

ST. THERESA

MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH



Cana Sunday / Entrance into Lent احد مدخل الصوم الكبير / عرس قانا

March 1-2,2025

OUR CHURCH

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OUR INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MARCH 1

Cana Sunday (Entrance into Lent)
[St. Domnina, Disciple of St. Maron, St.
Eudokia (Afdokia) of Baalbek]
4:00 PM: +For the Souls of Remember Me In
Your Kingdom

SUNDAY, MARCH 2

Cana Sunday (Entrance into Lent)
[St. John Maron, First Maronite Patriarch]
10:30 AM: +Mansur and Micheline Matta
and son Fadi as requested by the family

MONDAY, MARCH 3 ASH MONDAY

[St. Thomas Aquinas, Doctor of the Church, St. Katharine Drexel]

9:00 AM: Liturgy with Blessing of Ashes 6:30 PM: Liturgy with Blessing of Ashes

TUESDAY, MARCH 4

9:00 AM: [St. Paul and His Sister, St. Juliana] +Intention available on request

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5

9:00 AM: [St. Álbert the Great, Doctor of the Church]

+Intention available on request

SPIRITUAL TALK - FR. GEROGES ANTABY

5:45 PM: TALK IN ARABIC 6:30 PM: EVENING PRAYER 7:00 PM: TALK IN ENGLISH

THURSDAY, MARCH 6

9:00 AM: [St. Conon of Isauria] +Intention available on request 6:30 PM: EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

FRIDAY, MARCH 7

6:30 PM: STATIONS OF THE CROSS / BENEDICTION

SATURDAY, MARCH 8

Sunday of the Healing of the Leper [St. Frances of Rome] 4:00 PM: +Intention available on request

SUNDAY, MARCH 9

Sunday of the Healing of the Leper [The Forty Martyrs]

10:30 AM: +Intention available on request

LET US PRAY FOR OUR LOVED ONES AND THE INTENTIONS OF OUR HEARTS. CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE TO SCHEDULE AN INTENTION.

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE

DIVINE LITURGIES

CONFESSION

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

SATURDAY	4:00PM
SUNDAY	10:30AM
TUESDAY	9:00AM
WEDNESDAY	9:00AM
THURSDAY	9:00AM

TUESDAY 8:15AM – 8:45AM WEDNESDAY 8:15AM – 8:45AM

THURSDAY 8:15AM – 8:45AM

6:30PM - 7:15PM

*ALSO AVAILABLE
BY APPOINTMENT



THURSDAY 6:30PM-7:30PM

BAPTISM

Please make arrangements with the Pastor at <u>least one (1) month</u> in advance. Godparents must meet requirements of church law. To discuss and to schedule a baptism,

please contact the parish office.

MARRIAGE

Please consult with the Pastor to make arrangements at <u>least six</u> (6) <u>months</u> in advance of proposed date. To discuss and to schedule a marriage, please contact the parish office.

FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

BREAD & WINE

IN LOVING MEMORY OF **+GEORGE SARKIS ASACK, SR.**OFFERED BY MADELINE ASACK AND FAMILY

VIGIL CANDLE FOR THE SHRINE OF ST. THERESA
IN LOVING MEMORY OF +ALL DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE TOM ABRAHAM
SAADE FAMILIES AND FARAH FAMILIES

OFFERED BY GEORGE AND ALSION SAADE AND FAMILY

SANCTUARY CANDLE FOR THE TABERNACLE IN LOVING MEMORY OF +ALAN J. POIRIER

OFFERED BY DONNA POIRIER

VIGIL CANDLE FOR THE BLESSED MOTHER
IN LOVING MEMORY OF +ALL DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE TOM ABRAHAM
SAADE FAMILIES AND FARAH FAMILIES

OFFERED BY GEORGE AND ALSION SAADE AND FAMILY

OFFERED BY MR. AND MRS. MANUSR NESSRALLA AND FAMILY

VIGIL CANDLE FOR THE GOSPEL THRONE
IN LOVING MEMORY OF +NAJA AND SAMERA NESSRALLA

LECTORS

SATURDAY, MARCH 1

ENGLISH - CAUNA

SUNDAY, MARCH 2

ARABIC - NAWAL ENGLISH - YOUHANNA

ALTAR SERVERS

SATURDAY, MAR. 1

GIO B. CHARBEL B.

SUNDAY, MAR. 2

CHARBEL C. MARTIN B. ELIE G.

SATURDAY, MAR. 8

DANIEL Z. CHARBEL S.

SUNDAY, MAR. 9

MATEO G. MARVIN G. ALEX S.

OUR OFFERING

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SATURDAY - 2/22/25	\$ 238.00
SUNDAY - 2/23/25	\$894.00
CANDLES 2/23/25	\$60.00
MAIL IN DONATIONS 2/25/25	\$830.00
TOTAL WEEKLY OFFERING	\$2,022.00
WEEKLY OPERATIONAL EXPENSES	\$3,400.00
DEFICT	-\$1,378.00

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



OUR TITHE

WE RELY ON YOUR GENEROSITY TO BE ABLE TO OPERATE OUR CHURCH! IN ADDITION TO USING YOUR ASSIGNED **ENVELOPES, YOU MAY USE VENMO TO** MAKE YOUR CONTRIBUTION. MAY GOD REWARD YOU BACK FOR ALL YOU GIVE AND DO.

RELIGIOUS ED

CLASSES ARE FROM 2PM-3:45PM

Please make sure your child arrives by 1:50pm and is picked up at 3:45pm

UPCOMING CLASSES MARCH 1 **APRIL 5 APRIL 26**



MYO

VENMO

REGISTER TODAY! OPEN TO ALL 7TH-12TH GRADERS

> **UPCOMING SESSIONS** Mar 14 - Youth Night Mar 29 - (Retreat)

WOMEN'S MINISTRY



9:45AM - 11:45AM

(CHURCH HALL)

UPCOMING SESSIONS

MAR 22 APR 12 MAY 3

YOUNG ADULTS

SCRIPTURE & SPIRITS

RSVP TO ADIB FLIAS

UPCOMING SESSIONS

Mar 16 Apr 6 May 4





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PARISH CENSUS & REGISTRATION INITIATIVE

Note: The Parish WhatsApp group will be ending in March because of our transition to a NEW Database/ Communication System. Please be sure to REGISTER!

Register online at this link: https://form.jotform.com/243413465230145

Tenten Dinners

We are looking for families to host a Lenten Dinner in the Church Hall following the Stations of the Cross / Benediction / Movie on the below dates.

We are asking for three (3) individuals/families PER DATE.

Friday, March 21, 2025

Friday, April 4, 2025

Friday, April 11, 2025

If you can assist in hosting, please sign your name on the clipboard in the back of the Church or call the Church Office



CEMETERY PALM CROSSES

COST: \$30.00 EACH

ORDER MUST BE RECEIVED BY

MARCH 30, 2025

ALL PROFITS WILL GO TO SUPPORT THE MYO!
SUPPORT OUR YOUTH!

NAME:	_PHONE NUMBER:
NUMBER OF PALM CROSSES ORDERED:	
TOTAL PAYMENT ENCLOSED:	

Please make checks payable to: **St. Theresa Church**

Please Note: We can not fill orders placed after March 30, 2025. Thank you. Crosses will be distributed on Sha'neenee (Hosanna Sunday) Weekend.

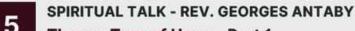
April 12-13, 2025



MARCH

3 ASH MONDAY

9:00 am & 6:30 pm



Theme: Tree of Hope - Part 1

5:45 pm -Talk in Arabic

6:30 pm - Evening Prayer

7:00 pm - Talk in English

7 STATIONS OF THE CROSS / BENEDICTION 6:30 pm

14 STATIONS OF THE CROSS / BENEDICTION 6:30 pm

21 STATIONS OF THE CROSS / BENEDICTION
6:30 pm
*MOVIE AND A MEAL TO FOLLOW

28 STATIONS OF THE CROSS 6:30 pm

APRIL

STATIONS OF THE CROSS / BENEDICTION

6:30 pm

*MOVIE AND A MEAL TO FOLLOW

9 SPIRITUAL TALK - REV. GEORGES ANTABY Theme: Tree of Hope - Part 2

> 5:45 pm -Talk in Arabic 6:30 pm - Evening Prayer

7:00 pm - Talk in English

STATIONS OF THE CROSS / BENEDICTION

6:30 pm

*MOVIE AND A MEAL TO FOLLOW



Lenten Observances 2025

The Most Reverend Bishops Gregory J. Mansour and A. Elias Zaidan have issued the following Lenten guidelines for the Maronites of the United States.

Fasting and Abstinence

- All Maronites who are physically capable are to abstain from meat on Ash Monday (3 March 2025) and all Fridays of Lent.
- + Ash Monday and Great Friday of the Crucifixion (18 April 2025 are also days of fasting. Fasting in the Maronite Church involves eating and drinking nothing at all (except water and medicine) from midnight until noon. The rest of the day normal meals can be taken, but without meat. All Maronites who are physically capable should fast on these two days.

Distribution of Ashes

All parish priests are to bless and distribute ashes on **Ash Monday** during the celebration of the Divine Liturgy as indicated in our liturgical books. This ceremony may **not** be celebrated on the vigil of Ash Monday (Cana Sunday). For the convenience of some faithful of the Latin Church who may come to the Divine Liturgy at a Maronite Church on their Ash Wednesday, ashes that were blessed on Monday may be given to them after the Divine Liturgy. However, ashes are **not** to be blessed again on this day.

Lenten Services

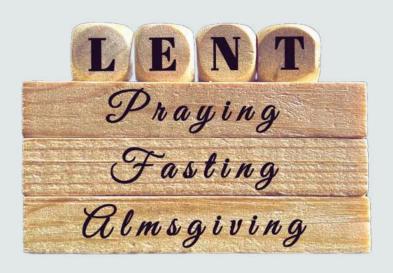
All parish priests are to celebrate the **Benediction with the Cross** every **Friday of Lent** except for the Great Friday of the Crucifixion. This service may be preceded by **Evening Prayer** (*Ramsho*), **Stations of the Cross**, or even the **Divine Liturgy**. Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament should **not** take place on the Fridays of Lent.

Traditional Fasting Discipline

Clergy, religious and laity who wish to observe the more **traditional** Maronite practice of fasting and abstinence are **encouraged** to do so.

That practice is summarized in the following, taken from current Maronite Particular Law:

Every weekday of Lent (Monday through Friday) is a day of fasting and abstinence from meat and dairy products (eggs, butter, milk, etc.). Fasting involves eating and drinking nothing at all (except water and medicine) from midnight until noon. The rest of the day normal meals can be taken, but without meat or dairy products. Dairy products are excluded because they are animal byproducts. Saturdays and Sundays are exempt from fasting and abstaining, as are the following feast days: St. Joseph (19 March) and the Annunciation (25 March).







COCKTAIL HOUR 7PM | DINNER 8PM | NO TICKETS SOLD AT DOOR TICKET DONATION \$100 | DANCE FLOOR SEATING \$125 | KIDS MENU (6-12YRS) \$50

VENUE ST. SHARBEL MARONITE CENTER, 300 N EASTERN AVE, FALL RIVER, MA 02723

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OUR EPISTLE READING

A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans 14:14-23

Brothers and Sisters: I know, and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus, that nothing is unclean in itself; but it is unclean for anyone who thinks it unclean. If your brother or sister is being injured by what you eat, you are no longer walking in love. Do not let what you eat cause the ruin of one for whom Christ died. So do not let your good be spoken of as evil. For the kingdom of God is not food and drink but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. The one who thus serves Christ is acceptable to God and has human approval. Let us then pursue what makes for peace and for mutual edification. Do not, for the sake of food, destroy the work of God. Everything is indeed clean, but it is wrong for you to make others fall by what you eat; it is good not to eat meat or drink wine or do anything that makes your brother or sister stumble. The faith that you have; have as your own conviction before God. Blessed are those who have no reason to condemn themselves because of what they approve. But those who have doubts are condemned if they eat, because they do not act from faith; for whatever does not proceed from faith is sin.

Praise be to God always.

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الرسول إلى أهل روما

يا إخوَتِي، إِنِّي عَالِمٌ ووَاثِقٌ، في الرَّبِّ يَسُوع، أَنْ لا شَيءَ نَجِسٌ في ذَاتِهِ، إِلاَّ لِمَنْ يَحْسَبُهُ نَجِسًا، فَلَهُ يَكُونُ نَجِسًا. فإِنْ كُنْتَ مِنْ أَجْلِ الطَّعَامِ تُحْزِنُ أَخَاك، فَلا تَكُونُ سَالِكًا في الْمَحَبَّة. فَلا تُهْلِكْ بِطَعَامِكَ ذَاكَ الَّذي مَاتَ المَسِيحُ مِنْ أَجْلِهِ! إِذًا فَلا تَسْمَحُوا بَأَنْ يَصِيرَ الخَيْرُ فيكُم سَبَبًا للتَّجْدِيف. فَلَيْسَ مَلَكُوتُ اللهِ أَكْلاً وَشُرْبًا، بَلْ بِرٌّ وَسَلامٌ وفَرَحٌ في الرُّوحِ القُدُس. فَمَنْ يَخْدُمُ المَسِيحَ هكَذَا فهوَ وَشُرْبًا، بَلْ بِرٌ وَسَلامٌ وفَرَحٌ في الرُّوحِ القُدُس. فَمَنْ يَخْدُمُ المَسِيحَ هكَذَا فهوَ لِلسَّلام، ومَقْبُولُ لَدَى النَّاس. فَلْنَسْعَ إِذًا إِلَى مَا هوَ لِلسَّلام، ومَا هُوَ لِبُنْيَانِ بَعْضِنَا بَعْضًا. فَلا تَنْقُضْ عَمَلَ اللهِ مِنْ أَجْلِ الطَّعَام؛ لأَنَّ كُلَّ شَيءٍ طَاهِر، ولكَنَّ لَكَ شَيْا يَكُونُ سَبَبَ عَثْرَةٍ لأَخِيه. فَخَيْرٌ لَكَ أَنْ لا تَأْكُلُ لَكْمَلُ اللهَ يَكُونُ سَبَبَ عَثْرَةٍ لأَخِيه. فَخَيْرٌ لَكَ أَنْ لا تَأْكُلُ لَدْمًا، ولا تَشْرَبَ خَمْرًا، ولا تَتَنَاوَلَ شَيئًا يَكُونُ سَبَبَ عَثْرَةٍ لأَخِيك. وَلَكَوْنُ سَبَبَ عَثْرَةٍ لأَخِيك. والمُنْ لا يَدِينُ نَفْسَهُ في مَا يُقَرِّرُهُ! أَمَّا الله. وطُوبَى لِمَنْ لا يَدِينُ نَفْسَهُ في مَا يُقَرِّرُهُ! أَمَّا الله عَمْلُ لا يَحِينُ وَإِيْمَانٍ وَهُو خَطِيئَة.

OUR GOSPEL READING

Gospel: John 2:1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

من إنجيل ربنا يسوع المسيح للقديس يوحنا

في اليَوْمِ الثَّالِث، كَانَ عُرْسٌ في قَانَا الجَلِيل، وكَانَتْ أُمُّ يَسُوعَ هُنَاك. ودُعِيَ أَيْضًا يَسُوعُ وتَلامِيذُهُ إِلَى العُرْس. ونَفَدَ الخَمْر، فَقَالَتْ لِيَسُوعَ أُمُّهُ: «لَيْسَ لَدَيْهِم خَمْر». فَقَالَ لَهَا يَسُوع: «مَا لِي ولَكِ، يَا ٱمْرَأَة؟ لَمْ تَأْتِ سَاعَتِي بَعْد!». فقَالَتْ أُمُّهُ لِلْخَدَم: «مَهْمَا يَقُلْ لَكُم فَافْغَلُوه!». وكَانَ هُنَاكَ سِتَّةُ أَجْرَانٍ مِنْ حَجَر، مُعَدَّةٌ لِتَطْهِيرِ اليَهُود، يَسَعُ كُلُّ مِنْهَا مِنْ ثَمَانِينَ إلى مِئَةٍ وعِشْرِينَ لِيترًا، فقَالَ يَسُوعُ لِلْخَدَم: «إِملأُوا الأَجْرَانَ مَاءً». فَمَلاُوهَا إلى فَوْق. قَالَ لَهُم: «إِسْتَقُوا الآنَ، وقَدِّمُوا لِرَئِيسِ الوَلِيمَة». فَقَدَّمُوا. وذَاقَ الرَّئِيسُ المَاءَ، الَّذي صَارَ خَمْرًا - وكانَ لا يَعْلَمُ مِنْ أَيْنَ هُوَ، والخَدَمُ الَّذينَ ٱسْتَقُوا يَعْلَمُون - فَدَعَا إِلَيْهِ الْعَرِيسَ وقَالَ لَهُ مَا إِنْسَانٍ يُقَدِّمُ الخَمْرَ الجَيِّدَ أَوَّلاً، حَتَّى إِذَا سَكِرَ المَدعُوُّون، قَدَّمَ الأَقْلَ جُودَة، أَمَّا أَنْتَ فَقَدْ أَبْقَيْتَ الخَمْرَ الجَيِّدَ أَوَّلاً، حَتَّى إِذَا سَكِرَ المَدعُوُّون، قَدَّمَ الأَقَلَ بَوْدَةً فَى النَا الْجَلِيل، فَقَدْ أَبْقَيْتَ الخَمْرَ الجَيِّدَ إلى الآنَ!». تِلْكَ كَانَتْ أُولَى آيَاتِ يَسُوع، الأَقْلَ جُودَة، أَمَّا أَنْتَ فَقَدْ أَبْقَيْتَ الخَمْرَ الجَيِّدَ إلى الآنِ!». تِلْكَ كَانَتْ أُولَى آيَاتِ يَسُوع، الْخَمْرَ الجَيِّدَ إلى الآنَ!». تِلْكَ كَانَتْ أُولَى آيَاتِ يَسُوع، مَنْ مَانَا الجَلِيل، فَقَدْ أَبْقَيْتَ الخَمْرَ الجَيِّدَ إلى الآنَ!». تِلْكَ كَانَتْ أُولَى آيَاتِ يَسُوع، مَنَ المَا الجَلِيل، فَقَدْ أَلَوْدَ مَوْرَا بَو الْمَذَيْرُ الْمَانِ فَي قَانَا الجَلِيل، فَقَانَا الجَلِيل، فَقَدْمُ الْمَذَهُ، وَآمَنَ بهِ تَلامِيذُهُ.

الاثنين رماد - ASH MONDAY

Gospel: Matthew 6:16-21

'Whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. 'Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

من إنجيل ربنا يسوع المسيح للقديس متّى

قالَ الربُّ يَسوع: «مَتَى صُمْتُم، لا تُعَبِّسُوا كَالمُرَائِين، فَإِنَّهُم يُنَكِّرُونَ وُجُوهَهُم لِيَظْهَرُوا لِلنَّاسِ أَنَّهُم صَائِمُون. أَلَحَقَّ أَقُولُ لَكُم: إِنَّهُم قَدْ نَالُوا أَجْرَهُم. أَمَّا أَنْتَ، مَتَى صُمْتَ، فَادْهُنْ رَأْسَكَ، وَاغْسِلْ وَجْهَكَ، لِئَلاَّ تَظْهَرَ لِلنَّاسِ أَنَّكَ صَائِم، بَلْ لأَبِيكَ الَّذي في الخَفَاء، وأَبُوكَ الَّذي يَرَى في الخَفَاء هُوَ يُجَازِيك. لا تَكْنِزُوا لَكُم كُنُوزًا على الأَرْض، حَيْثُ العُثُّ والسُّوسُ يُفْسِدَان، وحَيْثُ اللُّصُوصُ يَنْقُبُونَ ويَسْرِقُون، بَلِ اكْنِزُوا لَكُم كُنُوزًا في السَّمَاء، حَيْثُ اللُّصُوصُ يَنْقُبُونَ ويَسْرِقُون، بَلِ اكْنِزُوا لَكُم كُنُوزًا في السَّمَاء، حَيْثُ لا عُثَّ ولا سُوسَ يُفْسِدَان، وحَيْثُ لا عُثَ ولا سُوسَ يُفْسِدَان، وحَيْثُ لا عُثَ لا عُثَ فَل كَنْزُكَ، هُنَاكَ يَكُونُ أَيْضًا لُلُصُوصَ يَنْقُبُونَ ويَسْرِقُون. فَحَيْثُ يَكُونُ كَنْزُكَ، هُنَاكَ يَكُونُ أَيْضًا لَلْكُونَ الْنَصَادَى وَيُسْرِقُونَ ويَسْرِقُون. فَحَيْثُ يَكُونُ كَنْزُكَ، هُنَاكَ يَكُونُ أَيْضًا فَلَكَ.



Keep it SIMPLE!:

- Bagels & Cream Cheese
- Danishes
- Muffins
- Croissants
- Manouche (Zaatar / Cheese)
- Sweets or Pastries
- Donuts / Munchkins

UPCOMING COFFEE HOURS

Date	Offered By
Sunday, Feb 23	Pastoral Council
Sunday, Mar 2	The Bernard Family
Sunday, Mar 9	
Sunday, Mar 16	
Sunday, Mar 23	Saade Family
Sunday, Mar 30	
Sunday, April 6	

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