

# Our Lady of Victory Maronite Catholic Parish At Saint Pamphilus Church **February 12-13, 2022**

**YOU ARE THE CHURCH AND THE CHURCH IS YOU**

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

**FEAST OF SAINT MARON**

**SUNDAY AND WEEK OF THE RIGHTEOUS AND JUST**



**“Praise, glory and honor to the One who has chosen the just, he guides them by his providence and helps them with his assistance, that they may come to him after a lift of struggle, fasting and prayer. To him 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 Sunday of the Righteous and Just**

**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.**

## Happy Feast of Saint Maron!

We want to thank all those who helped make this first Saint Maron Feast Day Celebration in our new home possible. Many minds, hearts and hands worked together to make this celebration happen. We thank all of you, workers, volunteers and attendees. With you we can accomplish much but without you little or nothing is possible.

Again, thank you and may Saint Maron bless all our efforts.

### Month of February

#### Altar Bread and Wine

*In loving memory of Edward A. Hess*

*Requested by: Barbara Hess*

#### Sanctuary Lamps

*In loving memory of Tony & Deceased members of Barack Family*

*Requested by: Frances Barak and Family*

### 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](mailto:Office@olovpittsburgh.org)**

### 2021 Tax Statements

**If you need a 2021 Tax Statement, please contact the church office.**



### 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 February 5-6, 2022

Collection .....	\$970.00
Mail Collection .....	\$800.00
Donations from Individuals .....	\$0.00
Collection for St. Maron .....	\$558.00
Sanctuary Lamps .....	\$25.00
Hall Rental .....	\$0.00
Candles .....	\$0.00
Church Fund .....	\$330.00
Individual Donations .....	\$200.00
<b>Total: .....</b>	<b>\$2883.00</b>

### Liturgy Intentions

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Feb 12</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>	<b>Soul of Tereze Sadaka</b>	<b>Borik Family</b>
			<b>Soul of David Moses</b>	<b>Sadie Thomas</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Feb 13</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>Souls of Anthony and Edna Joseph</b>	<b>Family</b>
		<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>40-Day for Tereze Sadaka</b>	<b>Family</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Feb 14</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>		
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Feb 15</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>Soul of Jean E. Chiappeta</b>	<b>Dick and Shirley Kail</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Feb 16</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>		
<b>Thursday,</b>	<b>Feb 17</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>		
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Feb 18</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>Soul of Tereze Sadaka</b>	<b>Ronald and Virginia Joseph</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Feb 19</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>	<b>Anniversary Sara Romah</b>	<b>Rosemary Romah</b>
			<b>Anniversary Ernestine Ferris</b>	<b>Family</b>
			<b>Thanksgiving for Blessing of 100 Years</b>	<b>Family</b>
			<b>Frances Barack</b>	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Feb 20</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>Soul of Alice Marratto</b>	<b>Joe and Jocelyne Chahine</b>
		<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>Soul of Tereze Sadaka</b>	<b>Paul and Diana Kuzma</b>
			<b>Soul of Lynn Moses</b>	<b>John Sciarretti</b>

### 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, Dr. Adnan Abila, Ashley Ayoob, Frances Barack, David 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, Celeste Cancilla and Stephanie Vail.

### UPCOMING DEACON ORDINATIONS OCTOBER 22, 2022

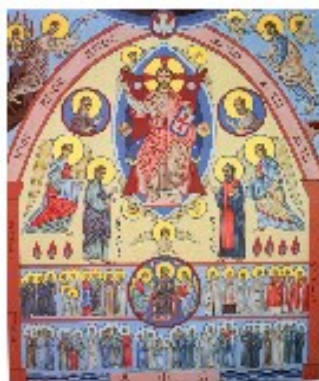
**Bahige Alchoufete, OLOV**  
**Vincent Michael, St. Teresa of Calcutta**

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

**CASH BASH \$\$**

**Saturday, APRIL 30, 2022**





**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 de-  
ceased 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**



**OLOV Cash Bash**

**Saturday,  
April 30, 2022**

**Details to follow**

**Mark your Calendar!**

**Plan on joining us...**

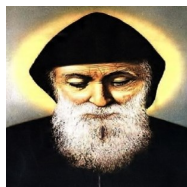


**Ordination to the  
Sacred Order of Deacon  
at  
OUR LADY OF VICTORY  
for**

**SD BAHIGE ALCHOUFETE  
&  
SD VINCENT MICHAEL**

**Tentative date:  
October 22, 2022**

## 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 February

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*Altar Bread and Wine or Sanctuary Lamps can each be sponsored for a donation of \$25 per month, in loving*

## Scripture Readings

Sunday of the Righteous and Just

Heb 12: 18-24

Mt 25: 31-46

Sunday of the Faithful Departed

Thes 5: 1-11

Lk 16: 19-31

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

## Maronite Christian Formation Program

For questions about MCF, contact Lori Evans at:

[levans622@yahoo.com](mailto:levans622@yahoo.com)

Students should arrive for classes by 9:30AM. Classes will begin at 9:45AM. Classes are from 9:45AM to 10:45AM.

Arabic Classes are Sunday mornings from 10:20AM 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](mailto:office@olovpittsburgh.org)

## High Honors

We are pleased to announce that Julian Jalkh achieved High Honors at Bishop Canevin High School. Let us all congratulate Julian on his accomplishment!

NEW FACEBOOK PAGE FOR VICTORY HALL:

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

Follow Our Lady of Victory Church on:

- ♦ Website: [www.olvpg.org](http://www.olvpg.org)
- ♦ Facebook: [www.facebook.com/olvpg](http://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



## 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:

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**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.**





## Sunday of the Righteous and Just

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Today, February 13, 2022, the Maronite Church celebrates the Sunday of the Righteous and the Just. This is actually the traditional Maronite feast in honor of all the saints. Whereas the Latin Church celebrates the feast of All Saints on November 1st, the Maronite Church, following its ancient tradition dedicates this Sunday to their memory. On this day we call to mind all the men and women, children of the Church who have followed the path of justice and righteousness. We remember the prophets, apostles and martyrs, the hermits, ascetics, men and women religious, as well as all Christians who have lead holy lives. As our Liturgy so often reminds us, they are just in the sight of God because they have patterned their lives on Jesus Christ, the Just One. The saints are our models; their prayers and fasting have taught us to fight against sin and temptation and so gain the reward of righteousness. The saints are our intercessors; by their prayers we obtain the pardon of our sins and are strengthened in the Christian virtues. They were the salt of the earth and the light of the world; they call us to follow their path. Through their intercession may we one day merit eternal life with God.

**May the Lord entrust them with even greater things!**

# Sunday of the Priests

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**The First Letter of Paul to Timothy.**

**1Timothy 4:6-16 Counsel to Timothy**

**Brothers and Sisters:**

If you put these instructions before the brothers and sisters, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, nourished on the words of the faith and of the sound teaching that you have followed. Have nothing to do with profane myths and old wives' tales. Train yourself in godliness, for, while physical training is of some value, godliness is valuable in every way, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and struggle, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all people, especially of those who believe. These are the things you must insist on and teach. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Until I arrive, give attention to the public reading of scripture, to exhorting, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you through prophecy with the laying on of hands by the council of elders. Put these things into practice, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress. Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; continue in these things, for in doing this you will save both yourself and your hearers.

**Praise be to God always**



# Sunday of the Priests

**The Gospel of Life and Salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ as recorded by the evangelist Luke.**

**Luke 12:42-48 Vigilant and Faithful Servants**

The Lord Jesus says:

“Who then is the faithful and prudent manager whom his master will put in charge of his slaves, to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Blessed is that slave whom his master will find at work when he arrives. Truly I tell you, he will put that one in charge of all his possessions. But if that slave says to himself, ‘My master is delayed in coming,’ and if he begins to beat the other slaves, men and women, and to eat and drink and get drunk, the master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour that he does not know, and will cut him in pieces, and put him with the unfaithful.” “That slave who knew what his master wanted, but did not prepare himself or do what was wanted, will receive a severe beating. But the one who did not know and did what deserved a beating will receive a light beating. From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required; and from the one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded.”

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.”