

# SAINT MARON CHURCH

March 3, 2024

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## Fourth Week of Lent      Parable of the Prodigal Son

Adding to the miracles that Jesus performed during his ministry to show people God's love and mercy toward His creation, he used many parables or stories to tell them about what God's love looks like and how it works.

Today's Gospel is one of the most important stories told by Jesus, showing us God's infinite and unconditional love toward us. It shows us that God is always opening the door for us no matter how far away we distance ourselves from him.

This story is about two sons and their father. The younger son took his share of the inheritance, walking away from home and spending all he had received. The older son stayed with his father, working and helping him. After spending everything, the younger son came back home asking his father to work like a servant for him. However, his father welcomed him like a prince giving him back his dignity as if nothing had happened. The older son became jealous and complained about the situation.

When it comes to our human thinking, many interpret this as being unfair, but not in the eyes of God. God gave us this life abundantly and he wants us to live it joyfully, but many times we forget that He is the source of all what we have, and we walk away from him. Sometimes we get very busy in our daily life and we forget about his presence. But when we feel shakable, we run back to him and without judgement He helps and forgives us as the father in this story did toward his son.

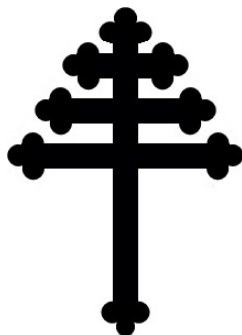
Through this story Jesus wants us to understand that there is always a way to come back to him no matter how much our sins have taken us away. He will always be like that father, opening his arms to welcome us. He will always restore what was broken in our life. All that is required of us is to be humble and admit our faults as the prodigal son had done. We are the ones who must change, not God. Nothing can stop him from loving us!

### Clergy

Rev. Fr. Elias Yazbeck: Administrator  
Subdeacon Lattouf Lattouf  
Subdeacon Ghazi Faddoul  
Subdeacon Yamen Saada  
Subdeacon Mario Ghosn

### Chapel & Mailing Address



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### Liturgy Schedule

**Tues, Wed & Thurs:** Chapel  
6:00 p.m.: English-Arabic  
**Saturday:** Chapel  
5:00 p.m.: English  
**Sunday:** Downtown  
9:30 a.m.: English  
11:00 a.m.: Arabic-English

Church: 1245 Carnegie Ave  
Cleveland, Ohio 44115

 Saint Maron Church in Cleveland  
 [saintmaronchurch](https://www.instagram.com/saintmaronchurch)

# Church Organizations

## Parish Council

President– Jèan Yaacoub

2nd Wed. of the month at 7:00 pm

## Finance Council

President- Rick Ganim:

3rd Wed of the month at 7:00 pm

## Immaculate Conception Sodality (ICS)

President– Claire Naoum

1st Mon. of every month at 7:00pm

## Maronite Christian Formation Program (MCFP)

Director– Elias Kanaan:

Sundays (except Holy Days) 12:00-1:00 pm

**MaronKnights Dabke Group** Tanya Elasmr:

## Maronite Youth Organization (MYO)

Coordinator– Peter Harb:

## Maronite Young Adults (MYA)

President– Anessa Kleem

Follow MYA page for updates

## Maronite Mothers Club (MMC)

Coordinator- Tina Chamoun

**Arabic School:** Coordinator: Jihad Kawkabani

Classes Sat. Oct-April (except Holy Days) 10 am -12noon

## 50+ Social Club Mary Ann Watson

1st Friday of each month. Liturgy: 10:00 am

## Book & Cine Club Katia Abboud

## Rosary Prayer Group Daad Chamoun

## Social Committee

Souheil Farah, Rita Lattouf, Claire Naoum

**St. Maron Health Committee** Dr. Paul Farah

**Social Media Coordinator** Jessica Khoury

## Order of Saint Sharbel

Samir Farah and Daad Chamoun



NAM Mid-West Lenten Retreat:

Saturday, March 16, 2024

At Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of

Lebanon, North Jackson, OH

Retreat Master: Fr. Chris Nahra

Retreat Theme: LENT: Time to Prepare,

Mission to Share

Registration: \$60.00 (\$70) all meals inclusive –

NAM members 55.00 (\$65)

Pre-Registration deadline: March 6, 2024

Online registration: [www.namnews.org](http://www.namnews.org)

For further information and by phone registration,  
contact parishioner Diane Maroun at 216-337-1547

# Liturgy Intentions

## Parable of the Prodigal Son

### Saturday March 2

**5:00 pm: One Week Liturgy for George Abed el Massih**  
(His sister in law Rita Salloum and her husband Saba Salloum and family)

### Sunday March 3

**9:30 am: Parishioners Intentions**

**11:00 am: Forty Day Liturgy for Alice Hatem**  
(Her nephews Waleed and Emil Hatem and their families)

**11:00 am: Mem Lit for Elias Antoon, Sr.**  
(The Antoon family)

## Next Week

### Healing of the Paralytic

### Saturday March 9

**5:00 pm: Mem Lit for Alfred Joseph Habeeb**  
(His sister Rose Habeeb)

### Sunday March 10

**9:30 am: Parishioners Intentions**

**11:00 am: Forty Day Liturgy for Zeina Youssef Tannous**  
(Her children, her siblings and their families)

**11:00 am: Mem Lit for Elias Tabet**  
(His son Kamal Tabet)

## Aitaneet Foundation Scholarship Announcement

Applicant must be of Lebanese Christian descent, a 2024 graduate of an accredited secondary school, and accepted to an accredited post-secondary education institution.

This year the following scholarships will be awarded:

\$2,000 Aitaneet Foundation Scholarship  
\$1,000 Thomas & Mary Shaia Scholarship  
(Plus additional \$1,000 if Financial need demonstrated)  
\$2,000 Edward Nahra Scholarship  
\$1,000 Maroun F. Daher Scholarship

Selection based on academic achievement, extracurricular involvement, financial need, & service to school, church and community.

**Completed applications must be postmarked No later than May 6th, 2024.**

Recipients will be notified by June 17, 2024.

You can download the application from Google Drive at the following URL: <https://tinyurl.com/5dt2fubc>

For questions, call Jihad Kawkabani: (440) 544-6260 and leave a message or e-mail us at [aitaneetfoundation@yahoo.com](mailto:aitaneetfoundation@yahoo.com).

From the letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians,

II-13:5-13

رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل كورنثوس

يا إخوتي،  
 اخْتَبِرُوا أَنْفُسَكُمْ، هَلْ أَنْتُمْ رَاسِحُونَ فِي الْإِيمَانِ. إِمْتَحِنُوا أَنْفُسَكُمْ. أَلَا تَعْرِفُونَ أَنَّ الْمَسِيحَ يَسُوعَ فِيكُمْ؟ إِلَّا إِذَا كُنْتُمْ مَرْفُوضِينَ!  
 فَأَرْجُوا أَنْ تَعْرِفُوا أَنَّنَا نَحْنُ لَسْنَا مَرْفُوضِينَ!  
 وَنُصَلِّي إِلَى اللَّهِ كَيْ لَا تَفْعَلُوا أَيَّ شَرٍّ، لِأَيْظَهَرَ نَحْنُ مَقْبُولِينَ، بَلْ لِكَيْ تَفْعَلُوا أَنْتُمْ الْخَيْرَ، وَتَكُونَ نَحْنُ كَأَنَّنا مَرْفُوضُونَ!  
 فَإِنَّا لَا نَسْتَطِيعُ أَنْ نَفْعَلَ شَيْئًا ضِدَّ الْحَقِّ، بَلْ لِأَجْلِ الْحَقِّ!  
 أَجَلٌ، إِنَّنَا نَفْرَحُ عِنْدَمَا نَكُونُ نَحْرُنُ ضَعْفَاءَ، وَتَكُونُونَ أَنْتُمْ أَقْوِيَاءَ. مِنْ أَجْلِ هَذَا أَيْضًا نُصَلِّي لِكَيْ تَكُونُوا كَامِلِينَ.  
 أَكْتُبُ هَذَا وَأَنَا غَائِبٌ، لِئَلَّا أَعْمَلِكُمْ بِعَسَاوَةٍ وَأَنَا حَاضِرٌ، بِالسُّلْطَانِ الَّذِي أَعْطَانِي إِيَّاهُ الرَّبُّ، لِئِنِّي أَنْتُمْ لَا لَهْذِمِكُمْ.  
 وَبَعْدُ، أَيُّهَا الْإِخْوَةُ، افْرَحُوا، وَأَسْعُوا إِلَى الْكَمَالِ، وَتَسَجَّعُوا، وَكُونُوا عَلَى رَأْيِ وَاحِدٍ، وَعَيْشُوا فِي سَلَامٍ، وَإِلَهُ الْمَحَبَّةِ وَالسَّلَامِ يَكُونُ مَعَكُمْ  
 سَلِّمُوا بَعْضُكُمْ عَلَى بَعْضٍ بِقَبْلَةِ مُقَدَّسَةٍ. جَمِيعَ الْقَدِيسِينَ يُسَلِّمُونَ عَلَيْكُمْ.  
 نِعْمَةُ الرَّبِّ يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ، وَمَحَبَّةُ اللَّهِ، وَشَرِكَةُ الرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ مَعَكُمْ أَجْمَعِينَ!

والتسبيح لله دائماً.

Examine yourselves to see whether you are living in faith. Test yourselves. Do you not realize that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless, of course, you fail the test. I hope you will discover that we have not failed. But we pray to God that you may not do evil, not that we may appear to have passed the test but that you may do what is right, even though we may seem to have failed. For we cannot do anything against the truth, but only for the truth. For we rejoice when we are weak but you are strong. What we pray for is your improvement. I am writing this while I am away, so that when I come I may not have to be severe in virtue of the authority that the Lord has given me to build up and not to tear down. Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the holy ones greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

Praise be to God always!

From the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke

15:11-32

إنجيل القديس لوقا

قَالَ الرَّبُّ يَسُوعَ:  
 "كَانَ لِرَجُلٍ ابْنَانِ. فَقَالَ أَصْغَرُهُمَا لِأَبِيهِ: يَا أَبِي، أَعْطِنِي حِصَّتِي مِنَ الْمِيرَاثِ. فَقَسَمَ لَهُمَا ثَرْوَتَهُ. وَبَعْدَ أَيَّامٍ قَلِيلَةٍ، جَمَعَ الْإِبْنُ الْأَصْغَرُ كُلَّ حِصَّتِيهِ، وَسَافَرَ إِلَى بَلَدٍ بَعِيدٍ.  
 وَهُنَاكَ بَدَّدَ مَالَهُ فِي حَيَاةِ الطُّيُوسِ. وَلَمَّا أَنْفَقَ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ، حَدَّثَتْ فِي ذَلِكَ الْبَلَدِ مَجَاعَةٌ شَدِيدَةٌ، فَبَدَأَ يُجِسُّ بِالْعُوزِ. فَذَهَبَ وَلَجَأَ إِلَى وَاحِدٍ مِنَ أَهْلِ ذَلِكَ الْبَلَدِ، فَارْتَسَلَهُ إِلَى  
 حُقُولِهِ لِيُرِيَ عَمَلِ الْخَنَازِيرِ. وَكَانَ يَنْتَهِي أَنْ يَمَلَأَ جَوْفَهُ مِنَ الْخُرُوبِ الَّتِي كَانَتْ الْخَنَازِيرُ تَأْكُلُهَا، وَلَا يُعْطِيهِ مِنْهَا أَحَدٌ.  
 فَرَجَعَ إِلَى نَفْسِهِ وَقَالَ: كَمْ مِنْ الْأَجْزَاءِ عِنْدَ أَبِي، يُفَضَّلُ الْخُبْزَ عَنْهُمْ، وَأَنَا هَهُنَا أَهْلِكُ جُوعًا! أَقُومُ وَأَمْضِي إِلَى أَبِي وَأَقُولُ لَهُ: يَا أَبِي، خَطِئْتُ إِلَى السَّمَاءِ وَأَمَامَكَ. وَلَا  
 اسْتَحِقُّ بَعْدُ أَنْ أَدْعِيَ لَكَ ابْنًا. فَأَجْعَلْنِي كَأَحَدِ أَعْرَانِكَ!  
 فَقَامَ وَجَاءَ إِلَى أَبِيهِ. وَفِيمَا كَانَ لَا يَزَالُ بَعِيدًا، رَأَاهُ أَبُوهُ، فَتَحَنَّنَ عَلَيْهِ، وَأَسْرَعَ فَالَقَى نَفْسِيهِ عَلَى عُنُقِهِ وَقَبَّلَهُ طَوِيلًا. فَقَالَ لَهُ ابْنُهُ: يَا أَبِي، خَطِئْتُ إِلَى السَّمَاءِ وَأَمَامَكَ. وَلَا  
 اسْتَحِقُّ بَعْدُ أَنْ أَدْعِيَ لَكَ ابْنًا...  
 فَقَالَ الْأَبُ لِعَبِيدِهِ: اسْرِعُوا وَأَخْرِجُوا الْخَلَّةَ الْفَاجِرَةَ وَاللِّبْسَةَ، وَأَجْعَلُوا فِي يَدَيْهِ خَاتَمًا، وَفِي رِجْلَيْهِ جِذَاءً، وَأَثُوا بِالْعِجْلِ الْمُسَمَّنِ وَأَذْبَحُوهُ، وَلِنَأْكُلَ وَنَتَنَعَّمَ! لِأَنَّ ابْنِي هَذَا  
 كَانَ مَيِّتًا فَعَاشَ، وَضَائِعًا فَوَجِدَ. وَبَدَأُوا يَتَنَعَّمُونَ.  
 وَكَانَ ابْنُهُ الْأَكْبَرُ فِي الْحَقْلِ. فَلَمَّا جَاءَ وَأَقْتَرَبَ مِنَ الْبَيْتِ، سَمِعَ غِنَاءَ وَرَقْصًا. فَدَعَا وَاحِدًا مِنَ الْعُلَمَاءِ وَسَأَلَهُ: مَا عَسَى أَنْ يَكُونَ هَذَا؟ فَقَالَ لَهُ: جَاءَ أَحْرُوكَ، فَذَبَحَ أَبُوكَ  
 الْعِجْلَ الْمُسَمَّنَ، لِأَنَّهُ لَقِيَهُ سَالِمًا. فَغَضِبَ وَلَمْ يَرِدْ أَنْ يَدْخُلَ. فَخَرَجَ أَبُوهُ يَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْهِ.  
 فَأَجَابَ وَقَالَ لِأَبِيهِ: هَا أَنَا أَخَذْتُكَ كُلَّ هَذِهِ السِّنِينَ، وَلَمْ أَخَالَفْ لَكَ يَوْمًا أَمْرًا، وَلَمْ تُعْطِنِي مَرَّةً جَدْبًا، لِأَنَّتَنَّمْ مَعَ أَصْدِقَائِي.  
 وَلَكِنْ لَمَّا جَاءَ ابْنُكَ هَذَا الَّذِي أَكَلَ ثَرْوَتَكَ مَعَ الزَّوَانِي، ذَبَحْتَ لَهُ الْعِجْلَ الْمُسَمَّنَ! فَقَالَ لَهُ أَبُوهُ: يَا وَلَدِي، أَنْتَ مَعِيَ فِي كُلِّ جِينٍ، وَكُلُّ مَا هُوَ لِي هُوَ لَكَ. وَلَكِنْ كَانَ  
 يَنْبَغِي أَنْ تَتَنَعَّمَ وَتَفْرَحَ، لِأَنَّ أَحَاكَ هَذَا كَانَ مَيِّتًا فَعَاشَ، وَضَائِعًا فَوَجِدَ...»

حقاً والأمان لجميعكم

"A man had two sons, and the younger son said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of your estate that should come to me.' So the father divided the property between them. After a few days, the younger son collected all his belongings and set off to a distant country where he squandered his inheritance on a life of dissipation. When he had freely spent everything, a severe famine struck that country, and he found himself in dire need. So he hired himself out to one of the local citizens who sent him to his farm to tend the swine. And he longed to eat his fill of the pods on which the swine fed, but nobody gave him any. Coming to his senses he thought, 'How many of my father's hired workers have more than enough food to eat, but here am I, dying from hunger. I shall get up and go to my father and I shall say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers.' " So he got up and went back to his father. While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him. His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'Quickly bring the finest robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Take the fattened calf and slaughter it. Then let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and has been found.' Then the celebration began. Now the older son had been out in the field and, on his way back, as he neared the house, he heard the sound of music and dancing. He called one of the servants and asked what this might mean. The servant said to him, 'Your brother has returned and your father has slaughtered the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.' He became angry, and when he refused to enter the house, his father came out and pleaded with him. He said to his father in reply, 'Look, all these years I served you and not once did I disobey your orders; yet you never gave me even a young goat to feast on with my friends. But when your son returns who swallowed up your property with prostitutes, for him you slaughter the fattened calf.' He said to him, 'My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.'"  
 This is the truth! Peace be with you.



# 2024 LENTEN APPEAL

## BISHOP'S MESSAGE

Lenten Appeal Gifts can be accepted through your local parish. Please label your envelope/note/check "Bishop's Appeal". You can also make a contribution online at [www.eparchy.org](http://www.eparchy.org).

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Words cannot express how thankful I am for your ongoing support for our beloved **Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles**, especially amidst the challenges at home and abroad. **Lent is an ideal time to deepen our faith through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. It is a time to recall the great blessings God has given us, and to give back to those in need.**

I return to you this Lent **seeking your support for our most critical needs** including:

- *Seminarians' Education and Formation*
- *Support to Missions and Parishes in Need*
- *Growing Ministries with our Children, Youth, and Young Adults.*
- *Charitable Aid to our Brothers and Sisters at home in the USA, or in Lebanon, Syria, and the Middle East*

The Annual Appeal seeks your help for the Eparchy's critical and immediate needs as detailed in the enclosed brochure. **Your generous contribution and prayers are greatly appreciated.** On behalf of all those who will benefit, I want to personally thank you for your consideration and contribution.



Prayerfully yours in Christ,

**+A. Elias Zaidan**

Bishop of the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles

**Easter Flowers 2024**

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**

**\$25**

**In Memory of: OR In Thanksgiving (Circle One)**

**Donated By:**

**A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Zechariah. *Zechariah 3:1-7***

Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the Lord, while the adversary stood at his right side to accuse him. And the angel of the Lord said to the adversary, "May the Lord rebuke you, O adversary; may the Lord who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is this not a brand plucked from the fire?" Now Joshua was standing before the angel, clad in filthy garments. Then the angel said to those standing before him, "Remove his filthy garments." And to him he said, "Look, I have taken your guilt from you, and I am clothing you in stately robes." Then he said, "Let them put a clean turban on his head." And they put a clean turban on his head and clothed him with the garments while the angel of the Lord was standing by. Then the angel of the Lord charged Joshua: "Thus says the Lord of hosts: If you walk in my ways and carry out my charge, you will administer my house and watch over my courts; and I will give you access to those standing here." **Praise be to God, always**





## ICS MAMMOUL SALE



Orders for Mammoul will be taken following all Liturgies from Saturday Feb. 24th to Sunday March 17th.

\$20/Dozen

Or you may call:

Lydia Nahra @ 440-785-5079

Claire Naoum @ 216-337-2851

All orders must be paid for before March 17th.

No orders will be taken after March 17th

Pick Up after Liturgy on Saturday March 23rd and Sunday March 24th.



## BENEDICTION AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS

6:30 pm DOWNTOWN

March 1, 8, 15, 22

Followed by meatless pot-luck

Security Provided

## The Guild of St Anthony Annual Recognition Dinner

The Annual Fundraiser that helps raise money to assist the Antonine Sisters in their ministry for the elderly and disabled will be held on **Saturday, April 6th in Cedar Hall at Our Lady of Lebanon National Shrine.**

Cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres begin at 6pm following the 5pm Liturgy.

Cost is \$95 per person. (\$65 is tax deductible).

Please sent a check to the "Antoine Sisters" by April 1st. [www.antoninevillage.org](http://www.antoninevillage.org)

## Gifts of the Altar: March 2024

### BREAD in Memory of:

Deceased members of the Richards & Nofel families (Edward P. Richards, Jr.)

Hanna & Evelyn Ina and the deceased members of the family (Their children)

### WINE in Memory of:

Deceased members of the Richards & Nofel families (Edward P. Richards, Jr.)

William & Genevieve Bishilany (William & Denise Bishilany & family)

Hanna & Evelyn Ina and the deceased members of the family (Their children)

William & Genevieve Bishilany (Timothy & Nayann Pazyniak & family)

### CANDLES in Memory of:

Deceased members of the Richards & Nofel families (Edward P. Richards, Jr.)

George & Roma Sessin (Their children & their families)

Jacob & Juliette Saad & the deceased members of the Saad and Elzeer families (Thomas Saad & family)

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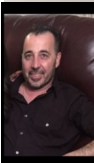
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