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Reverend Fadi El Khawand
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Re: Matching Grant

Dear Father Fadi:

Congratulations! At my request, the Anthony R. Abraham Foundation has generously made a grant to the Eparchy to help your parish establish or strengthen an endowment fund for maintenance and repairs for your parish.

Your parishioners are asked to make special contributions totaling at least \$5,000 for the purpose of matching this grant by September 1, 2025. Please keep track of these special donations, and/or fundraising efforts, on the enclosed Worksheet, and send us the completed list and copies of all checks and donations received for this purpose by September 1, 2025. All of the funds should be put in a special account on your Balance Sheet entitled Parish Endowment.

Enclosed please find a check for \$5,000 to also be deposited into this account. Pursuant to the terms agreed to with the Foundation, only the interest can be used each year for parish capital maintenance and repairs. It's our hope that this will be the seed money for starting or strengthening an endowment in your parish, which we hope that someday will reach at least \$100,000.

Please send Stewardship Director John Kurey (saintmaron@yahoo.com) an email message within the next two weeks confirming that you received this letter and will participate in this challenge grant.

You and your parishioners are in my prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Gregory John Mansour

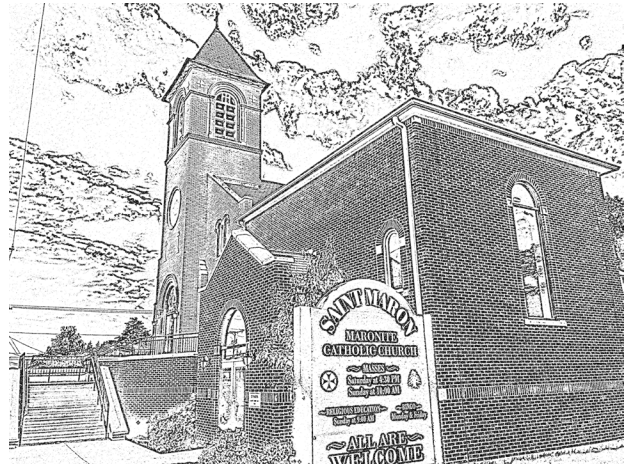
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August 4, 2025

Dear Friends:

We have an amazing opportunity for a matching grant from the Anthony Abraham Foundation! They have donated \$5,000 to our church for the express purpose of building an endowment to help with the maintenance of our aging buildings. We have one month to match their \$5,000.



As you all know, the original families who built our beautiful church and hall had to sacrifice to pay the builders and contractors in order to see their dream of a Maronite church become a reality here in Torrington. Our buildings are well built and, over the years, we have had many magnificent Liturgies and wonderful celebrations in them. Like all buildings, however, they need maintaining. Costs only go up, so maintenance can be a worry, which is why we are so grateful to the Anthony Abraham Foundation in getting us started on a special endowment.

We will be collecting money over the next 30 days to reach our goal of matching the original \$5000. As Bishop Gregory outlines in his letter, we only have 30 days to reach this goal. Please be as generous as you can so that we don't lose this opportunity.

You can send your contributions directly to the rectory, with a note that the donation is for the endowment program. Or, you can put your contributions in the weekly collection. The second collection for the next four weeks will be solely for this matching grant.

Please help in whatever way you can. Every little bit is important.

God bless you and your families, and all the hard work you do for St. Maron Parish.

Father Fadi