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READINGS	February- Marc	h / 2019		
Sun Feb 10	Sunday of the Priests	Sunday of the Priests		
	Epistle	Gospel		
	1 Tim 4:6-16	Lk 12:42-48		
Sun Feb 17	n Feb 17 Sunday of the Righteous & Just			
	Epistle	Gospel		
	Heb 12:18-24	Mt 25:31-46		
Sun Feb 24	Sunday of the Faithful Departed			
	Epistle	Gospel		
	1 Thes 5:1-11	Lk 16:19-31		
Sun Mar 3	Sunday of the Entrance into Lent: Miracle at Cana in Gal			
	Epistle	Gospel		
	Rom 14:14-23	Jn 2:1-11		

DATE TIME * LITURGY INTENTIONS* FROM

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Feb 10	1 PM	Rev. Maroun El-Khouri & Youssef El-Khouri	By Marsha El-Khouri Shiver	
Feb 17	1 PM	Available		
Feb 24	1 PM	Available		
Mar 3	1 PM	Available		



PARISH OFFERING Feb 3, 2019

Thank You for your generosity and your support		
Total Income	\$5,984.00	
Coffee Hour	\$41.00	
Grant	\$4,000.00	
Donation	\$1,150.00	
Weekly offering	\$793.00	

Message from our Bishop

The upcoming priestly vocation discernment weekend, will take place at Our Lady of Lebanon Seminary in Washington DC on Friday, March 29; Saturday, March 30 and Sunday, March 31, 2019.

I kindly ask you to put the attached information in your Bulletin, and on your social media, and to personally encourage young men to join us for this event.

May Our Lady's prayer be with us

+ Gregory



February 1st marked the date that we got possession of our new Church. We will be doing some renovation and getting it ready to celebrate our first Divine Liturgy at our new home. We hope to eventually move there before Palm Sunday.

Let us thank God for His generosity to us and pray for him to help our community to put our hands together to fulfill our dream. May God bless all Donors

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of Walid Aoun, the brother of Bassam Aoun.

MYO Regional Retreat

St. Anthony Maronite Church, Glen Allen, Virginia, will again host the **MYO Regional Retreat** on **March 15-17, 2019** in their parish hall.

This is an overnight retreat that will be held at the church. The theme will be "Being a Maronite Catholic Today."

HOSPITALITY - COFFEE HOUR/2019		
Feb 10	Ladies Guild	
Feb 17	Available (Need Sponsor)	
Feb 24	Available (Need Sponsor)	
Mar 3	Available (Need Sponsor)	
Mar 10	Available (Need Sponsor)	

To sponsor a coffee hour pls. contact Mrs. Anna Franca Abi-Aad Tel:(954) 806-9909 Or Email: <u>abetriz@yahoo.com</u> /**Donation for coffee hour is appreciated**

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS - 2019		
Feb 10	2:00 PM	St. Maron Feast day Luncheon at Jacoba Hall and Election of Parish Council

Saint Maron

All that is known about Maron, the spiritual father and protector of the Maronites, comes from Theodoret, the Bishop of Cyr. He never knew Maron personally, but only through the disciples of this holy man. He described Maron as "the one who has planted for God the garden which flourishes now in the region of Cyr." He felt that Maron was a man born not for this world, but for heaven.

Maron was the spiritual leader not only of the hermits who lived near him, but indeed of all the Christian faithful in the area. He used to counsel them, heal their bodily and spiritual ills.

The date of Maron's death is placed around the year 410. Because of



his great popularity among the people, riots broke out at the time of his death because everyone wanted to save his remains in their village.

The Maronite Church formerly celebrated the feast of this great saint on January 5th. (This is the day in which the Church of Kfarhai, Lebanon, was consecrated in his honor.) However, in the 7th century, the feast was transferred to February 9th. Lebanon has proclaimed Maron as its patron saint, and Pope Benedict XIV granted a plenary indulgence to everyone who visited a Maronite Church on February 9th.

The gospel tells us that a tree is known by its fruits and we know from Theodoret that the garden of Maron flourished after his death. One is able to number approximately 20 saints among Maron's disciples .

After the Council of Chalcedon, Bishop Theodoret worked to construct the famous Monastery of Saint Maron. In addition to being a stronghold for the defense of the teachings of the Council of Chalcedon, this monastery was for a long time the center of the cultural and theological heritage of Antioch.