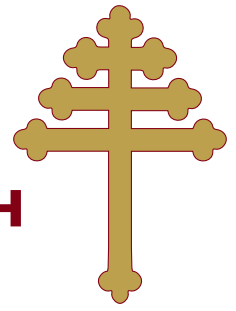




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BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION

Please contact our priest ASAP after the birth of your child.

RECONCILIATION

Before or after Liturgy or by appointment

MARRIAGE

Couples must contact our priest six months before the wedding.

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Be sure to visit from time to time for National Maronite News, pictures of parish events and other announcements!

THE REVELATION TO JOSEPH

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

Adoration 4:00 p.m.; Liturgy at 4:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

Rosary at 9:30 a.m.; Liturgy at 10:00 a.m.

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 1:18-25



Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when

he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus. This is the truth. Peace be with you.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE



Saturday December 23 at 4:30 p.m.

Christmas Eve
 Sunday December 24 at 4:30 p.m.

Christmas Day
 Monday December 25 at 10 a.m.

Saturday December 30 at 4:30 p.m.
 Sunday December 31 at 10 a.m.

The Circumcision of Jesus
 Monday January 1st at 10 a.m.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 16 at 4:30 p.m.

For the repose of the soul of Marie Soliani
Birthday remembrance requested by
Bonnie and Eugene Morro

For Marie Soliani
Requested by Madeline Hubert

For Paulo and Maria D'Addona
Requested by Sal, Linda and Alicia Rinaldi

Sunday, December 17 at 10:00 a.m.

Joseph Haddad Sr
Requested by Deacon Steven and Renee Marcus

Saturday, December 23 at 4:30 p.m.

Available

Sunday, December 24 at 4:30 p.m.

Vigil of the Glorious Birth of Our Savior

For Toni Tanos
Requested by his daughter, Giselle Tanos

Monday, December 25 at 10:00 a.m.

The Glorious Birth of Our Savior

For the people of St. Maron Parish

Saturday, December 30 at 4:30 p.m.

Available

Sunday, December 31 at 10:00 a.m.

Available

Monday, January 1 at 10:00 a.m.

The Circumcision of Jesus

Available

Saturday, January 6 at 4:30 p.m.

Feast of the Glorious Epiphany

For the repose of the soul of Ray Hubert
For good health for Chris Comeau
Requested by Madeline Hubert

Sunday, January 7 at 10:00 a.m.

40 Day Memorial
For the repose of the soul of Joseph Haddad
Requested by his wife, Helene and family

Saturday, January 13 at 4:30 p.m.

Available

Sunday, January 14 at 10:00 a.m.

Available

The world might have expected the Son of God to be born—if He was to be born at all—in an inn. A stable would be the last place in the world where one would have looked for Him. Divinity is always where one least expects to find it. —Venerable Fulton Sheen

CHURCH SUPPORT

Weekend of December 2/3

Saturday, December 2 Offering:

1st Collection **\$390.00**

Sunday, December 3 Offering:

1st Collection **\$1231.00**

Mail In: **\$550.00**

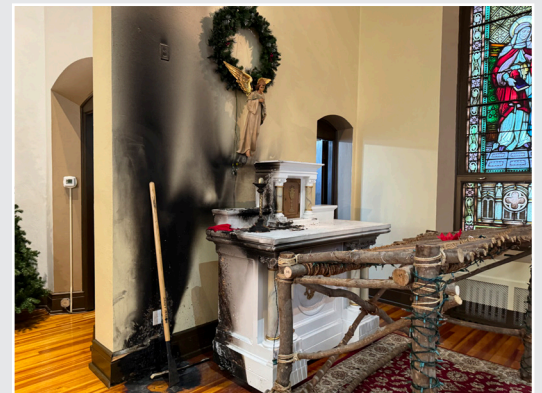
Bishop's Appeal: **\$0**

Bingo: **\$783.50**

Thank You!

Please note that the second collection on Christmas is for the Pastor.

Monday's Fire in the Church



Sub deacon Michael and Mark Magyar were called to the church on Monday morning at 4:30 by the fire dept. A small fire had started and was quickly put out. Thanks be to God that no one was injured. Unfortunately, Mary's altar was destroyed. We are working very hard to clean the church in time for the festive Christmas liturgies. We have had work crews in the church and everyone is going the extra mile to help. Please pray that clean-up will be quick and that no serious damage will be discovered. Thank you to everyone who has taken time out at this busy season to help.

Fr. Fadi, Deacon Steven, Sub-Deacon Mike

EPISTLE

EPHESIANS 3:1-13

Brothers and Sisters:

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles — for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him. I pray therefore that you may not lose heart over my sufferings for you; they are your glory. Praise be to God always!



Bakers of the Parish!

Please consider baking two dozen (or more!) treats for the FISH Cocoa and Cookie Party on December 22. This party is for the children and residents of the local shelter. All extra cookies will be shared with the homeless throughout the holiday week. If you can find time to bake an offering, please drop

them at the rectory by Tuesday, December 19, with a note that they are for the FISH party. Father will deliver all cookies to the shelter on behalf of St. Maron's.

Thank you in advance and blessings to all.

The Parish Council



The Pastor's Corner

SHORT ARTICLES AND NOTES

My Dear Friends:

This week I would like to share a poem, *How the Light Comes*, by Jan Richardson, so appropriate for this season.

*I cannot tell you
how the light comes.
What I know
is that it is more ancient
than imagining.
That it travels
across an astounding expanse
to reach us.
That it loves
searching out
what is hidden
what is lost
what is forgotten
or in peril
or in pain.
That it has a fondness
for the body
for finding its way
toward flesh
for tracing the edges
of form
for shining forth
through the eye,
the hand,
the heart.*

*I cannot tell you
how the light comes,
but that it does.
That it will.
That it works its way
into the deepest dark
that enfolds you,
though it may seem
long ages in coming
or arrive in a shape
you did not foresee.
And so
may we this day
turn ourselves toward it.
May we lift our faces
to let it find us.
May we bend our bodies
to follow the arc it makes.
May we open
and open more
and open still
to the blessed light
that comes.*

May you have a blessed and light filled week ahead.

Fr. Fadi



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St. Maron Church Annual Appeal

October 2023

Greetings and Blessings to All,

I've come to ask you to help with St. Maron's Annual Bishop's Appeal - a collection that is an integral and imperative part of our budget. This collection funds the Eparchy and is even more important this year to support critical initiatives. Our parish assessment is \$6,500 which we hope to raise through your generosity. We are hoping each family will consider a donation of \$25.00 so we can meet our obligation to the Eparchy.

I'd like to thank those of you who have joined us each week; it is wonderful to see the church filled once again. I look forward to enjoying more time with the families of our parish.

Thank you for your consideration. Please return your check payable to *Saint Maron Church*. This can be dopped in the weekly collection basket or mailed directly to the church.

Sincerely in Christ,

Father Fady

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