

St. John Maron Church

Maronite Catholic

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Celebrating our 122nd Anniversary

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MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Maronite Catholic Family in Western New York, descendants of the Church of Antioch, children of Beit Maroun and the Universal Church, are committed, through Time, Talent and Treasure, to preserve the faith of Peter, to hand down the torch of our precious heritage to our children and to promote human life and dignity in our community and in the world.

GLORIOUS BIRTH OF OUR LORD

December 25, 2025

Mass Time & Intentions

Epistle: Heb 1: 1-12 Gospel: Lk 2: 1-20

Anaphora: Twelve Apostles

Christmas Vigil Mass Wed. Dec. 24 5:00 PM	Living and Deceased of Moran & Joseph Families By The Family Living and Deceased of St. John Maron Church
Thurs. Dec. 25 12 Midnight	Living and Deceased of St. John Maron Church
Thurs. Dec. 25 11:00 AM	Living and Deceased of St. John Maron Church
Sat. Dec. 27 5:00 PM	(+) Emil & Gloria Rizk By David & Michael Rizk (+) Romanos & Asma Georges By Michael Georges
Sun. Dec. 28 9:30 AM	(-) For the Increase of Priestly Vocations
Sun. Dec. 28 11:30 AM	(+) George Mansour By The Family (+) Jacques Khangi By Renee Khangi & Family (+) Essa Dabbikeh (+) Ferouz Dabbiekh By Fouad & Mariette Mansour (+) Rodrick Khoury By The Family

(+) = 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 21, 2025

Regular Collection: \$2,322.00

Second Collection: \$461.00

Online Collection: \$.00

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



GLORIOUS BIRTH OF OUR LORD

The birth of Jesus, or the Nativity is the Christian belief that God's Son became human, born miraculously to the Virgin Mary in Bethlehem, conceived by the Holy Spirit, fulfilling Old Testament prophecy as the promised Messiah, Savior, and Lord, signifying God's love and plan for humanity's salvation, uniting divine and human natures. The biblical accounts describe angels announcing his birth to shepherds, who then visited the newborn in a manger, followed later by wise men, symbolizing hope, peace, and God's presence with humanity.



PARISH CONTACTS

Pastor	Fr Dany Abi-Akar	716-634-0669 EXT 1
Parochial Vicar	Fr Tony Kairouz	724-732-4064
Administrative Assistant	Debbie Tartick	716-634-0669 EXT 2
Parish Council	Joseph Mahfouz	716-725-3185
Finance Committee	Anthony Habib	716-913-4174
Altar & Rosary Society	Reggie Joseph	716-472-8420
Knights of Columbus	Chuck Mosey	716-228-8313
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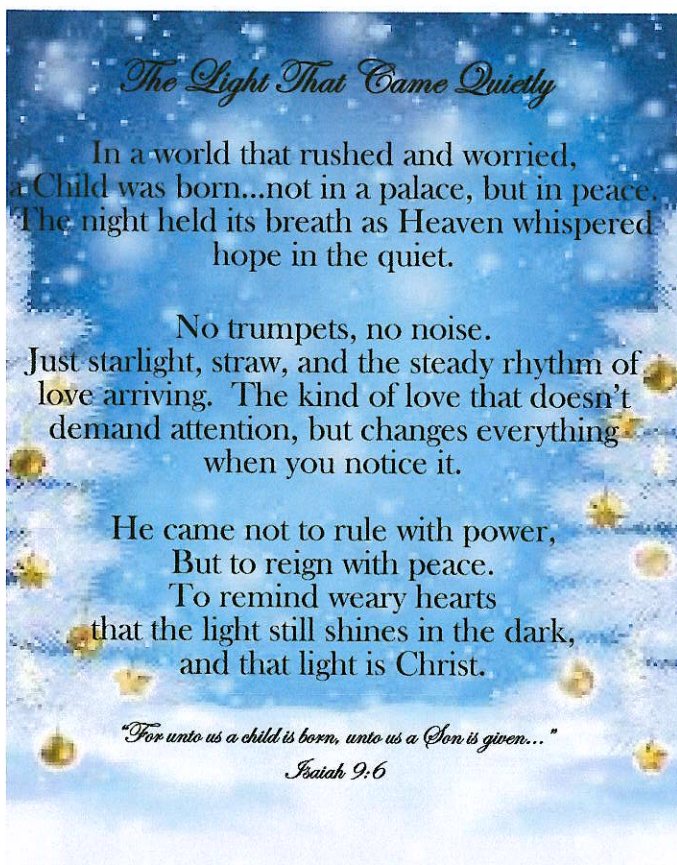


SICK OR IN NEED

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



Religious Education

Wishing all our Religious Education families a safe, spiritual and joyous Christmas and New Year! Looking ahead to a wonderful start to 2026!

Dec. 28: No Class; Christmas Vacation

COFFEE HOUR:

Jan. 4: Abir & Charbel Ntanios

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



ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY

Please join us for our next Rosary Prayer Mission on Monday, January 12 at 7 PM in the church. What a better way to begin the New Year than by praying to our Blessed Mother as a community.

Invitations have been sent to all members of the A & R Society for our holiday luncheon. Please send in your reservation by Jan. 5 with your meal choice, name and check/cash. If you have any questions, please contact Reggie Joseph at 716-472-8420. Hope to see all members there!



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.



2025-26 NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, December 31

New Year's Eve Vigil Mass

(Holy Day of Obligation) – 5PM

Thursday, January 1

New Year's Day Mass

(Holy Day of Obligation) – 11AM

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. **June, July & September are still available.** 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

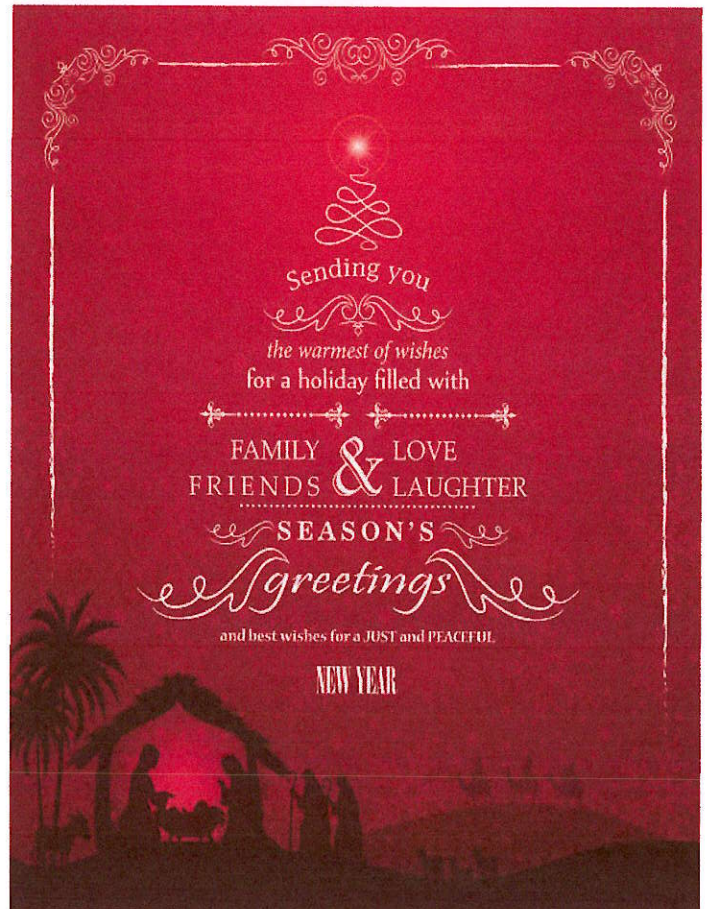
If you are new to the church or have never contributed using envelopes and would like to receive weekly envelopes, please call or email the office. The envelope list will be updated soon.



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.



CEDARS VENUE PRESENTS

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716-602-3742	SUSAN RAJNA	716-418-0993	ANTHONY ATALLAH
716-432-3849	RIMA ZINATY	716-510-7465	MICHAEL KHOURY

ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT ST JOHN MARON FOR TICKETS

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 Aclé (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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