



# Saint Maron Maronite Catholic Church



September 28-29, 2019

## THIRD SUNDAY AFTER HOLY CROSS



### NEW OFFICE HOURS EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

Effective October 1, 2019, the Church office will begin with the following new office hours: Tuesday through Friday, 10:00am – 4:00pm. The office will be closed on Mondays.

### COUNTING MY BLESSINGS

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Saint Maron Church:

I would first like to thank all of you for a beautiful farewell dinner and reception. I was extremely touched by your words of thanks and encouragement for the next chapter in my life. As I have said so many times in the past, this community has a great heart and you have shared it with me over the past 8 years. Thank you.

It has been a real joy for me to be a part of your lives, both spiritually and personally. We have seen so much happen before our eyes and we have been a part of this beautiful journey in the true spirit of Saint Maron. I hope I was able to play a small role in that journey. As we prepare for the new pastor, Fr. Habib, I know that you will

embrace him and allow him to be a part of your lives. He has so much to offer and you will be forever blessed to have him lead you through the next journey of this beautiful parish history. No priests are alike, and no priests do everything the same. But I ask you to allow him to plant his seeds and let them root in the fertile ground of Saint Maron.

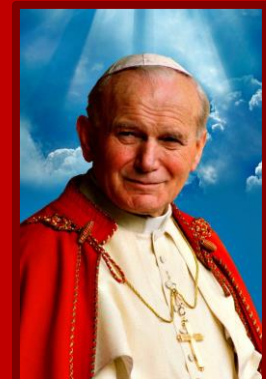
I leave you with my assurance of prayers and respect for this vibrant and unwavering community and I will look back on these past 8 years with tears of joy and love knowing that the work we have done here has produced much fruit. It has been a great ride. And never forget that “WE ARE SAINT MARON!” God bless you always.

Aboutna Vincent

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*“The future is in your hearts and in your hands. God is entrusting to you the task, at once difficult and uplifting, of working with Him in the building of the civilization of love.”*

*Saint John Paul II*



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OFFICE HOURS: The Church office will be open Monday through Thursday from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm.

## DIVINE LITURGIES

**Saturday, September 28, @ 6:00 PM**, liturgy is being offered for the deceased members of the Michael family requested by Dolores Tayoun and family. May their souls rest in peace.

**Sunday, September 29, @ 11:00 AM, (Feast of St. (Raymond) Romanos)** liturgy is being offered for the soul of Robert Cherfane requested by his family. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Fidelia Tavani requested by her daughters Suzanne and Deebianne Tavani. May her soul rest in peace.

**Saturday, October 5, @ 6:00 PM**, liturgy is being offered as a 40 Day Memorial for the soul of Simon Hady Aouad by Hady Aouad. May his soul rest in peace.

**Sunday, October 6, @ 11:00 AM, (Feast of St. Thomas the Apostle)** liturgy is being offered for the soul of Maurice Al Shouli requested by Marie Al Shouli and family. May his soul rest in peace.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

Please know that confession is available before liturgies. You may also call to set up an appointment.

## OCTOBER MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

On Sunday, October 6, Fr. Habib will lead the rosary at 10:30 AM, prior to Divine Liturgy. As we begin the Month of the Rosary honoring our Blessed Mother for her protection, we welcome Fr. Habib as he begins his new ministry at Saint Maron Church. May our Lady protect Fr. Habib and the community of Saint Maron Church always.

## WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Paul and Amal Kouyoumdji and Christina, Amal's mother and father, Faraj and Adele El-Khoury, and all of their family on the passing of Amal's uncle Kamel Rizk, who passed away Wednesday in Boston, Massachusetts. We ask Almighty God to welcome Kamel into His kingdom and may his soul rest in peace. Allah yerhammo.

## ORDER OF ST. SHARBEL

This year, October 13 is designated as "Order of Saint Sharbel Sunday" in our Eparchy. On October 13, all Maronite parishes will be promoting the Order. The Order of Saint Sharbel is vitally important in providing financial and spiritual support for our seminarians, who are crucial for the future of our Maronite Church. Please prayerfully consider joining the Order. You may enroll online at [www.orderstsharbel.org](http://www.orderstsharbel.org) or ask Father for more information.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Welcome Reception for Fr. Habib, Sunday, October 6, immediately following Divine Liturgy.**
- **Fall Hafli Beef and Beer Dance to the Oldies Night, Saturday, October 19, 7:00 PM – Midnight.** Hot roast beef and pulled pork sandwiches, beer, and DJ Gio, playing oldies but goodies music.
- **Saint Jude Novena, October 20-28**, ending with a pasta dinner after the final novena on October 28.

## IN OUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers David Joseph Cook, Walter "Chip" Meixner, Eddie Tayoun, Martha Simon Casella, Manirva Labbad, Dante Panichi, Dennis Strelchuk, Anthony Leuzzi, Ann O'Mara, Carol Krestos, Gladys Dalcourt, Denise Furey, Chucky Simon, Michael Winter, Kevin McCrea, Fran LoCastro, Kevin Khoury, Mirta Ruiz, Tina Grassi, Rita Impo, Lisa and Henry Schaffer, Jade Kellam, Marion Thomas Branca, Francesca Impo, Raja Kaldany, Lucy DiLuce, Cat Niven Glaze, Laurent Chidiac, Tom Hart, John Hart, Fadi Jaber, Joseph Realdine, Emily Stone, Roseann Anthony, Elaine Nader, Eddie Gussin, Lisa Alestra, John Nader, Aminee Skaf, Yasmine Myers, Joey Gdowick, Francis Joseph Kerns, Samer Chokey, Kathy Newman, Rita Arrigale, Helen Freedenberg, Maryann Bratton, Renee Sahar, Sister Nahida Al Sawa, Rose De Jesse, James Cordisio, Stacey Fuentes, Debbie Freedenberg, Noel Andjuhar, Angel Salerno, Dennis McGiney, and Bonnie Sabatini. We ask Almighty God to bless them with good health so that they may join us in the Church and give glory and thanksgiving to God. Please notify the Church office of any family member who is ill so that we may remember them in our daily prayers and on our altar of intentions.

## WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR September 21-22, 2019

Collection	\$ 1,844.00
Donations	\$ 4,525.00
Coffee	\$ 13.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 6,382.00</b>

## First Reading

Philippians 3:17-21, 4:1

**A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians. Your blessing father...**

Brothers and Sisters:

Join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

**Praise be to God always.**

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل فيلبّي

يا إخوتي، إقتدوا بي، وانظروا إلى الذين يسلكون على مثالنا. فكثير من أولئك الذين كنت أكلّمكم عنهم مراراً، وأكلّمكم عنهم الآن باكيًا، يسلكون كأعداءٍ لصليب المسيح، أولئك الذين عاقبتهم الهلاك، أولئك الذين إلههم بطنهم، ومجدهم في عارهم، وفي أمور الأرض همهم. أمّا نحن

فمدينتنا في السماوات، ومنها ننتظر الرب يسوع المسيح مُخلّصًا. وهو سيغيّر جسّد هواننا، فيجعلهُ على صورة جسّد مجده، وفقًا لعمل قدرته، التي بها يُخضع لنفسه كلّ شيء. إذا، يا إخوتي، الذين أحبهم وأشاق إليهم، وأنتم فرحي وإكليلي، أنبثوا هكذا في الرب، أيها الأحباء.

والتسبيح لله دائمًا.

## Gospel Reading

Saint Matthew 24:23-31

**The Apostle Writes:**

If anyone says to you, "Look! Here is the Messiah!" or "There he is!" do not believe it. For false messiahs and false prophets will appear and produce great signs and omens, to lead astray, if possible, even the elect. Take note, I have told you beforehand. So, if they say to you, "Look! He is in the wilderness", do not go out. If they say, "Look! He is in the inner rooms", do not believe it. For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather. 'Immediately after the suffering of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of heaven will be shaken. Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see "the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven" with power

and great glory. And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

**This is the truth. Peace be with you.**

من إنجيل القديس متى

قال الرب يسوع: «إن قال لكم أحد: هوذا المسيح هنا أو هناك! فلا تصدقوا. فسوف يقوم مسحاء كذبة وأنبياء كذبة، ويأتون بآيات عظيمة وحوارق، ليضلوا المختارين أنفسهم، لو قدروا. ها إني قد أنبأكم! فإن قالوا لكم: ها هو في البرية! فلا تخرجوا، أو: ها هو في داخل البيت! فلا تصدقوا. فكما أن البرق يومض من المشرق، ويسطع حتى المغرب، هكذا يكون مجيء ابن الإنسان. حيث تكون الجثة هناك تجتمع النسور. وحالاً بعد ضيق تلك الأيام، الشمس تظلم، والقمر لا يعطي ضوءه، والنجوم تنساقط من السماء، وقوات السماوات تتزعزع. وحينئذ تظهر في السماء علامة ابن الإنسان، فتنحلب قبائل الأرض كلها، وترى ابن الإنسان آتياً على سحب السماء بقدرته ومجدٍ عظيم. ويرسل ملائكته ينفخون في بوقٍ عظيم، فيجمعون مختاريه من الرياح الأربع، من أقاصي السماوات إلى أقاصيها.

**حقاً والأمان لجميعكم.**



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