



MASS INTENTIONS

- Sat. 2/13**  
**4:00 pm** For Salibe Tartak and family,  
 by Antoinette Tartak.
- Sun. 2/14** **Healing of the Leper**  
**11:00 am** For Naziha Bousemaan,  
 by Joseph and Joumana Bousemaan,  
 and family.

**NO MASS** **Monday, February 15, through**  
**Friday, February 19.**

**Fri. 2/19**  
**7:30 pm** Stations of the Cross and  
 Benediction of the Cross

- Sat. 2/20**  
**4:00 pm** For George M. Thomas,  
 by Joseph and Claudise Yesbeck.
- Sun. 2/21** **Healing of the**  
**Hemorrhaging Woman**  
**11:00 am** For Joseph Sadak,  
 by Norman and Madeline Abood.

PARISH FINANCES

Collection - Feb. 6-7	\$1,297.00
Candles	\$ 209.00
Total	\$1,506.00
Mini Carnival Luncheon – Feb. 7	\$ 610.00
Feast of St. Maron - Feb. 8-9	\$1,532.00
Candles	\$ 235.00
Total	\$1,767.00
Donations	\$1,200.00

LENTEN DEVOTIONS

Join us for the *Stations of the Cross* followed by the *Benediction of the Cross*, every Friday of Lent at 7:30 pm.  
 Remember, no meat on Fridays during Lent.

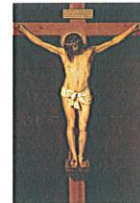


SAINT SHARBEL AMONG US

We were very blessed to have Saint Sharbel's relic in our Parish on Ash Monday and Tuesday morning, which made our beginning of Lent very special and prayerful.

His relic will be visiting all parishes in our Eparchy until June 5, 2016.

Saint Sharbel pray for us!



Rest in Peace

It is with profound sadness that we inform you of the death of family members of two parishioners in the past few days.

+ Maria V. Garcia, mother of Jasmine Burkholder, passed away on February 2, 2016, in Pembroke Pines, Florida. Her funeral Mass was celebrated at our Church on Saturday, February 6.

+ Hoda Khalil, sister of Alice Burrage, passed away on February 3, 2016, in Lauderhill, Florida. Her funeral Mass will be celebrated at Heart of Jesus Church on Monday, February 15, at 10:00 am.

We extend our sincere condolences to the two families and offer our prayers for the repose of Maria's and Hoda's souls.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let your perpetual light shine upon them.*





**LENT recalls the forty days of our Lord's fasting in the desert, which He undertook before entering into HIS public ministry. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry.**

### **LENTEN OBSERVANCES**

The Most Reverend Bishop Gregory Mansour has issued the following Lenten Guidelines for the Maronites of our Eparchy:

- All Maronites who are physically capable are to **abstain from meat** on all Fridays of Lent.
- Ash Monday (2/08) and the Great Friday of the Crucifixion (3/25) are also days of **fasting**.

Fasting in the Maronite Church involves eating and drinking nothing at all (except water and medicine) from midnight until noon. The rest of the day normal meals can be taken but without meat. All Maronites who are physically capable are to fast on these two days.

### **TRADITIONAL LENTEN DEVOTION**

Clergy, religious and laity who wish to observe the more traditional Maronite practice of fasting and abstinence are encouraged to do so.

This practice is summarized in the following, taken from the Synod of Mount Lebanon (1736):

Every weekday of Lent (*Monday through Friday*) is a day of fasting and abstinence from meat and dairy products (eggs, butter, milk, etc.).

Fasting involves eating and drinking nothing at all (except water and medicine) from midnight until noon.

The rest of the day normal meals can be taken but without meat or dairy products. Dairy products are excluded because they are animal byproducts.

Saturdays and Sundays are exempt from fasting and abstinence, as are the following days: **(Feb. 9)** Feast of Saint Maron, **(Mar. 9)** Feast of the 40 Martyrs, and **(Mar. 19)** Feast of St. Joseph.