

Our Lady of Victory Maronite Catholic Parish At Saint Pamphilus Church **February 5-6, 2022**

YOU ARE THE CHURCH AND THE CHURCH IS YOU

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

SUNDAY AND WEEK OF THE PRIESTS

Deceased Priests

St. Ann's Pastors

1902 Fr. Gabriel Korkemoz
1905 Fr. Nematt. Kfartaway
1906 Fr. Paul Bagosh
1908 Fr. Gabriel Abi-Nader
1922 Fr. Simon Aclé



Deceased Priests

Our Lady of Victory

1955 Chorbishop Elias Basil
1959 Fr. John Sfeir
1973 Fr. Joseph Naja
1979 Fr. Bernard Khachan
1979 CB Joseph Feghali
1982 Chorbishop John Trad

“Christ Jesus, Lord and true High Priest, allow the bishops and priests who fed your flock, administered your mysteries and served at your altars, to praise you in heaven with your holy angels, now and for ever. Amen.”

Ramsho (Evening Prayer) from Sunday of the Priests

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

Anne Ayoob, Financial Administrator | Judi Perry, Secretary & Victory Hall Manager

Lori Evans, Religious Education Director | Naji Farah, Choir Director

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

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

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 January 29-30, 2022

Collection	\$1081.00
Mail Collection	\$145.00
Donations from Individuals	\$0.00
Collection for Lebanon	\$25.00
Sanctuary Lamps	\$0.00
Hall Rental	\$500.00
Candles	\$50.00
Church Fund	\$0.00
Memorials	\$125.00
Total:	\$1926.00

Liturgy Intentions

Saturday	Feb 5	4:00 PM	Anniversary Remembrance	
			Tony & Masoud Barack	Frances Barack & Family
Sunday	Feb 6	8:30 AM	Anniversary Michael Joseph	Family
		11:00 AM	Soul of Tereze Sadaka	Courtright Family
Monday	Feb 7	5:00 PM	Soul of David Moses	Dick and Shirley Kail
Tuesday	Feb 8	5:00 PM	Corrine Kadiar Birthday	Sadie Thomas
			Mr. & Mrs. Charles Sarkis Birthday	Sadie Thomas
Wednesday	Feb 9	5:00 PM	Living & Deceased Members of OLOV	
Thursday,	Feb 10	5:00 PM	Soul of Maria Salcido	Marianne Sadler
Friday	Feb 11	5:00 PM	Soul of Tereze Sadaka	Trapolsi Family
Saturday	Feb 12	4:00 PM	Soul of Tereze Sadaka	Borik Family
			Soul of David Moses	Sadie Thomas
Sunday	Feb 13	8:30 AM	Anthony and Edna Joseph	Family
		11:00 AM	40-Day for Tereze Sadaka	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, Dr. Adnan Aba, 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, Tom Walsh and Celeste Cancilla.

UPCOMING DEACON ORDINATIONS

OCTOBER 22, 2022

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

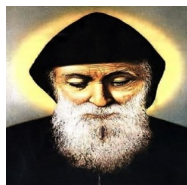
MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

CASH BASH \$\$

Saturday, APRIL 30, 2022

First social event following Great Lent

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

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

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 Priests

Tim 4: 6-16

Lk 12: 42-48

Sunday of the Righteous and Just

Heb 12: 18-24

Mt 25: 31-46

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

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

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
- ♦ 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





St. Maron Feast Day Celebration

Feb. 12, 2022

Liturgy - 4:00 PM

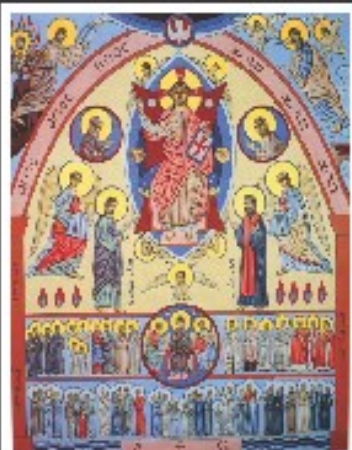
Dinner & Hafli Follows



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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<https://www.facebook.com/olovpgh>

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.



Sunday of the Priests



The Maronite Church begins today a series of three Sundays dedicated to prayer for the dead. 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 Eucharist today 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!

Sunday of the Priests

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.

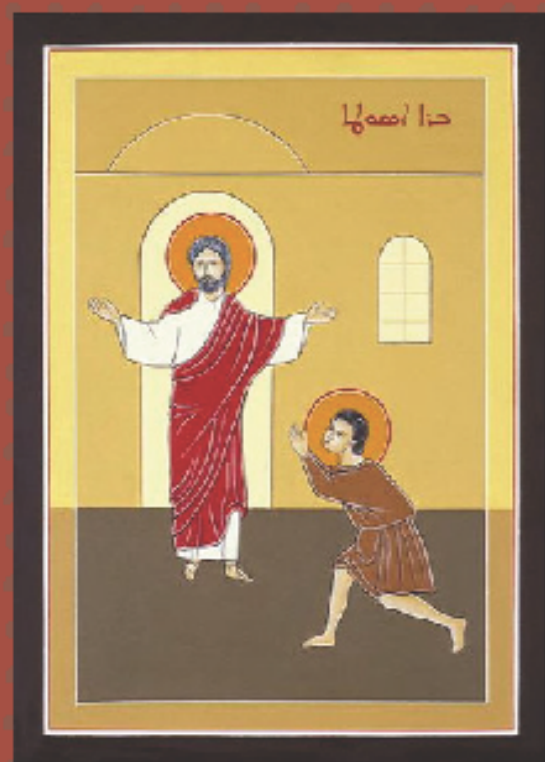
Luke 12:42-48 Vigilant and Faithful Servants

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

ADULT FAITH FORMATION 2022



GREAT LENT: HEALING AND TRANSFORMATION IN CHRIST

Join the Maronite Sisters and Clergy from our Eparchy of Saint Maron as we reflect and go deeper on applying the message of these powerful Gospels into our lives.

VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS

**FEB. 24: THE SIGNIFICANCE
OF CANA SUNDAY**

MSGR. SEELY BEGGIANI

**MAR. 3: THE HEALING OF
THE LEPER**

FR. RUDY WAKIM

**MAR. 10: THE HEALING OF
THE HEMORRHAGING WOMAN**

DEACON JOE CHEBLI

MAR. 17: THE PRODIGAL SON

FR. VINCE FARHAT

Via Zoom on Thursdays 8:00-9:00PM

[Register Here](#)

HOSTED BY THE MARONITE SERVANTS OF CHRIST THE LIGHT



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.”