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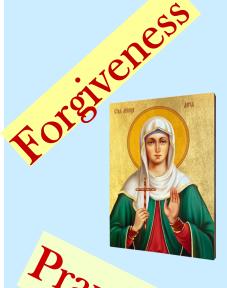
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# Sunday, March 19, 2023 Sunday of our Father St. John Climacos احد القديس الأب يوحنا كليماقوس











Confession

### March 19, 2023, Sunday of St. John Climacos



### **Liturgy Intentions**

Sunday Mar. 19, 2023, Sun. of St. John Climacos 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy.

- +Elias Skaf by John & Lorraine Byda & Family.
- +Hind (Dawi) Saloum by Gracia Skaf & Family.
- +Eric Askew by Bede Bidlack.
- +Col. Joseph N. Skaf (6Yrs.) by his Family.
- +Salma (Mizher) Skaf by her Family.
- +Father Ephrem Handal, of Holy Transfiguration Church, McLean, VA
- +Rev. Salem Faddoul.
- 11:30 AM Divine Liturgy.
- +Salime S. (Azzi) Homsy by Raji & Family.
- +Marie-Rose Aghia by Dr. Farhat & Kathy Homsy
- +Rev. Lawrence Karam.

Monday, Mar. 20, 2023.

**7:00 PM:** Great Compline.

Wednesday, Mar. 22, 2023. 7:00 PM: Presanctified Service.

Thursday, Mar. 23, 2023.

7:00 PM: Lenten Service in Arabic.

Friday, Mar. 24, 2023.

**7:00 PM:** Divine Liturgy for the Feast or the Annunciation, followed by supper & film.

Saturday, Mar. 25, 2023.

5:00 PM: Vespers.

Sunday Mar. 26, 2023, Sun. of St. Mary of Egypt. 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy.

- +Elias Skaf (40 day) Memorial Service.
- +Salime S (Azzi) Homsy by Ghaleb & Tina Abi-Jaoude
- +Munir Ugras by his daughter Jaklin (Ugras) Saikali & her Family.
- +Hind (Dawi) Saloum by John & Lorraine Byda & Family.
- 11:30 AM Divine Liturgy.
- +Marie-Rose Aghia by Sami & Ghada Glaiel & Family.
- +Helene Hamoui by Michel Hamoui & Family.
- +Labibeh Hamoui by Michel Hamoui & Family.
- +Dn. James Hill.



### **Eternal Memory**

+Salime S (Azzi) Homsy passed away on March 4, 2023. She is the Mother of Dr. Farhat, Fouad, Milad, Fadi of our parish. Our sympathies to her family. Her Wake was on March 7 and her funeral on March 8 here in the Cathedral.

May her Memory be Eternal.



### **Eternal Memory**

+Elias Skaf passed away in Lebanon. He is the brother of Gracia Skaf and the uncle of Antoine Skaf and Nicole Hamway. Our sympathies to his family. The 40 Day Memorial will be on March 26 at the 9:30 AM Liturgy here in the Cathedral.

May his Memory be Eternal.

### Sunday Readings: Heb 6:13-20; MK. 9:17-31 Please pray for the health and divine protection of

Tony Abdi, Elaine Bitar, Michele Domaney, Elizabeth Higgins, Robert Gamel, Saleem Ghazaleh, Daniel Jabbour, Carolyn MacDonald, Harry McKannon, Theresa Quinn, Edward Rezek, Maggie Rosenthal, John Williams.

### Parish Financial Support March 12, 2023

(Weekly donations needed for budget: \$3,000)

Candles:	\$ 147.51
9:30 AM:	\$ 574.00
11:30 AM:	\$ 293.00
Mail-In:	\$ 250.00
Lit. Int.:	\$ 11,975.00
Baptism:	\$ 00
Total:	\$ 13,092.00

Many thanks to all of you for your weekly contributions. We depend greatly on your steady stewardship. God bless you for your generous support.



### The Sanctuary Lamp Keeps vigil this week for

**+Fr. Ephrem Handal** Please remember him in your prayers.

On April 23, we will have a combined liturgy and Memorial Service followed by a potluck lunch. It will be in memory of all of our deceased relatives and parishioners. People will be encouraged to bring pictures and to label them so that others will know who the

### The Daughter's of Our Lady of the Cedars & St. Maron Society invite you to their annual

Lenten Supper - Saturday, March 25th Following the 5 PM Liturgy.

Loubieh Bzeit, Rice Pilaf, Pumpkin Kibbeh, Mjadara, Ziti, Fattoush, Spinach Fatayer, Hommos, Sfouf.

\$20 Per Person, \$10 Children 12 & under For more info/Tickets pls. contact:

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people in the picture are.

Our Lady of the Cedars, The Lahoud Center–61 Rockwood St., Jp 02130

### **Weekly Liturgy Schedule**

### Sunday:

Orthros 8:45 a.m.

Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday:

Divine Liturgy 7:00 p.m.

### Saturday:

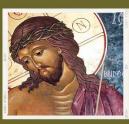
Vespers 5:00 p.m.

### Feast Days:

Great Vespers: 7:00 p.m. Evening before Feast Divine Liturgy: 7:00 p.m. Day of the Feast .

### Prayer, Potluck, Movie





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FRIDAYS DURING LENT, 7PM
ENT BEGINS ON CLEAN MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH
FIRST FRIDAY OF LENT WILL BE FEBRUARY 24TH

Lenten Supper is on , Friday, March 31 6-8 PM after Lazarus Divine Liturgy @ 5:00 PM. Tickets of \$25 are now available in the office and during coffee hour after both Liturgies. Please invite your family and friends & donate for our sole Annual Charitable Fund, as part of your almsgiving for lent. We hope to see you all, please encourage our ladies by spreading the word. Please email Ms. Pascale Mousallem for any help you can offer: pascalemoussallem@yahoo.com.

### Relief for February 8, 2023, Earthquake in Turkey and Syria.

In light of the recent earthquake in Syria and Turkey that now has claimed over the 33,000 lives, we extend our prayers to all the families who have lost loved ones. In our customary Melkite Catholic compassion and generosity, we would like to pray and offer financial assistance to the people who have been most affected by the earthquake. If you would like to make a donation to assist those who have lost loved ones, have been injured, or had their property damaged or destroyed, you may mail a donation to the address below. The check may be made out to: "Diocese of Newton" with the memo: "Earthquake Relief." You may also make online donations through your parish's online portal or at: <a href="www.melkite.org/donate">www.melkite.org/donate</a>—Please specify: "Earthquake relief."

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Bishop François Beyrouti

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For Easter the Pine Street Inn Shattuck Shelter has asked us to once again help them by collecting pre-packaged food donations for their clients. These "snack" foods should be easy to eat, carry and must not need refrigeration or cooking. The shelter does not have room to house the majority of their clients so carrying food back out with them is important. The shelter volunteers and workers also drive to homeless camps and hand out these snacks. We are grateful to have a parishioner and company willing to help us provide such snacks at a reduced cost. We welcome your financial contribution OR if you would prefer to donate food please arrange a drop off with Laila Zeinieh. Laila can also provide a list of snack ideas. <a href="mailto:lailazeinieh@gmail.com">lailazeinieh@gmail.com</a> 617-327-3011

Remember Me In Your Kingdom: The Presanctified Liturgy & Memorial Service for the departed is on the third Wednesday of the month (April 19) at 7 PM.

**Thursday Lenten Service:** There will be Lenten Services in Arabic on Thursday at 7 PM. We invite all Arabic speaking people to join us in prayer.

#### National Association of Melkite Youth NAMY Conference 2023 Our Melkite Mission: Becoming Disciples. Making Disciples

Who: Melkite Mission: Becoming Disciples, Making Disciples
Who: Melkite Youth throughout the US, ages 13-18
When: Monday July 10<sup>th</sup>- Friday July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023
Where: St. Anselm College in Manchester, New Hampshire
Why: Faith, Fellowship, Fun
For more information:

Please contact Fr. Thomas & Pres. Rebekah Moses at <a href="mainto:namy@melkite.org">namy@melkite.org</a>



#### Parish Feast Day

We will celebrate the Feast of the Annunciation to our Lady with a Divine Liturgy on Friday, March 24 at 7 PM. Everyone should try to attend this holy day celebration.

Afterwards there will be a pot-luck Lenten Supper and Film.

Shepherd's Care Associated Charities 2023. To help those in need, the Shepherd's Care Associated Charities of the Diocese of Newton is sponsoring this Lenten giving program to provide for the less fortunate. This year's proceeds will be given to alleviate the suffering of the victims of the recent earthquake in Turkey and Syria. Thank you for all you do to help the needy among us.

God With Us +ONLINE+ is a collaborative outreach of the Eastern Catholic Bishops and eparchies of the United States to provide educational resources for the faithful in our Eastern Christian traditions. Go to EASTERNCATHOLIC.ORG to find many excellent talks, the opportunity to sign up for live educational webinars and other resources! All resources are offered free of charge.

To report sexual abuse by clergy, parish personnel or volunteers of the Eparchy of Newton, please call the Victim Assistance Coordinator at 1-800-479-5910.

PRAY FOR OUR PARISH: A successful parish is the parish that prays, not just at formal church services, but at home as well. Prayer keeps us connected to God and each other. There is a sign -up sheet in the narthex for people to pray for the parish. You sign up for the same date each month. If you sign-up for the 10th, then on Jan 10, Feb. 10 & March 10 etc... you would pray for the parish. You pray at home and remember the clergy, parishioners, parish activities, and groups. We all need each other's spiritual support. Please sign up so that not a day goes by when our parish is without prayer.