

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

Web: 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 29 MAR / SUNDAY OF THE HEALING OF THE PARALYTIC / St. Cyril of Baalbek
4:30 PM

+ Repose of **Peter Mike (Dohar)** by Michael & Georgia Dohar & Families
+ Repose of **Jane Vigorito** by Nina Hanna

SUN 30 MAR / SUNDAY OF THE HEALING OF THE PARALYTIC / St. John Climacus
08:30 AM

+ Repose of **Jim Borak** by Steve & Marian Welch
+ Repose of **Joseph A. Warino** by Betty Garono

11:00 AM

+ 40-day Memorial of **Ghassan Ghossain** by Sister Renee Ghossain, and Family
+ Repose of **Bassil & Amira Estephan, Estephan Estephan, Nadia Menhem, Joseph Faraj** by Family

MON 31 MAR / Pope St. Lucius
NO LITURGY

TUE 1 APR / 8:30 AM / St. Mary of Egypt
+ Repose of **Tommy Menaldi** by Sue Nakley & Family

WED 2 APR / 7:00 PM / St. Aphian and His Brother St. Aedesius
+ Repose of **Najib Bou Younes** by Clara Nawfal

THU 3 APR / 8:30 AM / Isaiah and Ezekiel, the Prophets
+ Repose of **Thomas Rohan** by Joe & Linda Warino

FRI 4 APR / 12:00 PM / Pope St. Anicetus
+ Repose of **The Holy Souls in Purgatory** by John Abbas, Jr.

SAT 5 APR / SUNDAY OF THE HEALING OF THE BLIND MAN /
St. Robert of Molesme, Founder of the Cistercian Order

4:30 PM
+ 40-day Memorial for **Alice Rohan** by Family
+ Repose of **Lloyd Yazbek** by Gary & Joan Chyall

SUN 6 APR / SUNDAY OF THE HEALING OF THE BLIND MAN / St. Zosimas
08:30 AM

+ Repose of **Cindi Thomas Morilli & Gloria Saker Thomas** by Mark & Anne-Marie Luchansky and Joe & Debbie Thomas & Families
+ Repose of **Adwane Warchol** by Anthony & Christine Vross
+ Repose of **Beverly Hilderbrand** by Steve & Marian Welch

11:00 AM

+ 20-yr Anniversary of **Vincent L. Marzano, Jr.** by His Loving Mother, Brothers & Families
+ Repose of **Albert & Barbara Dohar** by Larry & Barbara Taylor

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Is 35:1-6,8,9b-10; 1 Tim 5:24-6:5;
Mk 2:1-12



Lectors - Mar. 29 & 30

Saturday

4:30 pm: Christopher Brocius
/ Madeline Clarke

Sunday

8:30 am: Beverly Mike-Nard
/ Salma Hallett
11:00 am: Rose Sahyoun
/ Linda Awad

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Is 42:6-8; 2 Cor 10:1-7;
Mk 10:46-52



Lectors - Apr. 5 & 6

Saturday

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

Sunday

8:30 am: Anne-Marie Luchansky
/ Brian Godsen
11:00 am: Joseph Simon
/ MCF (5th & 6th Grade)

ALTAR SERVERS

THIS WEEK - Mar. 29 & 30

Sat. - 4:30 pm Volunteers
Sun. - 8:30 am Joe / Anna
11:00 am Alivia / Kathryn



NEXT WEEK - Apr. 5 & 6

Sat. - 4:30 pm Volunteers
Sun. - 8:30 am Veronica / Ava
11:00 am Delaney / Anna

Ushers:

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



Please pray for

the following people who have died
in the past years
Mar. 29 - Apr. 4

Luft Rashid, John Mousie,
Marina Nassief,
Shaadie Khalife,
John W. Rohan,
Joseph Michaels, Rose Saba,
Madeline Michael Boulson,
Peter Mike (Dohar),
Bessie J. Thomas,
Victoria A. Saadi,
Rashid Abraham,
Mary Rezek George,
Amelia Zeeni Yazbek,
Rose Thomas, Joseph D. Betras

DON'T WORRY.

**GOD IS NEVER BLIND TO YOUR TEARS,
NEVER DEAF TO YOUR PRAYERS,
AND NEVER SILENT TO YOUR PAIN.
HE SEES, HE HEARS,
AND HE WILL DELIVER.**



Remember in your prayers

SHUT-INS AT HOME:

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



CONNECT TO LIVE STREAMS:

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



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

SUNDAY OF THE HEALING OF THE PARALYTIC

MARCH 29 & 30, 2025

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 29 Maria Chahine, Elena Chahine
Mar 30 Consuelo Mendez Hayek, Joanne Simon
Apr 01 Joseph Bishara, Chelsey Santucci
Apr 02 Daniel Banna
Apr 03 Anton Parvini
Apr 04 Gia DiFabio, Chloe Khoury, Rizzie Paris



Happy Anniversary!

Apr 02 Jude & Rebecca Nohra (21 Years)



SEVEN CHURCHES VISITATION

Join us for a cherished annual tradition dating back to the Middle Ages, observed in Youngstown and beyond. This sacred pilgrimage invites us to visit the Blessed Sacrament in Churches in order to reflect on the seven places Jesus visited during His Passion, from the Last Supper to His Crucifixion. We will depart from our church on Holy Thursday, April 17th, immediately following the Divine Liturgy. Our pilgrimage will conclude where it began, making St. Maron Church our seventh and final visitation. Come with Christ on this solemn night and experience the grace of His Passion. Sign-up sheets are in the church's foyer. Please contact Tresa for more information: 910-988-6620.



MARONITE ENRICHMENT DAYS 2025

Save the date for this two-day seminar which will focus on Syriac theology, spirituality, hagiography, history, and liturgy. This event will be held from April 29 through May 2, 2025, at the Maronite Seminary (7164 Alaska Ave NW, Washington, DC 20012) Dr. Joseph P. Amar will be the speaker and you need to register online ASAP and no later than Friday, April 22. There is no fee associated with registration, just scan QR Code and fill the form.



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

St. Maron Church, Youngstown, is hosting a blood Drive on Saturday, April 26th from 9 am to 2 pm, at the Antioch Hall. Come to give blood April 14-30, 2025 and get an exclusive Red Cross T-shirt, while supplies last. Plus, get a chance to win a \$5,000 prize! There will be three lucky winners. Join Us and Save Lives...



UPCOMING EVENTS

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 11th, 3 -7 pm (Maronite Center)
Hosanna Brunch - Sunday, Apr. 13th after 11 am Liturgy (Maronite Center)
Red Cross Blood Drive - Saturday, April 26th (9am-2pm) (Antioch Hall)
Knights of St. Maron Dinner - Thursday, May 15th at 6 pm (Antioch Hall)
VBS - Exploring the Maronite Divine Liturgy - June 16th through 20th

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



FRIDAY PRAYER OF THE CROSS

Join us in the church every Friday evening at 7:00 pm during Lent for Ramsho (Evening Prayers), Prayer of the Cross, and Benediction.



NO GREATER LOVE - LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Join us as we grow and walk this sacred Lenten journey together, through Christ's passion. Thursday, April 4th through April 10th, at 6:30 pm at the Antioch Hall. Food and refreshments will be provided.



MYO EASTER KOLACHI BAKE SALE!

Order your delicious Kolachi rolls for the season, for \$15 each! Orders are due by Wed., Apr. 9th, and the rolls will be available for pickup after liturgies on Saturday, April 12th at 5.30 pm, and on Sunday, April 13th 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](#).



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 for our Fish Fry, this Friday, April 11th. If you are able to bake & donate, please bring your items to the Maronite Center each Friday morning during the lent season.



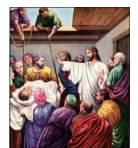
HOSANNA SUNDAY BRUNCH

Please join us on Sunday, April 13th, following 11 am Liturgy at the Maronite Center! Kindly buy your tickets by Tue., Apr. 8th, 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 at [Hosanna Brunch 2025](#) or scan QR Code. **Donations of baskets and toys are greatly appreciated.**



THE HEALING OF THE PARALYTIC

This account unfolds in Capernaum, where Jesus is teaching in a crowded home. the friends of a paralyzed man go to great lengths to bring him to Jesus, even breaking through the roof to lower him into the presence of the Lord. The powerful act of their intercession emphasizes the communal aspect of faith- how believers are called to carry one another in prayer, especially those burdened by sin or suffering. When Jesus sees their faith, He responds not by immediately healing the man's body, but by first forgiving his sins. This significant gesture highlights that spiritual healing is of greater importance than physical restoration. By declaring, "Son, your sins are forgiven," Jesus reveals His divine identity, since only God has the power to forgive sins. In the Maronite tradition, this Gospel passage emphasizes Jesus as the Divine Physician who restores wholeness to those who trust in Him. The man's rising symbolizes the believer's call to new life to rise from the paralysis of sin and walk in the light of God's grace. The friends' unwavering determination reflects the Church's mission to support one another in faith, reminding us that healing often comes through communal prayer, compassion, and acts of love. This miracle invites the faithful to trust in Christ's mercy, seek His forgiveness, and become instruments of healing in the lives of others.



Weekly Financial Report

03/23/2025

Offertory Collection (92 envelopes used of 288)	\$4,477.00
Candles	\$155.00
Easter Flowers (22 envelopes)	\$835.00
Eparchial Developmental Appeal (2 envelopes)	\$50.00
Needy (6 envelopes)	\$165.00
Online Offerings (7 envelopes)	\$360.00

Thank you for your generous donations!

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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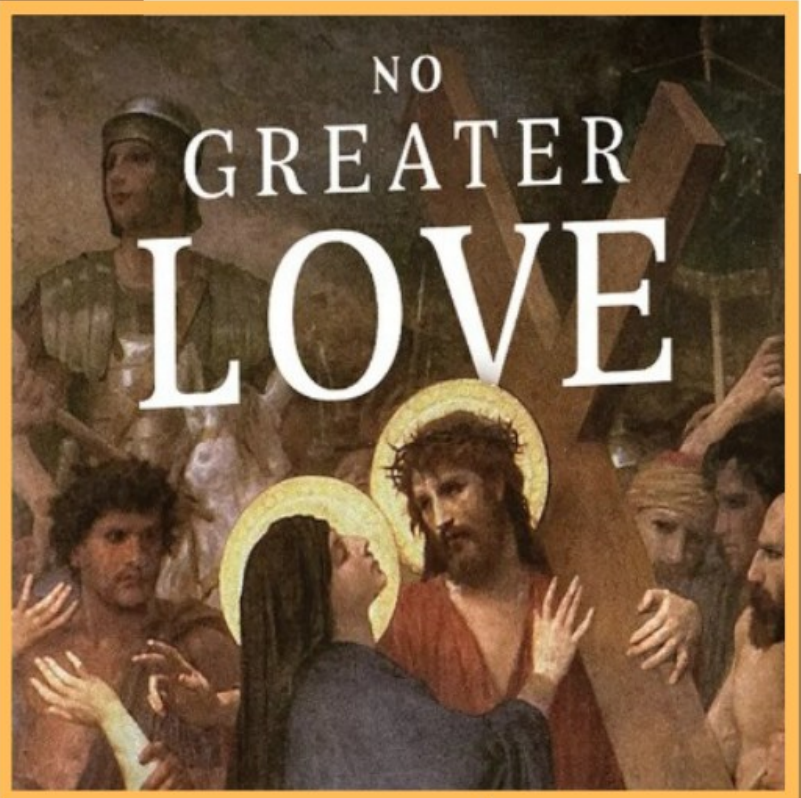
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Lenten Bible Study

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**



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Upcoming Events

MYO

2025

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

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

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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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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Hosanna Sunday Brunch

SUNDAY, APRIL 13TH
FOLLOWING 11:00 LITURGY
THE MARONITE CENTER



**TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED
IN ADVANCE BY APRIL 4TH**

\$15 for adults, \$10 ages 7-12
Kids under 6 are free

**Buy your tickets online at:
tinyurl.com/hosanna2025**



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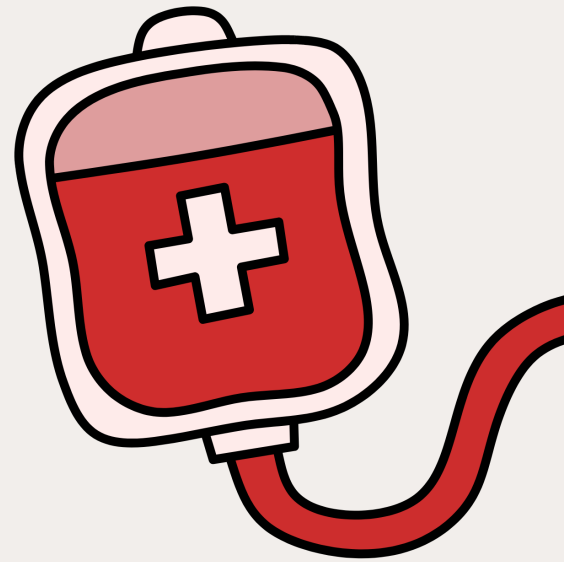


THE PARISH OF
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EVERY

DROP

COUNTS



St. Maron Church along with
American Red Cross
are hosting an upcoming blood drive

YOUR CONTRIBUTION MATTERS!

Join us and save lives!
Saturday, April 26th
9am to 2pm
at the Antioch Hall - St. Maron Church



Scan QR Code for Sign up!

1555 S. Meridian Road - Youngstown - OH 44511
For more info - Call Laurece Chahine 330-501-0185



The Guild of St. Anthony Annual Recognition Dinner

**Saturday, April 26th
6 pm**



**at the Cedar Hall
of the Basilica & National Shrine
of Our Lady of Lebanon
2759 North Lipkey Road
North Jackson, OH 44451**

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, especially those with Alzheimer's Disease.

**\$95 per person
(\$65 is tax deductible)**

**PLEASE RSVP to the Antonine Sisters
330-538-9822 by Friday, April 18.**



**Bocce
courts
open to
play!**

St. Maron's
\$30 Steak Fry

14 oz Certified Angus Prime NY Strip
Baked Potato w/all the fixins'
Mushrooms & Onions, Veggies & Dessert
Coffee and Water included
(2 Ch. Breasts can be substituted for Steak)

Cash Bar - Beer, Wine, and Pop

Saturday, May 31st
6 PM - 9 PM



Order Online: tiny.cc/steakfry
Call for tickets 330.792.2371

Eat In Only
Recreational Area - Pavilion
Cash and Credit Accepted

St. Maron Church
1555 S. Meridian Rd. 44511



NAM 2025 CONVENTION

FAITH IGNITED - HOPE RENEWED
60 YEARS ROOTED IN MARONITE TRADITION

July 3-6, 2025
Raleigh - NC

Hosted by Saint Sharbel Church
Hilton Hotel, Raleigh North Hills



THE MASSABKI BROTHERS



60TH CONVENTION ANNIVERSARY



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60th NAM Convention Key Functions and Highlights

Faith Ignited – Hope Renewed
60 Years Rooted in Maronite Tradition

EXCURSIONS & ACTIVITIES

St Sharbel Neighborhood (All Ages)

Enjoy the beautiful Falls of Neuse Dam, tucked between lush forests and the serene waters of Falls Lake, then continue to visit St. Sharbel church.

Guided Umstead Park Walk (All Ages)

For nature lovers, immerse yourself in the beauty of Umstead Park on a guided walk through lush forests and peaceful trails.

Raleigh Highlights (All Ages)

Tour The Cathedral of The Sacred Heart Of Jesus & Explore Raleigh famous Sunflower fields.

The Museum Of Natural Sciences (Youth & Kids)

The largest in the Southeast, with Dinosaurs, fossils, butterfly conservatory, storm simulators, and scientists in action.

After-Party Karaoke: Be the Star of NAM!

Enjoy Lebanese oldies, favorite hits, and on-demand songs every night! Send us your requests, grab the mic, and join the fun for an unforgettable sing-along experience after the party!

Trolley Pub (MYA)

An MYA favorite, the Raleigh Trolley Pub is a fun, pedal-powered bar crawl through the city's best spots! Bring your friends, enjoy drinks, and explore downtown in a unique, lively way. (Fri 3-5 PM)

Theology On TAP (MYA)

Have a drink and dive deep into an exciting discussion about our faith with our incredible Bishop Elias Zaidan and Bishop Gregory Mansour!

Escape Room (MYA & MYO)

Available all convention long—grab friends, book a slot, and test your skills in this thrilling experience.

Dance, Mobility & Wellness (All Ages)

Stay active with dance, fitness, and expert mobility guidance for all ages. There's something for everyone to keep moving and feeling great!

Midnight Bite: Late-Night Cravings, Covered!

Keep the night going with delicious bites available for order after party hours. Whether you're craving a snack or a full meal, enjoy a late-night treat before calling it a night!

Fun, Food & Friendship With Father Boutros (MYA)

Catch up with old friends, make new ones, and enjoy dinner with heartfelt conversations.

Dinner & Icebreakers (All Ages)

By age groups, where we'll get to know each other and our fellow convention-goers. The perfect way to make connections.

MYO Lounge: Connect & Play

A space for MYO to enjoy games, creating friendships that will last beyond the convention.

Kids Zone (age 5 to 12)

Enjoy a mix of indoor and outdoor games, fun activities. A perfect space for kids to play, explore, and create unforgettable memories!

Board Games Lobby

Join friends or participate in a tournament with a wide array of cards, backgammon, and board games available at any time.

Opening Our Hearts: A Night of Adoration & Hymns

Starting our weekend with Adoration and sacred time of prayer, reflection, and confession. Continue the evening with uplifting hymns and prayers, bringing everyone together in song through our beloved sacred chants.



Jubilee Year Pilgrims of Hope (All Ages)

We're blessed to have our NAM Convention in a Jubilee Year, so let's make the journey leading up to it a pilgrimage of ignited faith and renewal of hope. As we prepare, we'll reflect on the lives of saints like Saint Thérèse of Lisieux, the Massabki Brothers, and Carlo Acutis, showing that holiness is for everyone. We'll collect images and stories to celebrate 60 years of heritage, setting the path for a future of holiness.

Stay tuned to our emails and social media for updates!

WORKSHOPS

AI-Powered Growth

Discover how to explore and scale your business using modern tools, especially AI. Explore beginner-friendly AI concepts, interactive projects, and ethical strategies to leverage AI while staying true to your Christian vocation.

Faithful Success

Achieve career and entrepreneurial success while staying true to your faith and values. Learn how to thrive in this world with purpose, integrity, and abundance—keeping your heart set on heaven.

The Sanctity of Life and Marriage

We are created in God's image, and every stage of life, from conception to death, is sacred. This session explores the divine value of life and the importance of marriage in the Church, where vows are not only sacred but reflect our commitment to God's love and plan.

The Commission For Lebanon

A workshop focussing on the Church's stance regarding current events in Lebanon.

Understanding The Maronite Liturgy

We will delve deeper into the meaning and significance of the Maronite Liturgy—exploring what happens during the celebration and why each part is important.

ENTERTAINMENT

DJ Gilbert

Enjoy a great mix of Arabic and American hit songs the whole weekend as we dance the nights away!

Friday Hafli

Charbel Bassil & USA Special

Friday Night Hafli - Dress in your best traditional Lebanese outfit, dance and dabke to the voice of Lebanese Singer Charbel Bassil! We'll honor American Independence Day with a special celebration, featuring vibrant sound and light displays!

Saturday Gala Dinner

Lebanese Star Hisham El Hajj

An unforgettable evening with Star Hisham El Hajj, as he fills the night with his captivating music and lively performances. Enjoy a night of elegance, celebration, and entertainment at this exclusive event!

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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:

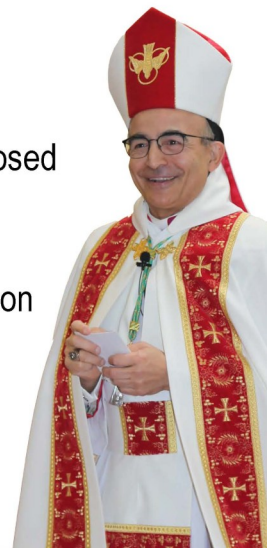
- Education and Formation for our Seminarians
- Support for Missions and Parishes
- Development of Ministries for our Children, Youth, and Young Adults
- Charitable Aid for our brothers and sisters both here in the USA and in Lebanon, Syria, and across the Middle East

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 Enrichment Days 2025

St. Ephrem The Man and the Myth

April

30

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?



Joseph P. Amar,
PhD

May

01

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.

**Our Lady of Lebanon
Maronite Seminary**

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Washington, DC 20012

Registration



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

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



Catholic Men's Fellowship of Western Pennsylvania presents

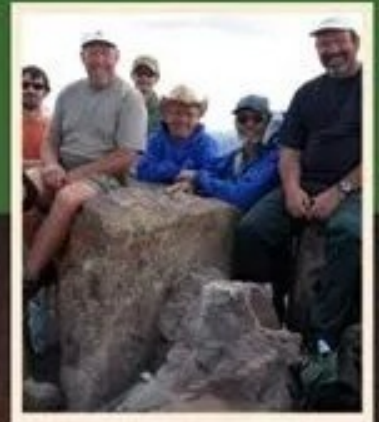
FIRE IN THE WOODS

an outdoor retreat for guys

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