

Saint Rafka

Catholics of the East in the Upstate!



Woman With a Hemorrhage Season of Great Lent

Saint Rafka Maronite Catholic Church is a Parish of the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn. The Antiochene Syriac Maronite Church is one of over twenty Eastern and Oriental Catholic Churches in communion with the Bishop of Rome. Led by His Beatitude, **Bechara Boutros Rai**, Patriarch of Antioch and all the East in Berke, Lebanon, the Syro-Maronite Church has parishes and missions on six continents. Saint Rafka Parish was established as a mission in 2002. The community grew and flourished and was raised to the rank of parish in 2021.

**Most Rev. Gregory
John Mansour**

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OFFICE HOURS

10:00 AM - 4:30 PM
Monday - Friday

DIVINE LITURGIES

The Divine Liturgy is
celebrated on

Saturday,
4 PM Vigil
Sunday, 8:30 AM
11:00 AM
Tuesday, 10:00 AM
Wednesday, 7:00 PM
Thursday 10:00 AM
Friday, 10:00 AM
Holy Days
As Announced

CONFESSIONS

Saturday, 3:15 PM
Sunday 10:15 AM
Wednesday 6:30 PM
Weekdays before
liturgy as requested

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MASS INTENTIONS

Mass intentions are a good way to remember and pray for your loved ones, alive or deceased.

If you would like to request an intention please remember to submit your intentions for Liturgy ASAP by calling the parish office at 864.469.9119 or by email at bill@saintrafka.org. Please remember that it is rare to be able to have your intention the following Sunday! **Masses are now generally booked up about three months in advance.**

BAPTISM & CHRISMATION

Baptism in the Maronite Rite is always accompanied by *Chrismation* (Confirmation). Both Sacraments are given by a priest, and always in the same ceremony. Preparation to receive the Sacraments of Baptism and Chrismation is required. We encourage this to happen before the birth of your child. Please contact the [Church Office](#) for more details.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The Anointing of the Sick is routinely offered during the Divine Liturgy on Wednesday evening and during pastoral visits by the priest to homebound and ill parishioners. Let me know if you will be in the hospital or have other special needs. Contact the [Church Office](#).

THE MYSTERY OF CROWNING (MARRIAGE)

Couples must contact the pastor **at least** six months prior to the desired date of the wedding. To initiate the marriage preparation process or if you have questions for weddings taking place at Saint Rafka. Contact the [Church Office](#).

PARISH REGISTRATION

Registration forms and welcome packets are available in the church office and the vestibule. Membership is a condition for the reception of the sacraments of baptism/confirmation, first reconciliation, first Eucharist, and Crowning (marriage). Registration is also required before the parish can issue a sponsorship certificate for those asked to be sacramental sponsors. You must be a registered, contributing member for at least three months before a certificate is provided.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Teenagers are invited to join our Maronite Youth Organization, aka MYO. Contact **Lisa Advent** lisaadventphotography@gmail.com for more information.

Ramsho (Evening Prayer)

Join us on Tuesday at 5:45 PM for evening prayer and prayers of intercession to Saint Sharbel.

WICKETT HALL AND ASHY PAVILION

Wickett Hall and Ashy Pavilion can be used by our registered and supporting parishioners for family events, reunions, etc. Others may request permission to rent the Hall or Pavilion. Please contact the [Church Office](#).

MARONITE RESOURCES

Daily [readings](#) for the Divine Liturgy.
Daily morning prayer and evening prayer of the Divine Office [here](#).

TRAVELING AND NEED TO GO TO MASS?

Where to go to Mass when traveling? Look here!
MassTimes.org
[The Catholic Directory](#)
[Parishes Online](#)

SOCIAL MEDIA

Please follow us at @saintrafkagreenville on **Instagram** and/or **St. Rafka Maronite Church** on **Facebook**. <http://www.facebook.com/strafka>
Also [YouTube](#)!

SAINT RAFKA FOOD PANTRY

Established in 2019, the Saint Rafka Food Pantry is for those who need immediate food assistance. Need food? Call the church office or come by, 10 AM - 2 PM. You can also email **Marie Kidd** who is coordinating this project. All gifts of food are anonymous. Donations of food are accepted either at the Church Office or the back of the church.

SCRIPTURE SHARING

Scripture haring discussion following the Carmelite Way with Saint Therese of the Little Flower and Saint John of the Cross

IN DEFENSE OF CHRISTIANS [IDF](#) Individuals banning together help and make know the plight of the Christians in the Middle East and their suffering.

SHRINE OF THE PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS in the United States. [Video here](#).

Scripture Readings

Luke 8:40-56

Numbers 15:37-41

The LORD said to Moses: Speak to the Israelites and tell them that throughout their generations they are to make tassels for the corners of their garments, fastening a violet cord to each corner. When you use these tassels, the sight of the cord will remind you of all the commandments of the LORD and you will do them, without prostituting yourself going after the desires of your hearts and your eyes.

Thus you will remember to do all my commandments and you will be holy to your God. I, the LORD, am your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt to be your God: I, the LORD your God.

2 Cor. 7: 4-11

I have great confidence in you, I have great pride in you; I am filled with encouragement, I am overflowing with joy all the more because of all our affliction. For even when we came into Macedonia, our flesh had no rest, but we were afflicted in every way—external conflicts, internal fears. But God, who encourages the downcast, encouraged us by the arrival of Titus, and not only by his arrival but also by the encouragement with which he was encouraged in regard to you, as he told us of your yearning, your lament, your zeal for me, so that I rejoiced even more. For even if I saddened you by my letter, I do not regret it; and if I did regret it ([for] I see that that letter saddened you, if only for a while), I rejoice now, not because you were saddened, but because you were saddened into repentance; for you were saddened in a godly way, so that you did not suffer loss in anything because of us. For godly sorrow produces a salutary repentance without regret, but worldly sorrow produces death. For behold what earnestness this godly sorrow has produced for you, as well as readiness for a defense, and indignation, and fear, and yearning, and zeal, and punishment. In every way you have shown yourselves to be innocent in the matter.

When Jesus returned, the crowd welcomed him, for they were all waiting for him. And a man named Jairus, an official of the synagogue, came forward. He fell at the feet of Jesus and begged him to come to his house, because he had an only daughter, about twelve years old, and she was dying. As he went, the crowds almost crushed him. And a woman afflicted with hemorrhages for twelve years, who [had spent her whole livelihood on doctors and] was unable to be cured by anyone, came up behind him and touched the tassel on his cloak. Immediately her bleeding stopped. Jesus then asked, "Who touched me?" While all were denying it, Peter said, "Master, the crowds are pushing and pressing in upon you." But Jesus said, "Someone has touched me; for I know that power has gone out from me." When the woman realized that she had not escaped notice, she came forward trembling. Falling down before him, she explained in the presence of all the people why she had touched him and how she had been healed immediately. He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has saved you; go in peace." While he was still speaking, someone from the synagogue official's house arrived and said, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the teacher any longer." On hearing this, Jesus answered him, "Do not be afraid; just have faith and she will be saved." When he arrived at the house he allowed no one to enter with him except Peter and John and James, and the child's father and mother. All were weeping and mourning for her, when he said, "Do not weep any longer, for she is not dead, but sleeping." And they ridiculed him, because they knew that she was dead. But he took her by the hand and called to her, "Child, arise!" Her breath returned and she immediately arose. He then directed that she should be given something to eat. Her parents were astounded, and he instructed them to tell no one what had happened.

Reflection

On this Sunday the Lord Jesus is again revealed to us as the *Divine Physician* of both our souls and bodies. He can raise-up the dead as well as heal our sicknesses. The Church, in her prayers, implores Jesus to pour the balm of his mercy on both the sick and the sorrowful so they may all benefit from the tremendous power his healing compassion.

Luke's Gospel vividly portrays the compassion and gentleness of Jesus in his dealing with the two women in need and their families. The case of the hemorrhaging woman becomes a lesson for all of us; to seek the Lord and not to be afraid to come before him for mercy and healing; nor to be intimidated by the crowds and their opinions. The courage of this woman is praised by St. Ephrem and other Church Fathers who present her as a model – for each one of us to have this courage – to admit that we are in need of healing – to be bold enough to touch the Lord – and to let him act graciously towards us.

Lent is the Season when the Church draws heavily on the sacramental-mysteries (tassels) of Christ. She encourages us and to confess ourselves as sinners who often have not lived by the Lord's commandments of love: expressed in patience, tolerance, generosity, and mercifulness towards others – and even towards ourselves. How

wonderful it is to hear the words thereafter: *go in peace, your sins have been forgiven; or, Be healed!* There our shackles are removed as the Lord takes upon himself our burdens and makes them light as he says (Mt 11: 28-30):

Come to me all you who are
weary and burdened,
and I will give you rest.
Take my yoke upon you and learn from me,
for I am gentle and humble of heart,
and you will find rest for your souls.
For my yoke is easy,
and my burden is light!

Like the young girl to whom Jesus says "*Arise / Qoom*" so too to our inner being (our souls) fallen asleep with the burdens of sadness, discouragement, and disbelief he will say: "*Qoom / Arise!*"

May the Lord visit you this lent and bring you healing of his passion and resurrection! May you drink from the cup of his compassion! May you have the courage to touch his tassel for healing and help! May he let his light and love shine from within you this Easter so that you may cry-out from the inner cave of your heart and proclaim with faith: "*Truly He is Risen!*"

Steven Bonian, S.J.



Abouna's Corner

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Welcome Bishop Gregory! We are honored to have you in our midst. We are delighted that you can lead us in prayer and visit the members of the community. We greet you in Peace!

March will bring other guests to Saint Rafka Parish. **Father Fadi Rouhana**, Pastor of Saints Peter and Paul Maronite Church, will bring his MYA group to the Upstate for a retreat and will pray Friday night Stations of the Cross with us on March 21. Welcome Father Fadi and the Tampa MYA!

Universal Church Directories has scheduled the make up day for photos of parishioners for This Tuesday, March 18. As of Thursday morning, this date was still in the calendar though only 8 families had signed up to that point. Photos will be begin at 2:00 PM and continue till 8:30 PM. If you did not have a chance to have your photo taken, please go the this link: UCDIR.com. Navigate to the "Photography Session Sign Up" and enter the Church ID: SC303 and password: *photos*. This will be the last opportunity to have your picture included in the church directory. No pic, no problem! Other pertinent information will be included in the directory. This is a first time event, but it certainly does not have to be the last! Thanks for your help and assistance.

From Greg Dowden: *I wanted to thank you and the Church for all of the gifts that you have sent us these past few years. They have meant so much to us and helped keep us going many times. Thank God we will no longer be needing help from the Church. God has come through for us. Thanks to all who were so generous to the Dowden family.*

We have a parishioner who lives in the Five Forks area who needs a ride to Church at this time. This parishioner likes to attend the 11 AM Mass. Live close by? Like to help? Contact [Abouna](#) for more details.

Newest **Maronite Voice** is now online. View it [here](#).

Have a holy and prayerful Season of Great Lent! See you in Church!

Ab. Bart

Parish Directory Photos!!!!

PLEASE sign up for the Photo Session this coming Tuesday. If we do not have enough people, they will cancel this day and try again in the future. Simply to go UCDIR.com. The Church is SC303 and the password is *photos*. Let's make this first directory as complete as possible! Many thanks!

Potluck Luncheon Items

March 16, 2025

A - M	N - Z
Main Dishes and Sides	Desserts and Drinks

Pastoral Visit of Bishop Gregory

Brief Outline

Friday: Arrival, *Ramsho* and Benediction of the Cross, light reception in Wickett Hall
Saturday: Morning - Meeting with Finance Committee. Afternoon - Short Meetings
Vigil Mass, Meet and Greet
Sunday: 8:30 AM Mass, Meet & Greet, 11:00 AM Mass, luncheon to follow, departure

The Servants of Mary and Joseph Lay Carmelite Community

The Lay Carmelite is called to the Family of Carmel to be deeply involved in the mission of the Church and to contribute to the sanctification of the secular world through our charisms of prayer, community and service.

The Community meets on the First Saturday of every month from 9:00 AM - 1:30 PM at Saint Joseph Catholic Church, 1200 Cornelia Rd, Anderson, SC for the Liturgy of the Hours, Mass and meeting.

Catholic men or women interested in learning more may contact Jon at joanelizabethrn@gmail.com



Church Offerings and Attendance

March 9, 2025		
4 PM	77	\$984.00
8:30 AM	43	\$409.00
11 AM	125	\$1139.00
Mail		\$1,575.00
PayPal/Electronic		\$20.00
Total	245	\$4,127.00
Budget 2025	230	\$4,350.00
+/-	15	-\$223.00
Year to Date		\$43,293.00
Budget for year +/-		\$207.00
Building Fund		
Mail In	0	\$215.00
12:00 AM	0	
11:00 AM	0	
Total	0	\$215.00
Holy Hour		0
Funeral		0
2025 Totals		
4:00 PM		848
8:30 AM		301
11 AM		1093
Weekday Masses		707
Holy Hour		58
Holy Day		221
Special Liturgy		57
Funerals		150
Weddings		60

Average Attendance

4 PM	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
85	30	109

Facts regarding our bulletin!

Bulletins emailed last weekend: 415 +
Percentage opened 67% +

Opened emails: 276 + Unopened emails: 137 -

Masses, Sanctuary Lamp & Flowers

To have the Sanctuary Light for your relatives or intentions, please use the envelope provided at the entrance. Donation is \$5.00. **The Sanctuary Candle burns this week In Memory of +Hugh and In Honor of Madeleine McNally** by daughter Debbie Pruestel.

To have flowers for a memorial of a loved one, please use the envelope provided at the entrance. Donation is \$50.00 per Sunday.

If you would like a **Mass** offered for your loved ones, please call the church office at 864.469.9119 or secretary@saintrafka.org. Envelopes for Masses also available at the door of the church.



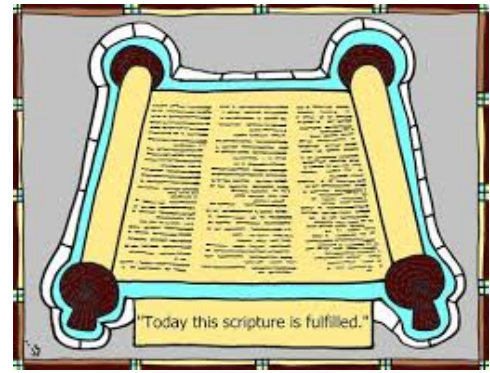
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Liturgical Readings

Old Testament (English) Numbers 15:37-41	Geoff Bolak
New Testament (Arabic) 2 Cor. 7: 4-11	Fadi Mahanna



Mass Intentions

March 15 - 16	Hemorrhaging Woman	
Saturday, 4 PM	+Ron Payne	Ceil & Andy
Sunday, 8:30 AM	+Joseph Frisari	Slusz Family
Sunday 11:00 AM	+Virginia Guzman & Rebecka Caberra	Richard & Afaf Sleiman
Tuesday, 10:00 AM	+Tola Dinko	Amos Hykes
Wednesday, 7:00 PM	+Joseph Frisari	Paul & Anna Shimow
Thursday 10:00 AM	+Gerald (Garry) Ozzimo, 6 year anniversary	Lenore Ozzimo
Friday, 10:00 AM	+Frances Hykes	Amos Hykes
March 22 - 23	Prodigal Son	
Saturday 4 PM	+Becky	Ceil & Andy
Sunday, 8:30 AM	+Richard Wickett	Ceil & Andy
Sunday 11:00 AM	+Jack Yacu	Moreen Yacu and Family
Tuesday, 10:00 AM	+Martina Farge, Birthday	Marcel Farge
Wednesday, 7:00 PM	+Rebecca Caberra	Ceil & Andy
Thursday 10:00 AM	NO MASS TODAY	
Friday, 10:00 AM	+Paul Bussemey	Joan Bussemey

All men of the parish are invited to join men from Prince of Peace Parish for breakfast and fellowship. The Catholic Men's Breakfast meets on the first Thursday of each month at 8:00 AM at the Eggs Up Restaurant, 3935 Pelham Road, Greenville. Please join us and feel free to bring a friend! Any questions call Jack Stewart, 864 787-7592.

Video on the Sainted Massabki brothers on Facebook. <https://www.facebook.com/NoursatEnglish/videos/1008068293229859>

Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
16 Hemorrhaging Woman 8:30 AM, Divine Liturgy 10:30 AM, Holy Rosary 11:00 AM, Divine Liturgy Luncheon with Bishop 5:00 PM, Korean Mass	17	18 10 AM Divine Liturgy Arabic Devotions to follow Directory Photo Day 5:45 PM <i>Ramsho</i>	19 6:00 PM, Marian Catechists 6:30 PM, Holy Rosary 7:00 PM, Divine Liturgy	20 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy	21 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM, Stations of the Cross Tampa MYA to join us	22 MYA Adoration 3:15 Confessions 4:00 PM, Vigil Liturgy
23 Prodigal Son Saint Rafka Feast Day 8:30 AM, Divine Liturgy 10:30 AM, Holy Rosary 11:00 AM, Divine Liturgy 1:30 PM, Baptism 5:00 PM, Syro-Malabar Divine Liturgy	24	25 10 AM Divine Liturgy Arabic Devotions to follow 5:45 PM <i>Ramsho</i>	26 6:00 PM, Marian Catechists 6:30 PM, Holy Rosary 7:00 PM, Divine Liturgy	27 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy	28 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM, Stations of the Cross	29 3:15 Confessions 4:00 PM, Vigil Liturgy
30 Prodigal Son 8:30 AM, Divine Liturgy 10:30 AM, Holy Rosary 11:00 AM, Divine Liturgy	31	April 1 10 AM Divine Liturgy Arabic Devotions to follow 5:45 PM <i>Ramsho</i>	2 6:00 PM, Marian Catechists 6:30 PM, Holy Rosary 7:00 PM, Divine Liturgy	3 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy	4 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM, Stations of the Cross	5 3:15 Confessions 4:00 PM, Vigil Liturgy
6 Blind Man 8:30 AM, Divine Liturgy 10:30 AM, Holy Rosary 11:00 AM, Divine Liturgy 3:00 PM, Holy Hour 5:00 PM, Korean Mass	7	8 10 AM Divine Liturgy Arabic Devotions to follow 5:45 PM <i>Ramsho</i>	9 6:00 PM, Marian Catechists 6:30 PM, Holy Rosary 7:00 PM, Divine Liturgy	10 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy	11 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM, Stations of the Cross	12 3:15 Confessions 4:00 PM, Vigil Liturgy



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Saints of the Day

March

March 18, Saint Cyril of Jerusalem
March 19, Saint Joseph, Foster Father of Our Lord
March 21, Saint Benedict
March 23, Saint Rafka, Virgin-Confessor
March 25, The Annunciation of Mary
March 26, Gabriel the Archangel
March 29, Saint Cyril, Deacon of Baalbek
March 30, Saint John Climacus of Mount Sinai
April 1, Saint Mary of Egypt
April 23, Saint George the Martyr
April 25, Saint Mark the Evangelist
April 27, Saint Simon the Apostle
April 29, Saint Catherine of Sienna

Prayer List

Karen Krings, John Davis, Pat Moore, Deacon Bob Smith, Anna Maria Portilla, Sandra Reece, Charles Howard, Marcia Palmer, Mary Howard, Lisa Moman, Leslie Ziminsky, Dan Beckman, Lisa Bolt, Crysten Yammine, L. Mary Killough, Thomas Sloan, Ciera D, Irene Ponce, Philomena Reed, Rick Argon, Sister Mary Emmanuel, OSC, Hewitt Dickerson, Brielle Sheriff, Carol, Gina, Jeni Yacu, Rodena and Bruce Thompson, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, Nadim Chebeir, Mike, Leo, B J Dursse, Deacon Dick Murtaugh, Vicki Gosnell, Sam Clutter, Michael Tierney, Paul Shimow, Betty Mileski, Doug Logan, Rita Charbonete, Frances Danton, Diane Hickey, Alan Frechette, Jacob and Jaxson Rivera, Andrea Wise, Patrizia, Susan Clarke, Andy Frisari, Beth, Mary Dowden, Karen Rodgers, Nancy Georgion, Rosemary & Jim King, Mark Knight, Stephen Wedgeworth, MR, Hilda Hix, Catherine Caul, Albert Martin, Nanine D'Aquin, Elizabeth Fallet, Anthony Kozakiewicz, Bill Riley, KG, Linda Crosby, Jenny Gould, Maurice Mercier, Breese, Jennifer Payne, Matt Smith, Leila Chebeir, Tammy Lopez, Anthony Fagliarone, Fernando, Carolyn Groner, Tim Eaton, Kelly Mullens, Carol Craven, Mel Casby, Vincent Howard, K.F., Eileen Howard, Jack Campbell, Hilda Hix, Sue Bauer, Chrisoula, Theresa Woodson, Noah Scott Kestler, Art and Judy Pape, Suhail Yousiff, Tom Craven, Jr., Michael Rau, Chris Davis, Pixie Geren, Mike Dyer, Christian Pereira, Art Newton, Recovery of RS, Claire Barnett, Ethel Brassel, Katrina Shunk, George Vargo, Irma Galvan, Mary Cleary, Joe Lemire, Virginia LaFave, Nabeel Howard, Paul Cote

Birthdays

March

16, Antoine Sleiman
18, Bill Seif
22, Tom Craven
23, Joseph Chebli
23, Clara Rebecca Saad
24, Mariana Elizabeth Saad
24, Giselle Sleiman
24, Paul Leonardi
25, Sophia Therese Sloan
25, Jane Howard
28, Marie Kidd
30, MaryAnne Lepak

April

1, Sandra Reece
2, Suaad Jamile Noori
2, Joseph Chebeir, Jr.

Anniversaries

April

13, John and Yvonne Maroun
21, Nabil and Soraya Chackal
24, Lorraine and Maurice Mercier
25, Richard and Afaf Sleiman
25, Sam and Sherri Sandbothe
26, Khader & Nehad Jadallah

Necrology

+Gerald (Gerry) Peter Ozzimo, March 8, 2019
+Lorice Dow Black, March 9, 2021
+Father Christopher Henderson, March 12, 2017
+Diane Dyer, March 17, 2011
+Violet Monsour Howayeck, March 20, 2013
+Hugh McNally, March 22, 2023
+William (Bill) Baccarny, March 24, 2023
+Fadwa Chalouhi, March 26, 2014

Important Dates to Remember

Pastoral Visit of Bishop Gregory,
March 15-16

Directory Photo Make Up Date, March
18

Shaneenee (Palm) Sunday, April 13

Easter, April 20

First Holy Communion, May 18

The Eparchial Couples Ministry & St. Sharbel Spiritual Life Center



THE PROFOUND MYSTERIES

GREAT FRIDAY & SATURDAY OF THE LIGHT

April 1st, at 8 PM EST



Meeting ID: 876 7703 2009
Passcode: 399441



Main Speaker:
Bishop Gregory J. Mansour



Holy Week Schedule 2025

Shaneenee (Hosanna/Palm Sunday)

4 PM Vigil Liturgy
8:30 AM, Quiet Liturgy
11 AM, Solemn Liturgy with Procession
Luncheon to follow

Holy Monday

7 PM, Coming to the Harbor Liturgy

Holy Tuesday

10:00 AM, Divine Liturgy
7 PM, Coming to the Harbor Liturgy

Holy Wednesday

9 AM – 6:30 PM, Day of Confessions
7 PM, Rite of the Lamp

**CONFESSIONS ARE NOT HEARD AFTER
THIS TIME UNTIL AFTER EASTER**

Holy Thursday of the Mysteries

7 PM, Divine Liturgy, Washing of the Feet
Eucharistic Procession and Adoration

Good Friday of the Crucifixion

9 AM, Signing of the Chalice
3 PM, Stations of the Cross in Arabic
الثالثة مساءً ، محطات الصليب باللغة العربية
7 PM, Burial of Christ

Holy Saturday of the Awaited Light

11 AM, Service of Forgiveness
(Blessing of Easter Foods, etc. to follow)
4 PM, Solemn Vigil Liturgy

Easter Sunday

8:30 AM, Quiet Liturgy
11 AM, Solemn Liturgy of the Day
Coffee Social to follow.





With Mary, Pilgrims of Hope Pilgrimage



May 20 - June 3, 2025

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hotel breakfast & dinner

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Limited seats available. Register by 3/31/2025

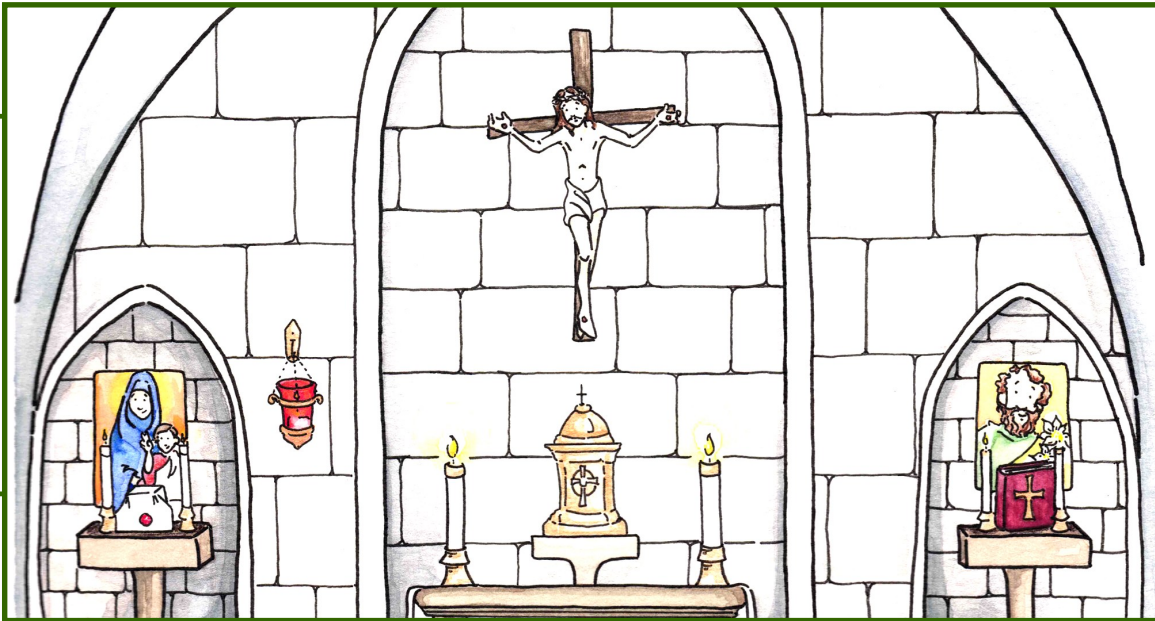
For more information,
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This trip is hosted by the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn.



Vacation Bible School 2025

St. Rafka Maronite Church
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Exploring the Maronite Divine Liturgy

Children (ages 3-12) are welcome to join us each day as we learn about worshipping God through our Maronite Divine Liturgy with prayer, music, crafts, games, and more!

July 21 - 24 (Monday - Thursday)

9:00 am - 1:45 pm (Lunch & snacks provided)

Each day begins with Daily Divine Liturgy (Mass) in the Church at 9:00 am

For more information

Lisa at (864) 414-6957 or **the Church Office** at (864) 469-9119

Email: saintrafkagreenville@gmail.com

Registration Deadline: July 6, 2023

*“I will enter your House, O Lord,
and worship before your throne.”*

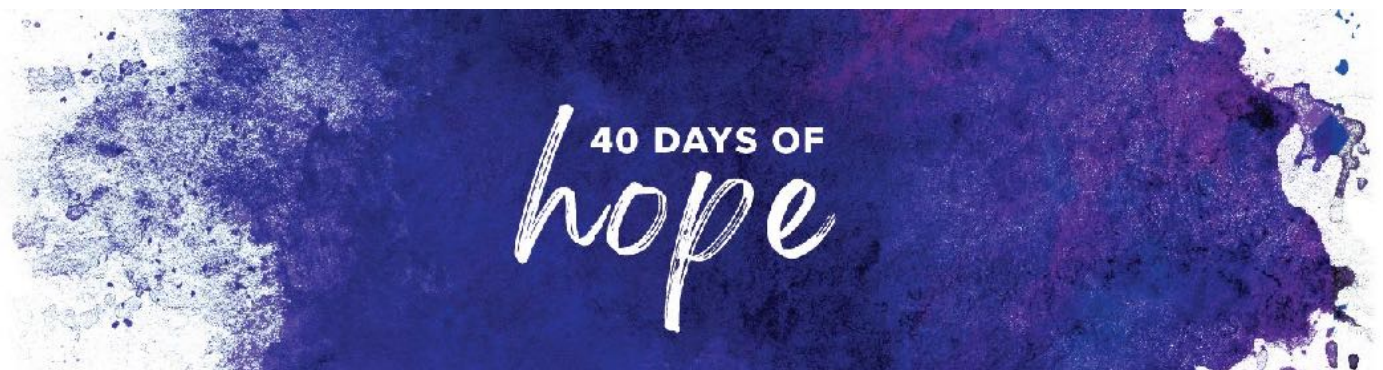
Saint Rafka Food Pantry

In May of 2020 our parish established a food pantry. There are so many hungry people around us, including parishioners and friends of the parish. We have established an area in Wickett Hall for a storage area and a section of the freezer for this purpose. Want to bring food? Bring it during office hours (10 AM - 2 PM) or drop it in the foyer of the church. Need food? Contact **Marie Kidd** (864)202.0317. Marie will handle the details, assisted by **Mark Duffy** and **Bill Leon** at the the church office. Thank you for sharing of your abundance with those less fortunate during this difficult period.

Food Pantry Needed Food Items

FOOD GIFTS CARDS or MONEY DONATIONS

Macaroni & Cheese in the boxes
Velveeta Macaroni & Cheese
Hamburger Helpers
Cold Macaroni Pasta in the boxes
Spaghetti noodles (only) No rotini or egg noodles needed at this time!
Spaghetti sauces in jars or in the cans
Dinty Moore Beef Stew in the cans
Tuna in the cans
Spam
Chili Bean in the cans
Salmon in the cans
Campbell Soups (Any kind)
Peanut Butter (Creamy Style) in jars
Any jellies (Strawberry, Peach, Raspberry, etc)
Jello Puddings or Jello in the boxes
Saltine Crackers, Vanilla Wafers, Oreo Cookies Graham Crackers, etc
Cereals in the boxes for Adults and Children
Oatmeal packages in the boxes
Canned peas, carrots, green beans, etc
Canned pears, peaches, applesauce, pineapple or in small plastic containers



Mary's Mantle Daily Rosary Group

Daily Rosary group that meets by Zoom. Call opens at 8:30pm each day. Info at rosary400@gmail.com.

The session consists of:

Call for Intentions

Prayers

- Unity Prayer
- Rosary
- Hail Holy Queen or Salve Regina
- Spiritual Communion
- Seasonal Novena or Selected Prayer
- (Currently we are praying the "Let Love Litany")
- (Optional) practice of Silence and contemplative prayer (On Mondays, right after the Rosary)
- (Optional) Brief discussion of spiritual book or scripture - (Tuesday - Sunday)

Zoom call closes between 9:30 and 9:45

Participants may attend for the Rosary & prayers only, or join for the entire call.



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