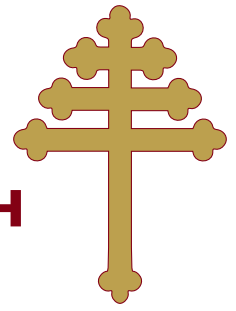




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BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION

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 BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

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

GOSPEL

LUKE 1:57-66



Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her.

On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him

Zechariah after his father. But his mother said, "No; he is to be called John." They said to her, "None of your relatives has this name." Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. He asked for a writing tablet and wrote, "His name is John." And all of them were amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God. Fear came over all their neighbors, and all these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea. All who heard them pondered them and said, "What then will this child become?" For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him.



THE BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST. *The Maronite Icons: Modern Sacred Art.* Dar Sader Publishers: Beirut 1999. Via Maronite Heritage.com/icons

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 9** at 4:30 p.m.
For Fred and Alexandrine and Andre Hubert
For Charlie and Toni Comeau
Requested by Madeline Hubert
- Sunday, December 10** at 10:00 a.m.
For Christopher Novacosky, Joseph Novacosky and
Ava Novacosky
Requested by Deacon Steven and Renee Marcus
- 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 the people of St. Maron Parish
- 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.
Available
- Saturday, January 13** at 4:30 p.m.
Available
- Sunday, January 14** at 10:00 a.m.
Available

CHURCH SUPPORT

- Weekend of December 2/3**
Saturday, December 2 Offering:
1st Collection **\$428.00**
- Sunday, December 3 Offering:
1st Collection **\$922.00**
- Mail In: **\$1470.00**
Bishop's Appeal: **\$75.00**
- Bingo: **\$1436.50**

Thank You!

My prayer for you is that when Christ comes to you in Christmas, He may find in you a warm home, warm love like that of a heart full of love, like that of a simple shepherd who was the first one chosen to see Christ.

St. Teresa of Calcutta

FAMILY DAY!



The Holy Family; St. Joseph's Chapel,
Westminster Cathedral, London.
Photo by Fr. Lawrence Lew, OP

Sunday, December 10th, the 10 a.m. Mass will be a family Mass. We encourage everyone to attend with all your family so that we can pray together as a parish family, just as the Holy Family did in Nazareth. Afterwards, there will be Christmas cookies and coffee downstairs in the parish hall.

*C H R I S T M A S * C O O K I E S *



COFFEE HOUR

DECEMBER 10

after
the 10:00 a.m. Mass!



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EPISTLE

GALATIANS 4:21-5:1

Brothers and Sisters:

Tell me, you who desire to be subject to the law, will you not listen to the law? For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by a slave woman and the other by a free woman. One, the child of the slave, was born according to the flesh; the other, the child of the free woman, was born through the promise. Now this is an allegory: these women are two covenants. One woman, in fact, is Hagar, from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery. Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia and corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. But the other woman corresponds to the Jerusalem above; she is free, and she is our mother. For it is written, "Rejoice, you childless one, you who bear no children, burst into song and shout, you who endure no birth pangs; for the children of the desolate woman are more numerous than the children of the one who is married." Now you, my friends, are children of the promise, like Isaac. But just as at that time the child who was born according to the flesh persecuted the child who was born according to the Spirit, so it is now also. But what does the scripture say? "Drive out the slave and her child; for the child of the slave will not share the inheritance with the child of the free woman." So then, friends, we are children, not of the slave but of the free woman. For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. Praise be to God always!



The Pastor's Corner

SHORT ARTICLES AND NOTES

My Dear Friends:

In Psalm 139, verses 13 and 14 read:

You formed my inmost being; you knit me in my mother's womb. I praise you, because I am wonderfully made; wonderful are your works! My very self you know.

We know from these words that none of us are just random creatures or numbers to God; He formed each and every one of us, and just like St. John the Baptist, gave each of us our own mission – a mission we've had since before we were born.

There are more ways we are like St. John, too. God fills us with the Holy Spirit – in our case at baptism – so that we can accomplish that mission. We, like John, must recognize that God is so great, we are not even worthy to loosen His sandal straps. And finally, we are like John, because we need to recognize that it is our God-given mission that is important, not our own ego or our particular plans. When the time comes, we need to be ready to step aside and get out of the way, so that Jesus can go to work in the world. Ultimately everyone's mission is to point to Jesus ... and let Him get to work however He wants to. This week is a good time to contemplate what your God-given mission in the world might be.

May we ever look to the fast-approaching birth of our Lord in hope and joy.

Fr. Fadi



Many thanks to Judy Theeb, Adla Keywan, Richie, Toni, Elias and Chadi Noujaim for an amazing job decorating the church in preparation for this holy season. You have done an outstanding job! Your hard work is very much noticed in our church and the magnificent results will welcome all families who come to pray during this blessed season.

Also, many thanks to all who have donated in any way during

this past year. You make St. Maron's noticed in the community as source of God's goodness. And finally thank you to everyone who is praying for our church, our community, our country and the world. May you all be most blessed during this beautiful Christmas season.

God bless you and thank you all!!

Fr. Fadi, Deacon Steven, Sub Deacon Mike

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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 dropped in the weekly collection basket or mailed directly to the church.

Sincerely in Christ,

Father Fady

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