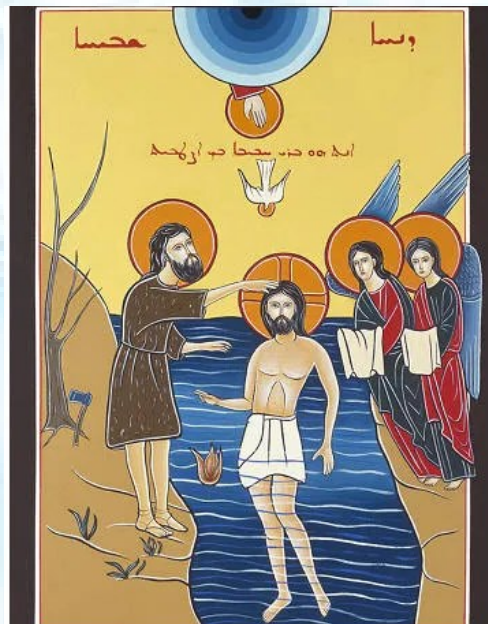


Our Lady of Victory Maronite Catholic Parish At Saint Pamphilus Church January 15-16, 2022

YOU ARE THE CHURCH AND THE CHURCH IS YOU

**LET US PRAY FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH:
COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION, AND MISSION**
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



“Lord God, grant us always to rejoice on your feasts, and prepare ourselves for the great feast which we will celebrate with you in heaven. May we join all the angels and saints adorned in wedding garments, and praise you, for ever. Amen.”

Ramsho (Evening Prayer) from Epiphany

Rev. Samir Chebli, Pastor | Chorbishop Michael Kail, Adviser | Bahige Alchoufete, Subdeacon

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OFFICE HOURS: The Church office will be open Tuesday through Friday from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm.



PRAYER BEFORE THE EUCHARIST

The church is open from Tuesday to Friday from 10 AM to 5 PM

for prayer and meditation

before the Eucharist in the Tabernacle.

Eucharistic Adoration every Thursday from 4:00 to 5:00 PM.

MYSTERY OF RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION

Confession is available before and after Liturgies on Saturday and Sunday, and by appointment during the week. Confessions will also usually be available on Saturday during the Liturgy when two priests are present.

Weekly Collections for January 8-9, 2022

Collection	\$1048.00
Mail Collection	\$1420.00
Donations from Individuals	\$0.00
Collection for Lebanon	\$35.00
Sanctuary Lamps	\$0.00
Altar Bread & Wine	\$30.00
Candles	\$85.00
Church Fund	\$0.00
Total:	\$2618.00

Liturgy Intentions

Saturday	Jan 15	4:00 PM	Soul of Bette Pearce	Ken & Marianne Kovach
Sunday	Jan 16	8:30 AM	Joseph Kovach Birthday Remembrance	Ken & Marianne Kovach
			Intentions of the Cookie Sale Committee	
		11:00 AM	Anniversary Mass for Joseph Eassie	Bill Eassie Family
Monday	Jan 17	5:00 PM	Living & Deceased Members of OLOV	<i>"Remember me in Your Kingdom"</i>
Tuesday	Jan 18	5:00 PM	Living & Deceased Members of OLOV	<i>"Remember me in Your Kingdom"</i>
Wednesday	Jan 19	5:00 PM	Living & Deceased Members of OLOV	<i>"Remember me in Your Kingdom"</i>
Thursday,	Jan 20	5:00 PM	Living & Deceased Members of OLOV	<i>"Remember me in Your Kingdom"</i>
Friday	Jan 21	5:00 PM	Living & Deceased Members of OLOV	<i>"Remember me in Your Kingdom"</i>
Saturday	Jan 22	4:00 PM	Naif and Gloria George	Daughter, Marie Smith
Sunday	Jan 23	8:30 AM	Living & Deceased Members of OLOV	
		11:00 AM	Soul of Karen Michael	Joe and Sonia Barack
			40-Day for Elias Kassouf	Family

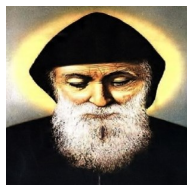
In Our Prayers

Please keep in your prayers:

Maxine Schoen, Chuck Borik, Martha Kail, Peter DeSando, Angie Joseph, Michael Rattie, Alicia Hruby, Helen McGoun, Diana Kuzma, Elaine Moses, Alice Marratto, Dr. Adnan Abla, Ashley Ayoob, Frances Barack, David Moses, David Zennie, Ingrid Franklin, Donald Kovanis, Faten Fafat, Marylou Joseph, Sr. Mary Ann Karas, Franice Pattinato, Helen Mierski, Rebecca Rodgers, Rina Molinaro, Patty Doerzbacker, Anna Marie Mecca, Ken Kovach, Frank Joseph, Alex Joseph, Rosemary Thomas Hartman, Tom Walsh and Celeste Cancilla.



Saint Sharbel Liturgy



Every 22nd of the month we will celebrate the Liturgy of Saint Sharbel which will be offered for the intentions of our parishioners, relatives and friends who need our prayers.

Month of January

Altar Bread and Wine

In loving memory of Naif & Gloria George

Requested by: Marie Smith

Sanctuary Lamps

In loving memory of E. David Zennie

Requested by: Martha Kail & Family

Altar Bread and Wine or Sanctuary Lamps can each be sponsored for a donation of \$25 per month, in loving memory of our loved ones.

Scripture Readings

2nd Sunday after Epiphany—16th

2Cor 4:5-15 Jn 1:35-42

3rd Sunday after Epiphany—23rd

Gal 3: 23-29 Jn 3:1-16

All Scripture Readings are taken from the Revised Edition of the New American Bible

Maronite Christian Formation Program

Classes will not resume until January 30, 2022. Students should arrive for classes by 9:30AM and classes will begin at 9:45AM. Classes will take place from 9:45 to 10:45AM.

Arabic Classes will resume when MCF resumes. Classes are Sunday mornings from 10:20 to 10:55AM in the MCF Area.

Do we have your email address?

If you are not receiving emails from OLOV, please send your email address to us at:

office@olovpittsburgh.org

NEW FACEBOOK PAGE FOR VICTORY HALL:

<http://www.facebook.com/victoryhallolovgh>

Please join and share with your friends and family members

Follow Our Lady of Victory Church on:

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- ♦ **Facebook:** www.facebook.com/olvpg

Download OLOV Mobile App on your Smartphone
<http://onelink.to/jnm7du>

Victory Hall Rental

Our Victory Hall is the perfect location for your Personal and Business Events. Victory Hall has ample Free Parking; 350 Person Capacity. We allow the renter to bring their own food (Caterer).

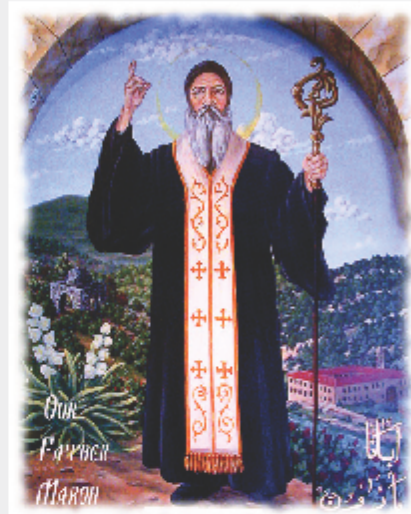
Parishioners receive a special discount for their events. Please recommend Victory Hall to your friends and business associates.

To rent or for more information, please contact the Church office
412-278-0841



THE FEAST OF ST. MARON FEBRUARY 12, 2022 4 PM

Please join us to pray
as the Family of St. Maron at
Our Lady of Victory Church.
Gather for a celebration of
fellowship, food and Hafli
in Victory Hall
following the liturgy at 4 pm.



12 parishioners will be honored during the Hafli!

Menu



Tickets

Cold Mazza Plate on tables

Adults \$75 per person

Full Buffet

Students \$38 per person

Children 10 & under FREE



Call or email office to reserve table & purchase tickets

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Second Sunday After Epiphany

Revelation of Christ's Mystery to the Apostles

A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

2Corinthians 4:5-15 The Paradox of the Ministry

Brothers and Sisters:

We do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you. But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture – "I believed, and so I spoke" – we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

Praise be to God always

Second Sunday After Epiphany

Revelation of Christ's Mystery to the Apostles

The Gospel of Life and Salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ as recorded by John 1:35-42

First Disciples

The Apostle John writes:

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

This is the truth. Peace be with you



The Synod on Synodality is a two-year process of listening and dialogue beginning with a solemn opening in Rome on October 9 and 10, 2021 with each individual diocese and church celebrating the following week on October 17. The synodal process will conclude in 2023. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to reflect on a theme that is decisive for its life and mission: “*It is precisely this path of synodality which God expects of the Church of the third millennium.*” This journey, which follows in the wake of the Church’s “renewal” proposed by the Second Vatican Council, is both a gift and a task: by journeying together and reflecting together on the journey that has been made, the Church will be able to learn through Her experience which processes can help Her to live communion, to achieve participation, to open Herself to mission.

His Excellency Bishop Gregory Mansour has asked his pastors to meet with a small group of parishioners to discuss the Points to Explore that will follow below. Please review these points, discuss them with family and fellow Catholics. If you would like to comment on any of these points, please send to the Church Office. Father Samir will be inviting a few of you to meet with him to discuss these points a little more in depth and to decide which points will be explored further within our local community.

POINTS TO EXPLORE

1. JOURNEYING COMPANIONS

In our Church and society, we journey side by side on the same road. When we say, “our Church”, what persons are not given the attention they need?

2. LISTENING

When we accompany another person, we need to listen, which requires an open mind and heart. What hinders our listening? To whom do we listen? To whom she listen better?

3. SPEAKING OUT

All of us are invited to speak courageously in freedom, truth and charity. Does our parish speak out on the important issues of our day, abortion, religious freedom, racism, social justice?

4. CELEBRATING

Journeying together is possible only if we share in listening to the Word of God and the celebration of the Eucharist. How does the liturgical life of our parish inspire and direct our journeying together? How does our parish promote the active participation of all the faithful in the Divine Liturgy?

5. CO-RESPONSIBLE IN THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH

All the members of the Church are called to participate in the Church’s mission. How does our parish support the mission to evangelize and care for the sick, the elderly and the vulnerable? How do we share the beauty of the Maronite Rite with the rest of the Church?

6. DIALOGUE IN CHURCH AND SOCIETY

Dialogue is necessary in order to gather the experience of others, but requires perseverance and can include silences and sufferings. How do we deal with conflicts and address difficulties in our parish? As a parish, do we have a dialogue with others outside the parish?

7. DIALOGUE WITH OTHER CHRISTIAN DENOMINATIONS

Journeying together involves engaging with the baptized of other denominations. What are our relationships with brothers and sisters of other denominations? How can we engage with them?

8. AUTHORITY AND PARTICIPATION

A synodal Church is a participatory and co-responsible Church. How does our parish identify the goals to be pursued, the way to achieve them, and the steps to be taken? How is authority exercised in our parish? Is teamwork and co-responsibility encouraged? Do we have effective pastoral and finance councils?

9. DISCERNING AND DECIDING

As we journey together, decisions are made through discernment, in common obedience to the Spirit. What procedures do we use in discerning together and making decisions? How can they be improved? How and with what tools can we promote transparency and accountability?

10. FORMING OURSELVES IN SYNODALITY

The spirituality of journeying together calls us to deepen our formation in Christ. Are we better able to journey together, listen and engage in dialogue? What formation do we need for discernment and exercise of authority?

Every session of the Second Vatican Council began with the prayer *Adsumus Sancte Spiritus*, the first word of the Latin original meaning, “We stand before You, Holy Spirit,” which has been historically used at Councils, Synods and other Church gatherings for hundreds of years, being attributed to Saint Isidore of Seville (c. 560 - 4 April 636). As we are called to embrace this synodal path of the Synod 2021-2023, this prayer invites the Holy Spirit to operate within us so that we may be a community and a people of grace. For the Synod 2021-2023, we propose to use this simplified version, so that any group or liturgical assembly can pray more easily.

SYNODAL PRAYER

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.
With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.
We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.
Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth
and what is right.
All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
Forever and ever. Amen.



“While the concept of **synodality** refers to the involvement and participation of the whole People of God in the life and mission of the Church, the concept of collegiality defines the theological significance and the form of a) the exercise of the ministry of Bishops in the service of the local Church entrusted to the care of each of them, and b) of the communion between local Churches at the heart of the one universal Church of Christ, brought about by means of the hierarchical communion of the College of Bishops with the Bishop of Rome.”