



St. Michael the Archangel Maronite Catholic Church

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**A Community of Prayer,
Love and Fellowship.
We Welcome You!**

“The Eastern Churches are the treasures of the Catholic Church” Saint John XXIII

Divine Liturgy Schedule: Saturday at 5:00 p.m. and Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

Daily Liturgy Schedule: Tuesday through Friday at -9:00 a.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: First Tuesday of Month 6:30 p.m. Benediction at 7:00 p.m.

Pastoral Care of the Sick: If you wish to receive Holy Communion, Reconciliation, or Anointing of the Sick, please call the Church Office.

Mystery of Reconciliation: In order to provide greater availability, the Mystery of Reconciliation is normally celebrated one half hour before Divine Liturgy and by appointment.

Mystery of Crowning: Engaged couples must be registered, active members of the parish. Please make an appointment with the pastor at least six months prior to the requested date of marriage.

Inquiry Sessions: For those interested in finding out more about what it means to be Catholic, or seeking information toward the possibility of becoming members of the Catholic Church, please call the Church Office for more information.

Hospital Calls – If someone is in the hospital, please call the Church Office to inform Father Sam.

Parish Trustees: Chairperson – Lynn Vaughan, **Members:** Eileen Hicks, Dr. John Handley, Mary Joan Fredette-Hahn, and Michael Gamble. Ex-officio: Subdeacons Ron Foster and Chuck VanHuesen.

Knights of Columbus: William Hoadley **Ladies Guild:** Marie Reale

Youth Advisors: Chuck and Marie VanHeusen **Altar Society:** Betty Morgan

Young Adult Advisor: Michael Gamble **Sacristan:** Ray Miller **Organist/Choir Dir:** Francis Younger

**LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK
SEASON OF GREAT LENT
FEBRUARY 25-26, 2017**

SUNDAY OF THE ENTRANCE INTO LENT

MIRACLE AT CANA IN GALILEE

Readings: Rom. 14:14-23; John 2:1-11; Liturgy begins on page 176.

Sat. February 25 5:00 p.m. +Cedric & Mary Elizabeth South by Chris Cooper.
Sun. February 26 10:30 a.m. George Jemenez (H) by Marites & Gregory Torres-Goulet.

ASH MONDAY – LITURGY AND DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES

Mon. February 27 **12 Noon and 6:30 PM**
Tue. February 28 9:00 a.m. Hasna Bakhos (H).
Wed. March 1 9:00 a.m. Bennett Bray (H) by Lucy Zahran.

FEAST OF ST. JOHN MARON, PATRIARCH OF ANTIOCH

Thu. March 2 9:00 a.m. Bishop Gregory Mansour (AV).
Fri. March 3 9:00 a.m. +Ardis Littrell by Joan Zack.
6:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross/Rite of the Cross.

MARCH 4-5, 2017

SUNDAY WEEK OF LENT

HEALING OF THE LEPER

Readings: Rom. 6:12-23; Mark 1:35-45; Liturgy begins on page 196.

Sat. March 4 5:00 p.m. +Thomas Piner, Sr., by Tom & Teresa Piner.
Sun. March 5 10:30 a.m. + Carolyn Bartlett (AV).

Tithes & Offerings	\$2,049.00
Fuel	45.00
Candles	<u>57.00</u>
	\$2,151.00

Building Fund (Restricted): \$50.00
AC/Heating Unit Campaign: \$7,296.00 (to date)
God Bless You for Your Support

SANCTUARY CANDLE, BREAD & WINE FOR MARCH IS AVAILABLE

VOCATIONS CHALICE

	Saturday		Sunday
Feb 25	Tom & Teresa Piner	Feb 26	Dan & Jen Leaf

READERS – Contact Subdeacon Ron Foster (910) 818-8682.

	Saturday		Sunday
Feb 25	Tom & Teresa Piner	Feb 26	Ray Miller

LOVE LUNCH: First Wednesday at the Salvation Army on Alexander Street. Suspended until January 2017.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING: First Sunday at 12 Noon. Contact Grand Knight William Hoadley at (910) 867-1010.

ST. MICHAEL LADIES GUILD MEETING: Second Sunday at 12 Noon. Contact President Marie VanHeusen at (910) 988-3499.

USHERS & GREETERS – FEBRUARY: Warren and MJ Hahn.

REFRESHMENTS – FEBRUARY: The Bertis.

ROSARY is prayed every 2nd weekend of the month 30 minutes prior to Liturgy.

BIRTHDAYS – FEBRUARY: Eileen Hicks, Kelly Monsour, Doulas Weiser, Nels Kinnerup, Cristina Francescon, Billie Baggett, Matty Leaf.

ANNIVERSARIES – FEBRUARY: Peter & Honey Paoni; Doug & Heather Weiser.

+IN MEMORIAM – FEBRUARY: Lois Ferrari, Vivian Fernandez, Jeanne Dupere, Clarence Stoeckley, Mildred Lindsay, Carolyn Bartlett, Charles Johnson, Curt Monsour, and Carol Hammell.

PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS WHO ARE DEPLOYED& THOSE IN UNIFORM:

Chaplain Tim Meier, Edwin G. Rosales, Austin Miller, and Scott Miller.

PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS, OUR SISTERS, AND FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD, RELIGIOUS LIFE AND OTHER MINISTRIES OF THE CHURCH.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL MINISTRIES: St. Michael’s has been asked to contribute 32 oz. jars of jams or jellies and sample size personal toiletry items. Please place your items in the basket located at the entrance to the Church. January: 36 lbs.

PRAYER CHAIN: Contact for the prayer chain is Lucy Zahran at 910-868-1147.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE AT HOME AND IN HOSPITALS: Pray for all who have called in to the prayer chain. May they have a speedy recovery. Please let us know if anyone needs to be taken off the list.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Classes every Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Office. Adult discussion group continues at the same time.

TEXTING IN CHURCH: You got the message about **TEXTING** during Liturgy. My promise to post names in the bulletin still stands.

RELIGIOUS GOOD STORE: The Ladies Guild has opened a religious goods corner in the parish hall. The inventory is limited but the items have been requested in the past, so they decided to stock on a limited basis. Special orders are also available. Please see any of the ladies or Fr. Sam.

VOCATION CHALICE SIGN UPS: For the Saturday Vocations Chalice please contact Darlene Darling @ 910-483-8845 or Freida Fadel @ 910-484-2280. For the Sunday Vocations Chalice please contact Ingrid Franklin @ 910-867-8090.

PASTOR'S CORNER:



Lenten Observances 2017

The Most Reverend Bishops Gregory Mansour and A. Elias Zaidan have issued the following Lenten guidelines for the Maronites of the U.S.:

- ★ All Maronites who are physically capable are to abstain from meat on Ash Monday (February 27, 2017) and all Fridays of Lent.
- ★ Ash Monday and the Great Friday of the Crucifixion 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.

ASH Monday

Distribution of Ashes

All parish priests are to bless and distribute **ashes** on Ash Monday during the celebration of the Divine Liturgy as indicated in our liturgical books. This ceremony may not be celebrated on the vigil of Ash Monday (Cana Sunday). For the convenience of some faithful of the Latin Church who may come to Mass at a Maronite Church on their Ash Wednesday, ashes that were blessed on Monday may be given to them after the Mass. However, ashes are not to be blessed again on this day.

Devotion of Lenten Fridays

All parish priests are to celebrate the Benediction with the Cross every Friday of Lent except for the Great Friday of the Crucifixion. This service may be preceded by other popular devotions such as Evening Prayer (*Ramsho*), Stations of the Cross or even the Divine Liturgy. Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament should not take place on Fridays of Lent.

Personal Devotion

Clergy, religious and laity who wish to observe the more traditional Maronite practice of fasting and abstinence are encouraged to do so. That practice is summarized in the following, taken from the Synod of Mt. 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 abstaining, as are the following four feast days: St. Maron - February 9, The 40 Martyrs - March 9, St. Joseph - March 19, and the Annunciation - March 25.* □



Have A Blessed Week,

Father Sam

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 26 February– Cana Sunday: Entrance into Lent
- 27 February– Ash Monday: 12 Noon & 6:30 p.m. Liturgies with the distribution of ashes.
- 3 March– Stations of the Cross: 6:30 p.m. Followed by a Lenten Meal in the Parish Hall.
 - All Fridays of Great Lent except Great Friday of the Crucifixion
 - NO DESSERTS** will be served.
- 31 March-2 April– Youth Retreat in Richmond, VA
- 18 April– Women’s Day of Reflection. Info to follow.

MIRACLE AT CANA



HEALING OF THE LEPER



HEALING OF THE HEMORRHAGING WOMAN



PRODIGAL SON



 “The Church (like so many other things in life) is not so much something we inherit from generations past or take over from our predecessors as it is something on loan to us from future generations” (Matthew Kelly)
