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5th Sunday of Lent Healing of the Paralytic 15 March 2026



SUNDAY READINGS

EPISTLE - 1 Timothy 5:24-65

Some people's sins are public, preceding them to judgment; but other people are followed by their sins. Similarly, good works are also public; and even those that are not cannot remain hidden.

Those who are under the yoke of slavery must regard their masters as worthy of full respect, so that the name of God and our teaching may not suffer abuse. Those whose masters are believers must not take advantage of them because they are brothers but must give better service because those who will profit from their work are believers and are beloved.

Teach and urge these things. Whoever teaches something different and does not agree with the sound words of our Lord Jesus Christ and the religious teaching is conceited, understanding nothing, and has a morbid disposition for arguments and verbal disputes. From these come envy, rivalry, insults, evil suspicions, and mutual friction among people with corrupted minds, who are deprived of the truth, supposing religion to be a means of gain.

GOSPEL - Mark 2:1-12

When Jesus returned to Capernaum after some days, it became known that he was at home. Many gathered together so that there was no longer room for them, not even around the door, and he preached the word to them. They came bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. Unable to get near Jesus because of the crowd, they opened up the roof above him. After they had broken through, they let down the mat on which the paralytic was lying. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Child, your sins are forgiven." Now some of the scribes were sitting there asking themselves, "Why does this man speak that way? He is blaspheming. Who but God alone can forgive sins?" Jesus immediately knew in his mind what they were thinking to themselves, so he said, "Why are you thinking such things in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, pick up your mat and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority to forgive sins on earth"— he said to the paralytic, "I say to you, rise, pick up your mat, and go home." He rose, picked up his mat at once, and went away in the sight of everyone. They were all astounded and glorified God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this."

PARISH LIFE

Safro (Morning Prayer)
Monday—Friday - 7:30am

Eucharistic Adoration
Friday —9:30am - 10:30am

Reconciliation (Confession)
Saturday 9:30am - 10:15am
and by appointment

Mystery of Crowning
Contact the pastor 6 months
in advance

Baptism and Chrismation
Make arrangements as soon
after birth as possible

Parish Calendar. Please see stanthonymaronitechurch.org for the parish calendar.

Liturgical Hours. Monday through Saturday 9:00am daily Divine Liturgy in the chapel.

Sunday 8:30am and 11am Divine Liturgies. Summer Hours: Sat 5:30 pm, Sun 10 am

First Saturday of the Month. Marian devotions at 9:30am.

St. Sharbel Devotions. Third Sunday of the month at 11:00am Divine Liturgy

POINTS OF INTEREST

Knights of Columbus Council 395 is having a Brunswick Stew Sale on Saturday, 14 March, 2026. from 11 am to 1 pm at St. Anthony Maronite Catholic Church. They will also sell after each liturgy on 15 March. Proceeds from the sale will be used to support the Sisters of Saint Joseph Monastery in Jrabta, Lebanon (<https://www.rafqa.com/>). The K-Cettes will be selling cornbread and cookies. See the flier below. Volunteer to help at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080945ACA72DA7F49-62368445-brunswick#/>

St. Maron's Feast Day Dinner, 15 March. Join us at 12:30 pm for dinner and talent! Adult tickets are \$12, and children 12 and under are \$7.

Young Adult Bible Studies. Bible Studies for young men and young women are every Tuesday, 6-7 pm in the hall. Fellowship is continued by going out to dinner after the sessions (optional).

MYA Breakfast, 22 March. The MYA will host a breakfast for young adults (ages 18-40) in the Church Hall between Masses. It's free of charge! See flyer for more details.

MYA Adoration & Dinner 28, March. MYA will have adoration 5pm - 6pm for the intention of peace in the Middle East with confessions available. All young adults (ages 18-40) are invited to join for dinner out (self-pay) after this time of prayer.

Festival Cooking. Cooking for the 41st Annual Food Festival is on Tuesdays from 9:30 am to 3 pm. Thursday cooking begins at 4 pm to 8 pm. Please come for whatever time you can give us. Every little bit helps. There are jobs for everyone.

Lifeguards. If you are interested in lifeguarding at the pool during the summer, please contact Father John this week.

Stations and Benediction of the Cross. Join us each Friday of Lent at 6:30 pm. Confessions are available as well.

MEETINGS & EVENTS

Sunday, 15 March at 9:30 am. MCF All Students

Sunday, 15 March at 12:30 pm. St. Maron's Feast Day Dinner

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Tuesday, 17 March from 9:30 to 3:00 pm. Festival Cooking

Tuesday, 17 March at 6 pm. Young Men's and Young Women's Bible Studies

Thursday, 19 March, from 4 to 8 pm. Festival Cooking

Friday, 20 March at 6:30 pm. Stations and Benediction of the Cross

Saturday, 21 March. MYO Lenten Retreat in Roanoke.

Sunday, 22 March at 9:30. MCF Preschool - Eighth Grades

Sunday, 22 March at 9:30. MYA Breakfast

Tuesday, 24 March at 7 pm. Pastoral Council Meeting

Saturday, 28 March from 5 to 6 pm. MYA Adoration and Dinner

LITURGY SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Sunday, 15 March Healing of the Paralytic, St. Benedict

8:30 am

For the living and deceased members of the Saad Family
In memory of Ann Trexler, requested by Joe and Gloria Nadder

11:00 am

In memory of Barbara Simon Joseph, requested by Regina Shaar Loehr
In memory of Eleanor Washburn (3rd anniversary), requested by the Dailey Family

Monday, 16 March The First Council of Constantinople, St. Pappas

In memory of Father Naji Kiwan

Tuesday, 17 March St. Patrick

In memory of Theresa Carroll Nadder, requested by Joe and Cathy George

Wednesday, 18 March St. Cyril of Jerusalem

In memory of Johnny Gibrall, requested by Rebecca Anthony

Thursday, 19 March St. Joseph the Virgin, the Spouse of Mary

In memory of Jamal Lewter, requested by Janna Lewter

Friday, 20 March St. Photina the Samaritan Woman

Saturday, 21 March St. James, Bishop of Catania

For the living and deceased members of the Saad Family

Sunday, 22 March Healing of the Blind Man, St. Sergius Paulus

8:30 am

In memory of Theresa Nadder Carroll, requested by Joseph and Gloria Nadder
In memory of Johnny Gibrall (40 Day Remembrance), requested by Rusty and Bill Fallen
and Family

11:00 am

In memory of Robert Parham, requested by Joe and Cathy George
In memory of Gina Marie Loehr, Joseph and Julia Shaar, and deceased family members,
requested by Regina Shaar Loehr

LENTEN OBSERVANCES – 2026

The Most Reverend Bishops Gregory J. Mansour and A. Elias Zaidan have issued the following Lenten guidelines for the Maronites of the United States.

Fasting and Abstinence

- All Maronites who are physically capable are to abstain from meat on Ash Monday (16 February 2026) and on all Fridays of Lent.
- Ash Monday (16 February 2026) and Great Friday of the Crucifixion (3 April 2026) are days of fasting.
- Fasting consists of eating and drinking nothing (except water and medicine) from midnight until noon; after noon, normal meals may be taken without meat.

Distribution of Ashes

- Ashes are blessed and distributed on Ash Monday (16 February 2026) during the Divine Liturgy.
- This may not take place on the vigil of Ash Monday (Cana Sunday).
- Ashes blessed on Ash Monday may be given to members of the Latin Church on Ash Wednesday; ashes are not blessed again.

Lenten Services

- Benediction with the Cross is celebrated every Friday of Lent, except on Great Friday (3 April 2026).
- This service may be preceded by Ramsho, Stations of the Cross, or the Divine Liturgy.
- Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament does not take place on Fridays of Lent.

Traditional Fasting Discipline

Clergy, religious, and laity who wish to observe the traditional Maronite fast are encouraged to do so:

- Weekdays of Lent (Monday–Friday): fasting and abstinence from meat and dairy products.
 - Fasting: nothing taken from midnight until noon (except water and medicine); after noon, meals without meat or dairy.
 - Saturdays and Sundays are exempt.
 - Feast day exemptions: St. Joseph (19 March) and the Annunciation (25 March).
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USHERS SCHEDULE

| Dates | 8:30 Divine Liturgy | 11:00 Divine Liturgy |
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| 15 Mar | Andy Shulleeta, William Shulleeta, Frank Greco, Marshall Stephenson | Milad Habboush, Diana Yaqoo, Christopher Dib, John Nadder, Jr. |
| 22 Mar | Danny Shibley, Sr., Anthony Shibley, Dennis Shibley, Joseph Shibley, Jr., Stephen Shibley, Jr. | Peter George, Daniel Dailey, Tony Azzi, Clarke Sawyer |

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

| Dates | 8:30 Divine Liturgy | 11:00 Divine Liturgy |
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| 15 Mar | Ross Craig, Jack Craig, Henry Craig, Wilby Craig | Patrick Savage, Grayson Funk, Christian Funk |
| 22 Mar | Ben Wright, Nicholas, Tobias and Philip Edwards | Sami Sakr, Luke Salloum, Vincent Carr, Sonny Dailey |

TRANSFER OF GIFTS

| Dates | 8:30 Divine Liturgy | 11:00 Divine Liturgy |
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| 15 Mar | Millie Howard, Amina Howard, Sadie Gill, Evelyn Oley | Maria Sakr, Magdalena Choueifati, Emily Carr |
| 22 Mar | Rosie Boykin, Lili Boykin, Ivy Boykin | Alyssa Maust, Alexa Haddad, Anna Haddad |

LECTORS SCHEDULE

| Dates | 8:30 Divine Liturgy | 11:00 Divine Liturgy |
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| 15 Mar | Margaret Gray | Claudia Bouhaidar |
| 22 Mar | Tim Boykin | Chloe Saad |

STEWARDSHIP

8 March 2026

Collections: \$2,004

Contributions: \$1755

Memorial Contributions:

Johnny Gibrall: \$350

Victor Shaheen: \$250

COLLECTION COUNTERS

Mar: John Zeheb and Patricia Nadder

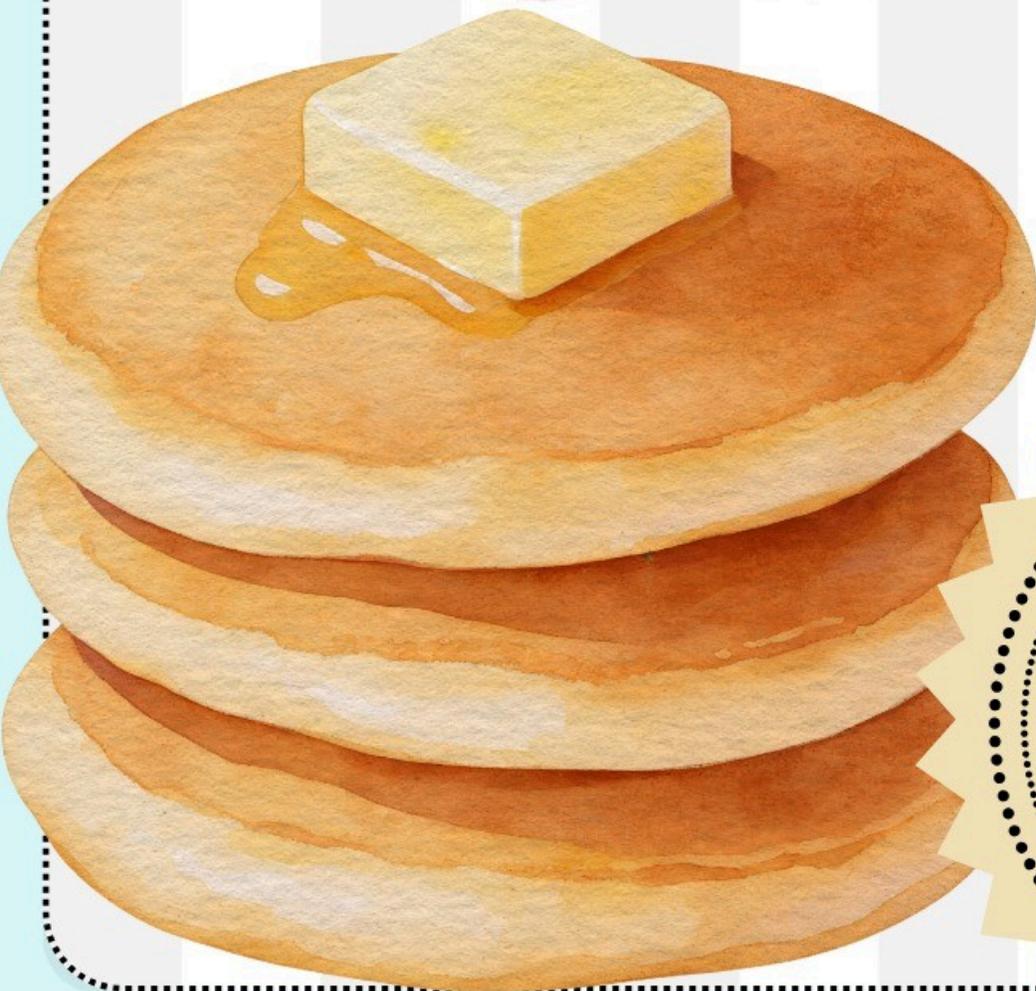
Apr: David Walton and Paul Shibley

May: Joe George and Anthony Shibley

MYA Breakfast

All Young Adults (Ages 18-40) Welcome!

Sunday, March 22nd
9:30am | Church Hall



Breakfast is
free!



2026 HOLY WEEK LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday, 29 March

8:30am

11am

Hosanna Sunday

Divine Liturgy, Blessing of Palms

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Monday, 30 March

9am

6:30pm

Monday of Passion Week

Divine Liturgy

Service of Coming to the Harbor

Tuesday, 31 March

9am

6:30pm

Tuesday of Passion Week

Divine Liturgy

Service of Coming to the Harbor

Wednesday, 1 April

9am

6:30pm

Wednesday of Passion Week/Job

Divine Liturgy

Rite of the Lamp and Anointing of the Sick

Thursday, 2 April

9am

6:30pm

8-10pm

Thursday of the Mysteries

No Divine Liturgy

Divine Liturgy

Benediction and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday, 3 April

9am

6:30pm

Great Friday of the Crucifixion

Anaphora of the Signing of the Chalice

Adoration of the Cross

Saturday, 4 April

9am

Saturday, 4 April

6:30pm

Great Saturday of the Awaited Light

Prayer for Forgiveness and Confessions

Great Feast of the Resurrection

Divine Liturgy and Rite of Peace

Sunday, 5 April

10am

Great Feast of the Resurrection

Divine Liturgy and Rite of Peace

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| Sunday | Jan. 4 | MCF Schedule for Winter/Spring 2025 All Students | 9:30 a.m |
| Sunday | Jan. 11 | PreS – 8th | 9:30 am |
| Sunday | Jan. 18 | St. Anthony Feast Day Celebration PreS – 6th 7th-12th grades—MYO | 9:30 am 9:30 - 11 am |
| Sunday | Jan. 25 | PreS – 8th | 9:30 am |
| Sunday | Feb. 1 | All Students | 9:30 am |
| Sunday | Feb. 8 | PreS – 8th | 9:30 am |
| Sunday | Feb. 15 | PreS – 6th 7th-12th grades—MYO | 9:30 am 9:30 - 11 am |
| Sunday | Feb. 22 | PreS – 8th Parent First Communion Class | 9:30 am |
| Sunday | Mar. 1 | All Students | 9:30 am |
| Sunday | Mar. 8 | PreS – 8th Parent First Communion Class | 9:30 am |
| Sunday | Mar. 15 | All Students | 9:30 am |
| Saturday | Mar. 21 | MYO Retreat at St. Elias | |
| Sunday | Mar. 22 | PreS – 8th | 9:30 am |
| Sunday | Mar. 29 Apr. 5 | Palm Sunday Easter Sunday | No classes |
| Sunday | Apr.12 | All Students | 9:30 am |
| Sunday | Apr. 19 | PreS – 6th 7th-12th grades—MYO | 9:30 am 9:30 - 11 am |
| Tuesday | Apr. 21 | First Communion Practice | 6:30 pm |
| Sunday | Apr. 26 | First Communion Families arrive by 10:20 | 11:00 am |

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