

Sunday Readings

Old Testament Reading:.....Zech 3:1-7
 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 7** *7 Young Men of Ephesus, M*
 In Loving Memory of Nancy Farris
 for Her One Year in Eternity
 By Phil Farris & Family.....4:00 PM
- Sun, Mar 8** *St. Francis of Rome, C*
Parable of the Prodigal Son
Daylight Savings Time Begins
 In Loving Memory of Nancy Farris
 By: Phil Farris & Family.....10:00 AM
- Mon, Mar 9** *The Forty Martyrs, M*
No Liturgy --Fr. Chuck Away
- Tues, Mar 10** *St. Auxentius, C*
No Liturgy --Fr. Chuck Away
- Wed, Mar 11** *St. Sophronius, Bishop of Jerusalem, C*
No Liturgy --Fr. Chuck Away
- Thurs, Mar 12** *Pope St. Gregory the Great, Doctor of the Church (+604), C*
No Liturgy-- Fr. Chuck Away
- Fri, Mar 13** *St. Theophanes the Chronicler, C*
No Liturgy --Fr. Chuck away
STATIONS OF THE CROSS.....5:30 PM
- Sat, Mar 14** *St. Euphrasia, V*
 Birthday Remembrance - Mary Bandzera &
 Josie Underwood
 By Kathy Baldwin & Stan Bandzera.....4:00 PM
- Sun Mar 15** *St. Benedict, founder of Monastic Life in the West, C*
Healing of the Paralytic
 Rest in Peace Dominic Rogers
 by the Putzke Family.....10:00 AM



Saint Joseph Maronite Church

March 8, 2026 Parable of the Prodigal Son



Divine Liturgy

Weekdays (Tuesday — Friday) 10:00 AM
 Saturday4:00 PM
 Sunday 10:00 AM
 Holy Days(unless otherwise specified)12:15 & 5:30PM

Confession

30 Minutes before each liturgy or upon request

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Please Pray for those who are Sick, in the Hospital, or Home-bound:

- ◆ 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) ◆ 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 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.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Please notify the Priest if a family member is sick.

BULLETIN DEADLINE:

Thursdays at Noon

Weekly Collection

Weekend Liturgies:	\$800.25
Candles:	\$24.00
Total Collected:	\$824.25
Approx. Needed Weekly:	\$2,400.00
Weekly Deficit:	-\$1,575.75
Individual Donation:	\$0.00
Second Collection:	\$0.00
Fundraiser Income:	\$0.00
YTD Deficit:	-\$11,922.23

Sunday Lector Schedule:

Mar 8, 2026 Mikki Cole	Mar 29, 2026 Paul Sawaya
Mar 15, 2026 Brandon LaValley	Apr 5, 2026 Mikki Cole
Mar 22, 2026 Lisa Zlockie	Apr 12, 2026 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!

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

CHURCH HALL
1102 WALNUT STREET
OLEAN, NY

**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! No Adoration during Lent in morning masses!**

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
afterwords. 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

5:30 each Friday of Lent. Followed by Lenten Soup Supper.

Please Bring some soup and bread to share!

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!***

Cadillac Dinner 2026 News

We are looking for donations of water and pop for the Cadillac
Dinner. *If you are willing and able to do so! We need cases of
water and 2-liter bottles of pop! If anyone is interested,
please call Ann Marie Wright and she will explain what is
needed. 716-560-5421. Also be advised that there are still 18
Cadillac Dinner Tickets left as of this printing of the Bulletin.
Call Ann Marie if you would like to Purchase one! Thank You!*

IMPORTANT INFO

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

Father Chuck’s Number-- 910-988-2421

**Remember your Loved ones and sponsor some
Easter Flowers with a donation to help offset the
cost! Envelopes available on table at Church
entrance doors!!**

**Check your Email for Circulations from the
Eparchy Of St. Maron
Great info to Know!**