

Saint Rafka

Catholics of the East in the Upstate!



Paralyzed Man 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.

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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

Isaiah 35:1-10

The wilderness and the parched land will exult; the Arabah will rejoice and bloom; Like the crocus it shall bloom abundantly, and rejoice with joyful song. The glory of Lebanon will be given to it, the splendor of Carmel and Sharon; They will see the glory of the LORD, the splendor of our God. Strengthen hands that are feeble, make firm knees that are weak, Say to the fearful of heart: Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God, he comes with vindication; With divine recompense he comes to save you. Then the eyes of the blind shall see, and the ears of the deaf be opened; Then the lame shall leap like a stag, and the mute tongue sing for joy. For waters will burst forth in the wilderness, and streams in the Arabah. The burning sands will become pools, and the thirsty ground, springs of water; The abode where jackals crouch will be a marsh for the reed and papyrus. A highway will be there, called the holy way; No one unclean may pass over it, but it will be for his people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray on it. No lion shall be there, nor any beast of prey approach, nor be found. But there the redeemed shall walk, And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and enter Zion singing, crowned with everlasting joy; They meet with joy and gladness, sorrow and mourning flee away.

Timothy 5:24-25.6,1-5

The sins of some people are conspicuous and precede them to judgement, while the sins of others follow them there. So also good works are conspicuous; and even when they are not, they cannot remain hidden. Let all who are under the yoke of slavery regard their masters as worthy of all honor, so that the name of God and the teaching may not be blasphemed. Those who have believing masters must not be disrespectful to them on the ground that they are members of the church; rather they must serve them all the more, since those who benefit by their service are believers and beloved. Teach and urge these duties. Whoever teaches otherwise and does not agree with the sound words of our Lord Jesus Christ and the teaching that is in accordance with godliness, is conceited, understanding

nothing, and has a morbid craving for controversy and for disputes about words. From these come envy, dissension, slander, base suspicions, and wrangling among those who are depraved in mind and bereft of the truth, imagining that godliness is a means of gain.

Mark 2,1-12.

When Jesus returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home.

So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door; and he was speaking the word to them. Then some people came, bringing to him a paralysed man, carried by four of them. And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, 'Son, your sins are forgiven.' Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, 'Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?' At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were discussing these questions among themselves; and he said to them, 'Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, "Your sins are forgiven", or to say, "Stand up and take your mat and walk"? But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins' he said to the paralytic 'I say to you, stand up, take your mat and go to your home.' And he stood up, and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, 'We have never seen anything like this!'



Reflection

The miracles of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark establish a direct link between the healing powers of Christ and his divine forgiveness. Clearly the symbolic correlation between sin as weakness and paralysis – and Christ’s power to transform us into health – is not missed. For the Church this is expressed in our *Opening Prayer*:

You granted the paralyzed man
the pardon of his faults;
and ordered him to carry his stretcher
before the crowd,
showing us that you bear the sins of all.

The Church calls Christ Jesus “the *Compassionate Healer*” (*Qolo*), sent from the heavenly Father to heal humanity’s sufferings and to pardon our faults. And she asks him:

O Lord, shape within us
your divine love.
Call us, O Lord, to penance
and heal the pain of our paralysis.

Moreover, the Gospel reveals Jesus Christ, not only in his capacity to heal and forgive, but also

in his capacity to “disclose the secrets of the hearts.” Thus, the Healer of our bodies and souls is also the reader of our minds and our hearts. The implication here is that the Lord knows what is in the mind and heart of each one of us – for neither our good deeds nor our sins are hidden from him. Let us approach him – that he may heal us and forgive us!

In the *Mazmooro* the Church proclaims with Joy this healing love of Christ echoing from within her:

Pleasant is the voice of the Lord
announcing to the paralyzed man
“All your sins are forgiven.
Rise and go in peace.”

Within the Church the Spirit dwells,
overflowing from the heart of the Lord.
We implore you, O Savior,
grant us your compassion and forgiveness.

During this passage of holy Lent let us re-discover the love of the Lord for us, overflowing – like the living waters – through the heart of his Bride, the Church; may we find healing and peace.

Steven Bonian, S.J.



Abouna's Corner

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Windy Greetings from Saint Rafka!

This past week I was in Lutz, FL, right outside of Tampa, on retreat at the Bethany Center. The priests of our Eparchy gather each year for our spiritual retreat and for the past several years we have been coming to the Tampa area. Our retreat this year was lead by **Father John Lipscomb**, a married priest of the Diocese of Saint Petersburg who also has Maronite faculties. Father John was raised as a Baptist, became Anglican and ordained as an Anglican priest and later bishop. He entered the Catholic Church and was ordained a priest under the Pastoral Provision and works at Bethany Center giving retreats. A true scripture scholar and man of deep prayer, the retreat talks were academic and spiritual. The talks had good points of reflections and questions for self-introspection. It was a good retreat and a great time to see the brother priests in a relaxed setting. Now it is time to be back home and working in the vineyard!

Last Friday evening, our community welcomed **Father Fadi Rouhana**, Pastor of Saints Peter and Paul Maronite Church, Tampa, FL and his MYA group to the Upstate for a hiking and prayer retreat. Our MYA met them and treated them to a dinner after the evening prayers. On Saturday the group prayed in Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament before hiking. The on Sunday, the group joined us for the 11 AM Divine Liturgy. It was great to see so many Maronite young adults among us. The future of the Church seems to be in good hands!

If you would like to have Memorials listed in our **Easter Flower** list, please pick up an envelope at the door of the Church. These envelopes can be given to the ushers or dropped in the collection basket. Final dates to receive these Memorials for publication at Easter will be April 13, Palm Sunday. Many thanks for your generosity in providing the flowers for Easter!

As it is still Great Lent, we will forgo the April Pot Luck Luncheon on April 6 and have the traditional Palm Sunday Luncheon on April 13, a week later. Our traditional Mediterranean Chicken will be provided by the Church. We'll let you know what to bring in due time!

Vacation Bible School is coming soon in July. A flyer is posed further back in the bulletin and our website has an online application form to fill in which goes directly to **Lisa Advent**. Sign up early! For more details, go [here](#).

Please remember to pray for all who are sick and shut in, unable to be with us in person. Pray for those family members who are their care takers. They need rest and refreshment to continue their ministry of love and care. Saint Rafka, pray for us!

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.

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

Ab. Bart

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



GRIEF MINISTRY WORKSHOP

Deacon Henry DeMena

Bereavement Counselor

WHAT IS GRIEF MINISTRY?
WHAT CAN WE SAY OR DO TO
HELP SOMEONE EXPERIENCING
GRIEF?

Learn Practical Steps For
Accompanying Those Who Grieve

Friday, April 11, 2025

8:00 am - 4:30 pm

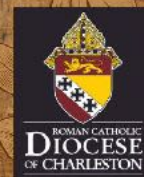
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To Register:

<https://charlestdiocese.flocknote.com/signup/204344>

\$10 Registration Includes Lunch

Office of Family Life
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Church Offerings and Attendance

March 23, 2025		
4 PM	66	\$1196.00
8:30 AM	35	\$788.00
11 AM	168	\$1238.00
Mail		\$345.00
PayPal/Electronic		\$20.00
Total	269	\$3,587.00
Budget 2025	230	\$4,350.00
+/-	39	-\$763.00
Year to Date		\$46,880.00
Budget for year +/-		\$970.00
Building Fund		
Mail In	0	
12:00 AM	0	
11:00 AM	0	
Total	0	\$0.00
Holy Hour		0
Funeral		0
2025 Totals		
4:00 PM		1032
8:30 AM		359
11 AM		1432
Weekday Masses		
Holy Hour		58
Holy Day		221
Special Liturgy		57
Funerals		150
Weddings		60

Average Attendance

4 PM	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
86	30	119

Facts regarding our bulletin!

Bulletins emailed last weekend: 417 +
Percentage opened 63% -

Opened emails: 264 - Unopened emails: 152 +

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.

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.



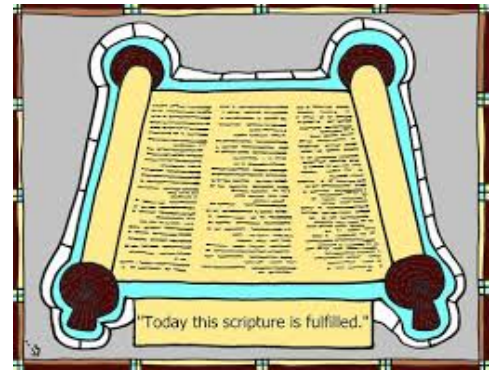
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Liturgical Readings

Old Testament (English) Isaiah 35:1-10	Darcy Bolak
New Testament (Arabic) Timothy 5:24-25.6,1-5	Chantal Dagher



Mass Intentions

March 29 - 30	Paralyzed Man	
Saturday, 4 PM	Angela	Her Parents
Sunday, 8:30 AM	Jackie Stephens	Bob Dowd
Sunday 11:00 AM	Piecuch Family	Andrea Piecuch
Tuesday, 10:00 AM	Matt Mytych	Barb Mytych
Wednesday, 7:00 PM	Living & Deceased Family & Friends	Ceil & Andy
Thursday 10:00 AM	Anne Flynn	Cathy & Lou Barnett
Friday, 10:00 AM	+Joseph Frisari	Ceil & Andy
April 5 - 6	Blind Man	
Saturday 4 PM	Patricia Vorhies Wagner	Sandry Cush, sister
Sunday, 8:30 AM	+Joseph Frisari	Rosie
Sunday 11:00 AM	Richard A Wickett + 40 Day Memorial	Wickett/Wilson/Kalata
Tuesday, 10:00 AM	Saint Joseph	The Mytych Family
Wednesday, 7:00 PM	+Joseph Frisari	
Thursday 10:00 AM	Matt Mytych	Barb Mytych
Friday, 10:00 AM	Thanksgiving to St. Joseph	Barb Mytych

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
30 Paralyzed Man 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
13 Shaneenee (Palm) 8:30 AM, Divine Liturgy 10:30 AM, Holy Rosary 11:00 AM, Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM, Syro-Malabar Liturgy	14 7:00 PM, Coming to the Harbor Liturgy	15 10 AM Divine Liturgy Arabic Devotions to follow 7:00 PM, Coming to the Harbor Liturgy	16 9:00 AM - 6:30 PM, Day of Confessions 7:00 PM, Rite of the Lamp	17 7:00 PM, Mass of the Lord's Supper	18 9:00 AM, Signing of the Chalice 3 PM, Stations of the Cross in Arabic الثالثة مساءً ، محطات الصليب باللغة العربية 7:00 PM, Burial of Christ	19 11:00 AM, Rite of Forgiveness 4:00 PM, Easter Vigil Liturgy
Holy Week - Sacred <i>Triduum</i> - See Holy Week Schedule						
20 Glorious Easter 8:30 AM, Divine Liturgy 10:30 AM, Holy Rosary 11:00 AM, Divine Liturgy	21	22 10 AM Divine Liturgy Arabic Devotions to follow	23 6:00 PM, Marian Catechists 6:30 PM, Holy Rosary 7:00 PM, Divine Liturgy	24 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy	25 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy	26 3:15 Confessions 4:00 PM, Vigil Liturgy



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Saints of the Day

March

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
April 30, Saint James, Son of Zebedee
May 1, Saint Jeremiah the Prophet
May 4, Saint Monica
May 8, Saint John the Evangelist
May 9, Saint Isaiah the Prophet
May 10, Saint Simon the Zealot, Apostle
(Confederate Veterans Day)

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, Tammy Lopez, Anthony Fagiarone, 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

28, Marie Kidd
30, MaryAnne Lepak

April

1, Sandra Reece
2, Suaad Jamile Noori
2, Joseph Chebeir, Jr.
5, Rasha Nadour
7, Lorraine Mercier
7, Joane Brown
7, Brooke Saad
8, Bob Dowd
8, Luke Gabriel Dibo
11, Nancy Georgion
13, Jocelyne Marzouka
14, Bassam Nmair

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

+Philip Joseph Howard, III, April 3, 2007
+Oscar Charles Saad, April 11, 2009
+Tina Cheshire, April 14, 2015
+Chafih Georgen Chalouhi, April 14, 2021
+George Joseph Michael, April 14, 2022
+Doris Howayeck Howard, April 20, 2018
+Hind Khawaja Michael, April 22, 2008
+Ruby Dumit, April 25, 2012

Important Dates to Remember

Shaneenee (Palm) Sunday, April 13
Easter, April 20
First Holy Communion, May 18

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.



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
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Main Speaker:
Bishop Gregory J. Mansour





With Mary, Pilgrims of Hope Pilgrimage



May 20 - June 3, 2025

13 Day & 13 Night Tour Includes

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Foligno • St. Rita • Greccio

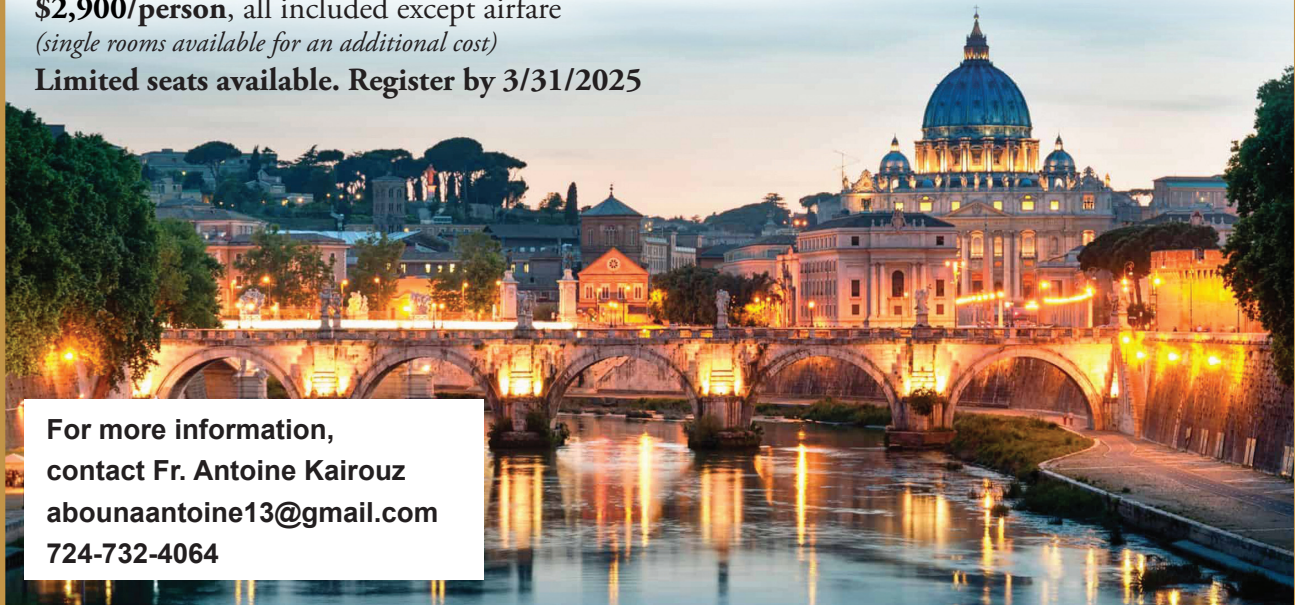
Package Includes

Single bed in a double room, international full coverage insurance, bus transportation, monument entrance fees, hotel breakfast & dinner

\$2,900/person, all included except airfare
(single rooms available for an additional cost)

Limited seats available. Register by 3/31/2025

For more information,
contact Fr. Antoine Kairouz
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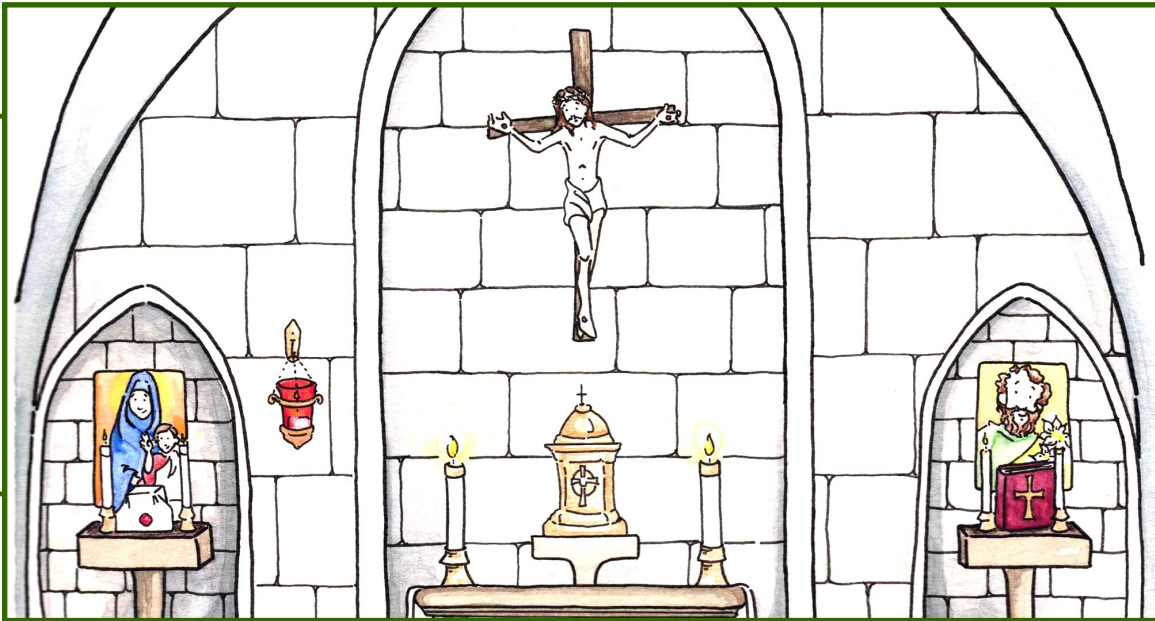


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Vacation Bible School 2025

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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."*

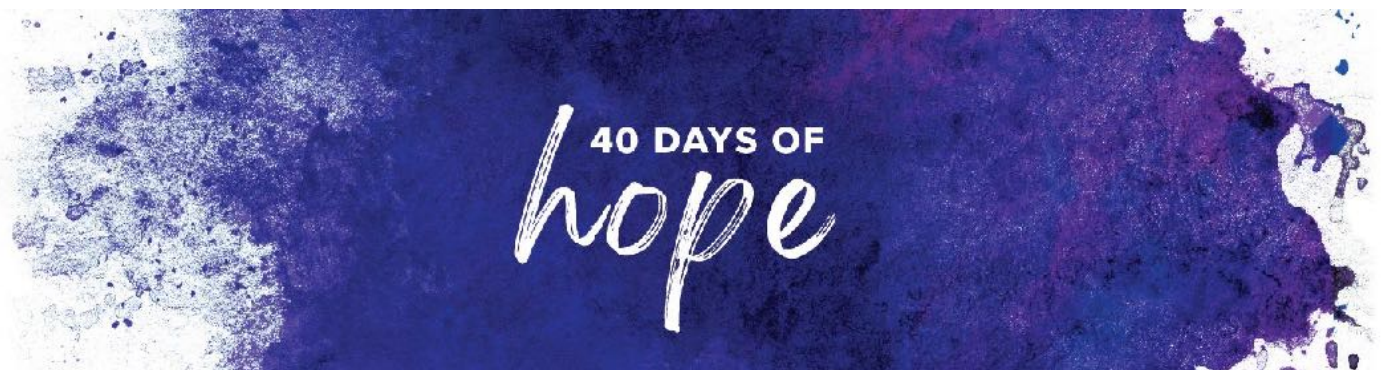
Saint Rafka Food Pantry

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.

Easter Flower Memorials

Help us purchase the flowers for Easter and member your loved ones on our Memorial List. Envelopes are in the back of the Church! Memorials can be accepted for Easter publication until Palm Sunday, April 13, 2025. Thank you for your kindness and generosity!



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