



Saint Maron Church



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January 2022

Message From Our Pastor

Upcoming Events

St. Maron
Dinner and
Hafli

February
12

NAM
Convention

July
13 - 17,
2022

All
Thanks
be to
God



Beloved Parishioners and Friends of St. Maron's, Prayers love and peace to you with the hope that you are well and in good health.

I extend to you my best wishes and prayers for a very blessed and prosperous 2022. May the Lord surround you in His love and protect you from harm and give you health of spirit, mind and body. I am so blessed to have you in my life. I rejoice and give thanks to God for allowing me to celebrate among you this January 6 my 33rd Anniversary as a priest and my 60th birthday. I am blessed to have spent the last 32.5 years among you. I am thankful for each and everyone of you for all the blessings you have brought into my ministry. Despite the challenges of the pandemic, the Lord continues to bless us and we need to continue celebrate life fully, one day at a time. Our walk on this earth has one goal, heaven where our citizenship is from. Our main goal is to serve the Lord with all our hearts, minds and souls and to love and serve one another. We work daily to build up the Kingdom of God and to follow His will. I invite all of you to participate in the Capital Campaign of our Eparchy, ***Vision for tomorrow, Mission for today***. No gift is a small gift and the Lord will reward you generously. Your gift will strengthen our Eparchy and secure the future of our church in the USA. We need to give hope to those who will come after us as we have received hope from those who have come before us. Please pray about your gift/offering and act upon it today.



I take the opportunity to extend my deepest gratitude and thanksgiving for all the parishioners who go beyond the basic and sacrifice their time, talents, and treasures to make our parish strong and healthy. Special thanks to the subdeacons who serve on the altar, altar servers, lectors, ushers, choir and different ministries and the volunteers in the office and those who work beyond the stage whether on our website or many other ministers within our parish. Also, the teachers, parishioners who serve coffee in the hall, etc. May the lord continue to give you faith and strength to continue His beautiful work. I am looking forward to another beautiful year of service among you, especially as we will be hosting the 57th National Apostolate of Maronites NAM Convention July 11-17. Thanks to chairpersons and all the amazing volunteers who are working so hard in preparation for this great event. May the Lord continue to bless you all and sustain you in His mercy and love. I offer you all of my prayers and love and ask you to call upon me if I can be of any help at any time. I wish you and your loved ones God's choicest blessings,

Chorbishop sharbel Maroun and Abouna Jean El Helou

Baptisms

Our congratulations go out to **Mr. and Mrs. Erik and Jessica Johnson** on the Baptism and Confirmation of their daughter **Laila**.

** We also rejoice with **Mr. & Mrs. Zeiter and Lesley Farah** on the Baptism and Confirmation of their daughter **Victoria**.

** We also rejoice with **Mr. and Mrs. Tony and Carrie Moussa** on the baptism of their daughter **Aya Sophia**.

May the Lord God bless his children and grant them holiness and healthy life



Newly Married

Our congratulations and best wishes go out to

the newly wedded **Mr. & Mrs. Joshua And Barbara (Favorite) Daggett** who were united on our altar recently.

We wish them all the peace and joy in their lives together.

Please keep all married couples in your prayers.

Thank you for the Noursat Breakfast.

Our Thanks and appreciation go out to all who helped made the Zaatar Bread Breakfast a successful one. Profit from this breakfast will go to support evangelization in the Middle East through Noursat.

May the Lord God bless you all and reward you with health and peace.

Capital Campaign & Jubilee Prayer

O Christ, Our Lord,

...source of all that is good, grant your blessings upon the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon and upon all the faithful. We turn to you with gratitude for what we have and with great anticipation for what is yet to be.

As we celebrate this Silver Jubilee Year of our Eparchy, grant our Bishop wisdom and give our priests, deacons, subdeacons, seminarians, monks, and nuns the strength to persevere in their mission of care and love. Bless our families and instill in our homes peace and love. Enlighten the hearts of our youth to generously answer your call to the service of your Church. Grant eternal rest to all our faithful departed who served our Churches along the years.

You have seen fit to grant us many gifts and abundance in our lives for which we are grateful. If it is your will, we ask that our endeavors be successful to secure the future, and to strengthen the mission of our Eparchy. Motivate us to always place ourselves under your guidance and to respond generously with our Time, Talents, and Treasures. We ask this through Jesus Christ Our Lord.

Through the intercession of Mary, Our Lady of Lebanon, and our patron saints, we raise glory and thanks to you, to your Father, and to your Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

AMEN.

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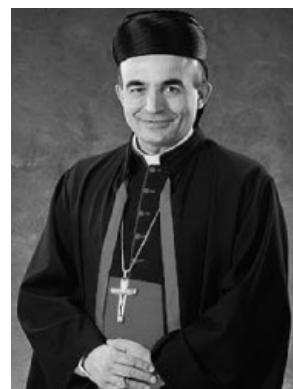
Welcome to Our Beloved Bishop Elias!

Our Shepherd, His Excellency Bishop Elias Zaidan will be gracing our community with a pastoral visit on Saturday and Sunday, January 8 and 9, in thanksgiving for my 33 years as a priest and 60th birthday. I would like to dedicate this event toward the support of our Eparchy's Capital Campaign.

Bishop Zaidan will be celebrating the Divine Liturgy on Saturday at 4:00PM and Sunday at 10:10 am. We encourage all parishioners to attend these Liturgies and to welcome our beloved Bishop and celebrate with him.

There will be a dinner on Saturday night in our hall. Tickets will be available at Christmas Liturgies.

Please plan on attending to share fellowship with Bishop Zaidan and your fellow parishioners and to hear more on the Capital Campaign.



Thanks for Enhancing Christmas

Our thanks and gratitude go out to all the wonderful parishioners who have contributed of their time and talents to make our Christmas Season so beautiful and joyful. Special thanks to the amazing decoration committee, our Subdeacons, the choir, ushers, altar servers, lectors, and those who served the refreshments.



Capital Campaign

"Vision for the Future, Mission for today."

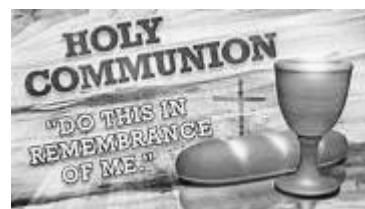
Our Eparchy's Capital Campaign is a vision to establish a foundation that will sustain and secure the future of our Eparchy. The goal is to raise \$15 million that will be locked and only the interest will be used to support the Ministry, Missions, and Ministers, such as the education of seminarians, MYO, MYA, NAM, Order of St. Sharbel, Religious Education, Charity, and the many programs.

Each one of us is called to be a part of this milestone, according to your ability. Check if your company will match such a donation to charity. The Capital Campaign Committee is ready to answer any questions. This is a list of the volunteers on this committee:

Mireille AIAhmar; Louis Haik; Jim Abdo; Bruce Nasser; Fouad Mehawej; Michael Simon; Jay Abdo; Richard Haddad; Tony Farah; Karam Bedros; Henry Estephan; Robert Rani; John Stein.

ON THE RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

All God's children are welcome into our sacred space and holy Liturgy. The Catholic Church's understanding of Holy Communion is that it is the true body, blood, soul, and divinity of Jesus Christ and by receiving the Eucharist it shows you believe what the Catholic Church teaches. (The Orthodox have the same belief). For our beloved brothers and sisters who are not Catholic and those Catholics not prepared to receive communion today, please cross your arms for a blessing.



LITURGY INTENTIONS: January 1, 2022 - January 31, 2022

Saturday	January 1	4:00 PM	For all our Parishioners, Benefactors and friends
Sunday	January 2	10:10AM	John Nasseff Antoine Kozah
Monday	January 3	6:00 PM	Debra Muller
Tuesday	January 4	6:00 PM	Sabo Aksoz by Malake Kozah & Gloria Bedran & Family
Wednesday	January 5	11:30PM	For the Sanctity of Families and the Increase of Vocations
Thursday	January 6	6:00 PM	Increase of Vocations in the Church
Friday	January 7	9:30 AM	Marjorie Basil & Deceased of the Basils by Brad and Mary Lou Cummings Christopher Naddaf
Saturday	January 8	4:00 PM	Michael Joseph and Youssef Hitti
Sunday	January 9	10:10AM	For all the Living and Deceased of our parish Colette Joseph by Husband James Thompson
Monday	January 10	6:00 PM	Michael Jacob
Tuesday	January 11	6:00 PM	Wilson Simon
Wednesday	January 12	6:00 PM	Attalah Irani by Albert and Elaine Jacob
Thursday	January 13	9:30 AM	Duane Nasser by George and Noha Hitti
Friday	January 14	9:30 AM	Halim Zerka by Henry Estephan
Saturday	January 15	4:00 PM	Therese Jacob and Assad Maalouf
Sunday	January 16	10:10AM	For the sick and all the deceased of our parish by Richard Haddad Subhi Nasifoglu by wife Atiye and Family
Monday	January 17	6:00 PM	Bruce Richard by his daughter Suzanne Optiz and Family
Tuesday	January 18	6:00 PM	Doris Kouri Duane Nasser by Abe and Jovita Awaijane
Wednesday	January 19	6:00 PM	Halim Zerka by Tony and Rita Farah
Thursday	January 20	9:30 AM	Claudine Alexander
Friday	January 21	9:30 AM	Josephine Abou Ali by Lanora Sarkis
Saturday	January 22	4:00 PM	Frank Schutta by Denis and Therese Kelly
Sunday	January 23	10:10AM	Duane Nasser by Daher and Loulou Jacobs
Monday	January 24	6:00 PM	Duane Nasser by Tony and Marie Fares
Tuesday	January 25	6:00 PM	NO LITURGY
Wednesday	January 26	6:00 PM	Halim Zerka by wife Nawal and Family
Thursday	January 27	9:30 AM	Duane Nasser by Dallas, Roger and Grace Saba and Joanne Yammich
Friday	January 28	9:30 AM	John Bedros Sami Andrea
Saturday	January 29	4:00 PM	Frank Schutta by Richard and Patricia Smalkoski
Sunday	January 30	10:10AM	For the sick and all the deceased of our parish and John Bedros
Monday	January 31	6:00 PM	Halim Zerka by Rodrique and Chantal Awad

January 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 4:00 pm Liturgy Circumcision of Jesus
2 10:10 am Liturgy	3 6:00 pm Liturgy	4 6:00 pm Liturgy	5 11:30 pm Liturgy Epiphany	6 6:00 pm Liturgy Epiphany	7 9:30 am Liturgy	8 4:00 pm Liturgy
9 10:10 am Liturgy	10 6:00 pm Liturgy	11 6:00 pm Liturgy	12 6:00 pm Liturgy	13 9:30 am Liturgy	14 9:30 am Liturgy	15 4:00 pm Liturgy
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23 10:10 am Liturgy	24 6:00 pm Liturgy	25 NO Liturgy	26 6:00 pm Liturgy	27 9:30 am Liturgy	28 9:30 am Liturgy	29 4:00 pm Liturgy
30 10:10 am Liturgy	31 6:00 pm Liturgy					

Saint Maron Feast Day

Annual Hafli **حفلتنا السنوية**

In honor of the Feast of Saint Maron

Saturday, February 12, 2022

Full Course Lebanese Dinner

followed by

A night of live music and dancing

Limited Seating

Reserve your tickets from the St. Rafka Club, at the parish office, or after Liturgy.



Electronic Bulletin starting Early 2022



Starting early in 2022 we will be sending the bulletin by email to our parishioners. This way you will receive the bulletin early before the end of the month and no post office delays. We will be saving on

paper, trees, postage, money and hard work. Please submit to us your email address as soon as possible so you will be included in this emailing. There will be some printed copies of the bulletin in the back of the church for those who would like to have it in a hard copy.

To ask to receive the bulletin electronically, please email us at Secretary@stmaron.com or submit to us your name and email address. You can always unsubscribe if you wish:

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MCF NEWS

1/16/22 to 2/28/22

Some activities may be changed or cancelled

1/9. NO CLASS

1/16 Class _ Prepare questions for Vocation's Assembly Practice Children's Liturgy gr 3,5,6

1/23 Class **VOCATIONS ASSEMBLY STUDENTS for ALL PARISHIONERS**

CHILDREN'S LITURGY gr 5, 6

NAM CONTEST BEGINS return all entries by 3/20 to teachers

COLORING PAGES of SAINT MARON due 2/6

1/30 Class introduce **HERITAGE STUDY** - STUDENTS INTERVIEW FAMILY AND FAMILY FRIENDS PRIVATELY, not in class

2/6 Class **RETURN COLORING PAGES** Saint Maron PAGES for Feast Day display

2/12 CHURCH Hafli Displays Up before this night

2/13 **NO CLASS – SOLEMNITY OF SAINT MARON 118TH ANNIVERSARY OF CHURCH**

PRAYER TESTING AND PLAYS TO BE DETERMINED

2/20 Class **PRAYER TESING** Hand out PLAY-Saint Josephs-Old Test. & New grades 4,5, 6+

CHILDREN'S LITURGY grade 2 Play rehearsal – first actors- Old Testament

2/27 Class Cana Sunday Play Rehearsal-second actors- New Testament

2/28 **ASH MONDAY - FAST- LENT BEGINS** every Friday, Ramsho & Benediction 6:30



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We are called to serve as Christ in the world. As Maronite Catholics, this will always be our mission!

Since becoming your bishop, I have seen and heard beautiful stories about the commitment of many people. I am asking for the support of all our people and parishes for the Vision for the Future – Mission for Today campaign. We are people who rise to the challenge and shoulder the responsibility.

This campaign is a significant undertaking. It will have a dramatic, long-term impact allowing us to take greater care of our local parishes, to ensure better ministry to our people, and to provide proper formation to the clergy for generations.

Enclosed is our campaign fact sheet. On it, you will find specific information related to the spiritual intention and goals of the campaign as well as how the funds will be distributed. You will also find our campaign gift chart detailing the different levels of participation we need to reach our \$15 million-dollar goal as well as information regarding the campaign gift society and giving options. Please take a few minutes to review the information and pray about your commitment to this historic fundraising effort.

To make our vision a reality, we must rely on the dedication and generosity of everyone in the Eparchy, responding as one. I am asking you to step forward in faith and consider what you can give back to your Maronite faith and God through a gift to this campaign over a three-year pledge period. I ask you to prayerfully decide upon a gift that is meaningful to you and your family.

In the interim, I ask you to reflect on the many blessings you have received and join me in praying for the success of the campaign. In praying for our endeavors, the success of the campaign will come from all of us joining together in support of a shared mission and vision. I continue to say our gifts are not about equal amounts but equal sacrifice. Thank you for your prayerful consideration of my request. It is my hope to have your participation commitment returned shortly so we can count your support with the others already received to show our continued progress towards our goal.

With profound gratitude and the assurance of my prayers, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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



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Why Capital Campaign Now?

My Beloved Parishioners and Friends,

Imagine not having Saint Maron parish in Minneapolis or a priest to celebrate for you the Sacraments.

We take so many things for granted, but many communities are not as blessed as we are.

To ensure that we keep carrying on our faith and heritage, we must guarantee the future for the next generations. Our ancestors sacrificed so much for us and now is our turn to leave something beautiful for the future generation. Everyone is not only asked to financially support our parish but also to support our Eparchy which, supplies us with priests and all the programs and ministries that enrich our faith. We are more than a community in Minneapolis, we belong to an Eparchy (Diocese). We are a Church.

Under the leadership of Bishop Elias Zaidan, our Eparchy is kicking off its Capital Campaign: ***Vision for the Future, Mission for Today***. Bishop Elias is asking that we all make a gift or a pledge to the welfare and future of our Eparchy! Our Eparchy covers 34 states, but we have parishes in only 18 states and many other cities wish they can have a church. To these communities, it would be a huge help if the Eparchy had the money to assist them with loans to help get them started and grow. On the top of that we have to enrich our religious education materials and care for many missions, ministries and ministers, including the retired priests, to list just a few. Thanks God, we have ten married men, and six celibate candidates studying for the priesthood. Last year the education cost of these 16 men was close to \$650,000.00

I am writing you today and asking every member of our parish to pray on making a pledge or an outright gift to the capital campaign. If you are contacted by one of our team members to talk about the needs that our Eparchy is facing, please be ready to participate or act upon it on your own.

Please know that your gift will be confidential; only Bishop Elias and I will know. Your pledge may be paid for over a period of three years. You may make gifts of real estate, stocks and securities, IRA charitable distributions, estate bequests, life insurance and corporate matching gifts.

In thanksgiving for my 33 years as a priest, I am pledging \$9,999.99 to be paid in 3 years. That is \$3,333.33 per year. I hope you will join me and the Eparchy in supporting this great cause. Each of us is called to give according to his and her own means and ability.

All monies go into the Maronite Catholic Foundation, an independent foundation, and ONLY the interest will be used; the principle will not be touched.

His Excellency Bishop Elias will be visiting our parish on January 8 and 9, 2022, and will give us a presentation on this great vision and answer all questions. Please join us for a Saturday night dinner on the 8th or a Sunday morning breakfast on the 9th.

Please take the time to review the information included in this bulletin and feel free to ask questions - You may contact me or one of the team members listed in the January bulletin.

As always, if you wish to make a year-end pledge or gift before the bishop arrives, please do so after a prayerful meditation. Call the office for information on transferring any securities/stocks.

Together we can make a huge difference and establish a great legacy for the generations after us.

With my prayers and love,

Abouna sharbel Maroun



WHY IS THIS CAMPAIGN NEEDED NOW?

The needs of the Church cannot be met on their own. Currently, there is an annual unfunded obligation for seminary education and priest retirement. We have more than 20 identified locations of underserved Maronite communities without a parish of their own. The ministerial needs of our local parishes continue to grow and demand support and resources. During this campaign, we are all being asked to personally invest in the mission of our Church in a meaningful way, making it a charitable giving priority over the next three years. If we do not address the present and future needs now, we are simply prolonging the responsibility and increasing the burden with each passing year.

CAMPAIGN GOALS

Based on the planning study results and the Eparchy's current and projected finances, the following are the goals for the campaign:

- Seminarists Education.....\$5 million
- Parishes and Missions\$3 million
- Ministries.....\$3 million
- Priests Retirement\$2.5 million
- Charitable Outreach\$1.5 million
- Overall Goal: \$15 million**

Thanks to a generous designated gift made specifically to underwrite all campaign expenses, 100 percent of your gift will go directly to the goal priorities listed above.

WHERE ARE WE TODAY?

We are challenged with the need to engage our children and young adults in church, strengthen and grow ministries for our parishes and communities, expand our parishes to serve all Maronites within our Eparchy, and to prepare new priests and care for those that have faithfully served us.

WHAT MUST WE DO?

Jesus, our Savior, taught us that the lamp of discipleship must be visible rather than hidden. We strive to be who and what we claim to be as the Church, the Body of Christ. We must all pray about what we want our Church to provide future Maronites long after we are gone. What will our legacy be? Will we be proud of what we accomplished while we had the chance? This is the heart and soul of the *Vision for the Future – Mission for Today* campaign. After prayerful reflection, all will be asked to consider their own commitment to supporting the needs of the Eparchy today and well into the next generation.



HOW WILL IT HELP?

United as one Maronite Catholic Church within our Eparchy, the *Vision for the Future – Mission for Today* campaign will provide support for Missions, Ministries and Ministers as follows:

MISSIONS

- Ensure all our parishes and missions are strong both spiritually and financially.
- Enable all our members to thrive in their Maronite Catholic faith.
- Provide Maronites in underserved communities regular access to the Sacraments.
- Keep our youth and young adults connected to the Maronite Catholic Church in their local communities.

MINISTRIES

- Update religious education materials to ensure interactive engagement for our children and youth.
- Give help and hope to marriages and families.
- Enhance broad communications across all mediums, printed, electronic, online and audio-visual.
- Provide coordination of youth, young adults and family ministries Eparchy wide.
- Support and train our parish ministry leaders so they may in turn teach us, our children and young adults.
- Lead by example in prayer, action and generosity.
- Provide an outward expression of how we live our faith and how we put our faith into action.

MINISTERS

- Educate the next generation of priests who will serve our parishes and communities.
- Care for those that served us faithfully by providing a consistent, modest retirement for priests.
- Provide continuing education opportunities for all our clergy.
- Develop the proper programs for ordained clergy and lay ministers.

This Eparchial-wide invitation is not a building campaign in the traditional “bricks and mortar” sense, but our campaign is focused on building up the Kingdom of God. We are called to be grateful. God has blessed us with so many gifts. As Christian disciples, followers of Jesus, we desire to share our gifts. We generously and sacrificially share because we love: we love God with our whole heart, mind, soul and strength; and we love our neighbor; and we love ourselves.

Together, let us join Pope Francis in his call to “encounter, invite and accompany” all those we meet in Christ’s love. Supporting the mission, vision and ministries of our Eparchy at this time is vitally important to our present and future as Maronite Catholics.

MARONITE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION

To provide for complete transparency, accountability and protection of donated funds, the Eparchy has formed the **Maronite Catholic Foundation** (MCF) as a separate legal entity from the Eparchy. The Foundation is being established as a 501c3 charitable corporation ensuring all donations given will be fully tax deductible. The MCF will be responsible for the financial management and distribution of funds for the Capital Campaign. All campaign funds will flow through the foundation to the designated priorities and campaign funds will be disbursed in accordance with the intention of the donors and the campaign case statement. The foundation, a standalone nonprofit corporation, will be administered by a nine-person board of directors made up of three clergy, including the bishop, and six lay member representatives. The board of directors, on behalf of the foundation, will determine how funds are allocated, monitor pledge collections, hold a separate bank account and set of books, and conduct annual audits to secure a separation of campaign assets from general Eparchial resources. Annual financial reports for the foundation will be shared in the Maronite Voice and on the Eparchy’s website.

WHAT CAN I DO? PAUSE... PRAY... ASK...

what God may be calling you to give on behalf of this effort to serve our local parishes and Eparchial community through this capital campaign. Then, as a good steward, you will step out in faith and you will know what your generous gift will be.

“After prayerful thought about the size of our gift; when we do not find ourselves making excuses for its size; when we know in our hearts it is sacrificial; when we are completely honest with God and ourselves; then we know our gift is the correct amount.”

Bishop Eugene Gerber – 2012 International Catholic Stewardship Conference



Sanctity of Life

SPAGHETTI DINNER
and a **pro-life MOVIE**,
Friday, January 28.

5:30 Social Hour, 6pm
DINNER and Movie to
follow

“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, the third encyclical of his pontificate.)



Pray for our Sick



Please say a prayer for our Sick/Homebound including those suffering from Covid 9:

Lanora Sarkis, Lana Awaijane, Caroline Zogheib, Gloria Bedran, Therese Bedros, Anisse Awaijane, Henry Basil, Gina Daher, Anthony Awad, Joannie Moses and all sick and homebound

We wish them all blessings and healing.

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NAM 2022

Our parish is excited to host the **2022 NAM Convention**. Please mark on your calendar the week of **July 11-17, 2022**. Please consider not planning any out of town trips at that time. We need everyone’s help and support as we welcome hundreds of clergy and laity from throughout the United States.

We need to form 37 different committees and we need you to serve on one of them.

Please reach out to our capable Chairpersons: **Lisa Gleason and Elena El -Khoury**.

Together we can make it a great convention.

Stewardship Voice

The Acts of the Apostles (Acts 20:35) tells us: “Happiness lies more in giving than in receiving.”

Each one of us is in need of giving from the heart in order for our parish to grow and to prosper. Therefore, please consider increasing your own gift toward your parish of St. Maron.

Scripture Readings

Sunday, January 2: Hebrews 7:11-19 & Luke 2:41-52

Sunday, January 9: 2 Cor 10:1-11 & John 1:29-34

Sunday, January 16: 2 Cor 4:5-15 & John 1:35-42

Sunday, January 23: Gal 3:3-29 & John 3:1-16

Sunday, January 30: Romans 7:1-6 & John 4:5-7, 9-26

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



Epiphany Liturgy

Please note that this year the Epiphany Liturgy will be at 11:30 pm on Thursday January 5.

There is a tradition that on Epiphany night at midnight Jesus passes by and blesses all the homes and places. Of course there is no better place to be at that time than in the middle of the Divine Liturgy.

You are encouraged to join us for this special liturgy as we petition God to bless our homes and parish and hearts.



Talitha Cumi



For Love of God and Neighbor

St. Teresa of Avila tells us, “Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which he looks compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good... Christ has no body now on earth but yours.”

† STEWARDSHIP ✉

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

Month of November

Envelopes/Plate.....	\$ 7,979
Auto Deposit/PayPal.....	\$ 3,777
Mail.....	\$ 2,520
Donations.....	\$ 41,510
Building Maintenance Offering. \$	151
Total Church Collections...	.\$ 55,937

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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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Saturday 4:00 pm (English)
Sunday10:10 am (English, Aramaic, & Arabic)
MondayNO DIVINE LITURGY

Tuesday.....6:00PM (Except last Tuesday of the Month)
Wednesday.....6:00PM
Thursday9:30AM
Friday9:30AM

Religious Education: After 10:10am Sunday Liturgy

Baptism: Contact the priest when the baby is born.

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

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**May the New Year be filled with much peace and
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