

Sunday Readings

Old Testament Reading:.....Ezek 37:1-10
Epistle Reading:1 Thes 5:1-11
Gospel Reading:Lk 16:19-31

Gospel

"There was a rich man who dressed in purple garments and fine linen and dined sumptuously each day. And lying at his door was a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who would gladly have eaten his fill of the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even used to come and lick his sores. When the poor man died, he was carried away by Angels to the Bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried, and from the netherworld, where he was in torment, he raised his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. And he cried out, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me. Send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am suffering torment in these flames.' Abraham replied, 'My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented. Moreover, between us and you a great chasm is established to prevent anyone from crossing who might wish to go from our side to yours or from your side to ours.' He said, 'Then I beg you, father, send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they too come to this place of torment.' But Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the Prophets. Let them listen to them.' He said, 'Oh no, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.' Then Abraham said, 'If they will not listen to Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.'"

This is the truth! Peace be with you!

Liturgy Intentions

- Sat, Feb 7 **Pope St. Anterous I (+236), M**
Stella M. Bateski
Mary Elizabeth Koch.....4:00 PM
- Sun, Feb 8 **Zechariah the Prophet**
Sunday of the Faithful Departed
In Memory of Louis & Nellie Simon
By: Paul Sawaya & Family.....10:00 AM
- Mon, Feb 9 **St. Maron Holy Day of Obligation**
Liturgy at12:15 & 5:30 PM
- Tues, Feb 10 **St. Apollonia, V, M**
Alex & Mikki Cole Family
By Peter & Norma Sawaya Family.....10:00 AM
- Wed, Feb 11 **St. Charalampus, M**
In Memory of John Sawaya, Sr.
by the Sawaya & Cole Families.....10:00 AM
- Thurs, Feb 12 **St. Meletius of Antioch, C**
Happy Birthday Fr. Claude Franklin
By St. Joseph's Parishioners.....10:00 AM
- Fri, Feb 13 **St. Catherine de Ricci, C /**
St. Beatrice of Ornacieux, C
For JoAnn & Phil Snyder's grandson having ear
surgery
By Parishioners of St. Joseph's10:00 AM
- Sat, Feb 14 **Sts. Cyril and Methodious, C /**
St. Valentine the Priest, M
For Everyone attending Tonight's Liturgy
By Sawaya & Cole Families.....4:00 PM
- Sun, Feb 15 **Sts. Faustinis and Jovita, M /**
The 21 Coptic Matyrs of Libya, M
Sunday of the Entrance into Lent
Miracle at Cana in Galilee
In Memory of Ray & Virginia Simon
By:Paul Sawaya & Family.....10:00 AM



Saint Joseph Maronite Church

February 8, 2026

Sunday of the Faithful Departed



Divine Liturgy

Weekdays (Tuesday — Friday) 10:00 AM
Saturday 4:00 PM
Sunday 10:00 AM
Holy Days (unless otherwise specified) 12:15 & 5:30PM

Confession

30 Minutes before each liturgy or upon request



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 Oswaldowska & 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) ♦ Maria Putzke (Breast Cancer)
- ♦ 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)
- ♦ Steve Mike (Prostate cancer- Brother of Fr. Anthony Salim)
- ♦ 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 1/26/2026-3/8/2026

Julia Farris, Teresa Farris Baker, & Patricia Farris Boerman

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.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Please notify the Priest if a family member is sick.

BULLETIN DEADLINE:

Thursdays at Noon

Weekly Collection

Weekend Liturgies:	.....	\$1,439.00
Candles:	.....	\$21.00
Total Collected:	.....	\$1,460.00
Approx. Needed Weekly:	.....	\$2,400.00
Weekly Deficit:	.....	-\$940.00
Individual Donation:	.....	\$0.00
Second Collection:	.....	\$35.00
Fundraiser Income:	.....	\$0.00
YTD Deficit:	.....	-\$7,632.58

Sunday Lector Schedule:

Feb 8, 2026	Mar 1, 2026
Mikki Cole	Paul Sawaya
Feb 15, 2026	Mar 8, 2026
Brandon LaValley	Mikki Cole
Feb 22, 2026	Mar 15, 2026
Lisa Zlockie	Brandon LaValley

Annual Bishop's Lenten Appeal

Our annual required amount is **\$1,500.00**.
Please give what you can, as it goes to worthy causes through the Eparchy. This collection runs through lent.
Thank you!

Remember the first Friday of Each of Month is Adoration Friday

Remember that Adoration scheduled time is as follows
10:00 AM-1:00 PM. Mass at 10AM and adoration follows.
Come and spend an hour, or even just a few minutes with the Lord!

ST. SHARBEL DEVOTION MASS

On The **22nd** of each month, there will be a mass for St. Sharbel anointing with St. Sharbel oil and veneration afterwards. If the 22nd lands on a weekend, anointing and veneration will occur after the mass. These monthly masses will take place at **5:30 PM**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS COMING SOON

We have received them, they will be installed shortly and we will start doing a Stations service on Fridays, especially during lent.

Divine Liturgies

If you would like to schedule Liturgies for your friends and loved ones for the 2026 Liturgical Year, please contact **Mikki Cole (716) 498-4279**. *Please write out checks for liturgies to **Fr. Chuck Van Heusen!***

The Spare Change Challenge Results are coming soon!

The Spare Change Challenge money is currently being counted. We will let everyone know the results within a week or two. Thank you for your donations!

From the Ash Family

IMPORTANT INFO

Fr. Chuck's cellphone number is being made available for anything necessary, such as hospital visits, homebound visits, deaths, etc.

His Number-- 910-988-2421

NEW EMAIL LIST

There is a need for an updated email list of parishioners of St. Joseph's. Please give us your name and email, and others if you know them. We want to send information about events, information, bulletin, etc.

Thank you for your cooperation!

ST. JOSEPH MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH

LENTEN FISH DINNERS

— Friday, February 27 and —

Friday, March 13

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

ORDER DEADLINE:

FEBRUARY 27: ORDER BY FEBRUARY 21

MARCH 13: ORDER BY MARCH 7

4PM - 7PM

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