

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 22 *St. Sergius Paulus. C*
The Intentions & Donors of Catholic Extension
By: The Catholic Extension Society ... **4:00 PM**

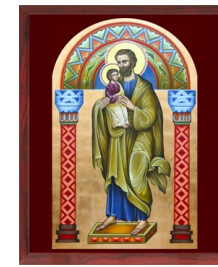
Sun, Mar 23 *St. Rafka. C*
The Intentions & Donors of Catholic Extension
By: The Catholic Extension Society...**10:00 AM**

No Daily Liturgies!

Fr Claude is Attending the Clergy Retreat in Florida!

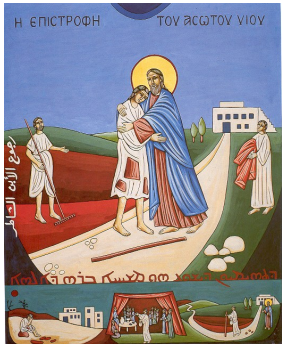
Sat, Mar 29 *St. Cyril of Saalbek. M*
Birthday Remembrance for Mike Luty
By: Terry & Cathy Covert..... **4:00 PM**

Sun, Mar 30 *St. John Climacus. C*
The Intentions & Donors of Catholic Extension
By: The Catholic Extension Society...**10:00 AM**



Saint Joseph Maronite Church

March 23, 2025 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:

- ◆ Estella Wood (Mother-in-law of Cathy 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
- ◆ 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
- ◆ Birdie Skrobacz (Breast Cancer)
- ◆ Ron DaPolito (Injured Shoulder)
- ◆ Joe Hollister (Massive Stroke, Brain Bleed — Strong Medical Center)

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 3/10/2025-3/23/2025

Charles, Christine, Steve & Don Stimson

By: The 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:	\$636.00
Special Collection:	\$85.00
Candles:.....	\$20.00
Total Collected:	\$741.00
Approx. Needed Weekly:	\$2,400.00
Weekly Deficit:	-\$1,659.00
Fundraiser Income:	\$.00
Individual Donation:	\$.00
YTD Deficit:	\$14,381.00

Sunday Lector Schedule:

Mar 23, 2025	Apr 13, 2025
Mikki Cole	Brandon LaValley
Mar 30, 2025	Apr 20, 2025
Lisa Zlockie	Mikki Cole
Apr 6, 2025	Apr 27, 2025
Paul Sawaya	Lisa Zlockie

Fridays During the Great Fast!

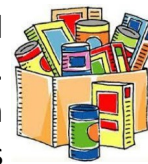
At **6:30 PM** during all Fridays of Great Lent ***Benediction of the Cross*** will take place in the Church.

Bishop's Appeal

The Bishop's 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. **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*

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. *Deadline, Sunday, April 13!***



Cadillac Dinner Tickets Available for Reservation

We are now taking reservations for Cadillac Dinner Tickets. The cost is \$300.00 as in year's past. You can also reserve chances for the Early Bird 50/50 Raffle for \$25.00 a chance. Please contact Ann Marie Wright for more information and to reserve your tickets at **(716) 560-5421.**

ST. JOSEPH MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH

FISH DINNERS

— Friday, March 7 and 21 —

Friday, April 4

LEBANESE STYLE FISH OR SCAMPI STYLE FISH WITH POTATO, VEGETABLE, BREAD, & SALAD



DINE IN OR TAKE OUT

CALL PARISH OFFICE TO PRE-ORDER: 716-379-8436

COST: \$20.00

DEADLINE:

MARCH 7: ORDER BY MARCH 2
MARCH 21: ORDER BY MARCH 16
APRIL 4: ORDER BY MARCH 30

4PM - 7PM

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1102 WALNUT STREET
OLEAN, NY



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May 20 - June 3, 2025

13 Day & 13 Night Tour Includes
Rome • Montecassino • Padre Pio • Lanciano • Loreto
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Foligno • St. Rita • Greccio

Package Includes
Single bed in a double room, international full coverage insurance, bus transportation, monument entrance fees, hotel breakfast & dinner

\$2,900/person, all included except airfare
(single rooms available for an additional cost)
Limited seats available. Register by 3/31/2025



For more information,
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This trip is hosted by the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn.