

## Sunday Readings

Epistle Reading: ..... Rom 9: 30-10: 4

Gospel Reading: ..... Lk 2: 22-35

## Gospel

When the days were completed for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they took Him up to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord, just as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord," and to offer the sacrifice of "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons," in accordance with the dictate in the Law of the Lord.

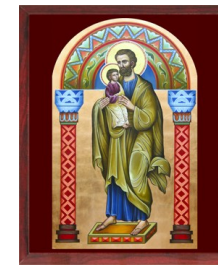
Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Messiah of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the Temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the Law in regard to Him, he took Him into his arms and blessed God, saying: "Now, Master, You may let Your servant go in peace, according to Your word, for my eyes have seen Your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for Your People Israel."

The child's father and mother were amazed at what was said about Him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary His mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted (and you yourself a sword will pierce) so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed."

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

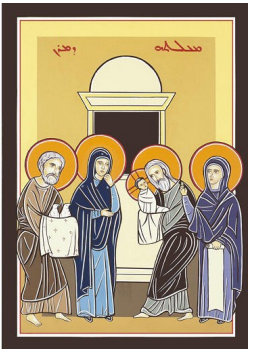
## Liturgy Intentions

- Sat, Feb 1** *St. Pionius and His Companions, M*  
In Memory of Vickie Eddy  
By: Alex & Mikki Cole ..... 4:00 PM
- Sun, Feb 2** *Presentation of Christ in the Temple*  
For the Intentions of the Ash Family  
By: The Peter & Norma  
Sawaya Family ..... 10:00 AM
- Mon, Feb 3** *St. Simeon the Elder and St. Anna the Prophetess*  
No Liturgy
- Tues, Feb 4** *St. Isidore of Pelusium, C*  
In Memory of Vickie Eddy  
By: Dennis & Ann Marie Wright ..... 9:00 AM
- Wed, Feb 5** *St. Agatha, V. M*  
Repose of the Soul of Joyce Krupnik  
By: Mikki Cole & DKG Members ..... 9:00 AM
- Thur, Feb 6** *St. Proclus, Bishop of Smyrna, C*  
For the Repose of the Soul of Myra Young  
By: The La Valley Family ..... 9:00 AM
- Fri, Feb 7** *Pope St. Anferus I (+236). M*  
Repose of Grace Ash  
By: Bob Ash ..... 9:00 AM
- Sat, Feb 8** *Zechariah the Prophet*  
In Memory of Vickie Eddy  
By: Paula Eade Newcomb ..... 4:00 PM
- Sun, Feb 9** *St. Maron, C (Holy Day of Obligation)*  
In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Ed Simon;  
and Mr. & Mrs. Milead Simon  
By: The Freitag Family ..... 10:00 AM



# Saint Joseph Maronite Church

## February 2, 2025 Presentation of Christ in the Temple



### 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:**

- ◆ Estella Wood (Mother-in-law of Kathy Covert & Aunt of Kathy Baldwin)
- ◆ Maria Oszwaldowska & Family (Special Intention)
- ◆ Easton James & Brynn Isabel Hamed (Son & Daughter of Sara & Lindsey)
- ◆ Mike Losey (Husband of Laurie Losey, suffered two strokes)
- ◆ Cynthia Crawford (Knee Surgery)
- ◆ Coradean "Deany" Simon (The Pines)
- ◆ Phyllis Gayton
- ◆ Kathy Baldwin
- ◆ Emily Schnitzer (17 yr old niece of Cherie LaValley, diagnosed with MS)
- ◆ Tom Freitag (Prayers for his left-side torn Rotator Cuff and Shoulder)
- ◆ William Tunberg (Relative of the Ash Family in CA)
- ◆ Libby Gustin Recovery
- ◆ Teresa Hibye
- ◆ Ron Dapolito— prayers for successful shoulder surgery and recovery

*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 1/27/2025-3/9/2025**

**Julia Farris, Teresa Farris Baker & Patricia Farris Boermon**

**By: The Farris 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>\$703.00</b>
2nd Collection: .....	<b>\$84.00</b>
Candles:.....	<b>\$22.00</b>
Total Collected: .....	<b>\$809.00</b>
<b>Approx. Needed Weekly:</b> .....	<b>\$2,400.00</b>
Weekly Deficit: .....	<b>-\$1,591.00</b>
<b>Fundraiser Income:</b> .....	<b>\$ .00</b>
<b>Individual Donation:</b> .....	<b>\$1,200.00</b>
<b>YTD Deficit:</b> .....	<b>\$7,344.00</b>

**Sunday Lector Schedule:**

<b>Feb 2, 2025</b>	<b>Feb 23, 2025</b>
Mikki Cole	Lisa Zlockie
<b>Feb 9, 2025</b>	<b>Mar 2, 2025</b>
Paul Sawaya	Mikki Cole
<b>Feb 16, 2025</b>	<b>Mar 9, 2025</b>
Brandon LaValley	Paul Sawaya

SAINT SHARBEL SPIRITUAL LIFE CENTER PRESENTS

Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn

**Flourish**  
WOMEN'S RETREAT

**Friday & Saturday**  
**April 25 & 26, 2025**  
Saint Sharbel Spiritual Life Center, Pittsburgh, PA

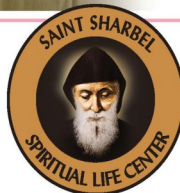
"Who is Mary? Facets of the Feminine Genius"

Join us for the First Annual Flourish Women's Retreat hosted by the Saint Sharbel Spiritual Life Center! Our keynote speaker this year, Johnnette Benkovic Williams (host of "Women of Grace" on EWTN), will unpack for us our unique role as chosen women, who we are as chosen women of the Most High God, and teach us how to employ the gifts of our femininity in the way Our Blessed Mother Mary modeled for us.

For more information, the detailed retreat schedule and to register, scan the QR code or go to [www.SaintSharbelCenter.org](http://www.SaintSharbelCenter.org) under "Programs" and then "Retreats/Workshops".

The cost for the retreat is \$135.

*Accommodations are not included. Contact Holiday Inn Express & Suites Pittsburgh West-Greentree at 412-922-7070 to reserve one of the rooms blocked off for the retreat. Deadline to reserve a room is March 26, 2025.*



To register and reserve your spot, go to [SaintSharbelCenter.org](http://SaintSharbelCenter.org)  
820 Crane Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15216  
[info@SaintSharbelCenter.org](mailto:info@SaintSharbelCenter.org)

**Come & See**

MARONITE SERVANTS OF CHRIST THE LIGHT

~2025 JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE~

*Prayer & Supper*

Join the sisters for Maronite Evening Prayer (Ramsho) and Supper at our Mother of the Light Convent, 856 Tucker Rd Dartmouth from 4 to 7pm:  
• Sunday February 23  
• Sunday May 18

OPEN TO YOUNG ADULT WOMEN WHO ARE SINGLE (AGES 18 TO 39) AND SEEKING TO DISCERN THEIR VOCATION WITH THE MARONITE SERVANTS.



*Monthly Discernment Group*

If you are seeking to learn more about prayer and exploring God's call for your life and fellowship with the sisters and other women discerning their call please contact Vocation Director, Sr. Therese Maria Touma.

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*Discernment Retreat Weekend*

Join us for a "Come & See" Discernment Retreat Weekend at our Convent:  
• June 6-8, 2025  
• September 5-7, 2025

The retreats offer an opportunity to listen to the Lord, rest in His Love, and spend time with Sisters on the journey of discernment of a call to religious life.

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**First Friday Eucharistic Adoration**

This **Friday, February 7th**, following the 9am Liturgy we will have Eucharistic Adoration concluding with Maronite Benediction at 11am.

*Join us in adoring our Lord for an hour!*

**Fundraiser Meeting & Lebanon Trip**

This **Sunday, February 2nd** we will have a "Fundraiser Planning Meeting" following the Sunday Divine Liturgy in the Church Hall.

*Following the meeting, Fr. Claude will give a photo presentation of his trip to Lebanon.*

*You are kindly asked to bring a dish to pass and share for this Sunday's event.*