

## ALTAR SERVERS

**THIS WEEK - Mar. 15 & 16**

**Sat. - 4:30 pm** Volunteers  
**Sun. - 8:30 am** Joe / Anna  
**11:00 am** Charbel / Christa  
/ Delaney



**NEXT WEEK - Mar. 22 & 23**

**Sat. - 4:30 pm** Volunteers  
**Sun. - 8:30 am** Ryan / Ava  
**11:00 am** Charbel / Christa

**Ushers:**

**Sat:** Michael Essad, Bill Alexander, Buddy Rezek and volunteers, please  
**Sun:** John Farris and Volunteers, please

"Have mercy on me,  
Lord, because I'm  
frail. Heal me, Lord,  
because my bones  
are shaking in terror!"

PSALM 6:2



*Remember in your prayers*

**SHUT-INS AT HOME:**

Marie Eckenrode, Joann Knuth,  
Vail Rohan, Frank Santisi, Jr.

  
*Please pray for*

the following people who have died  
in the past years  
Mar 15 - 21

Salim Hayek, Mary Hickle Sabo,  
Joseph Thomas Rushwin,  
George "Chipper" Saadey,  
Robert M. Essad, Joann Nakley,  
Hasebee Zeinny, Emily Bechara,  
Joseph P. Simon, Mary Donna Gabel,  
Frances Cefalu, Margaret George,  
Thomas Gabriel, Bandar Kather,  
Miguel Cheiban, Josephine Hanna,  
Maron M. Fares, Edward Zougab,  
Alfred Scali, Mike Joseph,  
Maroon Abdalla, Beshara Stephen,  
Nasib F. Souhaiby, Isabelle C. Alexander

## CONNECT TO LIVE STREAMS:

Website: <https://www.stmaronyoungstown.org>  
Facebook: [www.facebook.com/stmaronyoungstown](https://www.facebook.com/stmaronyoungstown)  
Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/saintmaronyo>



For emergencies,  
Please contact:  
Fr. Tony Massad at (810) 691-7055

## SANCTUARY CANDLES - MARCH

- ◆ In Loving Memory of **Colin Donahue**  
by Michael & Georgia Dohar & Families
- ◆ In Loving Memory of **Birdie Vantell** by Best Friend Yvonne Marzano
- ◆ In Loving Memory of **Adwane Warchol** by Sue Nakley & Family

## ALTAR WINE - MARCH

- ◆ In Loving Memory of **Donna Gabel**  
by Daughters, their Spouses & Grandchildren

## ALTAR BREAD - MARCH

- ◆ In Loving Memory of **Adwane Warchol** by Sue Nakley & Family

## Happy Birthday!

- Mar 15 Tony Boulos, Joseph Thomas
- Mar 16 Michael DiFabio, Carmen Dohse, Mariah Terlesky
- Mar 17 Vincenzo Marzano
- Mar 19 Sara Godsen
- Mar 20 Anthony Chamoun
- Mar 21 Croix Chammas, Maria Joseph, Erin Sardich



## JUBILEE YEAR EPARCHIAL PILGRIMAGE

The Maronite Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles is organizing a Pilgrimage to Rome & Sicily from August 25<sup>th</sup> through September 4<sup>th</sup>.

There are only 50 available spots, and many have been reserved. See the attached flyer for more information.



## THE HEALING OF THE HEMORRHAGING WOMAN

The hemorrhaging woman represents each of us in our struggles, wounds, and burdens. For 12 years, she suffered in silence, cast aside by society, considered unclean. Yet, she did not lose hope. With deep faith, she reached for Christ, believing that even the smallest touch would bring healing. How often do we hesitate to approach Jesus, thinking our unworthiness, sins, or struggles keep us from Him? The truth is, Christ desires our faith, not our perfection. He turns to us, just as He turned to the woman, acknowledging our presence, our pain, and our longing for Him. This is an invitation to encounter Christ in the Eucharist. Just as the woman reached for His garment, we approach the altar, believing that in receiving His Body and Blood, we are healed, restored, and made whole. Let us, like her, push past the noise, the crowd, and our own doubts to reach for Christ, knowing that He never turns away from those who seek Him with faith.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- Lenten Bible Study** - Every Thursday at 6:30 pm (Antioch Hall)
- Friday Lenten Services** - Every Friday during Lent at 7 pm (Church)
- Fish Fry** - Every Friday till April 11<sup>th</sup>, from 3 till 7 pm (Maronite Center)
- Men's Retreat Day** - Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> (Antioch Hall)
- Hosanna Brunch** - Sunday, Apr. 13<sup>th</sup> after 11 am Liturgy (Maronite Center)
- Knights of St. Maron Dinner** - Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm (Antioch Hall)
- VBS - Exploring the Maronite Divine Liturgy** - June 16<sup>th</sup> through 20<sup>th</sup>



**There will be no liturgies on**  
Monday, March 17<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, March 20<sup>th</sup>.  
Friday, Saturday and Sunday liturgy schedule remains the same.



Every Friday evening at 7:00 pm  
during Lent for the Ramsho (Evening Prayers),  
Prayer of the Cross, and Benediction.

## 24 HOURS FOR THE LORD

His Holiness Pope Francis marked March 28-29, 2025 as a special event during the Jubilee Year, titled "24 Hours for the Lord". This occasion is meant as a special way to celebrate with the Blessed Sacrament exposed. Therefore, We will have a Divine Liturgy on Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 12 pm followed by the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament which will stay exposed till 7 pm, when we'll have the Friday Lenten Services. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed again after the Friday Prayers till midnight. We need 2 persons each hour to be at church accompanying the Blessed Sacrament. Sign up sheet is available at the foyer and [online](#). This is our unique way to spend time with the Eucharist and each other preparing for the Resurrection of our Lord.



## NO GREATER LOVE - LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Join us as we grow and walk this sacred Lenten journey together, through Christ's passion. Every Thursday, through April 10<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm at the Antioch Hall. Food and refreshments will be provided. Signup online at: [Lenten Bible Study 2025](#)



## RENEWAL DAYS

The Women's Renewal will be held on Sat., March 15<sup>th</sup>, and the Men's Renewal will be on Sat., March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025. Join us for a beautiful day of faith-building and fellowship. Sign-up sheets are in the church's foyer or online at the links below. You may also call Deacon William for more details at 330-787-2937.



## MYO EASTER KOLACHI BAKE SALE!

Order your delicious Kolachi rolls for the season, for \$15 each! Orders are due by Wed., Apr. 9<sup>th</sup>, and the rolls will be available for pickup after liturgies on Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 5.30 pm, and on Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 9.30 am & 12.30 pm. Order forms are in the church's foyer, or call the church office to place your order, or order online at [MYO Easter Kolachi Order](#).



## Weekly Financial Report

03/09/2025

Offertory Collection (78 envelopes used of 288)	\$5,044.00
Candles	\$183.00
Maronite Voice (1 envelope)	\$10.00
Easter Flowers (4 envelopes)	\$300.00
Eparchial Developmental Appeal (6 envelopes)	\$175.00
Needy (2 envelopes)	\$340.00
Online Offerings (10 envelopes)	\$985.00

Thank you for your generous donations!

## EASTER FLOWERS

If you wish to donate Easter flowers for the altar, in memory of a loved one or for any intention, you may do so for \$20 per plant. You can put your contribution with your intention in an envelope dropped in the offertory basket or at the office.



## CALLING ALL BAKERS!!

We need baked goods/desserts for our Fish Fry starting March 7<sup>th</sup>. If you are able to bake & donate, please bring your items to the Maronite Center each Friday morning during the lent season.



## HOSANNA SUNDAY BRUNCH

Please join us on Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, following 11 am Liturgy at the Maronite Center! Please buy your tickets by Tue., Apr. 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025. We will have a brunch buffet, a raffle, children's entertainment! Adults \$15, youth ages 7-12 \$10, and children 6 and under are free. Tickets are sold online, just scan QR Code  
Or visit: [Hosanna Brunch 2025](#)



# ST. MARON CHURCH

## LENTEN FISH FRY



### Dinner Selections

- Fried Jumbo Haddock - \$16
- Baked Jumbo Haddock - \$16
- Clam Dinner - \$16
- Smelts Dinner - \$18
- Jumbo Shrimp Scampi - \$18
- Fried Jumbo Shrimp - \$18
- Baked Fish w/ Scampi - \$18
- Grilled Tuna Steak - \$23

### A La Carte Selections

- Lebanese Cheese \$5
- French Fries \$5
- Mjadra \$6
- Mac & Cheese \$7
- Pierogies \$7
- Clam Strips \$7
- Smelts \$9
- Fried Shrimp \$9

#### *Dinner order includes:*

*Dinner Roll, 1 side, coleslaw, dessert & coffee*

#### Side Selection:

*Pierogies or Mjadra or Fries or Mac & Cheese*

### AT THE MARONITE CENTER

**EVERY FRIDAY**

**MARCH 7, 14, 21, 28**

**& APRIL 4, 11**

**3 - 7 PM**

**Call-in Orders: 330-792-7671**

**Cash & Credit Cards Accepted**

**1555 S Meridian Rd, Youngstown, OH 44511**



Join us in the church  
during Lent,  
every Friday at 7:00 pm

Ramsho (evening prayers),  
Prayer of the Cross, and  
Benediction.



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# 24 Hours for the Lord

FRIDAY, MARCH 28  
From Noon till Midnight

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
Confessions

Prayer of the Cross  
7:00 PM



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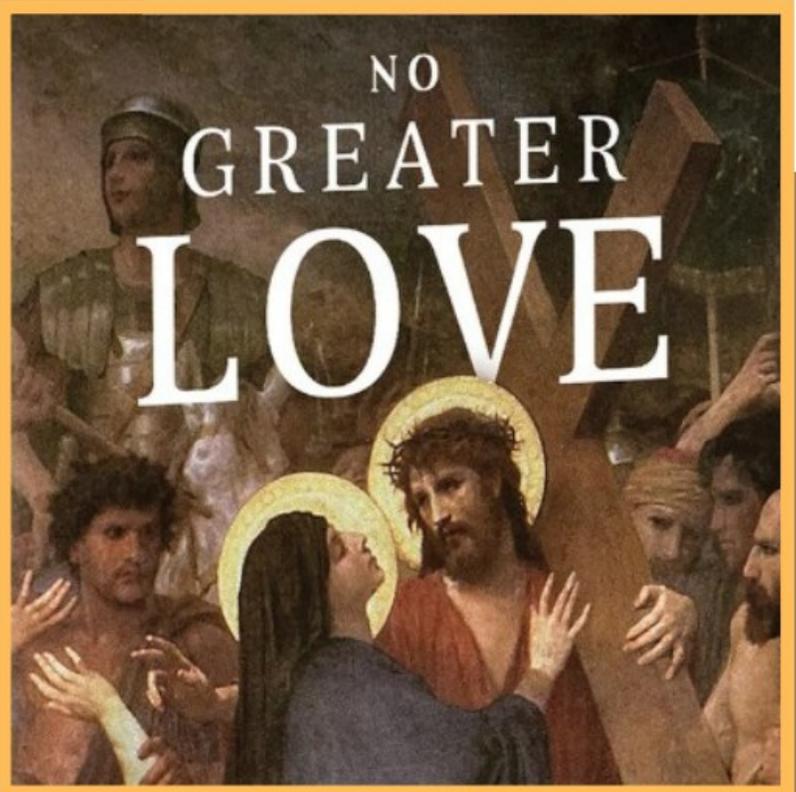
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THE PARISH OF  
*Saint Maron*

# Lenten Bible Study

Join us as we grow and walk  
this sacred Lenten journey,  
through Christ's passion.



**Every Thursday, through April 10th,  
at 6:30 pm at Antioch Hall.**

**Sign up online at:  
[tinyurl.com/lentenstudy25](http://tinyurl.com/lentenstudy25)**



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# Upcoming Events



**MYO**

**2025**

**All MYO are asked to attend Friday Prayers  
during Lent (Every Friday at 7 PM)**

MAR  
**16**  
5.30 - 8.30PM

**Meeting**

APR  
**12**  
9AM - 5PM

**Kolachi Day**

MAY  
**04**  
11 AM-4.30PM

**Blessed Mother Spiritual Day**

JUN  
**23-28**

**National Conference MYO**

# MYO Easter Kolachi Sale

Deadline to order is Wednesday, April 9th

**ORDER NOW**

HAPPY  
EASTER

\$15 each  
Your choice:  
Nut  
Poppy Seed  
Apricot



Pickup will be after 4:30 Liturgy  
on Saturday, Apr. 12th  
and after both liturgies on Sunday, Apr. 13th

Order Forms are available in the church's foyer  
and online at [tinyurl.com/easterkolachi](http://tinyurl.com/easterkolachi)

Please submit your orders as early as possible.  
You may drop your order forms in the offertory basket,  
at the office, or with Deacon William.

Any questions, call the church's Office at 330-792-2371



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**Saint Maron**

# EASTER FLOWERS

If you wish to donate  
Lily plants for Easter  
in memory of a loved one,  
or for any other intention.  
The suggested donation is

**\$20 per plant**



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A woman is shown in profile on the left, her hands raised in prayer against a sunset sky. In the center, a large, glowing heart is superimposed over an open book. The overall scene is bathed in the warm, golden light of a setting or rising sun.

# WOMEN'S RENEWAL

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR A BEAUTIFUL DAY OF FAITH-  
BUILDING AND FELLOWSHIP!**

**SATURDAY MARCH 15, 2025**



**MEN'S**  
*RENEWAL*

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR A BEAUTIFUL DAY OF FAITH-  
BUILDING AND FELLOWSHIP!**

**SATURDAY MARCH 22, 2025**



# 2025 LENTEN APPEAL

## BISHOP'S MESSAGE

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

As we approach the Lenten season, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support of our cherished Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles. These times present us with numerous challenges, both locally and internationally, and yet your commitment remains steadfast.

Lent offers us a unique opportunity to deepen our spiritual lives through prayer, fasting, and acts of kindness. It invites us to reflect on the countless blessings bestowed upon us and encourages us to extend our hands to those who are in need.

This Lent, I reach out to you for your assistance in addressing our most pressing needs:

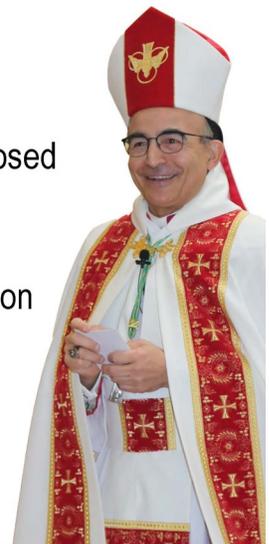
- Education and Formation for our Seminarians
- Support for Missions and Parishes
- Development of Ministries for our Children, Youth, and Young Adults
- Charitable Aid for our brothers and sisters both here in the USA and in Lebanon, Syria, and across the Middle East

The Annual Appeal details these urgent needs, as outlined in the enclosed brochure. Your generous contributions and prayers are invaluable and deeply appreciated. On behalf of those who will benefit from your kindness, I want to personally thank you for your thoughtful consideration and support.

Prayerfully yours in Christ,

**+A. Elias Zaidan**

Bishop of the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles





**Maronite Patriarchate  
of Antioch And All the Est**

## **The Great Lent - Collective Procession**

Fifteenth Lent Message

**Of His Eminence**

**The Patriarch Cardinal Bechara Boutros Raii**

Patriarch of Antioch and All the East

Bkerke 2025

## The Great Lent Collective Procession

We are all called to observe Lent, following the example of Our Lord Jesus Christ who, “After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry” (Matthew 4:2). The forty-day community journey rests on three integrated and interconnected foundations: fasting, prayer and almsgiving.

**Fasting**, abstaining from food from midnight until noon, as a sign of repentance, contrition and remorse for venial and mortal sins, while confessing them. It is a time of renewal for the repentant, and the beginning of a new life. Lent is a time of returning to God through the sacrament of reconciliation, instituted by Our Lord Jesus Christ, with the abundance of his love and divine mercy; it is like a new birth, erasing the old life deformed by sins. Fasting is a sacred time during which we return to God, stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters, share Christ's fasting, life and sufferings, and resist the tempter.

**Prayer** is the elevation of mind and heart to God, a human response to the Word of God that nourishes our faith. It is humility of heart before the magnificence of God, and man's need for God, from whom comes all that is good. Lent is a time of prayer and renewal through divine grants. Authentic and effective prayer is that of the heart, not of the lips, for if the heart is far from God, prayer of the lips is meaningless. The heart is God's dwelling place, where our prayer becomes a relationship of covenant and communion with God.

**Almsgiving** means sharing with our brothers and sisters what they need from what we have, whether it is a lot or a little. Through sharing and communion, we overcome the temptation of selfishness, possessive greed and the love of money, which stand in the way of God's priority in our lives. The worship of worldly riches separates us from God and our brothers and sisters, and deceives us with illusory happiness. Almsgiving is an act of love towards those in material, moral, spiritual or social need. Christ identifies with these brothers and sisters (cf. Matthew 25:35-36).

Almsgiving can be carried out directly or through groups, charitable associations and institutions, and well-known organizations such as Caritas Lebanon, which is the social body of the Church in Lebanon and is present throughout the country. Caritas is conducting a collection campaign throughout Lent.

We would like to express our gratitude to all donors, individuals and groups.

## Pastoral guidelines

### A- Great Lent and fasting during and outside Lent

1. **Great Lent** lasts seven weeks, in preparation for Easter. It begins on Ash Monday and ends on the evening of Holy Saturday. It is based on **abstinence from food** from midnight to midday, as well as abstinence from meat and whites (milk, its derivatives and eggs).

2. The Saturdays, Sundays and the following public holidays **are exempt from fasting and abstinence**: Saint Jean Maron (March 2), the Forty Martyrs (March 9), Saint Joseph (March 19), the Annunciation (March 25) and the Patron Saint of the parish. Throughout Holy Week, from Monday to Holy Saturday, fasting and abstinence remain mandatory.

3. **Exempted from fasting and abstinence** are, in general, the sick and elderly whose state of health requires them to eat adequately in order to regain their strength, in particular those undergoing medical treatment for chronic illnesses or in special, delicate health conditions. This exemption also applies to patients undergoing temporary or regular hospitalization. It is also established that children begin fasting the year after their First Communion, while taking into account their situation during school days.

Those who are exempt from the law of fasting and abstinence are asked to make do with a breakfast sufficient to take the medicine.

In view of the necessities of life and to ease the burden on the faithful, the law of abstinence remains obligatory during the first week of Great Lent and during Holy Week, provided that those who cannot adhere to abstinence must compensate by acts of charity.

4. **Abstinence is practiced in the Church on the occasion of three feasts**, each limited to one week according to our authority. These are: **the abstinence of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul**, and of the Twelve Apostles (June 21 to 28), **the abstinence of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary** (August 8 to 14) **and the abstinence of Christmas** (December 16 to 24).

5. **The Friday fast** lasts all year round. Fridays excluded: the Friday before the start of Great Lent, the Fridays between Easter and Pentecost, and between Christmas and Epiphany. Fridays coinciding with the following feasts are also excluded: The Circumcision of the Child Jesus (January 1), Saint Anthony the Great (January 17), The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple (February 2), Saint John Maron (March 2), The Forty Martyrs (March 9), Saint Joseph (March 19), The Annunciation (March 25), Saints Apostles Peter and Paul (June 29), Assumption of the Virgin Mary (August 15), Beheading of John the Baptist (August 29), Nativity of the Virgin Mary (September 8),

Exaltation of the Cross (September 14), Immaculate Conception (December 8), Christmas (December 25), Patron Saint of the parish, Sacred Heart of Jesus.

### **B- Eucharistic fast**

This is the abstinence from light food by priests and faithful in preparation for receiving the Most Holy Eucharist during the Divine Liturgy, at least one hour before the start of Mass. And we take this opportunity to remind you of the importance of maintaining a state of grace, decency of dress and piety, as well as invoking Christ the Lord present in the bread and wine.

### **Conclusion**

6. Great Lent is the “**favorable time**” for spiritual and human merits, stemming from fasting, prayer and almsgiving, as well as repentance and reconciliation. It is a “**time of grace**” that leads us to the “crossing over” to new life with Christ's Passover.

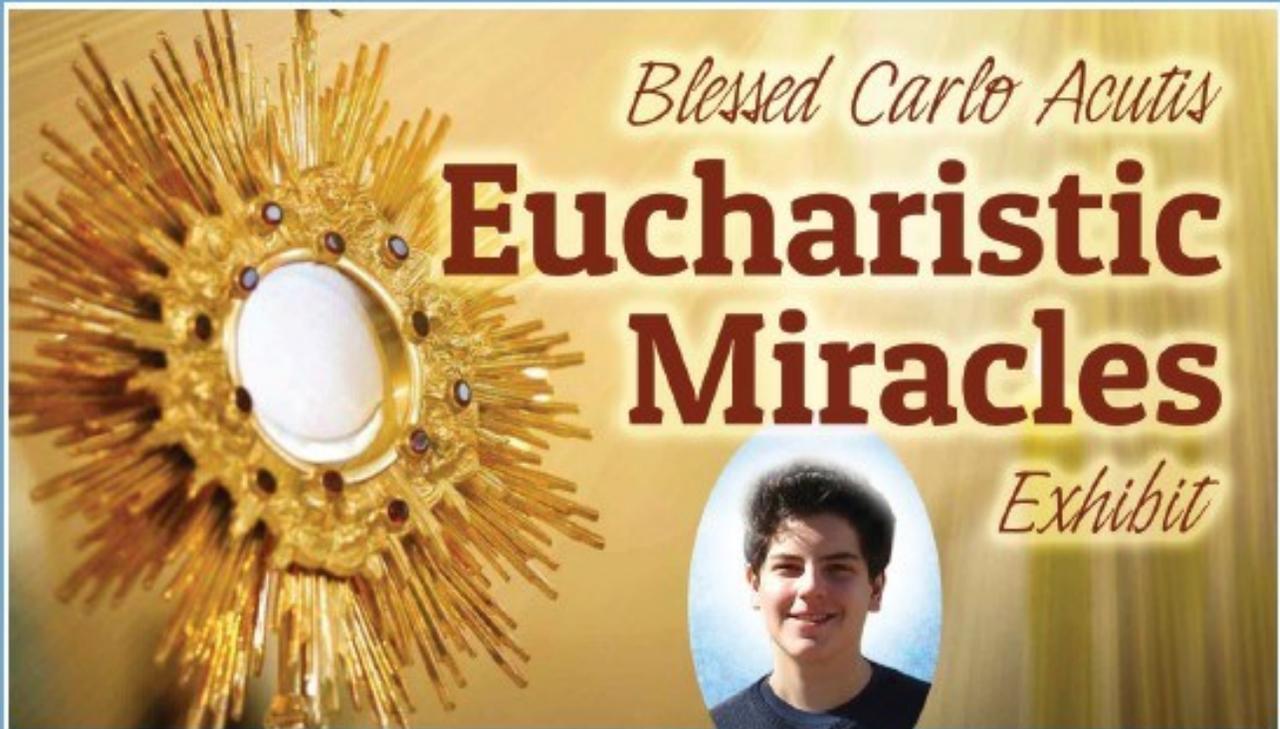
We pray God, through the intercession of our Mother, the Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Lebanon, and of our father Saint Maron, to grant His grace to all the members of our Church: pastors, priests, monks, nuns and faithful, in Lebanon, in the patriarchal territory and in the countries of the diaspora. We implore stability and peace for our homelands, for the glory of the Most Holy Trinity: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

With my love, prayers and apostolic blessing.

Bkerke, February 24, 2025

**+ Cardinal Bechara Boutros Raii**  
**Patriarch of Antioch and All the East**

SAINT SHARBEL SPIRITUAL LIFE CENTER PRESENTS



*Blessed Carlo Acutis*  
**Eucharistic  
Miracles**  
*Exhibit*

and First Class Relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis

**FRIDAY-SATURDAY, MARCH 21-22, 2025**

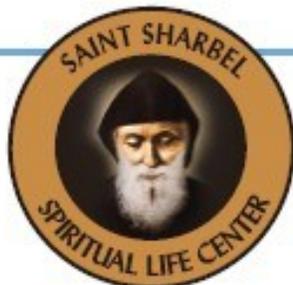
**FRIDAY, MARCH 21**

- 12:00 PM Exhibit Opens
- ALL DAY Veneration of First Class Relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis
- ALL DAY Confessions available
- 2:00 PM Talk on Eucharistic Miracles
- 5:00 PM Holy Hour Adoration
- 6:30 PM Holy Mass (Roman Rite) with Eucharistic Procession & Blessing with Relic
- 7:30 PM Light meal
- 8:00 PM Talk on Eucharistic Miracles

**Registration is recommended.**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 22**

- 9:00 AM Exhibit Opens
- ALL DAY Confessions available
- 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy (Maronite)
- 11:00 AM Talk on Eucharistic Miracles and Relics
- 3:00 PM Talk on Bl. Carlo Acutis and Maronite Saints
- 5:00 PM Holy Hour Adoration
- 6:00 PM Rosary
- 6:30 PM Divine Liturgy (Maronite) with Eucharistic Procession & Blessing with Holy Oil of St. Sharbel
- 7:30 PM Light meal & fellowship



To register, go under "Programs" on our website at:

**[SaintSharbelCenter.org](http://SaintSharbelCenter.org)**

820 Crane Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15216

[info@SaintSharbelCenter.org](mailto:info@SaintSharbelCenter.org)

*The Oblate Sisters  
of the  
Sacred Heart of Jesus  
invite you to*



# ENCOUNTER TO EMBRACE THE SPIRIT OF HOPE

*A Free Retreat for Young Adult Women, 13-35 years old*

*Saturday, March 22 | 9am to 3:30pm*

*at the Oblate Sisters' Residence*

*Villa Maria Teresa, 50 Warner Rd., Hubbard, OH 44425*

Register on Eventbrite

Contact Sr. Shiny for more information:

shinyoshj@gmail.com | 330-619-9189

or scan the QR Code

Registrations close February 28.



ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT  
DOWN SYNDROME ASSOCIATION  
OF THE VALLEY  
&  
VAIL'S VOICE FOUNDATION



DOORS OPEN 6:00 PM  
DINNER BUFFET 6:30-7:30 PM  
SAX-APPEAL  
GARY ROHAN : 6:30 PM-7:30 PM  
\*FRANKIE SCINTA\*  
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# Maronite Enrichment Days 2025

## St. Ephrem The Man and the Myth



Joseph P. Amar,  
PhD

April

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### The Stories We Tell

10:00–11:30 am

We do terrible things to the saints. Instead of modeling ourselves on them, we recreate them in our own image. This session opens with an overview of how the Ephrem of history has been systematically erased and replaced by a caricature of someone who never existed. The reasons for this are as troubling as they are destructive.

### Ephrem's World

1:30–3:00 pm

Recovering the Ephrem of history begins by letting him speak for himself, from his own time and place. How did the circumstances of Ephrem's life shape him? How did Ephrem become Ephrem?

May

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### The Work of Your Helper

10:00–11:30 am

How did Ephrem understand himself? He informs us that he has the anointing of heaven, that he speaks for God, that the power that animates and enlivens scripture flows into him, and through him, into his own time. But there are skeletons in his closet: Ephrem carries a dark secret from his past.

### Why Ephrem Matters

1:00–2:30 pm

Ephrem's vision offers a path that is simple but hard. It is not the path of orthodoxy (right doctrine) or orthopraxy (right morality) but of orthopathy (authentic spirituality), which is nothing less than an embrace of ROZO.

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**Schedule—Maronite Enrichment Days**  
**Ephrem the Syrian: The Man and the Myth**  
**Guest Speaker:**  
**Joseph P. Amar, PhD**

<b>Schedule Maronite Enrichment Days April 29-May 02, 2025</b>				
	Tuesday, April 29, 2025	Wednesday, April 30, 2025	Thursday, May 01, 2025	Friday, May 02, 2025
8:30 am–9:30	<b>Arrival</b>	Celebration of the Divine Mysteries		Celebration of the Divine Mysteries
9:30–10:00		Coffee Break	Coffee Break	Coffee Break
10:00–11:30		<b>1<sup>st</sup> Session:</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Session:</b>	
		The Stories We Tell	The Work of Your Helper	
12:00–1:00 pm		Light Lunch	Light Lunch	
1:00–1:30pm		<b>Concert 1:00–1:30</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Session: 1:00–2:30</b>	
		Maronite Seminary Chamber Choir	Why Ephrem Matters	
1:30–3:00pm		<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Session: 1:30–3:00</b>		
	Ephrem’s World		<b>Break: 2:30–5:45pm</b>	
5:45–6:45	Celebration of the Divine Mysteries	<b>Free Time</b>	Celebration of the Divine Mysteries	
6:45 pm—?	Light Dinner		Dinner	



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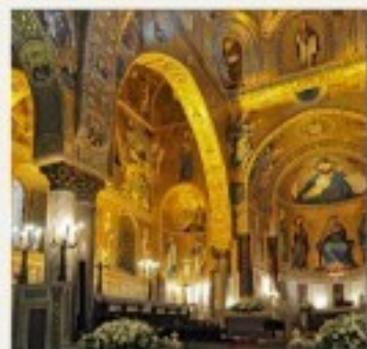
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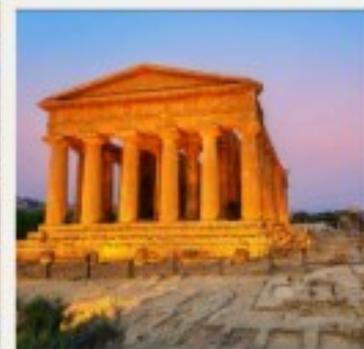
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**Monday, August 25, 2025**

Depart the United States to Rome Airport (FCO)

**Tuesday, August 26-ROME**

**Wednesday, August 27-ROME**

**Thursday, August 28- ROME**

**Friday, August 29-ROME – PALERMO – MONREALE**

**Saturday, August 30-PALERMO**

**Sunday, August 31-ERICE – SELINUNTE – AGRIGENTO**

**Monday, September 1-AGRIGENTO VALLE DEI TEMPLI – STAIRWAY OF THE TURKS OF REALMONTE**

**Tuesday, September 2-AGRIGENTO VILLA ROMANA DEL CASALE di PIAZZA ARMERINA E CEFALU' – PALERMO**

**Wednesday, September 3-PALERMO**

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