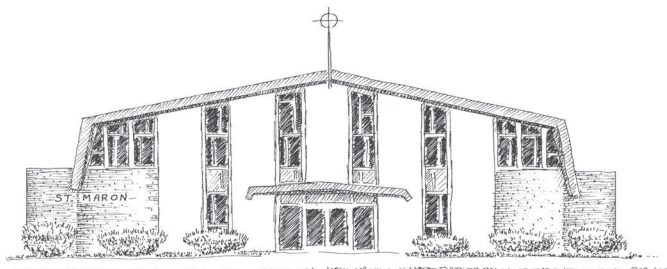


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**MARCH 6, 2011**

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## **GREAT LENT**

Great Lent is a time for change, for transformation. The Maronite Church begins Great Lent with Cana Sunday, a commemoration of the transformation of water into wine at the wedding feast of Cana at Galilee. This change prepares us for the evening when we change wine into the blood and bread into the body of Jesus.

The actual circumstances of the wedding are unknown. Perhaps Nathaniel had invited Jesus and his followers to the wedding feast in his village. Some say that the groom was related to Mary, the Mother of Jesus, or was one of the friends of Jesus. In the Middle Ages, legends held that it was the wedding feast of John the Beloved.

According to the Jewish customs, the wedding of a virgin was to take place on a Wednesday. The wedding was to be followed with eight days of celebration and an abundance of food and drink was essential. At this the wedding wine began to diminish. Fortunately for the groom and his guests, Jesus and his Mother were there.

Mary had only to mention to Jesus that something was going wrong: "They have no wine." Jesus understood that his Mother was not simply making an observation, but was seeking his powerful intervention. On her part, Mary was confident that he would listen to her. She had given birth to him and had lived with him for thirty years, so she had faith in him. At first, Jesus responded with an

apparent refusal, "Woman, (a term of respect which he Would also use on the cross) how does this concern of yours involve me?" The reason for his response was that his hour had not yet come, namely the hour of his death and resurrection, after which he would answer all the prayers of his Mother.

Jesus came into the world for a definite purpose and task, as we all do. He did not see his life in terms of the immediate needs of any particular moment, but only in terms of his purpose and the eternal plan of the Father. All of his deeds had to correspond and lead to the ultimate fulfillment of his life.

Mary knew that her prayer would not be refused; she told them to do whatever he tells them. Mary trusted in her Son and her request was fulfilled. She told the servants as she tells all of us: do whatever my Son tells you.

Jesus knew that the lack of wine would be source of embarrassment to the groom and misfortune for the guests.

Let us imitate his example and be concerned with the needs of those around us and how we can fulfill them.

**Saturday, March 6, 2011**

**9:00 a.m. [Lector: Robert Safadi]**

- **Joseph & Victoria Gabriel & deceased family members**, by Michael Gabriel
- **Victoria Sam**, by M/M Sam Saigh

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**11:30 a.m. [Lector: Don Howard]**

- **Catherine Aziz**, by Mike Michael
- **Leon Joseph**, by M/M Dan Howard

**Monday, March 7, 2011 ASH MONDAY**

**9:00 a.m. Leon Joseph**, by United kesrawan Society

**7:00 p.m. For all the parishioners of St. Maron**

**Tuesday, March 8, 2011**

**9:00 a.m. Eugene McEvoy**, by Diane Millar

**Wednesday, March 9, 2011**

**9:00 a.m. Pedro Joe E. Manz Jr.**, by Manz family

**Thursday, March 10, 2011**

**9:00 a.m. Carmen Abijaoude**, by Joe Bashara family

**Friday, March 11, 2011**

**9:00 a.m. Leon Joseph**, by United kesrawan Society

**7:00 p.m. Station of the Cross and Benediction with the crucifix**

**Sunday, March 13, 2011**

**9:30 a.m. [Lector: Robert Safadi]**

- **Victoria Sam**, by Lauri & Kari Brockmiller
- **In memory of Edward Russell**, by Michael Gabriel
- **Dr. Simon Basile**, (out of town)
- **Boulos Helou & Victoria Fares**, by the Helou family

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**11:30 a.m. [Lector: Don Howard]**

- **Ghassan Ghafari 35 years anniversary**, by his wife Theresa Ghafari and family

**Parish Staff**

Secretary.....Ms. Inaam Tamer  
 Parish Council President.....Dr. George B. Ghanem  
 Stewardship Committee President...Dr. G. Ghafari  
 Church Attorney.....Mr. Don Howard  
 Director of Public Relation.....Dr. Daher Rahi  
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 Ladies Altar Society President Ms. Veronica Asmar  
 Ushers Coordinator.....Mr. Raymond Mabarak  
 Language Classes Director....Mrs. Theresa Ghafari  
 Organist.....Mr. Teddy Tedesco  
 English Soloist.....Ms. Mary Anderson  
 History & Archive Coordinator. Ms. Veronica Asmar

**DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE**

**Sundays** at 9:30 a.m. & 11:30a.m.

**OFFICE HOURS**

Weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
The Office is closed on Weekends.

**MYSTERY OF BAPTISM & CHRISMATION**

You must be a **registered** and **active** member of the parish. Please inform the church office when your child is born. Arrangements should be made **between the parents and the church three weeks in advance of the date** you desire to have your child Baptized and Chrismated. Godparents must be baptized, at least age 14 and must provide a letter of "Good Standing" from their lawful pastor.

**MYSTERY OF CROWNING**

Allow a MINIMUM of SIX months for all necessary preparations including pre-marriage sessions. The new Code of Canons for the Oriental Churches (CCEO) makes this time frame an absolute necessity. No exceptions will be made unless for extreme reasons.

**MYSTERY OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

Notify the parish offices or the priest as soon as possible if a family member is in the hospital, nursing home, or is a shut-in, so that the priest can minister to them.

**PRAY FOR VOCATIONS**

**Our Offerings to God**

**Our offerings for Sunday, February 27, 2011 for Collection is \$1,661.00 candles \$ 187.00**

**WISH LIST FOR THE CHURCH**

**Please contact the Rectory to donate the Host and Wine for \$50.00/month, we will be accepting donations from two different families each month.**

- **Bread and Wine in memory of Ghassan Ghafari by Theresa Ghafari and family** for the month of March 2011.
- **Bread and Wine in memory of Assad Amine by the family** for the month of April 2011.
- **Bread and Wine in memory of Chemali and Mabarak families by Dolores & Ray Mabarak** for the month of May 2011.
- **Bread and Wine in memory of Assad Amine by the family** for the month of May 2011.
- **Bread and Wine in memory of Adib & Afife Saleh** for the month of June 2011.
- **Bread and Wine in memory of Dawood & Dasaro families** for the month of June 2011.
- **Bread and Wine** for the month of October 2011. By **Dr. & Mrs. Raymond d Farrar**

**Day light saving**

**The day light saving will start on next Sunday March 13, 2011.**

**LET US KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS**

St. Maron's parishioners and friends who are **shut-ins**: Harriet Armaly, Josephine Johns, Victoria Peters.

**sick**: Julie Hakim, Ronald Hakim, Joyce Mabarak, Catherine Marr .

**SCHEDULE YOUR YEARLY MASSES**

Remember to schedule your yearly masses or your remembrance masses. Thank you.

**Email Id's and Facebook Id's**

We need to have your email address in order to better reach you. Please email your email address to Msgr Baz at: [Father@saintmaronchurch.com](mailto:Father@saintmaronchurch.com). We are planning to start emailing the bulletin and the special announcements to our parishioners. Your information will be kept confidential. Also please keep in touch by joining our Face book group at: **"Saint Maron Maronite Catholic Church - Detroit"**

**St. Maron's Church Hundred year Celebration**

We are having our 100 year Anniversary Celebration on the weekend of Sept 30, Oct 1, & Oct 2, 2011. Our Beloved Bishop Shaheen will be present among us. We will have the following events:  
9-30-11 **Clergy Night Banquet K of C**  
10-1-11 **100 Year Anniversary Mass & Banquet**  
10-2-11 **Family Day Celebration**

**If you can help in any way, please see the Chair Person Theresa Ghafari.**

We are looking forward to have a historical celebration.

**MARONITE SYNAXARION**

- 3-2 St. John Maron, first Maronite Patriarch**
- 3-3 St. Thomas Aquinas**
- 3-9 The forty Martyrs**
- 3-19 St. Joseph foster Father of Jesus**
- 3-23 St. Rafka**
- 3-25 Annoucement to the Virgin Mary**
- 3-26 the Archangel Gabriel**

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**BIBLE STUDY**

Starting every Friday during lent, beginning on Friday 3-11-11, we will have bible study at the hall after the Lenten service which begins at 7 pm. I hope you can all attend. Thank you.

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**DATE TO REMEMBER**

- Ash Monday March 7**
- Palm Sunday April 17**
- Easter Sunday April 24**
- Golf outing Monday August 1, 2011**