



Saint Maron Church



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January 2021

Message From Our Pastor

Upcoming Events

We will be practicing safety for ourselves and others during this difficult period.

We hope to resume our activities sooner than later.



Beloved Parishioners and Friends of St. Maron,

I pray that this letter will reach your hands and find you in good health of spirit and body with your loved ones. I extend to you my warmest wishes for a very blessed and healthy 2021. I ask the Lord to pave your road with peace, health, and security.

For sure the year 2020 was a challenging year in many different ways and I hope that the pandemic will be gone soon and our life will start returning back to normal. We pray that all those who been affected by covid-19 may regain their health and those whose businesses have been affected may also recover soon. We thank God that we are all alive, but we need to pray for those who are still suffering from the COVID-19. Until the vaccine takes its effect and slows down the pandemic we just need to continue to be careful and to make the best out of every day. Every day is a good day and every year is a good year, and many of them are great. 2020 was a good year, but we hope that 2021 will be a great year for all of us. Cherish the moments that you spend with your loved ones. Appreciate everything that you have, as we now understand that even the old days that we had were incredible days that we didn't realize and often did not appreciate. As of now, most of our social activities are on hold, hopefully not for too long. Meanwhile make sure that you put your efforts and time in to attend Divine Liturgy because we still need Jesus more than anything else in life. I thank all of you that have been making the effort to attend liturgy, and for those of you who are vulnerable at home for making the time to join us virtually on-line. I encourage you to be careful and to be patient and ask God for wisdom to be able to do the right things to please him in this life.



I invite you to join me in prayer on Thursday, January 21, 2021, for the intentions of Deacon Mikael Jalkh, who will be ordained a priest on that day in Lebanon with his family and loved ones. We have been blessed for the last 7 months with Deacon Mikael among us and we pray that the Lord God may continue to shower His grace upon him, especially on the day of his ordination. Once the newly ordained priest returns to us in the spring, he will celebrate a liturgy of thanksgiving here on our altar, and you will have the chance to congratulate him.

Although we are not able to gather socially in a high number I highly encourage you to reach out to your friends and members of our community, even with a phone call, just to tell them that you are thinking of them and praying for them. This is the most important thing that we can do for each other at this time.

I, from my side, assure you of my daily prayers and ask you to remember me in your prayers and hope that very soon I will be able to see your faces again in church.

Wishing you God's grace, I remain,
Devotedly yours,

Chorbishop sharbel Maroun

Happy New Year

The entire parish staff wishes all of you a very Blessed and Prosperous New Year. May the New Year be filled with much peace and health to you and all your loved ones. We all look forward to be able to gather with each other again.

Make it a great year for it is already good.



Our Deepest Sympathy

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*Our deepest sympathy and condolences go out to the **Sleiman** family on the passing of their beloved

Alexander, who was a pillar of our community.

He is survived by his wife **Vera**, children Amado (Robin), Lisa Scanlan (Dan), Anita Anderson (Jeff), grandchildren, and many friends.

** Our sympathy and condolences also go out to the **Ayaz** family on the passing of their beloved **Burhan**. He is survived by his wife **Nermin**, sons Jorj (Ani) and John, and grandchildren.

***Our deepest sympathy and condolences go out to the family of our brother **Najib Gubash**. He is survived by his wife **Souad** and children, Subdeacon Gabe, Nabil (Jennifer) and Leslie Lindberg (Tim).

May the Lord God grant rest to his faithful departed and consolation to their families.

Please keep the families in your prayers.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let your perpetual light shine upon them.



Our thanks and gratitude go out to all the wonderful parishioners who have contributed their time and talents to make our Christmas season so beautiful. Special thanks to the Decoration Committee, our Subdeacons, Ushers, Altar Servers, and Lectors.

A special thanks also to the **Jacob** family for their donation for part of the decorations, in memory of their beloved **Ramez**.

We also send a special thank you to Tony Farah for the donation of the Christmas trees.

May the Lord God bless your hearts and reward you generously.



Baptisms

*Our congratulations and best wishes go out to **Mr. & Mrs. Michael & Joanne Kerkinni** on the Baptism and Confirmation of their daughter, **Lilliana Rose**.

May the Lord God bless her abundantly and grant her a long and happy life.



Our congratulations and best wishes go out to **Mr. & Mrs. Mohsen & Katrine Al-Ahmar** on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary.

We pray that the Lord God may grant them many happy and healthy returns with their loved ones.

Ordination of Deacon Mikael

With joy we announce the upcoming ordination of Deacon Mikael Jalkh to the Order of Holy Priesthood on Thursday, January 21, 2021.



This ordination will take place at his home-parish in Lebanon with his family, relatives, and loved ones.

It will be broadcast and should be running live on our Facebook page, as well as on Noursat. More details will be coming your way soon.

Please, keep Deacon Mikael in your prayers as he prepares himself for this sacred order, that the Lord may grant him sanctity and faith to serve Him throughout his life.

New Births

*We rejoice with **Mr. & Mrs. Michael and**

Elyssa Jacob on the birth of their son **Jack**, who was born recently.



We also rejoice with **Mr. & Mrs. Nick & Michelle Bullerman, on the birth of their daughter **Oakley**.

May the Lord bless them and grant them many years of peace and happiness.

As the Covid-19 virus continues, and as a precaution people are not attending church in person on a regular basis as they did before, we are finding it difficult to be able to stay in contact with our parishioners. In these modern times, one of the easiest way to be in contact with people is by e-mail. People are also disconnecting their “land-lines” and switching to only have a cell phone. We are finding, looking at our records, that for many of you, we do not have an email address or a cell phone number.

We ask you to please provide us with this information so that we are able to let all of our parishioners know about important events happening here at St. Maron.

Please fill out this form and drop in the collection, email us this information, or call the office with this information.



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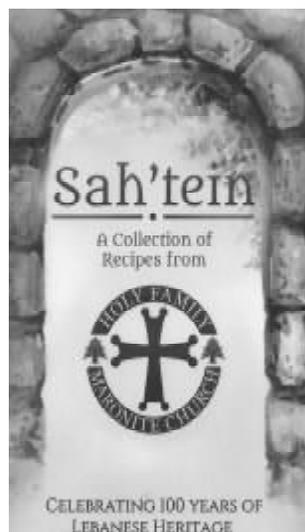


Cook Book

Our MYO are selling cook books as a fundraiser for \$18 each.

If you are interested, please, call the parish office to order your copy. It will make a great gift and may teach someone to cook delicious food.

Thanks to Mr. Jake Deeb for donating these books to our youth. God bless you.



St. Maron Feast Day

This year will be our parish's **118th Anniversary** on February 9, 2021.

While we will not be able to gather for our traditional celebration and Hafli, please remember our parish and each other and pray that we will all be kept safe and be able to return to our traditions next year.

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 Call Business Administrator at 612-379-2758

LITURGY INTENTIONS: January 1– January 31, 2021

Friday	January 1	9:30am	For a blessed and healthy year for all our Parishioners, Benefactors, and Friends
Saturday	January 2	4:00pm	For the Intentions of our Pope, Patriarch, and Bishop For Joseph and Almera Moses and their deceased by Beth Murphy
Sunday	January 3	10:10am	Antoine Kozah Adeebe Tabet by Daher and Loulou Jacobs John Nasseff
Monday	January 4		No Liturgy
Tuesday	January 5	6:00pm	Intentions of Genevieve Maroun by Richard Haddad and Henry Estephan Robert Anton Debra Mueller
Wednesday	January 6	6:00pm	For the Increase of Vocation in the Church
Thursday	January 7	9:30am	Christopher Naddaf Antoun Jermanous
Friday	January 8	9:30am	Michael Joseph Youssef Hitti Margie Basil by Ronald and Diane Low
Saturday	January 9	4:00pm	Doris Ekrem by Amelia Gallagher Yvonne Daoud by Bill Anderman, Scott Sanford, Tim Kruska, Derek Thomas & Scott Sweet
Sunday	January 10	10:10am	Igniace Farhat by Caroline and Joy Zogheib Michael Jacob Donald Risk by Amira Farah
Monday	January 11		No Liturgy
Tuesday	January 12	6:00pm	Deceased of the Farhet Family by the Bucksa Family Sabo Aksoz by the Family
Wednesday	January 13	6:00pm	Antoine Awajjane Marjorie Basil and all Deceased of the Basil Family by Brad and Mary Lou Cummings
Thursday	January 14	9:30am	Wilson Simon Jim Marino by Karen Namie
Friday	January 15	9:30am	Therese Jacob Lorraine Thomas by Wayne, Shelly, and Thomas Ignatowicz Assaad Maalouf
Saturday	January 16	4:00pm	Fr. Elias Abi Sarkis by Amelia Gallagher Antoine Kozah by daughter Gloria and Family Doris Kouri
Sunday	January 17	10:10am	Yvonne Salha by Caroline Zogheib Doris Ekrem by Daher and Loulou Jacobs gen Resha by Ronald and Diane Low
Monday - Friday	January 18 - January 22		No Liturgy
Saturday	January 23	4:00pm	Arthur Schloss and Mamonde Capelle by Beth Murphy For a Blessed and Healthy year for our parishioners by Wayne, Shelley, and Thomas Ignatowicz
Sunday	January 24	10:10am	Marie Cyryt by Mark and Cindy Murlowski Antoine Kozah by daughter Gloria and Family
Monday - Tuesday	January 25 - January 29		No Liturgy
Saturday	January 30	4:00pm	Marie Cyryt by George and Noha Hitti Carole Basil by Henry Basil Deceased of the Farhet Family by the Bucksa Family
Sunday	January 31	10:10am	Intentions of Ron and Bernadette Seliski Sami Andrea John Bedros

JANUARY

2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 9:30am Liturgy	2 4:00pm Liturgy
3 10:10am Liturgy	4 No Liturgy	5 6:00pm Liturgy	6 6:00pm Liturgy FEAST OF EPIPHANY	7 9:30am Liturgy	8 9:30am Liturgy	9 4:00pm Liturgy
10 10:10am Liturgy	11 No Liturgy	12 6:00pm Liturgy	13 6:00pm Liturgy	14 9:30am Liturgy	15 9:30am Liturgy	16 4:00pm Liturgy
17 10:10am Liturgy	18 No Liturgy	19 No Liturgy	20 No Liturgy	21 No Liturgy	22 No Liturgy	23 4:00pm Liturgy
24 10:10am Liturgy	25 No Liturgy	26 No Liturgy	27 No Liturgy	28 No Liturgy	29 No Liturgy	30 4:00pm Liturgy
31 10:10am Liturgy						

Support your Church

Due to the cancellation of the Lebanese Festival and other events, the finances of the parish are much lower than before and your support is greatly appreciated.



Please mail in your offering envelopes to the church or donate online at www.stmaron.com. Online donations, no matter how small, on a weekly basis allows us to have steady revenue to keep our doors open. There is a form to facilitate this on page 5 of this bulletin. These donations will secure the continuation of our mission and of our work in the parish.

We offer our gratitude to all the generous people who have mailed in their offerings or donated online to support our parish. May our loving Lord reward you one hundred fold.

Sanctity of Life

“It is my desire that, in this our time, by acknowledging the dignity of each human person, we can contribute to the rebirth of a universal aspiration to fraternity. Brotherhood between all men and women.”

- Pope Francis, (Fratelli Tutti)



MCF News

Dear Parents, a new year is dawning! Please encourage or assist your children to participate in the religious education classes that have been prepared especially for them by our dedicated teachers. Please check your emails for classes to resume the week of January 10, 2021. Even if you have not “attended” previously, please join in. For information, please contact Joannie Moses or Carla Bedros.



Talitha Cumi

“Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.” (Matt 25:40). The need for food and everyday items has increased during this difficult time. Please bring non-perishable foods, hygiene and household products, gently-used clothing, jackets and blankets at any time and place them in the church vestibule.

Thank you for your continual generosity and care.

God bless you all.

January 2nd Collection

January 24 - Maronite Voice

Please be generous and use your offering envelope.

May the Lord reward you generously.



Pray for our Sick

Please say a prayer for our Sick/Homebound:

Tony Sila, Martin Kouri, Caroline Zogheib, Raymond Baz, Lana Awajane, Gloria Bedran, Darlene Rice, Therese Bedros, Frank Schutta, Anisse Awajane, Henry Basil, Gina Daher, Anthony Awad, Halim Zerka and all our homebound.

We wish them all blessings and healing.

نتمنى لهم الشفاء والصحة

BE ALERT ABOUT SCAMS!

There is a scam that has been reported recently to be going on again. Thieves are texting parishioners, mainly leaders in the community, saying that *“this is Father sharbel and I am in need of 3 i-tune cards, or some kind of pre-paid card, to give to people who are sick in the hospital.”* If you do not receive a personal voice call from Abouna sharbel himself, please ignore this text and know that this is a scam. Please be careful and avoid this evil act.

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Scripture Readings

Sunday, January 3: Heb 7:11-19 & Lk 2:41-52
 Sunday, January 10: 2Cor 10:1-11 & Jn 1:29-34
 Sunday, January 17: 2Cor 4:5-15 & Jn 1:35-42
 Sunday, January 24: 1Tim 4:6-16 & Lk 12:42-48
 Sunday, January 31: Heb 12:18-24 & Mt 25:31-46

You are encouraged to read the Holy Scriptures before the weekend Liturgy.



† STEWARDSHIP ✉

What value do we place on our membership in the community of the church?

During this difficult time for so many of us, we greatly appreciate your continued generous support.

Month of November

Envelopes/Plate/Mail.....\$	12,022.00
Auto Deposit/PayPal.....\$	2,889.00
Donations.....\$	<u>6,000.00</u>
Total Church Collections.....\$	20,911.00

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Please send news of interest to the parish, i.e. club meetings, announcements, community events and other submissions for the St. Maron's Church Bulletin by email with the title "For church bulletin" by the 15th of each month to secretary@stmaron.com or abouna@stmaron.com. Be sure to include specific details of events and check spelling of names.

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GUIDELINES

Divine Liturgies:

Saturday 4:00 pm (English)
Sunday10:10 am (English, Aramaic, & Arabic)
MondayNO DIVINE LITURGY
Tuesday6:00PM (Except last Tuesday of the Month)
Wednesday.....6:00PM
Thursday6:00PM
Friday6:00PM

Religious Education: After 10:15am Sunday Liturgy

Baptism: Contact the priest when the baby is born.

Confessions: Saturday 3:15-3:45 pm or by appointment.

Marriage: Contact the priest 7 MONTHS prior to the wedding.

Illness: Please call the rectory, if someone is sick at home, hospital or in a Nursing Home.

Office Hours: Tuesday-Friday 8:30-5:00pm

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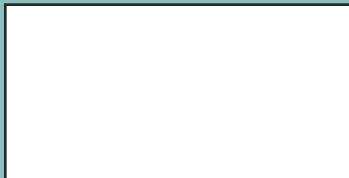
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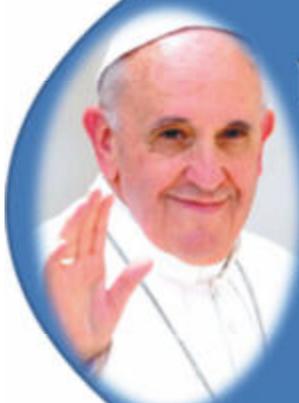
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