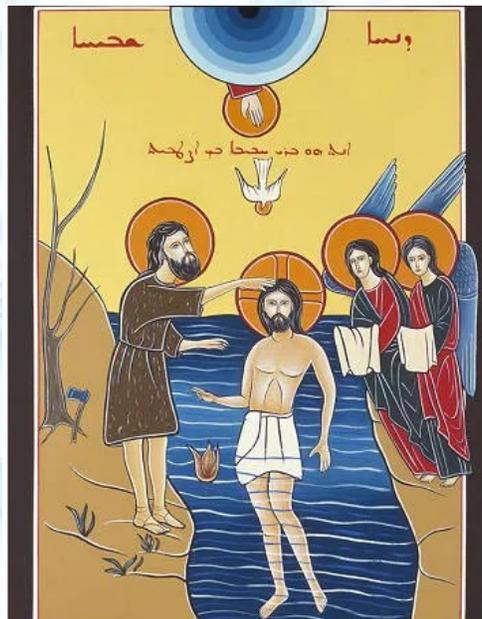


Our Lady of Victory Maronite Catholic Parish At Saint Pamphilus Church January 8-9, 2022

YOU ARE THE CHURCH AND THE CHURCH IS YOU

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY



“Lord, in the morning of your coming, when the throne of your majesty will be established, the just will enter singing and praying; they will be magnificently robed, their faces shining and carrying their offering. May we be among them, O Lord, and so enter your marvelous paradise, and give you glory forever Amen.”

Safro (Morning Prayer) from First Sunday After Epiphany

Rev. Samir Chebli, Pastor | Chorbishop Michael J. Kail, Advisor | 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 1-2, 2022

Collection	\$1609.00
Mail Collection	\$70.00
Donations from Individuals	\$350.00
Collection for Lebanon	\$20.00
Memorial Donation	\$25.00
Candles	\$59.00
Church Fund	\$72.00

Total:\$2205.00

Liturgy Intentions

Saturday	Jan 8	4:00 PM	Soul of Robert Raymond	Sadie Thomas
Sunday	Jan 9	8:30 AM	1st Anniv. For Tony & Liz Mowad	The Mowad Family
		11:00 AM	Soul of Loretta & Maureen Budway Cloyd Yoder	The Borik Family Art Bedway
Monday	Jan 10	5:00 PM	Intentions of the Ladies Guild Members	
Tuesday	Jan 11	5:00 PM	Living & Deceased Members of OLOV	"Remember me in Your Kingdom"
Wednesday	Jan 12	5:00 PM	Living & Deceased Members of OLOV	"Remember me in Your Kingdom"
Thursday,	Jan 13	5:00 PM	Living & Deceased Members of OLOV	"Remember me in Your Kingdom"
Friday	Jan 14	5:00 PM	Intentions of Finance Committee Members	
Saturday	Jan 15	4:00 PM	Soul of Bette Pearce	Ken & Marianne Kovach
Sunday	Jan 16	8:30 AM	Intentions of the Cookie Sale Committee	
		11:00 AM	Anniversary for Joseph Eassie	Bill Eassie 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 Fatfat, 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.

Sympathies and Condolences to the families of:

+ALEXANDER N. ROMA, JR.

Date of Death: January 1, 2022

+GILBERT CHARLES MCNIE III

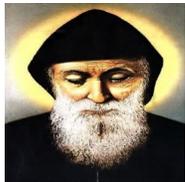
Date of Death: December 24, 2021

+E. David Zennie—Brother of Martha Kail

Date of Death: December 15, 2021

Lord God, help us to offer you praise, thanksgiving and prayer in memory of the faithful departed who have gone to you from his passing 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

First Sunday after Epiphany—9th

2Cor 10:1-11 Jn 1:29-34

2nd Sunday after Epiphany—16th

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

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.

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.

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*In Loving Memory of
the deceased members of*

**Lubus and Karrat
Families**



The Feast of Our Founder

Saint Maron

Saturday, February 12, 2022

**We will join on Saturday, February 12, 2022
In the Church to pray as the Family of Maron
And following the Liturgy
To gather for fellowship, food and Hafli in Victory Hall**

TWELVE OF OUR FELLOW PARISHIONERS WILL BE HONORED DURING THE HAFLI

Cold Mazza Plate on each table

MENU:

Tabouli
Raw Kibbee
Rice with Meat
Chicken with Rice
Lubia (Green Beans)
A Pasta
Italian Chicken

Ticket Prices:

Adults	\$75 per person
Students	\$38 per person
Children Ten (10) and under	FREE

**TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE
FOR PURCHASE**

WE HOPE YOU'LL JOIN US

First Sunday After Epiphany

Revelation of Christ's Mystery to John the Baptist

A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians 2Corinthians 10:1-11

Accusation of Weakness

Brothers and Sisters:

I myself, Paul, appeal to you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ – I who am humble when face to face with you, but bold toward you when I am away! – I ask that when I am present I need not show boldness by daring to oppose those who think we are acting according to human standards. Indeed, we live as human beings, but we do not wage war according to human standards; for the weapons of our warfare are not merely human, but they have divine power to destroy strongholds. We destroy arguments and every proud obstacle raised up against the knowledge of God, and we take every thought captive to obey Christ. We are ready to punish every disobedience when your obedience is complete. Look at what is before your eyes. If you are confident that you belong to Christ, remind yourself of this, that just as you belong to Christ, so also do we. Now, even if I boast a little too much of our authority, which the Lord gave for building you up and not for tearing you down, I will not be ashamed of it. I do not want to seem as though I am trying to frighten you with my letters. For they say, “His letters are weighty and strong, but his bodily presence is weak, and his speech contemptible.” Let such people understand that what we say by letter when absent, we will also do when present.

Praise be to God always

First Sunday After Epiphany

Revelation of Christ's Mystery to John the Baptist

The Gospel of Life and Salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ as recorded by John 1:29-34

John's Testimony to Jesus

The Apostle said:

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God." .

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.”