

Sunday Readings

Epistle Reading: Phil 2: 12-18
Gospel Reading: Mt 25: 1-13

Gospel

“Then the Kingdom of Heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the Bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones, when taking their lamps, brought no oil with them, but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps. Since the Bridegroom was long delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep.

At midnight, there was a cry, ‘Behold, the Bridegroom! Come out to meet Him!’ Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise ones replied, ‘No, for there may not be enough for us and you. Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves.’

While they went off to buy it, the Bridegroom came and those who were ready went into the Wedding Feast with Him. Then the door was locked.

Afterwards the other virgins came and said, ‘Lord, Lord, open the door for us!’ But He said in reply, ‘Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.’

Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

This is the truth! Peace be with you!

Liturgy Intentions

Sat, Oct 18	<i>St. Luke the Evangelist, Ev</i> Rose Mary Koch By: Mary Elizabeth Koch4:00 PM
Sun, Oct 19	<i>St. Aaron of Antioch, M </i> <i>Sts. John de Bribeuf, Isaac Jogues,</i> <i>& Companions (USA), M</i> Repose of Michael Sassone By: Lucy McDowell & Family10:00 AM
Mon, Oct 20	<i>St. Shalita(Artemius), M</i> No Liturgy
Tues, Oct 21	<i>St. Hilarion of Tabatha, C</i> Repose of Mrs. Muriel Havel By: Father Claude and Parishioners of St. Joseph’s.....9:00 AM
Wed, Oct 22	<i>Pope St. John Paul II (+2005), C</i> John Ash, Jr. and all the Ash Family With Love the Sawaya Families.....9:00 AM
Thur, Oct 23	<i>St. Ignatius, Patriarch of Constantinople, C</i> Merry, Blessed upcoming Thanksgiving Season By: The Sawayas.....9:00 AM
Fri, Oct 24	<i>St. Arethas (Hares) and His Companions, M</i> Healing for Libby By: The Church Family.....9:00 AM
Sat, Oct 25	<i>St. Chrysanthus and His Wife Daria, M</i> In Loving Memory of Mary Ann & Phil Johnston With Love the Sawaya Families.....4:00 PM
Sun, Oct 26	<i>St. Demetrius, M</i> Wedding Anniversary of Mr. & Mrs. John Ash, Sr. By: John Ash Family10:00 AM



Saint Joseph Maronite Church

Oct 19, 2025

5th Sunday after
Holy Cross



Divine Liturgy

Weekdays (Tuesday — Friday) 9:00 AM
Saturday4:00 PM
Sunday10:00 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 Home-bound:

- ♦ 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 ♦ Phyllis Gayton
- ♦ Coradean “Deany” Simon (The Pines)
- ♦ Pat Tucker (The Pines)
- ♦ Kathy Baldwin ♦Missy (13yr old with Cancer)
- ♦ 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 ♦Mark Chew (Stroke – Friend of Mary Ellen Ash)
- ♦ Fred Shaheen (Relative of the Ash Family – Pancreatic Cancer)
- ♦ Jan Mulgrew (sister of Jo Ann Snyder—Knee Replacement)
- ♦ James Snyder (On Heart Transplant list at Cleveland Clinic)
- ♦ Darlene Harrison (Friend of the Ash Family in CA)

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 10/6/2025-10/19/2025

Deceased Members of the Pisconski & Crawford Families

By: 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.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:
Please notify the Priest if a family member is sick.

BULLETIN DEADLINE:
Thursdays at Noon

Weekly Collection

Weekend Liturgies:	\$539.00
Candles:	\$20.00
Total Collected:	\$559.00
Approx. Needed Weekly:	\$2,400.00
Weekly Deficit:	-\$1841.00
Individual Donation:	\$.00
Second Collection:	\$.00
Fundraiser Income:	\$.00
YTD Deficit:	\$20,884.18

Sunday Lector Schedule:

Oct 19, 2025	Nov 9, 2025
Mikki Cole	Paul Sawaya
Oct 26, 2025	Nov 16, 2025
Brandon LaValley	Mikki Cole
Nov 2, 2025	Nov 23, 2025
Lisa Zlockie	Brandon LaValley



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29 September 2025

Prot. No. 461/1/25

Reverend Claude Franklin
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Dear Father Claude,

By virtue of this letter, I revoke your present assignment as Pastor of Saint Joseph Church in Olean, New York (Prot No. 104/1/20), and appoint you as Director of Liturgy for the Eparchy of Saint Maron. You are asked to reside at the Rectory of Saint Anthony of the Desert in Fall River, Massachusetts, and to assist Monsignor James Root as needed.

This assignment will begin January 1, 2026 and will remain in effect until revoked by me or by my successor. Your primary responsibility will be to coordinate all Liturgical efforts of the Eparchy, especially in your role and responsibilities on the Patriarchal Liturgical Commission.

You are asked to exercise your new assignment in accordance with all of the provisions of Ecclesiastical laws and Statutes, and in compliance with the applicable civil laws in force.

I welcome you to this new assignment, and thank you for your willingness to lay down your life for Christ’s flock.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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+ Gregory J. Mansour

THE SYRIAC LANGUAGE

SAVE THE DATES!

Online Workshops at 8pm:

October 30– History of the Syriac Language (Subdeacon Vincent Michael)

November 6– Syriac Prayers to Learn (Fr. George Antaby)

November 13– Syriac Hymns & Melodies (Fr. Neemtallah Oneissy)

VIA ZOOM

Hosted by the Maronite Servants of Christ the Light in conjunction with the St. Sharbel Spiritual Life Center.

To register and/or to learn more visit:
maroniteservants.org
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