

February 2, 2025

Feast of the Presentation in the Temple

Mass Time & Intentions

Epistle: Rom 9:30-10:4 Gospel: Lk 2: 22-35

Sat Feb. 1 5:00 PM	(+) Emil & Gloria Rizk By David & Michael Rizk
Sun Feb. 2 9:30 AM	(+) Children of St. John Maron and their families By Father Dany
Sun Feb. 2 11:30 AM	(+) Nazhat Yazbeck (40 Day) By Therese & Robert Leni (+) Joseph Mansour By Sam & Katia Mansour (+) Essa Dabbikeh By Ferouz Dabbikeh (+) Majid & Badwih Mansour By Fouad & Mariette Mansour (+) Claudette & Semaan Mahfoud By Fouad & Mariette Mansour (+) Mary & Chehade Hayek By The Hayek Family (+) Georges Mansour By The Family (+) Fawzi Maalouf By Mr. & Mrs. Georges Atallah

(+) = 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 burns this month for the souls of the Hayek & Khoury Families requested by The Family. May they rest in Peace.



Mass Time & Intentions Next Week

Epistle: 2 Tim 3:10-17 Gospel: Jn 12: 23-30

Sat Feb. 8 5:00 PM	(+) Emil & Gloria Rizk By David & Michael Rizk (+) James Crehan By Philip Haroney (+) Rose & James Abraham By Daughters & Families
Sun Feb. 9 9:30 AM	FEAST OF ST. MARON (+) Deceased Parishioners of St. John Maron By Father Dany
Sun Feb. 9 11:30 AM	FEAST OF ST. MARON (+) Badih & Nawal ElMekhtafi By Sam & Katia Mansour (+) Essa Dabbikeh By Ferouz Dabbikeh (+) Majid & Badwih Mansour By Fouad & Mariette Mansour (+) Claudette & Semaan Mahfoud By Fouad & Mariette Mansour (+) Georges Mansour By The Family



TOTAL BASKET COLLECTION

January 26, 2025

Regular Collection: \$2,949.00

Second Collection: \$405.00

Online Donations: \$25.00

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

WEEKLY COLLECTION ENVELOPES

Please call the office if you have not picked up your envelope box. If you would like to be assigned a box, you will need to request one. Thank you for your cooperation.



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



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.



MARONITE YOUTH ORGANIZATION

The MYO will be meeting this Sunday, February 2.

The MYO will be sponsoring a special Valentine Bake Sale on February 9th.



MARONITE YOUNG ADULTS

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Join us February 23rd for St. John Maron's Pancake Breakfast in the Cedar's Banquet Hall starting at 10:30. This will be in place of our coffee hour.



ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY

THE MONTHLY HOLY ROSARY

Our next **Holy Rosary Prayer Mission** will be this Monday, February 3 at 7PM.

St. John Maron Meat Raffle



Don't Miss Out on Lots of Laughs and Luck!! The SJM Altar & Rosary Society will be hosting a Meat Raffle, Basket Raffle, 50/50 and **GRAND PRIZE RAFFLE** on Friday, February 7 at 6PM in our Banquet Hall. Tickets are \$15 presale, \$20 at the door and tables of 8 for \$100. **You won't want to miss this fun and lively event!**



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

- Feb. 2: Regular Class, Grade 4/5 9:30AM Mass
- Feb. 9: Regular Class
- Feb. 16: No Class – Winter Break

COFFEE HOUR

- Feb. 2: Joe & Ann Marie Lattanzio
- Feb. 9: **MYO Valentine Bake Sale**
- Feb. 23: MYA Pancake Breakfast



CONFESSION

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



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CEDARS HALL RENTAL

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.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SUPER BOWL SQUARES FUNDRAISER

Please see Chuck Mosey or one of the Knights to purchase a square for \$100. There are 8 prizes and one **GRAND PRIZE winner of \$2,000.** Super Bowl is February 9!



BLESSING OF THE CANDLES

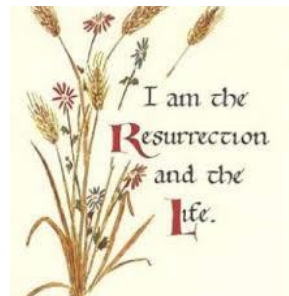
Blessing of Candles ritual takes place on the 2nd of February when the Church celebrates the festival of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This day has been chosen by the Church for a very important ceremony, the solemn blessing of candles, whence the day is often called Candlemas — the Mass of the candles. Candles represent Christ's presence and His victory over darkness and sin.



Let us all give a warm WELCOME to Fr. Antoine Kairouz who will be joining our St. John Maron Parish. Welcome Father Tony – you are among family.



WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY



Our deepest sympathy and sincere condolences go to the family and friends of **Melhem Fiad Kairouz** who passed to the Lord. He was the father of Fr. Tony Kairouz. May the Lord grant

eternal rest to the soul of **His servant, Melhem,** and may He grant comfort and consolation to all those who mourn him.



BIBLE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Luke 2:22-24



When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord”), and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: “a pair of doves or two young pigeons”.