

SAINT THERESE CATHOLIC CHURCH
Maronite Rite



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Our Mission Statement

*To establish a permanent
Eastern Catholic presence
for Northeast Oklahoma by
sharing the Mysteries of
Jesus Christ as expressed
through the richness of the
Maronite tradition*

Divine Liturgy:

8:30 am & 10:30am Sunday
5:30 pm Monday through Friday
7:00 pm Holydays

Sacrament of Reconciliation

One half hour before Mass on
Sunday

Baptism: Contact the priest as soon
as the baby is born

Marriage: Contact the priest at
least six months prior to the
wedding

Sickness: Contact the priest if
someone is sick at home or in the
hospital or in a nursing home.

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Dear Parishioners and Friends:

Saint Maron is the spiritual founder of the Maronite Church. His feast day is celebrated on February 9th, which is a holy day of obligation in the Maronite Church. This year we are having a Mass on February 9th at 10:00 A.M.

Saint Maron lived as a hermit in the fourth century near a pagan temple that he converted to a church. He dedicated his life to penance and prayer. Many people sought his prayers and help. At times, they invaded his place and solitude.

After his death the people who gathered around Saint Maron became his followers and took the name Maronites. They founded a monastery dedicated to his memory, known as the monastery of Saint Maron.

Dear Maronites: Be proud of your identity; spread the Maronite faith and heritage in your family, let your children embrace this culture, and pass it on to the next generations.

I would like to remind you that we begin our LENT on Ash Monday February 11 with a Divine Liturgy at 7:00 pm with the distribution of ashes. Let us live these 40 days close to our Lord Jesus on the Mountain like Saint Maron, let us renew our Faith and commitment to God especially during this year of Faith.

I wish you all a blessed and fruitful LENT. May our Lord grant you strength and courage to get closer to Him and to love Him as He loves us.

Father Elias

Dates to Remember**SUPER BOWL PARTY**

February 3, 2013

4:30 P.M.

Sloppy Joes & chips. Bring your own drink.

Holy Day of Obligation**St. Maron****February 9, 2013****Divine Liturgy 10 A.M.****ASH MONDAY****February 11****Divine Liturgy 7 P.M.****FRIDAYS in Lent**

Divine Liturgy 5:30 P.M.

Soup and bread after Divine Liturgy

Stations of the Cross 7 P.M.

CHURCH CLEANING February 2 at 1 P.M.

WOMEN'S CLUB February 3 Rosary at 10 A.M. Meeting at 11:30 A.M. The women's retreat will be held March 9.

MEN'S CLUB February 10 Meeting after 11:30 Mass. The men's retreat will be held March 16 at St. Therese Church.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES February 12 at 7 P.M.

CATECHISM CLASSES after 10:30 A.M. Mass.

YOGA (beginning) Mondays 7 P.M. Call Sabrina at 918-693-3732 to confirm date and time.

Sunday Contributions for January \$6418.00

*Thank you for your generous act towards your Church.***Mass Intentions for February 2013**

- 1 For Habib & Victoria Abi-Sarkis
- 2 NO MASS
- 3 Sunday of the Faithful Departed
8:30 For Susie Harder by M/M/ Henry Harder
10:30 For Toufic & Regina Al-Adem
- 4 For Joseph Abi-Sarkis
- 5 For Souad Noursani
- 6 For Souls in Purgatory
- 7 For Father Elias Khoueiri
- 8 For the Sick and the Dying
- 9 **HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**—St. Maron
For the Maronite Church 10 A.M.
- 10 Sunday of the Entrance into Lent
8:30 For Joseph Wakim
10:30 For Momo Hilda Cooper
by Leatrice & Aida Jabbour
- 11 **ASH MONDAY 7 P.M.** For Souls in Purgatory
- 12 For Joseph Abi-Sarkis
- 13 Ash Wednesday For Jacob & Juanita Jorishie
Ashes distributed
- 14 For Naim Arah
- 15 For Dikran Bozian
- 16 NO MASS
- 17 Healing of the Leper
8:30 For Milad Antonios
10:30 For Father Sharbel Lisha
- 18 For Toufic Abi-Sarkis
- 19 For Peace in the World
- 20 For John Rizk
- 21 For Regina Havel
- 22 For Pierre Atallah
- 23 NO MASS
- 24 Healing of the Hemorrhaging Woman
8:30 For Eugene Brugman
10:30 For William Clooney
- 25 For the Sick and the Dying
- 26 For Father Philp Abdelmasih
- 27 For Marie Abi-Sarki
- 28 For the return of the sinners to the grace of God

Lenten guidelines for the Maronites of the United States

All Maronites who are physically capable are to abstain from meat on Ash Monday (February 11) 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.

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 three feast days:

**St. Maron-February 9,
The 40 Martyrs-March 9,
St. Joseph-March 19.**



Volunteers for Soup and Bread on Fridays in Lent

Feb. 15 Sam Mouchantaf

Feb. 22 Elias & Josie Khoury

March 1 Najat Abdo

March 8 Ronald Fogley

March 15 Rima Awad

March 22 Amal Dagher

March 25 Josette Kamel & Charlotte Jabbour

March 26 Thomas & Shirley Mefford

March 27 Anne Smith & Aida Hatter



Date:

Saturday, Sixteenth of February

Cocktails 6:45 pm

Dinner 7:30 pm

Valentine Ball

Live Entertainment with

D.J. "Tony Azar"

And a Raffle

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For Reservations Contact

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Tickets: \$60

(One free drink between 6:45 @ 7:30)