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Maronite Catholic

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Celebrating our 121st Anniversary*

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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday at 5:00 pm (English)

Sunday at 9:30 am (English)

Sunday at 11:30 am (Arabic)

OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Closed on: Fridays, Holy Days of Obligation and Federal Holidays

Mass Time & Intentions

Epistle: Eph 3: 1-13 Gospel: Mt 1: 18-25

Anaphora: St. Peter

Sat. Dec. 13 5:00 PM	(+) Emil & Gloria Rizk By David & Michael Rizk (+) Elias, Sadie & Joseph E. Joseph By The Family (-) 50th Wedding Anniversary of Edmond & Michelle Boctor By Reggie Joseph
Sun. Dec. 14 9:30 AM	(-) Children of St. John Maron Church By Father Dany
Sun. Dec. 14 11:30 AM	(+) George Mansour By The Family (+) Essa Dabbikeh (+) George Majed By The Family (+) Joseph & Albert Mansour By Mr. & Mrs. Emil Mansour (+) Ferouz Dabbikeh By Betty Assaf (+) Rodrick Khoury By The Family
December 15-23 7 PM	Christmas Novena

(+) =Deceased; (-) = Intention not deceased



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 burn this month for the soul of **Souhad Hayek** requested by The Family. May she rest in Peace.



DONATE USING YOUR MOBILE DEVICE

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.



TOTAL BASKET COLLECTION

December 7, 2025

Regular Collection: \$3,055.00

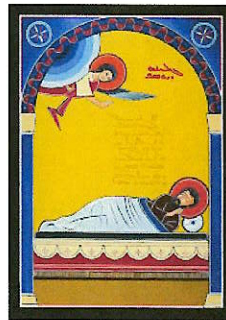
Second Collection: \$502.00

Online Collection: \$25.00

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



REVELATION TO JOSEPH



As we continue through the season of the Glorious Birth in our Maronite Church, also known as the season of announcements, we are introduced to a righteous man in the New Testament whose name is Joseph. Joseph was planning to dismiss a young woman named Mary, who he was betrothed to, because he was told by Mary, that she was to conceive a child not by him, but by the Holy Spirit. And this child will be the Son of God who will become the Savior of the world. Now just stop for a moment and imagine you are Joseph! You are faced with this challenge and can no longer bear the pressures it brings. How would you react to this news? St Joseph is inviting us to take up a radical approach. Bring your fears and doubts to the Lord and take a spiritual nap. Sit uncomfortably in the silence, give the Lord your situation and rest in His love hoping that God would provide you with the wisdom needed to make the right decision.

PARISH CONTACTS

Pastor	Fr Dany Abi-Akar	716-634-0669 EXT 1
Parochial Vicar	Fr Tony Kairouz	724-732-4064
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Finance Committee	Anthony Habib	716-913-4174
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Knights of Columbus	Chuck Mosey	716-228-8313
Religious Education	Christina ElChibani	716-713-4454
Building Committee	Henri Khoury	716-479-9143



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.

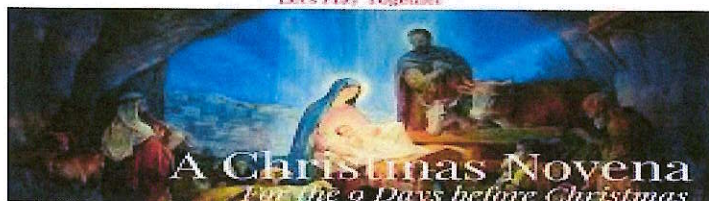
**Please pray for those who are sick,
homebound or in the hospital.**

Theresa Utz, Paula Chameli, John Joseph, Jr.,
Gregory Joseph, Therese Hayek, Sanaa Abou-
Jaoude, and Corky Ferro

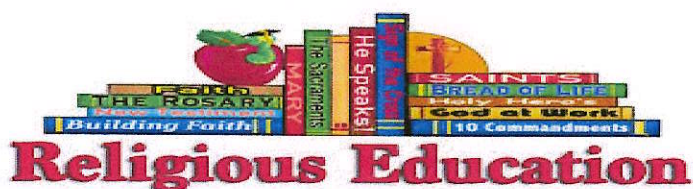


Preparing the Way for the Lord

December 16 - 24
Let's Pray Together



The Christmas Novena (nine consecutive day prayer) is a wonderful way of preparing ourselves for the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ and getting into the Christmas spirit. Historically, the Christmas Novena was not part of the traditional Maronite Liturgy. It is a tradition that was inherited from the Latin Rite Catholic Church of the West in the 1500's when the Jesuit (Latin) Monks came to Lebanon and influenced the Maronite Church in many ways. Our Maronite Fathers took this tradition and added their own flavor to it so that it became part of our Church's preparation for Christmas and thus our own tradition.



Dec. 14: Regular Class
Dec. 14: Christmas Pageant after 11:30 Mass
Dec. 21 & 28: No Class; Christmas Vacation

COFFEE HOUR:

Dec. 14: Michael & Natalie Khoury
Jan. 4: Abir & Charbel Ntanios

**All parishioners are welcome to coffee hour
between masses at 10:30.**

Dear parishioners,
Our CCD program is growing, and we are in need of your support to continue forming the next generation of disciples. If you are able, we invite you to make a donation to help us sustain our work. Donations will be used towards our Christmas pageant costumes and materials, first reconciliation celebration, and our end of the year closing program. Your generosity and support to the children of our parish is greatly appreciated. Please mail any donation to St. John Maron and reference: CCD Program.
God bless,
Christina ElChibani, CCD coordinator



CEDARS HALL RENTAL

For information, please contact Michael Khoury or Joseph Mahfouz at 716-393-9266. Check out the cedarsvenue.com website for more information.

Happy New Year
2026

Cedars Venue presents
The Annual NYE Party,
December 31, 2025 at 7
PM. Live Entertainment
with Maestro Amin and
Band. \$120 per adult. Please see the flyers
at the entrances of the church.

Please contact our Parish Council members with any suggestions or issues you might have.

Parish Council

Mr. Joseph Mahfouz 716-725-3185

Dr. Gabriel Chouchani 716-812-0881

Dr. Naim Dawli 716-982-9411

Mr. James Issa 716-536-2370

Mr. Charles Mosey 716-228-8313

ALTAR BREAD, WINE & SANCTUARY LAMP

Anyone who wishes to sponsor the Altar Bread & Wine & Sanctuary Lamp in Thanksgiving or in memory of deceased loved one(s) for 2026 can call or email the rectory to request a specific month. The months are already filling up so please call the office 716-634-0669 or email stjmaron@gmail.com at your earliest convenience.

MASS INTENTIONS

For your mass intentions, please complete the intention form located near the bulletin in the church. Insert it with the stipend into the blue envelopes available near the bulletin. You can also download the form from our stjmaron.org website located on the main page. Intention forms can be mailed in or put in the collection basket. Thank you for your cooperation. **The 2026 Mass Book is now available to schedule your masses.**

2026 WEEKLY ENVELOPES

If you are new to the church or have never contributed using envelopes and would like to receive weekly envelopes, please call or email the office. The envelope list will be updated soon.



Your weekly donation helps defray the costs associated with keeping our beautiful church open.

PEW RESTORATION !!

Thank you to all those parishioners who purchased pews for our beautiful restoration project. **If you have not already done so, please send an email to the church, stjmaron@gmail.com, or call the office, 716-634-0669, to request the proper wording on your plaque.** May God continue to bless our parish family for their contributions of time, talent and treasure.



December Events

Dec. 13 Christmas Concert (Free) 7 PM in the Church – Sara Badawy performance.

Dec 14 Christmas pageant following 11:30 Mass at the church. Ann Marie Lattanzio 716-604-6341

Dec. 15 – Dec. 23 Christmas Novena @ 7PM at the church. Sat/Sun Novena after Masses.

Dec 20 Living Nativity at the Triple Heart Ranch at 7 PM. Lauren Issa 716-982-9085

Dec 24 Vigil Mass of the Nativity of our Lord 5 PM and Mass 12 Midnight

Dec 25 Christmas Day Mass at 11 AM

Dec. 31 New Year's Eve Vigil Mass 5 PM and New Year's Day Mass at 11 AM

Dec. 31 NYE Party 7 PM Cedars Venue. See contact list on flyers for more information.

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DECEMBER

13

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ADMISSION IS FREE. DONATIONS ARE APPRECIATED FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO SUPPORT THE CHURCH. FOR ANY QUESTIONS, CONTACT THE CHURCH AT (716) 634-0669

Let's celebrate!

IN LOVING MEMORY of...

*Nabih Tablie
Albert Hanna
By Kamal and Colette Jowdy*

*Rose & Jim Abraham
Mildred & John Zavitz
Beloved sisters Karema Abraham
& Carol Abraham Krestos
By John & Amy (Abraham) Zavitz*

*The deceased members of the
Nemtala and Jeanette Moses Family
By the Moses Family*

*Toufic & Najeeba Karam
By Michael Karam*

*Sam & Christine Tartick
Kitty Champagne
Adeline Rein & Eugene Musial
By Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Tartick*

*Isabelle Abraham
By Mrs. Therese Abraham*

*Rose & James Abraham, Karema Abraham,
Carol Abraham Krestos
Miriam & Anthony Amati
By Mr. & Mrs. Roger Amati*

*Charlie & Rose Sparcino
Theresa & Tom Mosey*

*Badih B. Boujaoude
Farid and Angele Aboujaoude
By Kamal and Colette Jowdy*

*Katherine Hage
Antoine & Teresa Hage
Peter Hage
By the Family*

*Rita and Patrick MacDiarmid, Sr.
Deceased family members of Elias and Rose Attea
Deceased family members of Andrew & Lena MacDiarmid
By the Family*

*Joseph (Gush) Mosey Sr & Helen Mosey
By Thomas J. & Theresa Mosey*

*Elias & Sadie Joseph
Joseph E. Joseph
By the Family*

*The deceased of the Saffire & Attea families
By Rosemary Saffire*

*Charles & Mabel Haykel
Frank & Josephine Baron
Jabour Anthony Family
By Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Haykel*

*Felix & Yvonne Labaki
Paul Labaki
By Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Haykel*

*Sarkis Abraham & Family
Sarkis Zaiter & Family
By Mrs. Therese Abraham*

*Rafca Abdallah Boujaoude
By Kamal and Colette Jowdy*

*Rima Sayegh Dawli
By the Family*

*Mary & Gebron Milan
By David & Michael Rizk*

*Emil & Gloria Rizk
By David & Michael Rizk*

*John M. Joseph
By Wife Mary K. Joseph*

IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR DECEASED PASTORS AND ASSISTANT PASTORS WHO SERVED ST. JOHN MARON PARISH WITH LEADERSHIP, DEDICATION, SERVICE AND LOVE...

PASTORS:

*Reverend Antoun A. Zoghby (1903-1904)
Reverend Georges Aziz (1904-1908)
Reverend Monsignor Francis Shemalie (1908-1959)*

*Reverend Peter F. Sfeir (1960-1968)
Reverend Maron Abi-Nader (1968-1969)
Reverend Monsignor Joseph D. Joseph (1969-1996)*

ASSISTANT PASTORS:


*Reverend Monsignor Nemat-Allah Chemaly (1912-1919)
Reverend Silwanus Jowdy, Reverend Philip Nagem and Reverend Simon Acle (alternately 1915-1919)
Reverend Peter F. Sfeir (1924-1930; 1947-1954)
Reverend Norman S. Peter (1946-1948)
Reverend Monsignor Joseph D. Joseph (1954-1956)
Reverend Paul Hage (1954-1968)
Bishop Fouad T. El-Hage (1972-1982)*

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