

Our Lady of Victory Maronite Catholic Parish At Saint Pamphilus Church **January 22-23, 2022**

YOU ARE THE CHURCH AND THE CHURCH IS YOU

**LET US PRAY FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH:
COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION, AND MISSION**

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



“O Lord, we praise you, the Light who dispels the darkness of sin from this world. You enlightened the sorrowful creatures who awaited your teaching; the people who dwelt in the darkness have seen a great light. To you, the salvation of the living and the dead, be praise and glory, now and for ever. Amen.”

Second Prayer for Epiphany

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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 Sat-
urday during the Liturgy when two priests are present.

Weekly Collections for 15-16, 2022

Collection	\$1180.00
Mail Collection	\$950.00
Special Collection	\$15.00
Collection for Lebanon	\$25.00
Memorial Offerings.....	\$475.00
Hall Rental	\$200.00
Candles	\$45.00
Church Fund	\$50.00
Total:	\$3140.00

Liturgy Intentions

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
Monday	Jan 24	5:00 PM	Living & Deceased Members of OLOV	"Remember me in Your Kingdom"
Tuesday	Jan 25	5:00 PM	Living & Deceased Members of OLOV	"Remember me in Your Kingdom"
Wednesday	Jan 26	5:00 PM	Soul of Harriet Yacoub Peter	Daughter, Neeran George
Thursday,	Jan 27	5:00 PM	Living & Deceased Members of OLOV	"Remember me in Your Kingdom"
Friday	Jan 28	5:00 PM	Living & Deceased Members of OLOV	"Remember me in Your Kingdom"
Saturday	Jan 29	4:00 PM	Soul of Ed Sadak	Sadie Thomas
Sunday	Jan 30	8:30 AM	Living & Deceased Members of OLOV	
		11:00 AM	Soul of Elias Nagib Kassouf	Courtright Family
			One Year Anniversary, Peter Habib	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, Ingrid Franklin, Donald Ko-
vanis, Faten Fatfat, Marylou Joseph, Sr. Mary Ann Karas, Fra-
nice 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.



We offer our condolences and prayers
for:

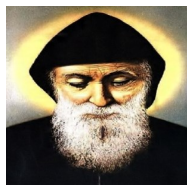
TEREZE SADAKA - Friday, 1/7/22

MARIA F. SALCIDO -Saturday, 1/15/22

We also offer our sympathies to the
extended families of both Tereze and
Maria.

May they both find rest and peace in
Christ, the life and light of the world.

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

3rd Sunday after Epiphany—23rd

Gal 3: 23-29

Jn 3:1-16

4th Sunday after Epiphany—30th

Rom 7: 1-6

Jn 4:5-7, 9-26

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>

Follow Our Lady of Victory Church on:

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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



February

2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Sunday of the Priests	7	8	9 Actual Feast of St. Maron – 5:00 PM Liturgy	10	11	12 Parish Feast of St. Maron – 4:00 PM Liturgy Dinner & Hafli Follow
13 Sunday of the Righteous & Just	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 Sunday of the Faithful Departed	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Cana Sunday Entrance Into Great Lent	28 Ash Monday Liturgy & Distribution of Ashes – 5:00 PM					

March

2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 Liturgy 5:00 PM Stations & Benediction Fish Fry/Lenten Meal	5
6 Healing of the Leper	7	8	9	10	11 Liturgy 5:00 PM Stations & Benediction Fish Fry/Lenten Meal	12
13 Healing of the Hemorrhaging Woman	14	15	16	17	18 Liturgy 5:00 PM Feast of Saint Joseph Stations & Benediction Fish Fry/Lenten Meal	19 4:00 PM Liturgy Feast of Saint Joseph
20 Parable of the Prodigal Son	21	22	23	24	25 Liturgy 5:00 PM Annunciation of Mary Stations & Benediction Fish Fry/Lenten Meal	26
27 Healing of the Paralytic	28	29	30	31		

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

1000 Tropical Avenue, Pittsburgh 15216

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Sunday & Week of the Faithful Departed

Sunday, February 20, 2022 and the week that follows is dedicated to praying for all of our deceased loved ones. We will automatically remember all the departed of Our Lady of Victory Parish but we also want to include the deceased who may not have died here at OLOV but you wish to have remembered during this special Sunday and Week dedicated to their memory. We merely need the names of those you wish to have remembered during this special week of prayer. **No money is to be sent, just the names.** This is something we do every year as your pastor and priest and consider it an honor to pray for all our loved ones who have passed.

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Names of your Deceased Loved ones and Friends:

You can drop this sheet in the weekend Collection Basket or email it to the office. You can also mail it to the Church. We look forward to receiving the names of your loved ones and friends you wish to have remembered during the Sunday & Week of the Faithful Departed.



Feast of Saint Maron

Tickets for the Dinner & Hafli are available now through the Church Office. They are \$75 apiece for adults; \$38 for Students; Children 10 and under are free.

Please do not wait until the last minute to purchase your tickets. Stop by or call the Church Office TODAY!

Liturgy is at 4:00 PM and will be followed by our Dinner & Hafli. Our Church and Hall are large enough for social distancing and all necessary precautions will be taken to keep everyone safe. Masks are advised for both Church and Hall—at least as much as is practical.

Join us to celebrate the feast of our founder, to pray as a community of faith, to honor our fellow parishioners, enjoy some great food and simply be together as the Family of Maron here in Pittsburgh.

See the attached Flyer for more details..

PLANNING FOR GREAT LENT

Great Lent is rapidly approaching. Cana Sunday (the first Sunday of Lent) is February 28th. Think about what you would like to do to enhance your spiritual lives during this time of fasting and penance. Plan ahead.

You do not have to always “give up” something. Think about other ways to do penance by helping others. Volunteer at a food bank, help out at your local school, see if nursing homes are open to you volunteering once or twice a week. We come to Great Lent with various personalities, wants and needs. It's not a one fit for all season. Do whatever helps you grow in your spiritual life.

Remember daily Liturgy is celebrated every weekday at 5:00 PM.

Lenten Meals

Mark your calendars!

OLOV will begin its Lenten Meals on Friday, March 4th from 4:00 to 7:00 PM.

Plan on joining us for prayer and get a wonderful meal before or after services. Our Lenten Meal schedule is as follows:

Friday, March 4th	4:00—7:00 PM
Friday, March 11th	4:00—7:00 PM
Friday, March 18th	4:00—7:00 PM
Friday, March 25th	4:00—7:00 PM
Friday, April 1st	4:00—7:00 PM
Friday, April 8th	4:00—7:00 PM



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Moved lately?

If you have moved within the last couple of years, please update your information here at the Church. We want to make sure we have all the correct information so we can reach out to you from time to time. That's hard to do if we have an outdated address, phone number or email address.

So, if you are not receiving mailings or emails from the Church chances are we have an old address. Please email us any updates to your present address.

Office@olovpittsburgh.org

Most appreciated. Thanks.

Third Sunday After Epiphany

Revelation of Christ's Mystery to Nicodemus & the Jewish People

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Galatians.

Galatians 3:23-29 What Faith Has Brought Us

Brothers and Sisters:

Before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

Praise be to God always

Third Sunday After Epiphany

Revelation of Christ's Mystery to the Nicodemus & the Jewish People

The Gospel of Life and Salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ as recorded by John

John 3:1-16 Nicodemus First Disciples

The Apostle John writes:

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

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.”