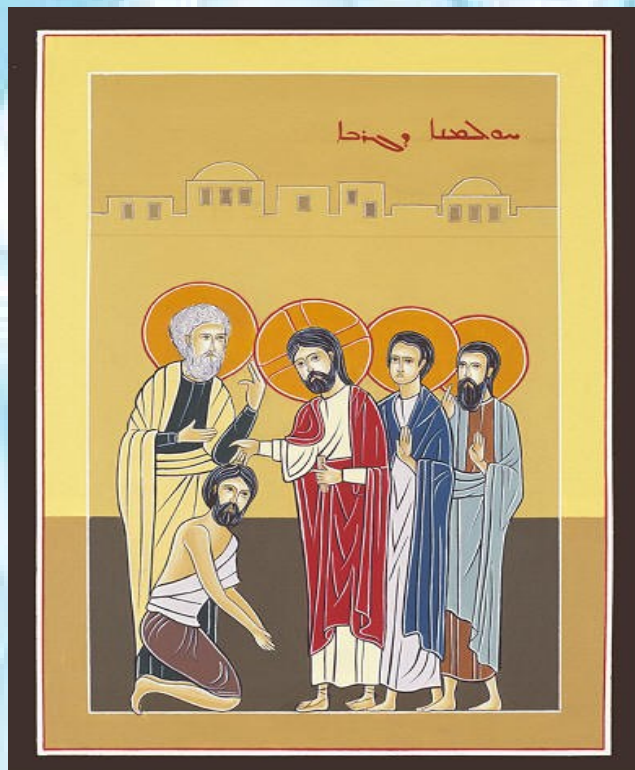


Our Lady of Victory Maronite Catholic Parish At Saint Pamphilus **March 5 - 6, 2022**

YOU ARE THE CHURCH AND THE CHURCH IS YOU

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

2ND SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT: HEALING OF THE LEPER



O Lord our God, may we praise you with pure lips and chaste hearts. As you purified and healed the leper, purify us of our sins and heal our selfishness. The we shall praise and glorify you, with the sick you have healed and the sinners you have justified, now and forever. Amen

Ramsho (Evening Prayer) from the Healing of the Leper

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.

MYSTERY OF RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION

Confession is available before and after Liturgies on Saturday and Sunday, and by appointment during the week.

PRAYER BEFORE THE EUCHARIST



The church is open from Tuesday to Friday from 10 AM to 6 PM

for prayer and meditation

before the Eucharist in the Tabernacle.

Eucharistic Adoration every Thursday from 5:00 to 6:00 PM.

Weekly Collections for February 26-27, 2022

Collection	\$1452.00
Mail Collection	\$445.00
Bishop's Appeal	\$20.00
Ash Monday	\$484.00
Donations from Individuals	\$2000.00
Collection for Lebanon	\$10.00
Sanctuary Lamps.....	\$0.00
Candles	\$40.00
Altar Bread & Wine	\$30.00
Church Fund	\$0.00
Total:	\$4481.00

Liturgy Intentions

Saturday	Mar 5	4:00 PM	40-Day Liturgy for Alice Marratto	Marratto Family
			Soul of Tereze Sadaka	Kail Family
			Gene Thomas Birthday Remembrance	Sadie Thomas
Sunday	Mar 6	8:30 AM	Soul of Tereze Sadaka	Joe & Jocelyne Chahine
		11:00 AM	Soul of Tereze Sadaka	Theresa Basil
			Soul of Alice Marratto	Theresa Coury Niecgorski
Monday	Mar 7	6:00 PM	Living & Deceased Members of the Abboud Family	The Priest
Tuesday	Mar 8	6:00 PM	Living & Deceased Members of the Brownlee Family	The Priest
Wednesday	Mar 9	6:00 PM	Living & Deceased Members of the Habib Family	The Priest
Thursday,	Mar 10	6:00 PM	Living & Deceased Members of the Joseph Family	The Priest
Friday	Mar 11	6:00 PM	Lenten Services Only—No Liturgy	
Saturday	Mar 12	4:00 PM	Betty Lubus Anniversary	Adele Towers & Family
			Thomas Anthony Anniversary	Family
Sunday	Mar 13	8:30 AM	Soul of David Moses	Joe & Jocelyne Chahine
		11:00 AM	40-Day Liturgy for David Moses	Loretta Peduzzi

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 Ablu, Ashley Ayoub, 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.



BISHOP'S ANNUAL LENTEN APPEAL

Bishop Gregory has sent a letter outlining this year's Lenten Appeal and what the proceeds can accomplish within the Eparchy and its many outreach programs. Each parish is given a goal and the amount of the goal is paid regardless of whether the local parish has reached its goal or not.

The goal for Our Lady of Victory is: \$4,000.00

It is interesting to note that we have not reached that goal in recent years. We hope to do so this year.

Contained in your Church Envelope Sets are three Special Collection Envelopes marked **Bishop's Charities Appeal**. They are trimmed with a bright blue border and marked for March 6th, March 20th and April 3rd. These are the envelopes which should be used for the Lenten Appeal.

We ask that each envelope holder contribute a **minimum** of \$15 per envelope or a total of \$45. If every envelope holder does this, we can meet our Appeal goal. If you are able to afford more, please be generous. As you can read for yourself, the bishop's letter enumerates exactly how your money will be used.



STEWARDSHIP



God will give back to us. The
lad who gave his loaves and fishes
did not have to go without his dinner.

Lenten Meals

Come join us!

OLOV begins 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 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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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

CASH BASH \$\$

SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 2022 AT 5PM

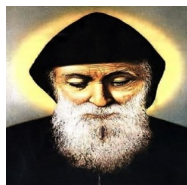
ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

FRIDAY, JULY 15, 2022

RELAXATION OF COVID RESTRICTIONS: The Latin Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh has announced the relaxation of the various COVID Restrictions put into place at the height of the pandemic. We will also relax our restrictions and return to the normal *Greeting of Peace and Communion by Intinction on the tongue although the option to receive in the hand will continued to be offered for the time being*. Masks will not be **required** but if you feel more comfortable wearing a mask, please do so. *Holy Water* will also be put back into the fonts. We will keep hand sanitizer available and encourage parishioners and visitors to use it as you enter and leave the Church. Please exercise common sense and do your best to keep yourself and others safe.

PLEASE NOTE: We have returned to our summer schedule for daily Liturgies. Our daily Liturgies will be celebrated at **6:00 PM**. Please let family and friends know of the return to 6:00 PM for daily Liturgies.

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 March

Altar Bread and Wine

In loving memory of Joseph, David, Helen & Philomena Kail

Requested by: Martha Kail & Family

Sanctuary Lamps

In loving memory of Anthony Perry
Requested by: Judi Perry

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 Healing of the Leper

Rom 6: 12-23

Mk 1: 35-45

Sunday of the Healing of the Hemorrhaging Woman

2 Cor 7: 4-11

Lk 8: 40-56

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

2022 Church Envelopes

If you are among those who have not yet picked up their 2022 Church Envelopes, Please do so NOW. If you cannot come to the Church, we will mail them to you if you make that request. Please let us know. Thank you.

NEW FACEBOOK PAGE FOR VICTORY HALL:

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

Follow Our Lady of Victory Church on:

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- ♦ Facebook: www.facebook.com/olovpgh

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





Our Lady of Victory Maronite Church

1000 Tropical Road

Pittsburgh, PA 15216

Dear Parishioners,

It is said that "*to sing is to doubly pray.*" Since I was a child, I have been touched by the beauty of Our Lady of Victory's Maronite hymns.

Our Lady of Victory believes that music not only helps us to worship more wholeheartedly together but also welcomes people into our church community. We are excited about the possibilities for our parish's future and the role that music will play.

The church's musical traditions deserve to remain alive, grow, and expand for generations to come. In this spirit, Our Lady of Victory is starting a children's choir with 30-minute weekly rehearsals beginning Sunday, March 6th after the 11:00 Liturgy.

All youth 18 and under are welcome and encouraged to participate.

Jihad Irani has graciously offered to assist and to share his expertise with Maronite musical traditions, and I bring my experience as a professional singer and longtime voice teacher.

Additional details can be found on the registration form. Please fill out one form per child at: <https://tinyurl.com/2p85zwxe>.

You are welcome to email me at gina@ginamorgano.com with any questions. I hope to see your child in choir!

Be well and sing on,
Gina

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The Sundays of Great Lent

We have entered the Season of Great Lent which marks the Church's period of preparation for the feast of feasts, the Resurrection of our Lord. This season recalls the forty day period the Lord spent in the desert in prayer and fasting and, at the same time, invites us to personal conversion through penance, fasting, prayer and alms-giving. During this season we follow the Lord as he goes up to Jerusalem to suffer, die and rise to a glorious new life.

The seven Sundays of Great Lent are:

Cana Sunday

Sunday of the Leper

Sunday of the Hemorrhaging Woman

Sunday of the Prodigal Son

Sunday of the Paralytic

Sunday of Bartimaeus the Blind Man

Hosanna Sunday

These Sundays of Great Lent place the miracles of the Lord before us, especially his healing miracles, which are the messianic signs of his power over sin and death. They point to the greatest wonder of God, the resurrection of Christ from the dead. Each of these miracles are signs of the faith of the one being healed. We are called to respond to Jesus as they did by deepening our faith in the Lord and Giver of Life; the Divine Physician and Healer of the human body & soul.

The weekdays of Great Lent have their own proper prayers. These prayers speak of fasting and prayer and of the cross as the beacon which leads us to the harbor of salvation. Jesus is that Beacon which directs us to the heavenly harbor of safety. We are invited to follow that Light.

Sunday of the Man with Leprosy

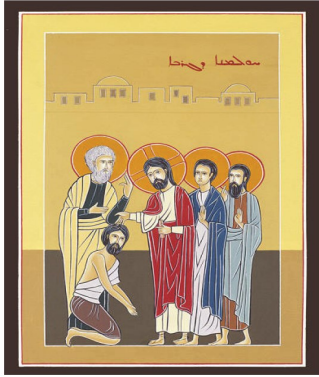
The miracle of Jesus curing the leper took place when Jesus was visiting the cities of Galilee. At that time, many diseases of the skin were referred to as leprosy. It seems that in this case the man was suffering from a true case of leprosy. No other disease can compare to the ugliness of leprosy. It tortures a person for many years, destroys any human appearance, and ultimately kills the individual. The sufferer becomes utterly repulsive to others and to himself. In the time of Jesus, the leper was declared to be "unclean" and was separated from the rest of the community.

The physical disease of leprosy can be compared to the spiritual diseases of sin. A person who sins eventually loses the image of the divine imprinted upon the soul. He becomes hateful to others and even to himself. He becomes separated from the rest of the community, the Body of Christ, and forced to dwell alone.

In the Old Testament, a leper who was cured was treated similar to a repentant person. A cured leper was required to offer two birds at the Temple. One bird was killed and the second live bird was dipped in the blood of the sacrificed bird and allowed to go free. We are also cleansed by the blood of Christ.

We must consider the courage of the leper who approached Jesus for healing. According to the law, he was forbidden to go near anyone, but the leper does not consider the law. He simply wants to be cured and he knows where the healing is to be found. Jesus does not reproach the man for breaking the law, but shows him mercy. Jesus stretched out his hand and touched the leper. (This act itself was forbidden by the law.) His only concern was the desperate need of this suffering man. After curing the man, he instructed him to perform the ritual imposed by the law.

Jesus was somewhat severe with the man after the cure and instructed him to tell no one of the miraculous healing. Nonetheless, the man went throughout the countryside and told everyone about Jesus. Jesus was thus obliged to avoid the populated areas and withdraw to the desert places. The cure of the leper manifests what sin can do to us and what the miraculous healing power of the Lord can do for us. Just as the leper showed courage and sought the healing power of Jesus, let us seek the healing power of Jesus in confessing our sins and asking for forgiveness.



HEALING OF THE LEPER Second Sunday of Great Lent

March 6, 2022

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for each envelope (\$45 total)

Let's reach our goal this year!
Thanks for whatever you can do.



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



Stations of the Cross

March 4th 6PM

March 11th 6PM

March 18th 6PM

March 25th 6PM

April 1st 6PM

April 8th 6PM

OLOV Cash Bash

Saturday,
April 30, 2022

Details to follow

Mark your Calendar!

Plan on joining us...



OLOV Church Annual Golf Outing

Friday, July 15, 2022

Details to follow...

OLOV Church Presents its Annual Pittsburgh Lebanese Festival

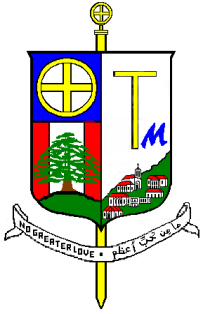
Month of September

Dates to be determined

Stay tuned for much more information...

Giovanni Molinaro is a member of our parish and a member of the Special Olympics. Special Olympics is an organization for kids and adults with and without special needs.

Giovanni wants to share with us how much Special Olympics has done to turn his life around and how important it is for all of us to be aware of the work of the Special Olympics and offer assistance whenever and however we can. Giovanni will be sharing more information with us in the near future. For now, please take a look at the work Special Olympics does in our area.



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Lent 2022

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Each year during Lent, I ask you to consider giving a gift to support the Eparchy of Saint Maron's Annual Lenten Appeal. The past year was challenging with the pandemic and unprecedented troubles here and around the world (especially in Lebanon). And yet, God always watches over his children and our Eparchy. We rely upon your help to give us the resources to serve the faithful throughout the Eparchy.

Please consider making a sacrificial gift to this year's Annual Lenten Appeal. Your gift will support:

Seminarians: We currently have six men preparing for the priesthood. Our seminarians are our future priests, and we need to educate them well so that they can minister effectively to our faithful in the future. The costs of Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Seminary are about \$450,000 per year. **40% of your contribution to this year's Annual Appeal** will go for Seminarians.

Ministries: Our outreach to young people, the elderly, families, and in defense of life from conception to natural death, helps people at the most crucial times in their lives. You can help ensure that the Eparchy continues this important work. **20% of your contribution** will go to support Ministries.

Retired Priests: The Eparchy's 17 retired priests served the faithful with generosity. We help them with a modest pension that is helpful to them each month. **20% of your contribution** will support Retired Priests.

Help for Lebanon and the Middle East: The Eparchy has provided an unprecedented amount of support to help in Lebanon and the Middle East over the past few years. We can never forget the homeland of our Maronite Church. **10% of your contribution** will support Christians in Lebanon and the Middle East.

Endowment: The Eparchy's Endowment Fund supports today's needs and ensures the Eparchy will have resources in the future. **10% of your contribution** will be deposited into the Eparchy's Endowment.

Please open your heart once again and make a gift. Your participation in this Appeal impacts the lives of many people, both inside the Eparchy, and in the Middle East. Any gift will be appreciated.

Thank you, and may God bless you for your generosity! I wish you a blessed Lent and Easter.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

+ Gregory

+ Gregory J. Mansour

PS: Please also consider remembering the Eparchy and your parish in your estate plan, or as the beneficiary of an insurance policy, retirement plan or charitable gift annuity. Thank you.

Sunday of the Healing of the Man With Leprosy

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

Romans 6:12-23 Freedom from Sin; Life in God

Brothers and Sisters:

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Praise be to God always.

Cana Sunday and the Entrance into Lent

The Gospel of Life and Salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ as recorded by the Evangelist Mark.

**Mark 1:35-43 Jesus Leaves Capernaum/
The Cleansing of a Leper**

The Evangelist Mark writes:

In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons. A leper came to him begging him, and kneeling he said to him, "If you choose, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him, "I do choose. Be made clean!" Immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean. After sternly warning him he sent him away at once.

This is the truth. Peace be with you.