

**Our Lady of the
Cedars Maronite
Church**

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**The
Righteous
and the Just**



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**الأبرار
والصديقين**

Divine Liturgy Sunday: 9:30 & 11:00 AM Tue - Sat: 6:30 PM	The Righteous and the Just Heb 12:18- 24 Mt 25:31- 46	Pastor Fr. Milad Yaghi, M.L.M. frmilad@usa.com
Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) 30 min. before Mass by request	Monday Heb 12:1- 13 Mt 5:1- 12	Associate Pastor Fr. Pierre El- Khoury, M.L.M. frpierre@gmail.com
Sacrament of Crowning (Marriage) Notify the Pastor four months in advance	Tuesday Heb 12:14- 17 Mt 5:13- 16	Associate Pastor Fr. Andre Estephan, M.L.M. fr_andremlm@yahoo.com
Sacrament of Baptism (and Confirmation) Notify the Pastor one month in advance	Wednesday Heb 12:25- 29 Mt 5:17- 20	Subdeacon Jim Pinero jimp1940@aol.com
Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick Contact the Pastor	Thursday Heb 13:1- 8 Mt 5:21- 26	Choir Director Joseph Rouhana Logopg1@aol.com
Parish Organizations Daughters of Mary Knights of the Cedars Maronite Youth (MYO)	Friday Heb 13:9- 16 Mt 5:27- 37	Youth Coordinator Stephanie Rocha
	Saturday Heb 13:17- 25 Mt 5:38- 48	Parish Secretary Michelle Fuentes sydneyaus@live.com
	The Faithful Departed St. Maron' Feast (Observed) 1Thes 5:1- 11 Lk 16:19- 31	Parish Council President Nicolas Nammour, MD

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Church Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 AM -2:00 PM

Parish Announcements

Welcome new members and visitors

Please provide address and other contact information using the forms in the lobby or by e-mailing frmilad@sbcglobal.net.

Parish E-mail List

Please add your email to the Church distribution list by emailing frmilad@sbcglobal.net. This is used for time-sensitive and important announcements only.

Bible Study Feb. 2

Meeting on Tuesday at 7:30 PM.

Prayer Group Feb. 4

Meeting on Thursday at 7:00 PM

New Playground

Thanks to all the volunteers and the generous donations, our new children playground has been installed.

A Grand Opening celebration will take place TODAY after the 11 o'clock Mass, followed by lunch served by the Knights of the Cedars.

Helping Hands

To help those who are in need and aiming at self-sufficiency. For assistance, please contact Fr. Milad, Fr. Pierre, Nebal Nemry, Pierre Bechelani, or Carole Zehri.

The 2010 Donation Envelopes are available for pickup in the lobby.

The 2010 Maronite Calendars are available in the lobby for a \$10 donation.

Almahaba Advertisements

Individuals and companies are encouraged to place ads in Almahaba. Please send an e-mail to almahabaolc@yahoo.com for more information.

Collections / Donations

Last Sunday	\$6,940
Haiti Relief	\$2,800
New Playground	\$300
Helping Hands	\$150
Pledges	\$100
Daughters of Mary Fundraisers	\$1,800

Catholic Education Feb. 6

CCE classes meet from 12 to 2 PM.
Adult Catechism from 12:15 to 1:45 PM. See opposite page for details.

St. Maron's Feast Day Feb. 7

Our Parish will celebrate St. Maron's Feast Day next Sunday (actual Feast day is February 9).

After the 11 o'clock Mass, the Daughters of Mary will prepare lunch for the Parish.

Family Retreat Feb. 26-28 (Circle Lake Retreat Center)

Registration is closed. For a spot on the waiting list, or for more information, please contact Alberto Tohme at tohmeag@aol.com

Sunday of the Righteous and Just

Today the Maronite Church celebrates the Sunday of the Righteous and the Just. This is the ancient traditional Maronite feast in honor of all the saints.

On this day we call to mind all the men and women who have followed the path of justice and righteousness. We remember the prophets, apostles, martyrs, hermits, ascetics, religious men and women, as well as all Christians who led holy lives.

ADULT CATECHISM SYLLABUS SPRING 2010

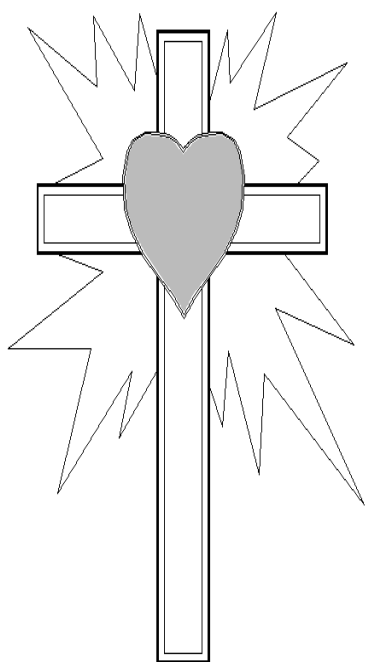
PART III: Christian Morality: The Faith Lived

Session	Topic	Chapter	Date	Lecturer
3	3rd: Love the Lord's Day 4th: Strengthen Your Family	27 28	February 6	Charles Johnson
4	5th: Promote the Culture of Life 6th: Marital Fidelity	29 30	February 20	George Henderson
5	7th: Do Not Steal - Act Justly 8th: Tell the Truth	31 32	March 6	Linda Cussen
6	9th: Practice Purity of Heart 10th: Embrace Poverty of Spirit	33 34	March 20	Charles Johnson

PART IV: Prayer: The Faith Prayed

Session	Topic	Chapter	Date	Lecturer
7	God Calls Us to Pray	35	April 10	Linda Cussen
8	Jesus Taught Us to Pray	36	April 17	Fr. Donald Nesti

Parish Lenten Retreat

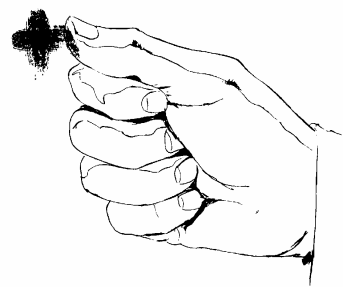


“The Lenten Journey”

Saturday, February 13, 2010

9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

At Our Lady of the Cedars



Program

9:00 – 9:30: Morning prayer

9:30 – 11:00: Workshop 1

“Come back to me”

Re- discover the meaning of Lent

11:00 – 11:30: Praise and Worship

11:30 – 12:15: Lunch

12:15 – 1:15: Workshop 2

“Let the Spirit lead : In the desert with Jesus”

1:15 – 2:00: Activity

2:00 – 3:00: Confessions

(Upon request)



Assistance with children will be provided with prior notice

Registration is required – contact Carole Zehri for more information.

You will develop a deeper understanding of the meaning of Lent, through the use of scripture, talks and personal testimony!

The retreat is designed to heighten your awareness of the power of sacrifice and prayer, the beauty of forgiveness, and the need of a constant renewal and commitment to Him Who loves us so much.

Re- discover God’s longing for you, and His personal involvement as you journey through life.

“Compassionate and merciful is the Lord; He forgives sins, He saves in time of trouble.” Sirach 2:11