

January 5, 2025
Finding of Our Lord in the Temple



Mass Time & Intentions

Epistle: Heb 7: 11-19 Gospel: Lk 2: 41-52

Sat Jan. 4 5:00 PM	For Emil & Gloria Rizk By David & Michael Rizk For The Akiki Family By Dr. & Mrs. Michel Maouad
Sun Jan. 5 9:30 AM	For Parishioners of St. John Maron By Father Dany
Sun Jan. 5 11:30 AM	For Essa Dabbikeh By Ferouz Dabbikeh For Nawal ElMekhtafi By Sam & Katia Mansour For Semaan & Claudette Mahfoud By Hind Chaiban For Mr. & Mrs. Majid Mansour By Elias Mansour For Assaad Aboudib By Shemaan Aboudib
Mon Jan. 6 7:00 PM Epiphany AR/ENG	For Maurice Chaiban & Boulos Chaiban By Hind Chaiban For Souls in Purgatory By Sheeman Aboudib For Boutros Majed & deceased loved ones By Hanne & Henri Khoury For Deceased members of the Hayek Family By The Hayek Family



TOTAL BASKET COLLECTION

December 29, 2024

Regular Collection: \$3,018.00

Second Collection: \$344.00

Online Donations: \$.00

Our gratitude to all who are supporting our parish. Your generosity is a blessing.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION The Contribution boxes are in the back of the church. Please make sure you pick up your box and look at the address on the sticker to make sure it is correct. If there are any errors, please report them to the church office. We are trying to update our records for accuracy so this is very important and helpful to us. If you didn't pick up your box from last year or did not contribute using your envelopes, please know that we did not issue a 2025 box but have maintained your number. If you contribute only by putting a loose check in the basket, you were not issued a box but your number is maintained. If you want another box, you will need to request one. Thank you for your cooperation.



WELCOME!

If you are a guest or visitor to St. John Maron Church, we are happy to have you. PLEASE, make yourself at home. You Are Among Family.

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Altar Bread, Wine and Sanctuary Candle burns this month for the souls of Beulah Schuster requested by Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Shelby. May she rest in Peace.



CONFESSION

Father is always available to hear confessions. Please call the office to schedule an appointment. Thank you.



SICK OR IN NEED

If you or someone you know is sick or in need of a visit from clergy, please call the office. 716-634-0669.

Please pray for those who are sick, homebound or in the hospital.

Rita MacDiarmid, Theresa Utz, Paula Chameli, Ferouz Dabbikeh, John Joseph, Jr., Gregory Joseph



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In an effort to make it easier to donate to St. John Maron Church, scanning this QR Code leads the mobile camera to our Church's Donate landing site.



BIBLE QUOTE OF THE WEEK



Jesus, Mary, Joseph, and their relatives and friends travel to Jerusalem for Passover. When they return home, Jesus stays in the temple and his parents don't realize he's missing. After a day, they return to Jerusalem and find Jesus in the temple, listening to and asking questions of the teachers. They are amazed by his understanding and answers. When Mary asks Jesus why he treated them like this, he replies, "How is it that you sought me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"



ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY

Please join us on Monday, January 13, 2025 at 7PM for our monthly Rosary Prayer Mission.

COMING SOON: Watch for more information on the **Meat Raffle** scheduled for **Friday, February 7 at 6PM**. You won't want to miss this fun and lively event!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wishing all our Religious Education families a safe, spiritual and joyous New Year! Looking ahead to a wonderful start to 2025!

IMPORTANT NOTE FOR COMMUNICANTS

An important meeting is scheduled for all First Communion Parents on Sunday, January 26 at 10:45am. At least one parent must attend.

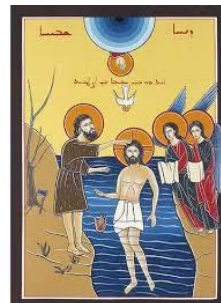
Jan. 5: Regular Class

Jan. 12: Regular Class, Report Cards Given

COFFEE HOUR

Jan. 5: Matt & Katie Kabalan

Jan. 12: Sayed & Rita El Khoury



The Feast of the Epiphany falls on 6 January, and inaugurates a Season which runs until the three weeks of commemoration of the departed, the immediate prelude to Lent.

In Syriac thought, the feast of the Epiphany reminds us that the Lord Jesus is the source of all light, and especially of spiritual light; He is the true sun, the true star; and when we see these in the heavens, we do well to lift our hearts to Him, too.

To recap, this feast is called the "epiphany," "manifestation," and "sunrise" because it is when Our Lord, who had been living quietly in his Nazareth home appeared before all the world. To us, we also see it as the first public manifestation of the Trinity.

PARISH CONTACT

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CEDARS HALL RENTAL

Our Cedars Hall is the perfect location for your personal and business events. It has state-of-the-art audio-visual capability, ample free parking, full commercial kitchen, bar, and large bathrooms.

Renovations are complete. The Banquet Hall is available for booking February 1 for available **booking dates starting in April.**

For information, please contact Michael Khoury at 716-510-7465 or Joseph Mahfouz at 716-725-3185.

MASS AND ADORATION



Join us every **First Thursday of the Month** for 7 PM Mass, followed by Adoration and Procession of the Blessed Sacraments and anointing with oil. Mass will be celebrated by candlelight.

Dear Parishioners

With deep joy and gratitude, I extend to you my prayerful best wishes for a Holy and Blessed Christmas.

Thank you to all who work so hard in the parish and continue to strengthen our Christian community. On behalf of all our parish staff and committees, we extend our warmest and sincere wishes to all of you.

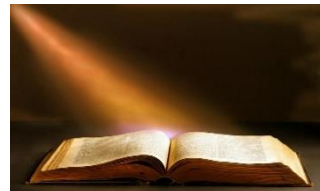
May our Lord Jesus Christ, born in Bethlehem, bless you, your families and loved ones at this blessed time of hope and grace. May Mary, the Mother of the Child Jesus and our Mother, watch over you and our beloved Saint John Maron Parish always.

***Love,
Father Dany***

Blessings for a Happy New Year!

BIBLE STUDIES

Our first Bible Study session is scheduled for Wednesday, January 8, 2025, from 7PM to 8PM in the Education Hall. Please email the church if you would like to join. All are welcome.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Thank you to all who donated to the KofC Coats for Kids drive. Your donations will go a long way towards helping children in need.