

Our Lady of Victory Maronite Catholic Parish At Saint Pamphilus Church **January 29-30, 2022**

YOU ARE THE CHURCH AND THE CHURCH IS YOU

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



“Praise, glory and honor to the living One who does not die; by his death has given life to his creatures, by his resurrection he has saved his Church and by his transfiguration has given joy to his flock. To the Good One is due glory and honor this evening, and all the days of our lives, now and for ever. Amen.”

Proemion of the Hoosoyo (Prayer of Forgiveness) 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 Sat-
urday during the Liturgy when two priests are present.

Weekly Collections for January 22-23, 2022

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| Collection | \$1624.00 |
| Second Collection | \$122.00 |
| Mail Collection | \$20.00 |
| Donations from Individuals | \$375.00 |
| Collection for Lebanon | \$70.00 |
| Sanctuary Lamps | \$0.00 |
| Hall Rental | \$750.00 |
| Candles | \$37.00 |
| Memorials | \$50.00 |
| Church Fund | \$0.00 |
| Total: | \$3048.00 |

Liturgy Intentions

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| 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 | Elias Nagib Kassouf | Courtright Family |
| | | | First Anniversary Peter Habib | Family |
| Monday | Jan 31 | 5:00 PM | Living & Deceased Members of OLOV | "Remember me in Your Kingdom" |
| Tuesday | Feb 1 | 5:00 PM | E. David Zennie 40-Day | Kail Family |
| Wednesday | Feb 2 | 5:00 PM | Barbara Magasano Birthday Remembrance | Sister, Rita |
| Thursday, | Feb 3 | 5:00 PM | E. David Zennie | Trapolsi Family |
| Friday | Feb 4 | 5:00 PM | Living & Deceased Members of OLOV | "Remember me in Your Kingdom" |
| Saturday | Feb 5 | 4:00 PM | Anniversary Remembrance | |
| | | | Tony & Mosoud Barack | Frances Barack & Family |
| Sunday | Feb 6 | 8:30 AM | Anniversary Michael Joseph | Family |
| | | 11:00 AM | Tereze Sadaka | Courtright 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 Abila, Ashley Ayoub, Frances Barack, David Moses, David Ingrid Franklin, Donald Kovanis, Faten Faifat, 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.



We offer our condolences and prayers
for:

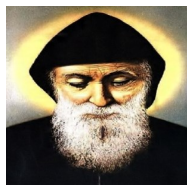
ALICE A. MARRATTO – JANUARY 22, 2022

DAVID MOSES – JANUARY 26, 2022

We also offer our sympathies to Alice's
and David's family and friends.

May they 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

4th Sunday after Epiphany—30th

Rom 7: 1-6

Jn 4:5-7, 9-26

Sunday of the Priests

Tim 4: 6-16

Lk 12: 42-48

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

Maronite Christian Formation Program

Classes will not resume until February 6, 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:

- ♦ **Website:** www.olovpgh.org
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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



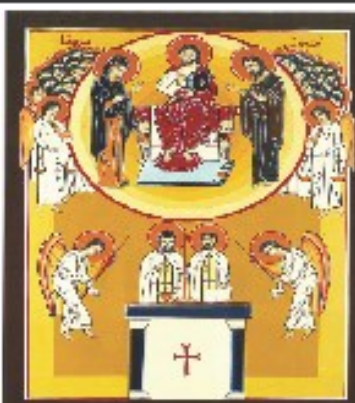


St. Maron Feast Day Celebration

Feb. 12, 2022

Liturgy - 4:00 PM

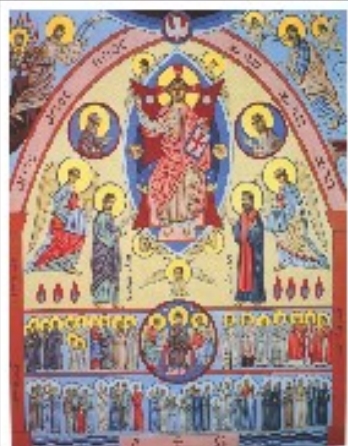
Dinner & Hafli Follows



Sunday & Week of THE PRIESTS

February 6, 2022

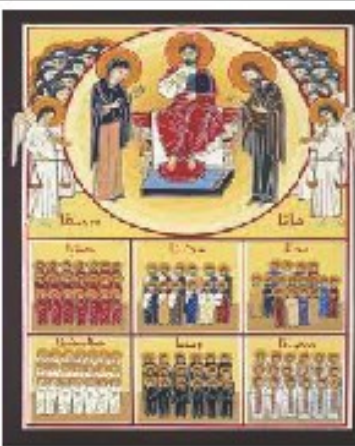
Let us pray for all the priests who have served at our altars



Sunday & Week of the RIGHTEOUS & JUST

February 13, 2022

Let us ask all the Saints to intercede for us



Sunday & Week of the FAITHFUL DEPARTED

February 20, 2022

Let us pray for all our Faithful Departed

Don't forget to submit the names of your deceased loved ones



CANA SUNDAY First Sunday of Great Lent

February 27, 2022

Fasting opens the Gates of Paradise and those who fast enter to inherit the Kingdom



ASH MONDAY February 28, 2022

Day of FAST & ABSTINENCE

Liturgy & Blessing of Ashes at 5:00 PM



LENTEN MEALS

March 4th 4—7PM

March 11th 4—7PM

March 18th 4—7PM

March 25th 4—7PM

April 1st 4—7PM

April 8th 4—7PM



Liturgy, Stations & Benediction of the Cross

March 4th 5PM

March 11th 5PM

March 18th 5PM

March 25th 5PM

April 1st 5PM

April 8th 5PM

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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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:

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| 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.

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.



Three Weeks of the Commemorations

The Maronite Church begins next Sunday a series of three Sundays and the weekdays that follow dedicated to prayer for the dead:

Sunday & Week of the Priests

Sunday & Week of the Righteous and Just (All Saints)

Sunday & Week of the Faithful Departed



This first Sunday—and the following weekdays—is set aside as a commemoration of all the deceased priests of the Church.

Christ has established the priesthood for his Church and entrusted it with great responsibilities. The priest is given the task of caring for the spiritual needs of the people of his parish. The bishop, however, is responsible for not only all the people of the diocese, but also for his priests and other ministers. The more the Lord gives to his Church, the more he asks from it.

The gift of the priesthood calls the People of God, the Church, to pray for those who were entrusted with the Divine Mysteries and carried on the salvific work of Christ. The bishop and priest are called to be the salt of the earth and the light and presence of Christ among us. All these responsibilities have been given to men who possess human weakness and frailty.

The gospel for the Commemoration of the Priests speaks of the “faithful servant” which is, of course, the role of the priest and bishop. They are to be like the wise virgins always ready to serve the Lord, and like the faithful servant, eager to multiply the talents God has given them. Because the priest and bishop have been given so much responsibility over the Church of God, they must know, not only God’s will, but must also constantly strive to be examples of fidelity and prudent action. The Church’s ministers always must seek to be strong in virtue, persevering in willingness and humble and constant in action. If not, they may delay the Master’s coming. Because of the dangers and temptations that assail the bishop and priest, we must pray for them. This is our Christian duty and it arises out of our gratitude for the service they have rendered God in his Church.

We pray that all God’s priests and bishops may enter into the house of the Lord and reap the rewards of the faithful servant.

May the Lord entrust them with even greater things!

Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

Revelation of Christ's Mystery to the Samaritan Woman & Samaritan People

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

Romans 7:1-6 Freedom from the Law

Brothers and Sisters:

Do you not know —for I am speaking to those who know the law-- that the law is binding on a person only during that person's lifetime? Thus a married woman is bound by the law to her husband as long as he lives; but if her husband dies, she is discharged from the law concerning the husband. Accordingly, she will be called an adulteress if she lives with another man while her husband is alive. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law, and if she marries another man, she is not an adulteress. In the same way, my friends, you have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead in order that we may bear fruit for God. While we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death. But now we are discharged from the law, dead to that which held us captive, so that we are slaves not under the old written code but in the new life of the Spirit.

Praise be to God always

Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

Revelation of Christ's Mystery to the Samaritan Woman & Samaritan People

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

John 4:5-7, 9-26 The Samaritan Woman

The Apostle John writes:

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, or the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

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.”