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Maronite Rite

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WEEKEND MASSES	Saturday at 4:00 pm (English) Sunday at 11:00 am (English + Arabic)
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SUNDAY OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

FEBRUARY 23, 2025



MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. 02/22
4:00 pm

For The Souls in Purgatory
By Antoinette Tartak

Sun. 02/23 **Sunday of the Faithful Departed**

11:00 am For Archbishop Frances M. Zayek,
Bishop Wadih Peter Tayah, Chorbishop
George Wehbe, Monsignors Elias Hayek,
Peter Eid, and William Bonczewski, and
Fathers Nehmatallah El Hayek, and Sami
Hayek
By John Conroy on behalf of the Hayek
Family of Saint Maron Parish of
Youngstown, Ohio

Mon. 02/24 **St. Margaret the Penitent, C**

12:00 noon For Tony Cabarcas
By Pati Sanchez

Tues. 02/25 **Pope St. Felix III (+492), C**

12:00 noon For Edith Smith
By Stephen McClernon

Wed. 02/26 **St. Alexander,
Patriarch of Alexandria, C**

12:00 noon For Special Intention

Thurs. 02/27 **St. Thalaleus, Disciple of St. Maron,
C and St. Gregory of Narek, Doctor
of the Church, C**

12:00 noon For the intentions of Sister Kira Lum
By the Gonzalez Family

Fri. 02/28 **NO MASS**

Sat. 03/01
4:00 pm

For the intentions of Antoun Chebat, Sr.
By the Chebat Family

Sun. 03/02 **Sunday of the Entrance into Lent**
Miracle at Cana in Galilee
Saint John Maron
(First Maronite Patriarch)

11:00 am For Rodney Thomas
By Peter & Chris Maroon

“100 CLUB” RAFFLE

The drawing for the February 100 Club Raffle will be
this Sunday, February 23, 2025.

FOOD DRIVE FOR THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The food drive sponsored by the Knights of Columbus
will be next **Sat. March 1st & Sun. March 2nd**.

FAMILY OF THE SACRED HEART

Next Sunday, March 2nd – Before Mass

The Family of the Sacred Heart will be gathering for
prayers to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

PARISH FINANCES

February 15 & 16

Collection Basket	\$ 2,397.00
Automated Bank Checks	\$ 865.00
Electronic Payments	\$ 420.00
Candles	\$ 114.00
Total	\$ 3,796.00

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March 02, 2025

The Last Sunday Before Lent Parish Luncheon

Menu:

Chicken Kafta

Baba Ganoush

Hummus

Rice

House Salad

Pita Bread

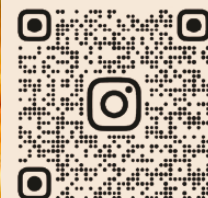
Dessert

Soft Drinks

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WOMEN'S RETREAT

Friday & Saturday

April 25 & 26, 2025

Saint Sharbel Spiritual Life Center, Pittsburgh, PA

“Who is Mary? Facets of the Feminine Genius”



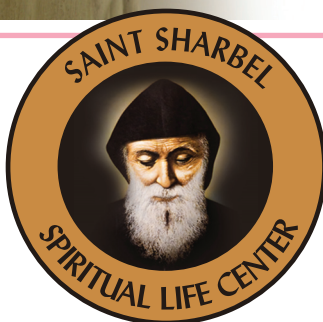
Join us for the First Annual Flourish Women's Retreat hosted by the Saint Sharbel Spiritual Life Center! Our keynote speaker this year, Johnnette Benkovic Williams (host of “Women of Grace” on EWTN), will unpack for us our unique role as chosen women, who we are as chosen women of the Most High God, and teach us how to employ the gifts of our femininity in the way Our Blessed Mother Mary modeled for us.

For more information, the detailed retreat schedule and to register, scan the QR code or go to www.SaintSharbelCenter.org under “Programs” and then “Retreats/Workshops”.



The cost for the retreat is \$135.

Accommodations are not included. Contact Holiday Inn Express & Suites Pittsburgh West-Greentree at 412-922-7070 to reserve one of the rooms blocked off for the retreat. Deadline to reserve a room is March 26, 2025.



To register and reserve your spot, go to

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WHO ARE THE MARONITES?

The Maronite Church is one of 22 Eastern Rites of the Catholic Church, under the authority of the Pope. It dates back to the early Christians of Antioch (Syria) where Jesus' followers "were called Christians for the first time" (Acts II:26). The actual name "Maronite" is derived from the name of Saint Maron, who was a priest and hermit, and died around the year 410 AD.



*Pope Saint John Paul II, Bishop Frank Caggiano, Chorbishop Michael Thomas
The Vatican - June 1992*

As part of the Roman Catholic Church, the Maronites profess the same beliefs in the Dogmatic and Moral teachings of the Church and celebrate the same seven Sacraments. Their liturgical celebrations are more unique and reflect their early Apostolic beginnings. For example, in some prayers and hymns of the Mass, the Maronites still use Syriac, a dialect of the Aramaic language spoken by Jesus and his Apostles, and incense is regularly used.

During the civil and religious persecutions of the 7th century, the Maronites fled their churches and monasteries in the plains of Syria, and took refuge in the verdant mountains and caves of nearby Lebanon. Since then, Lebanon has been considered the homeland of the Maronite Church.

Millions of Maronites now live in various countries throughout the world, but their Mother Church remains in Lebanon. The current Maronite Patriarch, Bechara Peter Rai, was made a Cardinal by Pope Benedict XVI, in November of 2012. Cardinal Rai lives at the Maronite Patriarchal residence in Bkerke, Lebanon.

The United States is home to two Maronite Eparchies (Dioceses). The Most Reverend Gregory Mansour is our Bishop who resides in Brooklyn, New York. Bishop Mansour is a member of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), as is the Maronite Bishop of the Western Eparchy, the Most Reverend Elias Zaidan who resides in Los Angeles.

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