



Our Lady of Victory Maronite Catholic Parish

At Saint Pamphilus

1000 Tropical Avenue Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15216

MARCH 30-31, 2024
THE GLORIOUS RESURRECTION

He is Risen

DEATH COULD NOT HOLD HIM.

Rejoice in the resurrection of

Jesus Christ.



WISHING YOU A BLESSED AND JOY FILLED EASTER!

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BAPTISM & CHRISMATION: Arrangements for these Mysteries may be preceded by instructional classes for Parents & Sponsors. Both sponsors must be Catholic and must be 18 years of age or older. Sponsorship Forms are required for sponsors.

MARRIAGES: The couple should contact the Parish Office at least six months in advance and before any other arrangements or commitments are made.

FUNERALS: Please contact the Pastor or Parish Office before making any arrangements. The pastor must be consulted to set times for Prayer Services and Funeral Liturgies. We will celebrate ALL Funeral Liturgies here at the Church.

Liturgy Times & Intentions: March 30-April 7, 2024

Saturday of the Awaited Light

Sat Mar 30 11:00AM

The Glorious Resurrection

Sat Mar 30 7:00PM John

Sun Mar 31 8:30AM Lucius
11:00AM

For the Parish

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The Pastor

The Pastor

The Pastor

Mon Apr 1 11:00AM Mary of Egypt

6:00PM

Tues Apr 2 11:00AM Aphian

6:00PM

Weds Apr 3 11:00AM Isaiah & Ezekiel

6:00PM

Thurs Apr 4 11:00AM Anicetus

6:00PM

Fri Apr 5 11:00AM Robert

6:00PM

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2nd Sunday of the Resurrection

Sat Apr 6 4:00PM Marcellinus

Sun Apr 7 8:30AM John the Baptist

11:00AM

Soul of Ed Folino

Katie Fitzpatrick-Good Health

Soul of Joe Moses

Soul of Ed Folino

Charles & Marybeth Kim

Giovanni Molinaro

Bill Eassie

Nancy Bash

*Weekday liturgies will be held at 11:00AM at the Saint Sharbel Spiritual Life Center and at 6:00PM at Our Lady of Victory.

The Children's Liturgy will be the third Sunday of each month at 11AM.

If you would like to schedule a liturgy intention, please call the office (412-278-0841).

To schedule a liturgy at the St. Sharbel Spiritual Life Center, please call 800-473-7559 or go to www.saintsharbelcenter.org

Please note our collections are as follows:

March 30 & 31, 2024-Easter,

& Easter for the Pastor

April 6 & 7, 2024-Weekly Church Offering

& Monthly Church Fund

March 2024	3-Mar	10-Mar	17-Mar	24-Mar	Total
Collection	\$2,215	\$1,860	\$2,143	\$2,571	\$8,789
Mail Collection	\$770	\$125	\$430	\$20	\$1,345
Online Giving	\$185	\$135	\$425	\$95	\$840
Eparchial Charities Appeal	\$50	\$500	\$495	\$40	\$1,085
Help for Lebanon	\$0	\$140	\$45	\$30	\$215
Candles	\$76	\$67	\$37	\$50	\$230
Individual Donations	\$800	\$0	\$100	\$5,000	\$5,900
Easter Flowers	\$240	\$125	\$135	\$0	\$500
Hall Rental	\$0	\$0	\$100	\$0	\$100
Church Fund	\$535	\$35	\$25	\$25	\$620
Total	\$4,871	\$2,987	\$3,935	\$7,831	\$19,624
Expenses	-\$8,438	-\$3,221	\$10,976	-\$9,704	-\$32,340
Balance	-\$3,567	-\$234	-\$7,041	-\$1,873	-\$12,716



In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Please keep in your prayers:

Maxine Schoen, Chuck Borik, Martha Kail, Peter DeSando, Angie Joseph, Michael Rattie, Alicia Hruby, Helen McGoun, Dr. Adnan Abia, Ashley Ayoob, Frances Barack, David Ingrid Franklin, Donald Kovanis, Faten Fatfat, 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, Stephanie Vail, John Abbas (Youngstown), James Brocato, Dalal Romah, Isaac Simon, Sue Cravens, Kim B., Chrissy Coury, Logan Gump, Darius Xavier Collins, Melissa Rodriguez, Amanda Marie, Matthew James Rendell, Jadon Michael, Jean Westerman, Attila Shumaker, Timmy Droege, Denise Mytiva Mastro, Kate Jacobs, Vincent Scully, Valerie Bonner, John Kavulic, Jaime Perrucci, Katie Fitzpatrick, and Lyuva Lazovski.

Scripture Readings

The Glorious Resurrection
(Mar 30th & 31st)

Jon 2:1b-3, 4b, 5, 7-11

1 Cor 115:12-26

Mk 16:1-8

2nd Sunday of the Resurrection
(Apr 6th & 7th)

Is 52:7-12

2 Cor 5:11-21

Jn 20:26-31

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

MYSTERY OF RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION

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

The Grand Opening of the Saint Sharbel Spiritual Life Center in Pittsburgh will take place on Saturday, April 13, 2024! To register online for the Open House, Dedication, or to purchase tickets for the Dinner and Concert (\$50 per person), please visit www.saintsharbelcenter.org.

For more information please email: info@saintsharbelcenter.org

Month of March 2024

Altar Bread and Wine

In loving memory of Anthony Kennedy
requested by Ronna George

Sanctuary Lamps

In loving memory of Silvio Passalacqua
requested by Ronna George

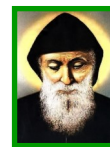
Month of April 2024

Altar Bread and Wine

In loving memory of Henry, Dorothy & Jude Berrick
requested by Judi Perry

*Altar Bread & Wine or Sanctuary Lamps can be
sponsored for a donation of \$25.*

Saint Sharbel Liturgy: Every 22nd (or the weekday closest) of the month we will celebrate the Liturgy of Saint Sharbel at the St. Sharbel Spiritual Life Center. The liturgy will be offered for the intentions of our parishioners, relatives, and friends in need of our prayers.



St. Sharbel Spiritual Life Center:

Your tax deductible donation can be made online at www.stmaron.org or by sending a check payable to The Eparchy of St. Maron to: Eparchy of Saint Maron, 109 Remsen Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201.

BISHOP'S EPARCHIAL CHARITIES APPEAL

The remaining collection for the Bishop's Eparchial Charities Appeal is **March 30 & 31, 2024**. We ask all of our Parishioners to donate \$75 as indicated on the three envelopes provided. If you are unable to donate the full amount, any amount possible will be greatly appreciated. Our assessment is \$4,900 and we are required to forward this total amount independent of what is collected. Thank you!

Total collected to date: \$1,740.00

Total Amount still needed: \$3,160.00



Happy Easter from the Our Lady of Victory Pastoral Council! *Al Maseeh Qam! Haqqan Qam! Christ is risen! Truly He is risen!* We pray that you and your families enjoy all the blessings of this Holy Easter Season! May we all be inspired during this time of renewal to turn to the Lord, serve Him and our church community with gratitude, and spread His message of love to all our neighbors.

Opportunities for Action

Prayers Requested: Please pray for our priests, deacons, council members, and all parishioners who engage in the ministries of our church. May their efforts be guided by God in joyful service to our parish and people.

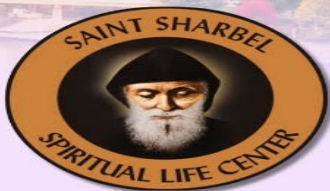
Volunteers needed: We are looking for volunteers (greeters, ushers, and food servers) to help fill 30 slots to assist during the Official Opening of the St. Sharbel Center on Saturday, April 13. Please call the office, use this link: bit.ly/StSharbelCenterOpening, or scan this QR code using the camera app on your phone to sign up for one or more spots:



REGISTER NOW

APRIL 5-7 2024

Risen: Hearts on fire



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SAINT SHARBEL
SPIRITUAL LIFE CENTER

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Easter, Pasch, Resurrection Day—What's In The Name?



Traditionally, the term Easter has been thought to have come from the Anglo-Saxon *Eastre*, a goddess of spring. Thus, Easter bunnies and all the other symbols for fertility and spring. Recently, however, several scholars have challenged this traditional thinking, finding it more likely to be a misunderstanding and translation of another Latin term for the Resurrection, *hebdomada alba*, taken from the white garments worn by the newly-baptized. The plural of this word, *albae*, was also used. It is thought that the misunderstanding of this term by the Germans has given us our modern term, *Easter*. The Old High German language wrongly understood the plural of the early Latin term to be the word for dawn, and translated it into their own language as *Ostern*—thus our word, Easter. Whatever theory you find appealing or more plausible, the fact is our modern term Easter is used by us to mean the day of the Lord's Resurrection.

Another term for the day of the Lord's Resurrection is *Pasch* from the most important feast of the Jewish calendar, celebrated from the evening of 14 Nisan until the 21 Nisan, March/April). Every male Israelite was obliged to make a pilgrimage to Jerusalem for this celebration. The term *Pasch* is a Greek transliteration of the Aramaic for the Hebrew word *Pesach* meaning passage. The *Pesach* feast of the Jews was instituted to commemorate the deliverance of the Israelites from Egypt when the angel of death passed over their houses, sparing their first-born. On the evening of the 14 Nisan, every Israelite family gathered together for the ritual eating of the Paschal lamb, a ceremony especially commemorative of the departure from Egypt. During all eight days of the feast no leavened bread could be eaten; hence, the *Pasch* is often referred to as the Feast of Unleavened Bread. The first and last days of the octave were observed with Sabbath rests and assemblies. The rules for the celebration of the *Pasch* are found in Ex. 12 and Lev. 23. Christ's death and resurrection took place during the celebration of the *Pasch*; and Christians commonly use the name to refer to the feast of the Resurrection, or Easter, which is known as the Paschal Feast. Many of the Eastern Churches (notably, the Byzantine) refer to the celebration of *Pascha* to denote the day of the Lord's Resurrection.

Whatever name you choose to call today, Psalm 118:24 summarizes its importance by proclaiming: **"This is the day that the LORD has made; let us be glad and rejoice in it!"** All of the Christian calendar is centered upon this event. This is the day for which we have been preparing by our prayer and fasting; by scripture reading and meditation. All Liturgies, all devotions, all prayer forms have as their focal point, the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Our lives find importance and full meaning as well in the celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This is **THE** day the Lord has made!

Our prayer for you today is that the Risen Lord will touch your life in a special way and that you will, through his grace, be open to the mystery and majesty that comes from the presence of God within and among us. May we proclaim fearlessly and with the deepest faith: *Christ is Risen! He is truly Risen!*

THE SEASON OF THE GLORIOUS RESURRECTION

The Church celebrates the Resurrection of our Lord as the Feast of feasts. After being plunged into the darkness of the crucifixion and death of Jesus we are now filled with the light of the resurrection. The cross which was the instrument of death has now become the glorious beacon which enlightens the world.

In order to express its joy the Church extends the celebration of the resurrection for a week of weeks, that is, for fifty days. The Sundays of the Season of Resurrection are as follows:

Resurrection of the Lord

New Sunday: First Sunday of Resurrection

Second Sunday of Resurrection

Third Sunday of Resurrection

Fourth Sunday of Resurrection

Fifth Sunday of Resurrection

Sixth Sunday of Resurrection: Sunday after the Ascension

Pentecost

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The Season of Resurrection begins with the feast of the Resurrection and ends with the gift of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. On the fortieth day of this season (the Thursday after the Fifth Sunday of Resurrection) the feast of the Ascension of the Lord is celebrated.

Memorials (feasts of the saints) do not replace the Sundays of this season, the feast of the Ascension, or the weekdays immediately following Resurrection Sunday.

The weekdays of this season have their own proper prayers which are given in the Common of the Week: Resurrection. Memorials may be celebrated on all the weekdays except those of the Week of *Hawareyeen* (Easter Week).

Today the Church and her children rejoice for our Lord and Savior has risen from the dead. The resurrection of the Lord is the central event of our salvation, the one that gives meaning to who we are and what we do. Every celebration of the Eucharist and the other mysteries refers to it as the source of inspiration and meaning.

The resurrection is the Feast of feasts, the queen of all feasts. Originally the Church celebrated only one feast, the resurrection itself, which was recalled and renewed each Sunday at the celebration of the Divine Mysteries. Soon, however, it began to recall the Passover of the Lord and his victorious resurrection in a special way once a year, in addition to the weekly commemoration of the resurrection. Eventually this annual celebration of the Lord's resurrection was prepared for by a season of prayer, fasting and penance—Lent, and the feast itself was extended for fifty days.

The Church, thus, now celebrates the resurrection of the Lord for a week of weeks (fifty days): from the Sunday of the Resurrection to Pentecost Sunday (the fiftieth day).

Today's feast is one of joy and peace:

*Peace to those who are far and
good hope to those who are near:
For Christ has risen from the grave
and has gathered those who were
scattered and given them joy.*



The joy and peace that flow from the Lord's resurrection are expressed today by the rite of peace which follows the gospel in the Divine Mysteries. The cross is removed from the tomb where it

has rested since Great Friday and is draped in white. It is carried through the Church accompanied by hymns of praise and joy. The priest solemnly blesses the congregation with the glorious cross and then presents it to them that they might reverence it.

By his living cross Christ has saved us from going astray and given us a way to heaven. Through the cross peace and harmony reign among God's people and we are led to perfection.

And so filled with peace and with joyful hearts we proclaim:

A glorious morning has dawned, and night has fled.

Light has conquered, and night has been destroyed.

NEW SUNDAY—APRIL 7TH

New Sunday is the eighth day of the Church's celebration of the resurrection. The first week of the Season of Resurrection, the Week of *Hawareyeen*, has come to a conclusion. During this week we have seen the various appearances of the Lord: to Mary Magdalene, the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias, to Peter, the disciples on the road to Emmaus, and the disciples gathered in the upper room. In overcoming the hesitation of Thomas, the Lord revealed to the apostles the truth of the resurrection. *Christ has risen, truly risen!*

New Sunday once and for all puts an end to the old way of looking at the Lord. He is no longer revealed in the flesh (as the disciples experienced him during his life with them); nor in glory (as Thomas did). From now on, he is revealed in Spirit, through the experience of faith and in the Mysteries (Sacraments). Only in the Spirit is there a sharing in his mystery of redemption. His word is crystal clear and resounds for all ages and generations.

"You have become a believer;

because you saw me.

Blessed are they who have not

seen and have believed."

OUR LADY OF VICTORY MARONITE CHURCH TENTATIVE 2024 PARISH ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

Sunday of the Glorious Resurrection	March 31, 2024
First Eucharist	May 26, 2024
Antique Car Show	May 18, 2024 (Saturday)/Sunday rain date
Annual Golf Outing	July 26, 2024 (Friday)
Beirut Vibes Fri & Sat	May through August, 2024
Annual Lebanese Festival	September 6, 7, & 8, 2024
Community Picnic	September 21, 2024
Craft Show	October (TBD)
Cash Bash	October (TBD)
Veteran's Day Liturgy & Dinner	November 9, 2024
Annual Cookie Walk	December 14, 2024
Family Christmas Party	December 15, 2024

Happy Easter

As we celebrate the Resurrection, may the Spirit continue to bless us, like Mary mother of God, with ears to hear the voice of our Teacher and God Jesus Christ, who is alive and calls us each by name. May we be given eyes to see the face of the Holy One, who like a loving gardener is never afraid to roll up his sleeves, and to get his hands dirty to further the reign of God. May God help us to know in our hearts that “things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, Jesus Christ our Lord.”

May God bless you all as we celebrate the Resurrection.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Fr. Samir



EASTER FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF

Ayoob Family
Wade Family
Anthony Perry
Gloria Perry
Henry, Dorothy & Jude Berrick
Tony Barack
Marge & Joe Kovach
Mary Ann Colelli
Alice Marratto
Vera Colelli
Angelina Ferraro
Loretta Budway
John Eassie
Sophie Eassie
Joseph Eassie
Anthony & Theresa Mecca
Ray & Marie Schrello
Richard Nerone
Talarico Family
Sara Khalil
Giorgio Fayad
Tom & Aneesa Ferris
Kail Family
Zennie Family
Thomas Family
Kennedy Family
Theresa Moore
Chorbishop Elias Basil
Joseph M. Basil
Maha Basil
Sally & Tony Grodecki
Anna & Ken Krauss
Marie, Harry & March Sheldom
Coleman Griffin Family
David McIntyre

Krauss Family
Pollastrini Family
Tintori Family
Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Joseph, Sr.
Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Torchia
Mr. & Mr. William Begandy
Mr. & Mrs. Carl Franz
Mary & Frances Giorganni
Mario, Rose Marie & Jerry Lancia
Harby Family
Antonio, Caterina & Giovanni Perri
Fr. Alexis Anania, OFM
Ed Folino
Pietro, Filomena & Antonio Molinaro
Mary DiPerna
Frank DiPerna
Peter Habib
Amy Habib
Potvricky Family
Gall Family
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Edna & Anthony Joseph
Thomas & Evelyn Tihey
Jeep & Marilyn Torchia
Fred & Dorothy Santora
George & Jasmine Joseph
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