OUR LADY OF MERCY MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Sunday of the Faithful Departed February 23rd, 2025



Reconciliation (Confessions) Saturday –2:30pm to 3:30pm Sunday – 8:30am to 9:30am

By appointment

First Saturday Devotion Every 1st Saturday 2:00pm – Eucharistic Exposition 3:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet 3:10pm Holy Rosary 4:00 pm Divine Liturgy Divine Liturgy/Mass Schedule Tuesday through Friday 9am in the Chapel. Saturday – 4pm/Sunday – 10am Baptism and Chrismation Contact the priest at least three (3) months prior to the requested date.

Eucharistic Adoration Thursdays -9:30pm to 10:30pm Fridays - 9:30am- 10:30am Saturdays – 2pm to 3:45pm Matrimony /Crowning

Contact the priest at least one (1) year prior to requested date.

If you are new to the parish, please know that you are dearly loved and welcomed to be a member of our community of faith. To ensure receiving communication from the parish as a parishioner, please see the priest or one of the ushers.

"YOU ARE PRECIOUS AND HONORED IN MY SIGHT AND I LOVE YOU" ISAIAH 43:4

Divine Liturgy Intentions –Sunday of the Faithful DepartedSaturday February 22nd – For the intentions of the benefactors and volunteers of St Maron PartySunday February 23rd - For the intentions and donors of Catholic ExtensionHebrew 12:18-24; Matthew 25:31-46Monday February 24th – For the intentions of Georgia CoheeTuesday February 25th – For the intentions of Janelle Gummeson requested by Michael EganWednesday February 26th – For the intentions of Janelle Gummeson requested by Michael EganThursday February 27th – For the intentions of Barbara BeleskyFriday February 28th – For the intentions of Dwight Flammia Jr.Saturday March 1st – In memory of Anthony Russell (40 days), requested by his familySunday February 2nd – For the intentions and donors of Catholic Extension

Stewardship of God's Blessings for the Week of 02/10/2025-02/16/2025

Saturday/Sunday collection - \$680.00 Online Giving - \$163.11; Donation- 550.00 Total - \$1393.11 Thank you for your continuous support of our parish and its many needs. May God bless your generosity to Our Lady of Mercy. To make a tax-deductible online offering especially when you are not here, please go to our Church's website and scroll down to donate.

"Whatever you do, do from the heart, as for the Lord and not for others, knowing that you will receive from the Lord the due payment of the inheritance" (Colossians 3:23-24) and remember that "God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:7)

Please remember Our Lady of Mercy Church in your will.

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS ASAP-

SAINT MARON CELEBRATION ON SATURDAY FEBRUARY 22ND, 2025 PARISH MISSION WITH THE MARONITE SERVANTS OF CHRIST THE LIGHT SATURDAY MARCH 1ST (MYO, MYA AND WOMEN) AND SUNDAY MARCH 2ND (KIDS) FEMININE GENIUS BRUNCH ON SATURDAY APRIL 12, 2025 – CHECK THE FLYER FOR MORE

Gifts of the Heart for the Month of February

Altar Candles in the church - In memory of Louis Iovieno offered by Louise Iovieno. Altar Bread and Wine in the Church – Private Intention offered by Aline & Fadi Khoury Sanctuary Lamp and adoration candles in the Church – For the intentions of George Zogheib and family Altar Candles, Sanctuary Lamp, Altar Bread and Wine in the chapel – For the intentions of George and Charlotte Jreij and family

<u>Promoting Vocations</u> - The Eparchy is trying to bring more awareness to the different vocations in life. For this reason, an icon of the Holy Family along with a prayer will be given to a different family each week for prayer every night so God may guide us to discern and promote the various vocations. See Fr. Peter for more information. To register, please click <u>here</u>.

Scripture Verse for the week- FOR I KNOW THE PLANS I HAVE FOR YOU," DECLARES THE LORD, "PLANS TO PROSPER YOU AND NOT TO HARM YOU, PLANS TO GIVE YOU HOPE AND A FUTURE. -Jeremiah 29:11





CANA SUNDAY

WOMEN'S NIGHT-IN WITH WINE & CHEESE & BIBLE SHARING

Saturday March 1 | 7-9 PM Our Lady of Mercy Church Hall

341 June Street Worcester MA

Come with Open Hearts to reflect on John 2:1-12. The Sisters look forward to seeing you there!

RSVP TO PARISH OFFICE BY FEBRUARY 24

LAUNCHING INTO LENT OUR LADY OF MERCY WORCESTER PARISH MISSION

MARCH 1-2, 2025

Saturday March 1st:

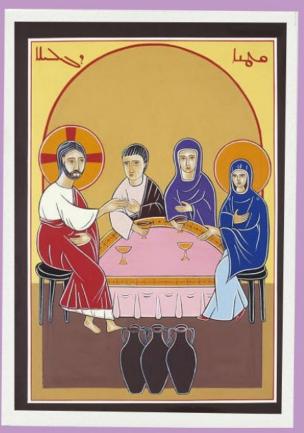
3pm MYO Lenten Discussion 4pm Divine Liturgy 5pm Dinner & Fun Activity 6pm MYO Session Concludes

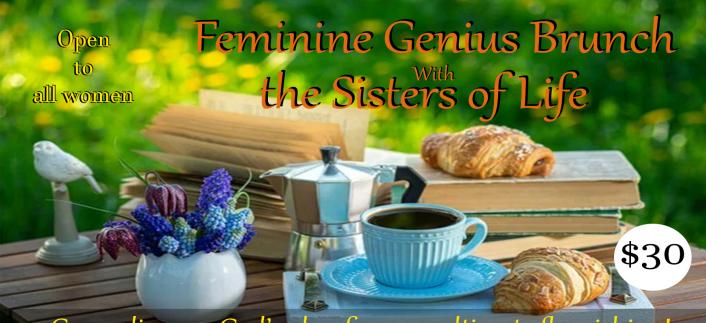
7:00-9:00pm Ladies Night Out with the Sisters including Wine & Cheese & Bible Sharing On Cana (John 2:1-12)

<u>Sunday March 2nd:</u>

10am Divine Liturgy 11:00-12:30pm Children Lenten Session (Grades K-6)

> Presented by the Maronite Servants of Christ the Light Maroniteservants.org





Come discover God's plan for your ultimate flourishing!



Saturday April 12, 2025 - 09:30 AM Our Lady of Mercy - Maronite Catholic church 341 June St. Worcester MA 01602 Register by April 6 via the link:



http://www.cedaroflebanonfcc.com/fgb Or Scan to register



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St. Therese The Little Flower, Please pick me a Rose from the Heavenly Garden and send it to me with a Message of Love. Ask God to grant me the Favor I Thee implore and tell Him I will Love Him each day More and More.

(The above prayer, plus 5 Our Fathers, 5 Hail Mary's, 5 Glory Be's, must be said on 5 successive days, before 11 a.m. On the 5th day, the 5th set of prayers having been completed, offer one more set — 5 Our Father's, 5 Hail Mary's, 5 Glory Be's.)



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Sunday Readings قراءات الاحد

Sunday of the Faithful Departed The First Letter to the Thessalonians 5: 1-11

Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore, encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

The Gospel according to Saint Luke 16: 19-31.

'There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames." But Abraham said, "Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us." He said, "Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house for I have five brothers that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment." Abraham replied, "They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them." He said, "No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent." He said to him, "If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead."

أحد الموتى المؤمنين الرسالة الأولى إلى أهل تسالونيقى 5: 1-11 يا إخوَتِي، أَمَّا الأَزْمِنَةُ والأَوقَات، أَيُّهَا الإخْوَة، فلا حَاجَةً بِكُم أَنْ يُكْتَبَ إلَيْكُم في شَأْنِهَا؛ لأَنَّكُم تَعْلَمُونَ جَيَّدًا أَنَّ يَوْمَ الرَّبِّ يأْتي كَالسَّارِقَ لَيْلاً. فحِينَ يَٰقُولُونَ: سَلَّمُ و أَمْنِّ! حِينَئِذٍ بَدْهَمُهُمُ الهَلاكُ دَهْمَ الْمَخَاضِ لِلحُبْلي، ولا يُفْلِثُون. أَمَّا أَنْتُم، أَيُّها الإخْوَة، فَلَسْتُم في ظُلْمَةٍ لِيُفَاجِئَكُم ذلِكَ البَوِمُ كالسَّارِ ق. فأَنْتُم كُلُّكُم أَبْنَاءُ النُّورِ، وأَبْنَاءُ النَّهَار ؛ ولَسْنَا أَبْنَاءَ اللَّيل ولا أَبْنَاءَ الظُّلْمَة. إذًا فلا نَنَمُ كَسَائِر النَّاس، بَلْ لِنَسْهَرْ وَنَصْحُ؛ لأَنَّ الَّذِينَ بَنَامُونَ فَفِي اللَّيلِ يَنَامُون، و الَّذِينَ يَسْكَرُ و نَ فَفِي اللَّيلِ يَسْكَرُونَ. أَمَّا نَحْنُ أَبْنَاءَ النَّهَارِ، فَلْنَصْحُ لابسِينَ دِرْعَ الابْمَانِ والمَحَبَّة، ووَ اضعِبنَ خُوذَةَ رَجَاءِ الْخَلاص. فإِنَّ الله لَمْ يَجْعَلْنَا لِلغَضَب، بَلْ لِإِحْرَازِ الخَلاصِ بَرَبِّنَا يَسُوعَ المسيح، الَّذي مَاتَ مِنْ أَجْلِنَا، لِنَحْيَا مَعَهُ سَاهِرِينَ كُنَّا أَمْ نِائِمِينَ. فَلِذَلِكَ شَجّعُوا بَعضُكُم بَعْضًا، وَلْيَبْن الوَاحدُ الآخَرِ، كَمَا أَنْتُمِ فَاعِلُونِ

إنجيل القدّيس لوقا 16: 19-31

قالَ الربُّ يَسوع: «كَانَ رَجُلٌ غَنِيٌّ يَلْبَسُ الأَرْجُوانَ وَالكَتَّانَ النَّاعِم، وَيَتَنَعَّمُ كُلَّ يَوْمِ بِأَفْخَرِ الوَلائِمِ. وكانَ رَجُلٌ مِسْكِينٌ أُسْمُهُ لَعَازَ رُ مَظْرُ و حًا عِنْدَ بَابِهِ، تَكْسُو هُ القُرُوح. وكانَ يَشْتَهى أَنْ يَشْبَعَ مِنَ الفُتَاتِ المُتَسَاقِطِ مِنْ مَأْئِدَةِ الْغَنِيّ، غَيْرَ أَنَّ الكِلابَ كَانَتْ تَأْتِي فَتَلْحَسُ قُرُ و حَهُ. وَمَاتَ المسْكِينُ فَحَمَلَتْهُ ٱلْمَلائِكَةُ إِلَى حِضْن إِبْرَاهِيم. ثُمَّ مَاتَ الْغَنِيُّ وَدُفِنٍ. وَرَفَعَ الْغَنِيُّ عَيْنَيْه، وَ هُوَ فِي الْجَحِيمِ يُقَاسِي العَذَاب، فَرَأَى إِبْرَ اهِيمَ مِنْ بَعِبد، وَلَعَازَ رَفَى حِضْنِهِ. فَنَادَى وقَالَ: با أَبَتُ إِبْرَاهِيم، إِرْحَمْنِي وَأَرْسِلْ لَعَازَرَ لِيَبُلَّ طَرَفَ إِصْبَعِهِ بَمَاءِ وَيُبِرِّدَ لِسَانِتَى، لأَنِّي مُتَوَجّعٌ في هذا اللّهيب. فَقالَ إِبْرَاهِيم: يا ٱبْنِي، تَذَكَّرْ أَنَّكَ نِلْتَ خَيْراتِكَ في حَيَاتِكَ، وَلَعَازَ رُ نَالَ البَّلايَا. والآنَ هُوَ يَتَعَزَّى هُنَا، وأَنْتَ تَتَوَجَّع. وَمَعَ هذا كُلِّهِ، فَإِنَّ بَيْنَنا وَبَيْنَكُم هُوَّةً عَظِيمَةً ثَابِتَهُ، حَتَّى إِنَّ الَّذِينَ بُرِ بِذُونَ أَنْ بَجْتَازُ وا مِنْ هُنا إِلَيْكُم لا يَسْتَطْيعُونَ، ولا مِنْ هُناكَ أَنْ يَعْبُرُوا إِلَيْنا. فَقَالَ الْغَنِيّ: أَسْأَلْكَ إذًا، يا أَبَتِ، أَنْ تُرْسِلَ لَعَازَرَ إِلَى بَيْتِ أَبِي، فإنَّ لِي خَمْسَةَ إِخْوِةٍ، لِيَشْهَدَ لَهُم، كَي لاَ يَأْتُوا هُمْ أَيْضًا إلى مَكَان العَذَابِ هذا. فَقَالَ إِبْرَ إِهِيم: عِنْدَهُم مُوسِمَى وَالأَنْبِياء، فَلْيَسْمَعُوا لَهُم. فَقَال: لا، يَا أَبَتِ إبْرَاهِيم، ولكِنْ إذا مَضنى إلَيْهم وَاحِدٌ مِنَ الأَمْوَاتِ يَتُوبُونُ. فقالَ لَهُ إبْرَاهِيم: أِنْ كَانُوا لا يَسْمَعُونَ لِمُوسَى وَ الأَنْبِيَاء، فَإِنَّهُم، وَلَو قَامَ وَ أَحِدٌ مِنَ الأَمْوَ ات، لَنْ ىَقْتَنِعُو ا.«!