

## Sunday Readings

Epistle Reading: ..... 2 Cor 13: 5-13

Gospel Reading: ..... Lk 15: 11-32

## Gospel

“A man had two sons, and the younger son said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of your estate that should come to me.’ So the father divided the property between them. After a few days, the younger son collected all his belongings and set off to a distant country where he squandered his inheritance on a life of dissipation. When he had freely spent everything, a severe famine struck that country, and he found himself in dire need. So he hired himself out to one of the local citizens who sent him to his farm to tend the swine. And he longed to eat his fill of the pods on which the swine fed, but nobody gave him any. Coming to his senses he thought, ‘How many of my father’s hired workers have more than enough food to eat, but here am I, dying from hunger. I shall get up and go to my father and I shall say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers.”’ So he got up and went back to his father.

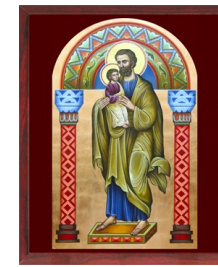
While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him. His son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.’ But his father ordered his servants, ‘Quickly bring the finest robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Take the fattened calf and slaughter it. Then let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and has been found.’ Then the celebration began.

Now the older son had been out in the field and, on his way back, as he neared the house, he heard the sound of music and dancing. He called one of the servants and asked what this might mean. The servant said to him, ‘Your brother has returned and your father has slaughtered the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.’ He became angry, and when he refused to enter the house, his father came out and pleaded with him. He said to his father in reply, ‘Look, all these years I served you and not once did I disobey your orders; yet you never gave me even a young goat to feast on with my friends. But when your son returns who swallowed up your property with prostitutes, for him you slaughter the fattened calf.’ He said to him, ‘My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.’”

*This is the truth! Peace be with you!*

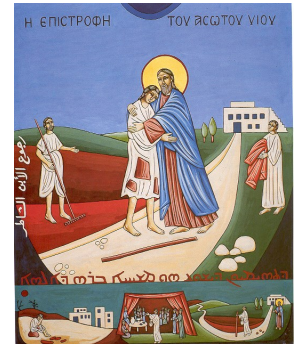
## Liturgy Intentions

- Sat, Mar 2 *St. John Maron, C*  
In Memory of Mike Luty  
By: Souad Eade ..... 4:00 PM
- Sun, Mar 3 *St. Thomas Aquinas, Doctor of the Church, C*  
*St. Katherine Drexel (USA), C*  
Repose of Kathy Coyne  
By: The Family ..... 10:00 AM
- Mon, Mar 4 *St. Paul and His Sister, Julianna, M*  
No Liturgy
- Tues, Mar 5 *St. Albert the Great, Doctor of the Church, C*  
In Memory of Sally Dwaileebe  
With Love from the Sawaya’s ..... 9:00 AM
- Wed, Mar 6 *St. Conan of Isauria, M*  
In Loving Memory of Mark Hannon  
With Love from the Sawaya’s ..... 9:00 AM
- Thurs, Mar 7 *The Seven Young Men of Ephesus, M*  
Charles, Christine and Steve Stimson and Family  
By: Peter & Norma Sawaya Family ..... 9:00 AM
- Fri, Mar 8 *St. Frances of Rome, C*  
As of yet NO LITURGY INTENTION  
..... 9:00 AM
- Sat, Mar 9 *The Forty Martyrs, M*  
In Memory of Mike Luty  
By: John Balacki ..... 4:00 PM
- Sun, Mar 10 *St. Auxentius, C*  
As of yet NO LITURGY INTENTION  
..... 10:00 AM



# Saint Joseph Maronite Church

## March 3, 2024 Parable of the Prodigal Son



### Divine Liturgy

- Weekdays (Tuesday — Friday) ..... 9:00 AM
- Saturday ..... 4:00 PM
- Sunday ..... 10:00 AM
- Holy Days ..... (unless otherwise specified) 6:30PM

### Confession

30 Minutes before each liturgy or upon request

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Peace Be With You

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**Please Pray for those who are Sick, in the Hospital, or Homebound:**

- ◆ Joe Hollister (recovery from mild stroke)
- ◆ Vicky Eddy (The Pines)
- ◆ Maria Oszwaldowska & Family (Special Intention)
- ◆ Easton James & Brynn Isabel Hamed (Son & Daughter of Sara & Lindsey)
- ◆ Baby Luca Turco with heart complications
- ◆ Ron DaPolito (Recovery from surgery)
- ◆ Coradean "Deany" Simon (The Pines)
- ◆ Coradean "Corkey" Simon Deany's Mom (The Pines)
- ◆ William Olkosky (Brother-in-law of Kathy Covert & Cousin of Kathy Baldwin)
- ◆ Heidi Johnson (Niece of Mykal Karl)
- ◆ Sue McRae

*Please let us know if anyone should be added to or removed from the prayer list.*

**Please Contact the Office if you would like a Pastoral Visit!**

***The Sanctuary Lamp***

***For the Weeks of 2/26-3/10/2024***

**Burns for Lian, Alleman & Duffy Families**

**By: Peter & Norma Sawaya Family**

*In the same way, let your light shine before others that they may  
See your charitable deeds and glorify your Father in Heaven.*

**SACRAMENTS**

**BAPTISM / CHRISMATION (CONFIRMATION):**

Please notify the Priest at least a month ahead for preparations.

**CROWNING (MARRIAGE):**

Contact the Priest at least 6 months ahead for preparations and necessary paperwork.

**ANNOINTING OF THE SICK:**

Please notify the Priest if a family member is sick.

**BULLETIN DEADLINE:**

Thursdays at Noon

**Weekly Collection**

Weekend Liturgies: .....	<b>\$853.00</b>
Candles:.....	<b>\$16.00</b>
Bishop's Appeal: .....	<b>\$100.00</b>
Total Collected: .....	<b>\$969.00</b>
<b>Approx. Needed Weekly:</b> .....	<b>\$3,250.00</b>
Weekly Deficit: .....	<b>-\$2,281.00</b>
<b>Fundraiser Income:</b> .....	<b>\$ .00</b>
<b>YTD Deficit</b> .....	<b>\$14,169.13</b>

**Sunday Lector Schedule:**

<b>March 3, 2024</b> Paul Sawaya	<b>March 24, 2024</b> Lisa Zlockie
<b>March 10, 2024</b> Mykal Karl	<b>March 31, 2024</b> Mikki Cole
<b>March 17, 2024</b> Brandon LaValley	<b>April 7, 2024</b> Paul Sawaya

**St. Sharbel Spiritual Life Center**

The Grand Opening of the **St. Sharbel Spiritual Life Center** in **Pittsburgh, PA** will take place on **Saturday, April 13, 2024!**



The Center is located in the former Epiphany Center, which is the work of the late Fr. Adrian Van Kaam and Doctor Suasn Muto. The Center was recently acquired by and is operated under the direction of the *Eparchy of St. Maron of Brooklyn*. Doctor Anne Borik serves as Director and Subdeacon Vincent Michael as Assistant Director.

**To register online for the Open House, Dedication, or to purchase tickets for the Dinner and Concert (\$50 per person),** please visit [www.saintsharbelcenter.org](http://www.saintsharbelcenter.org) . For more information please email: [info@saintsharbelcenter.org](mailto:info@saintsharbelcenter.org)

**Lenten Food Drive**

Once again we will be having a Lenten food drive to help those who are less fortunate. Please drop off your donations in the Church Foyer. Non-perishable items as well as personal hygiene items are welcome. *All items will go to the Olean Food Pantry!*



**Bishop's Appeal**

The Annual Lenten Appeal for the Eparchy of St. Maron of Brooklyn is now taking place. Every family is asked to participate in the Appeal at a level which is meaningful for them and be as generous as possible. **This year our Parish is required to give the Eparchy \$1,500.00 after Easter.** Please give what God has put in your heart to give to help us offset this expense. All checks should be made payable to **St. Joseph Maronite Church** and include **"Bishop's Appeal"** in the memo.  
*Thank you, Fr. Claude*

**Condolences**

On behalf of St. Joseph's, I would like to extend our heartfelt condolences to Mary Ellen Putzke and Family on the loss of her father, **Raymond Farnand**, age 104.

My our Heavenly Father embrace His Servant Raymond in His Loving Arms!

**Fridays During the Great Fast!**

At **6:30 PM** during all Fridays of Great Lent (*except the Great Friday of the Crucifixion*) **Benediction of the Cross** will take place in the Church.

ST. JOSEPH MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH

**FISH DINNERS**

*Friday, March 1 and 15*

LEBANESE STYLE FISH

OR SCAMPI STYLE

WITH POTATO, VEGETABLE,  
SALAD, & ROLL



**DINE IN OR TAKE OUT**

COST: \$20.00

OR

ORDER FOR BOTH MARCH 1 & 15 AT \$18.00 EACH

***PRESALE TICKETS ONLY***

***ORDER BY FEBRUARY 25***

***CONTACT ANN MARIE: 716-560-5421***

**4PM - 7PM**

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