



# Saint Maron Church



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Saint Maron Maronite Church

April 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,

Peace and grace to you from your spiritual home with the hope that you are well. Health is wealth they say and we pray that everyone would be rich and holy in health. Many people are challenged these days with sickness or with the loss of some loved ones or friends due to the covid or from other causes.

Easter comes to give us great hope and to give us peace, light, and courage, that the Lord of life has destroyed death by his own death. Christ has come from heaven to earth in order to take us from this earth to heaven, to make us one with Him. His life among us was a testimony of the power of God on earth, and the beauty of eternal life. True, no one has died and come back to life, but we have the Lord of Life who came to us to tell us about God and heaven and eternity, and He wants all of us to be with Him, to walk in His path, to follow His will, and to accept His gift of salvation as an admission to heaven. We all must live with this notion in mind, that we are on a short pilgrimage on this earth toward heaven, our final home. We are called to be happy and to celebrate and rejoice in every day that God gives us. Therefore let us live in His love and continue with Him this journey to eternity.

I urge you to continue praying with the Church for an end to the pandemic, for stability and peace in our cities, to pray for our beloved Lebanon that has been suffering so much from injustice and corruption, and recently from a great inflation that increased by at least 85%. Life is so hard for people there these days from the economical crisis and the top of that the Covid. Let us pray that the Lord may give them courage and strength to hold steadfast and to be united with each other and help one another, as well as for the international community to step in and to give them aid.

I want to thank many of you who acted very generously to support the poor families that are suffering so much in Lebanon. We have over 25 families that are being sponsored by your generosity. I know some of you are helping your own families and some of you are still looking for ways to give support there. It is never too late to try and give an aid to someone who is in need. We now that everything has an end, including covid-19, and hopefully soon it will be gone and we will be able to return to our normal, especially within the parish. While social activities were cancelled in the parish, the spiritual and liturgical life continues and you are all urged to come to church in a safe and healthy way, with masks on and social distancing. The church building continue to be safer than most places that we visit on a regular basis. Never keep distanced from Jesus!

I look forward to seeing you again soon, and I assure you of my prayers and love.

Devotedly Yours,

Chorbishop sharbel Maroun



## *New Births*



\*We rejoice with **Mr. & Mrs. Joseph and Elianne Attieh** on the birth of their daughter **Hala Theresa**, who was born recently.

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

## Baptisms



\*Our congratulations and best wishes go out to **Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas &**

**Michelle Bullerman** on the Baptism and Confirmation of their daughter, **Oakley Elaine**.

May the Lord God bless her abundantly and grant her holiness and health of spirit and heart.

## Papal Blessing



If you are celebrating a silver or golden anniversary of your marriage our parish would like to present to you a

Papal blessing from the Pope in honor of that milestone. Please let Father know about an anniversary date at least 4 months before the date, since things are difficult to process in Italy these days. Please email Father or the parish office with your name and date of your marriage

## Holy Week Schedule:

### Holy Thursday, April 1st:

Divine Liturgy at 6:00pm  
With the Washing of the Feet

### Great Friday, April 2nd:

Signing of the Chalice at 10:00am  
Rite of Burial & Adoration at 3:00pm  
Rite of Burial & Adoration at 7:00pm

### Saturday of the Light, April 3rd:

Rite of Forgiveness at 10:00am

### Easter Liturgies

**Saturday, April 3rd** at 4:00pm

**Saturday, April 3rd** at 7:00pm

**Sunday, April 4th** at 11:00am

(We will have a procession - Outside if the weather permits)

Also, there will be Services of Coming To The Harbor on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday **March 29th-30th-31st** at 6:00pm

**Sign up to reserve a seat at**  
**[www.stmaron.com](http://www.stmaron.com)**

**We hope you can join us!**



## Our Sympathy

\*Our deepest sympathy and condolences go out to our brother **Henry Estephan**, on the loss of his beloved mother, **Jamileh**, who passed away recently in Lebanon. She is survived by 2 daughters and 3 sons.

\*\*We also offer our deepest sympathy to our sister **Noha Gubash**, on the loss of her beloved brother, **Fayez Barakat**, who passed away recently in Lebanon. He is survived by 2 brothers and our sister **Noha**.

\*\*\*We also extend our deepest sympathy and condolences to the **Anderson family** on the death of their beloved **Ken Anderson**, who was married to our sister **Christine Case**. He is survived by his wife **Christine** and their daughter Ashley.



\*\*\*\*We also offer our condolences to our sister **Lana Awajane** on the loss of her beloved mother, **Audrey Gram**. She is survived by 1 son and 5 daughters, including our sister **Lana**.

\*\*\*\*\*Our condolences and deepest sympathy are also extended to the **Daou** family on the death of their beloved **Gergi**, who passed away in Lebanon recently. He is survived by his wife **Georgette**, 1 daughter, and 2 sons from our parish **Fadi** and **Steven**.

May the Lord God grant rest and peace to all his departed loved ones.

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



## Lenten Appeal

We urge you to please respond to the Lenten Appeal that was mailed to your house by Bishop Elias Zaidan. The Eparchy relies upon you to support our Maronite parishes and train our future Maronite priests. Every family is asked to participate in the Appeal and be generous. Please be generous and support the Eparchy.

## Thank you for Zaatar Bread Sale

Our sincere thanks and appreciation go out to the members of the **St. Anne** and **St. Rafka** clubs for hosting the recent Zaatar Bread Bake Sale. This is the first fundraiser event that we have had in a year due to the pandemic. It is very refreshing and encouraging that social life is returning back into our community. Although it is a little fundraiser at least it brings a few people together to work, to socialize, and to support our parish. We hope that there will be more bake sales in the near future. Please keep your eyes open for them. We hope that we will hold our annual festival, even on a smaller scale, this coming September 18-19. May the Lord God bless all our volunteers for their kindness and their dedication.



## NAM News

We would like to inform you that the NAM 2021 Convention that was to be held in Philadelphia, PA, has been cancelled due to the pandemic. Last year's convention was also canceled Cincinnati, OH. The next NAM Convention will be in our own Minneapolis, July 13-17, 2022. The hope is that this will be a big and successful convention. We will keep you updated and want all of you to be involved in the different committees such as transportation, decorations, registration, hospitality, liturgies, souvenir books, etc. Hopefully soon we will call for a meeting and start forming our committees for this great big event.



## Pray for our Sick

Please say a prayer for our Sick/Homebound:

**Lana Awaijane,  
Caroline Zogheib, Gloria Bedran,  
Therese Bedros, Tony Sila, Frank Schutta,  
Anisse Awaijane, Henry Basil,  
Gina Daher, Anthony Awad,  
Halim Zerka** and all our homebound.

We wish them all blessings and healing.

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### AUTHORIZATION AGREEMENT FOR AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWAL OF FUNDS

St. Maron Maronite Catholic Church, 602 University Avenue NE, Minneapolis, MN 55413

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(contact bank)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return in an envelope to Church office or place in collection plate. Questions: call (612-379-2758).

## EPARCHY OF OUR LADY OF LEBANON OF LOS ANGELES

# 2021 Lenten Appeal



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

I sincerely thank you for your support of the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles, especially in light of the challenges of the past year. The Eparchy's mission is to serve the People of God and proclaim the Gospel message in today's world. We can only continue to do this with your prayers and financial support.

The past year was filled with adversity, including the pandemic and difficulties at home and abroad. But we are a people of hope, and God helps us through all adversity to get to a brighter future.

Today, I would like to ask for your help with our Annual Lenten Appeal, to address the Eparchy's most important and immediate needs. The proceeds of the Lenten Appeal will contribute to three especially key areas:

- **Opening New Parishes and Missions:** There are many areas across the country where Maronite communities are unable to have Maronite services due to the lack of parishes and priests. Our goal is to strengthen existing parishes and build new missions so that our people can celebrate their faith and heritage.
- **Expanding Services:** In light of the economic and emotional hardships of the past year, it is more imperative than ever to offer our support to young people, families, and those with the greatest need.
- **Helping our brothers and sisters in Lebanon and the Middle East:** Lebanon has been especially affected after the Beirut explosion in August of 2020. Many people were displaced; and homes, hospitals, schools, and businesses suffered extreme damage. We need to give our support to our brothers and sisters as they go through these trying times.

Some people have asked about the Eparchy's long-term Capital Campaign – Vision for the Future, Mission for Today. Unfortunately, the Campaign was temporarily suspended due to the pandemic, but we hope to re-start it at an appropriate time in the future.

In the meantime, I ask for your help through this Annual Lenten Appeal with the important and immediate needs described more fully in this short brochure. Please review it and prayerfully consider how you may help, and please be generous.

May God bless you and keep you!

Gratefully yours in Christ,

+A. Elias Zaidan  
Bishop of the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles

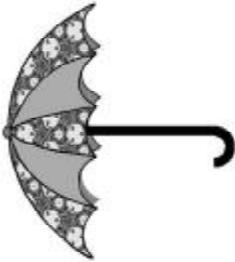


## LITURGY INTENTIONS: April 1– April 31, 2021

Thursday	April 1	6:00pm	<b>For the Increase of Vocations in the Church (Washing Of the Feet)</b>
Friday	April 2	10:00am 3:00pm 7:00pm	<b>Liturgy of the Signing of the Chalice</b> <b>Rite of Burial and Adoration of Our Lord</b> <b>Rite of Burial and Adoration of Our Lord</b>
Saturday	April 3	10:00am 4:00pm 7:00pm	<b>Rite of Forgiveness</b> <b>Liturgy of Resurrection</b> <b>Liturgy of Resurrection</b>
Sunday	April 4	11:00am	<b>Liturgy of Resurrection</b>
Monday - Wednesday	April 5 to 7		<b>No Liturgy</b>
Thursday	April 8	9:30AM	<b>Doris Nasser Ekrem</b> By Ronald and Diane Low <b>Ramez Jacob</b> By Albert and Elaine Jacob
Friday	April 9	9:30AM	Intentions of <b>John and Christine Suk</b> <b>Catherine Ghattas</b>
Saturday	April 10	4:00pm	<b>Alex Sleiman</b> by Karen Namie <b>Nicolette Brena</b> by Beth Murphy <b>Deceased of the Farhet Family</b> by the Bucksa Family
Sunday	April 11	10:10am	<b>Joe and Marlys Gubash &amp; Richard and Delores Burgmeier</b> by Robert and Caroline Burgmeier <b>Alex Sleiman</b> by Rodrigue and Chantal Awad <b>Subhi Nosifoglu</b>
Monday	April 12		<b>No Liturgy</b>
Tuesday	April 13	6:00pm	<b>Alex Sleiman</b> by Helene Houle <b>Simon and Rose Anton</b> by the Family <b>Marjorie Basil</b>
Wednesday	April 14	6:00pm	<b>Rick Kouri</b> by Marty Kouri <b>Paul Madison</b> by Duane and Elizabeth Nasser
Thursday	April 15	9:30am	<b>Robert Stricker</b> by Bruce and Judi Saba **** <b>Conrad Case</b>
Friday	April 16	9:30am	<b>Ramez Jacob</b> (1st Anniversary) <b>Rick Kouri</b> by Malake Kozah and Gloria Bedran <b>Ibrahim Ozbeck</b> by Nadir and Zahura Can
Saturday	April 17	4:00pm	<b>Marie Cyryt</b> **** <b>Ricky Kouri</b> by Chris and Michele Farhet
Sunday	April 18	10:10am	<b>Deceased of the DeMello Family</b> <b>Nazil Jebian</b> by daughter Silva <b>Ramez Jacob</b>
Monday	April 19		<b>No Liturgy</b>
Tuesday	April 20	6:00pm	<b>Rick Kouri</b> by Lanora Sarkis <b>Alex Sleiman</b> by Helene Houle
Wednesday	April 21	6:00pm	<b>Eddie Basil</b> by Marty Kouri <b>Marjorie Basil and all Deceased of the Basil Family</b> by Brad and Mary Lou Cummings
Thursday	April 22	9:30am	<b>Rick Kouri</b> by Joseph Anton
Friday	April 23	9:30am	<b>William Farhet Sr.</b> **** <b>Alex Sleiman</b> by Malake Kozah and Gloria Bedran
Saturday	April 24	4:00pm	<b>Ray Houle</b> <b>Ferris and Nora Sarkis</b> by Lanora Sarkis and Chris and Michele Farhet Family <b>Rick Khouri</b> by Albert and Elaine Jacob
Sunday	April 25	10:10am	<b>Memorial for Sabo Aksoz</b> <b>Alex Sleiman</b> by Fouad and Rania Bachour **** <b>Eddie Basil</b> by Joseph Anton
Monday	April 26		<b>No Liturgy</b>
Tuesday	April 27	6:00pm	<b>Deceased of the Yaghi and Bejjani Families</b> by Robert and Rima Antoon <b>John Nasseff</b>
Wednesday	April 28	6:00pm	<b>David George</b> **** <b>Debra Mueller</b>
Thursday	April 29	9:30am	<b>Rose Hitti</b> by Robert and Rima Antoon and Family
Friday	April 30	9:30am	<b>Nicolette Brena</b> bu Beth Murphy **** <b>Ibrahim Dahdah</b>



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 6:00pm Liturgy <b>Washing of the Feet</b>	2 10:00am Liturgy 3:00pm Liturgy 7:00pm Liturgy	3 10:00am Liturgy 4:00pm Liturgy 7:00pm Liturgy
4 <b>Easter Sunday</b> 11:00am Liturgy	5 No Liturgy	6 No Liturgy	7 No Liturgy	8 No Liturgy	9 No Liturgy	10 4:00pm Liturgy
11 10:10am Liturgy	12 No Liturgy	13 6:00pm Liturgy	14 6:00pm Liturgy	15 9:30am Liturgy	16 9:30am Liturgy	17 4:00pm Liturgy
18 10:10am Liturgy	19 No Liturgy	20 6:00pm Liturgy	21 6:00pm Liturgy	22 9:30am Liturgy	23 9:30am Liturgy	24 4:00pm Liturgy
25 10:10am Liturgy	26 No Liturgy	27 6:00pm Liturgy	28 6:00pm Liturgy	29 9:30am Liturgy	30 9:30am Liturgy	

## First Communion News

We are planning through God's grace to celebrate the First Communions this year, on Sunday May 2nd. If the restrictions continue it may be an afternoon Liturgy for the families of the First Communicants only. We will keep everyone updated as we get closer to the date.

We remind the children and their parents that they will have their **First Reconciliation on Thursday April 22nd at 4:30pm**. It will be an opportunity for the parents to go to confession at that time to be reconciled as well as their children.

Please keep the children who will be receiving Christ for the first time in your prayers as they prepare themselves for this great mystery.



## Sanctity of Life

Each of us in the result of a thought of God. Each of us is willed. Each of us is loved. Each of us is necessary.

- Pope Benedict XVI

## Maronite Christian Formation

Continue your studies as best you can.  
Never stop learning.

Saint Pope John Paul II said,

**“It is first of all necessary for you young people to give a forceful witness of love for life, God’s gift. This love must extend from the beginning to the end of every life and must struggle against every attempt to make man the arbiter of his brother’s life, of unborn life, of life that is waning to that of the handicapped and the weak.”**



## Talitha Cumi

For love of God and neighbor.

Thank you for your generous hearts. Continue to donate gently used clothing, bedding, books, and new food shelf items. The food shelves are still in great need.

**“What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men. That is what love looks like.” - St. Augustine**

God bless you all.



**April 25th Collection**



**April 25 - Catholic Home Missions**

Please be generous and use your offering envelope.

May the Lord reward you generously.

**Adopting a family in Lebanon**

Our Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles is aiming to sponsor 250 families in Lebanon. We have the names of 10 families that our parish is aiming to sponsor. The basic cost to support these families is \$75 - \$100 per family. We have a description of each family. If you are able, and would like to adopt one of these families for the year, please contact the parish office, or email Fr. Sharbel at [aboutna@stmaron.com](mailto:aboutna@stmaron.com)

May the Lord God bless you to continue being a blessing to others, and may God help the people of Lebanon who are suffering on all levels in their country.

***Scripture Readings***

- Sunday, April 4: 1 Cor 15:12-26 & Mk 16:1-8
- Sunday, April 11: 2 Cor 5:11-21 & Jn 20:26-31
- Sunday, April 18: 2 Tm 2:8-13 & Lk 24:13-25
- Sunday, April 25: Heb 13:18-25 & Jn 21:1-14

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



**Support your Church**

Even as our church is being opened up for more people allowed to attend in person, the finances of the parish are much lower than before due to the cancellation of the Lebanese Festival and other events, and your support is greatly appreciated.

Please mail in your offering envelopes to the church or donate online at [www.stmaron.com](http://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 4 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.

**† 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 February**

Envelopes/Plate/.....	\$ 6,567.00
Auto Deposit/PayPal.....	\$ 3,130.00
Mail.....	\$ 5,045.00
Donation.....	\$ 7,250.00
<b>Total Church Collections.....</b>	<b>\$ 21,992.00</b>
<b>Eparchy Collection.....</b>	<b>\$ 50.00</b>

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**GUIDELINES**

**Divine Liturgies:**

- Saturday ..... 4:00 pm (English)
- Sunday .....10:10 am (English, Aramaic, & Arabic)
- Monday .....NO DIVINE LITURGY
- Tuesday .....6:00PM (Except last Tuesday of the Month)
- Wednesday.....6:00PM
- Thursday .....6:00PM
- Friday .....6:00PM

**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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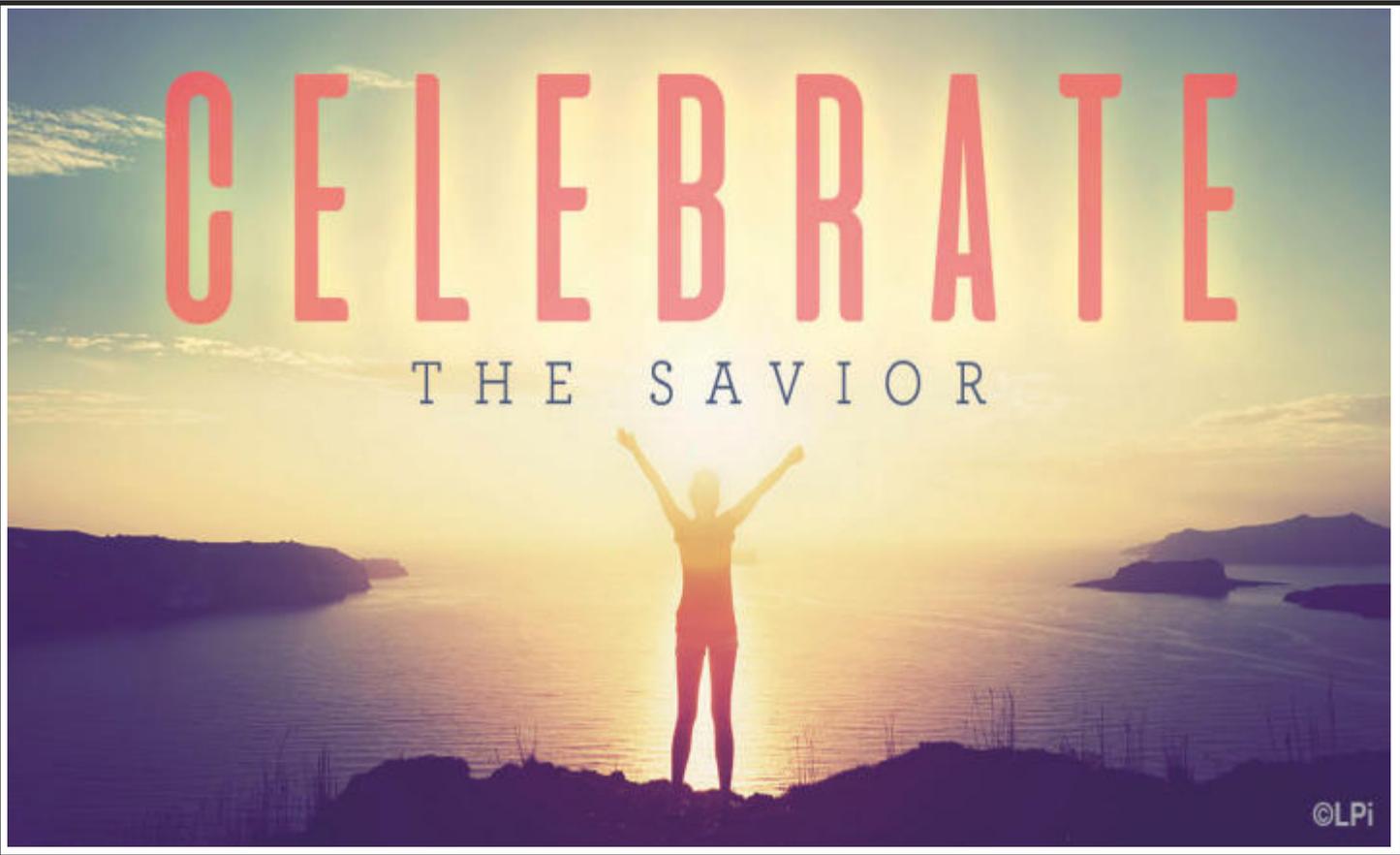
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