



# Saint Maron Maronite Catholic Church



October 5-6, 2019

## FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER HOLY CROSS



### Matthew 24:45-51

There are some passages in the bible, that cause the most confusion about our security. They are those that have to do with the judgement at the end of times.

In Matthew 24:3 the Disciples came to Jesus and asked him "what signs and events will precede your coming at the end of the age?". Jesus gave them some signs such as the spreading of war, deceits, hypocrisy, lying, falsehood, false teachers, wrong Messiahs and fraud, etc... but he was very clear that nobody knows when the end of time will come, no human being, not even Jesus Christ himself, but only God the Father.

We all know the end of time is coming, but we just don't know when. We have to be ready for the Lord when the time comes, and if we are not prepared, the day will come and we will be left behind.

Matthew 24:45-51 highlights two important qualities that we should have and they are very necessary for the second coming of Christ.

The first is to be faithful servants for Jesus, which means to be confident and unashamed before Him when He comes. The second is to be wise servants for Jesus which is to do everything according to his plan of salvation in our lives. This means to manage the house of the Lord wisely, blamelessly, and faithfully by giving the allowance of food to God's children at the proper time.

This is a great responsibility that we have received from Jesus which is to protect, and to provide for his family, for those who are hungry, lonely, neglected and poor. To provide for them faithfully, is a wonderful blessing by itself. Because of that, Jesus will give us a greater, responsibility, a greater privilege in his eternal kingdom.

In addition to that, He will bestow upon us, His wonderful blessings that bring us joy and satisfaction. "Blessed is that servant whom his master will find him doing so."

However, if you ever feel that you are useless in life- I would challenge you to rethink and set up your priorities and pray to God to reveal them to you. God has something very specific in mind for you and that you only can do. Knowing that your life will seem empty until you discover it and accomplish it. At that time Jesus will give you his blessing when He returns.

Fr. El-Badaoui Habib

### WELCOME FR. EL-BADAOU HABIB, M.L.M.

This week we welcome Father El-Badaoui Habib as the 13<sup>th</sup> pastor of St. Maron's. Most recently, Abouna Habib served as pastor of St. George's parish in Uniontown, Pennsylvania.

Abouna Habib was born on February 2, 1968 to (Nayef and Saada) in (Imar- North of Lebanon. He studied at the University Saint Esprit Catholic (University of the Holy Spirit) and, in 1995, received a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy and Theology. During his studies, he joined the Congregation of Maronite Lebanese Missionaries (MLM) and was ordained in July, 1995.

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"We cannot all do great things, but we can do small things with great love."*

*Saint Mother Teresa*



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

From 1996 - 2001, Abouna Habib served in Sydney, Australia as assistant parish priest at Saint Joseph Croydon, and at Our Lady of Lebanon. Following that he served as a parish priest at Saint George Church in Thornleigh. In 2001 on Rosary Sunday, Father Badaoui returned to Lebanon and from 2001 – 2005 served as Spiritual Director for Young Seminarians in the Congregation of the Maronite Missionaries in Jounieh. Following that assignment, he served the Maronite community in the Holy Land for one year, and from 2006 – 2016 he served as Superior of the Maronite Mission in Johannesburg, South Africa. In 2016, Bishop Gregory Mansour, in cooperation with the Superior General of the Congregation of the Maronite Missionaries, Father Habib was appointed as Administrator of St. George Maronite Church in Uniontown for three years.

We welcome Abouna Habib with open hearts into our community and ask God to bless him with health, strength, and wisdom. Amen

### **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)**

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

### **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.

### **DIVINE LITURGIES**

**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.

**Tuesday, October 8, @ 9:00 AM, (St. Pelagia of Antioch)**

**Wednesday, October 9, @ 9:00 AM, (St. James the Apostle)**

**Thursday, October 8, @ 9:00 AM,**

**Friday, October 8, @ 9:00 AM, (St. Philip the Deacon)**

**Saturday, October 12, @ 6:00 PM,**

**Sunday, October 13, @ 11:00 AM, (Feast of St. (Raymond) Romanos)**

liturgy is being offered for the souls of Gaby and Hanna Mourad requested by Boutros and Ramona Semaan and family. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is also being offered as a 40 day memorial for the soul of Benjamin Uzzo requested by Marilyn Uzzo. May his soul rest in peace.

### **SICK AND OLD PEOPLE OF THE PARISH**

Please notify the Church office of any family member who is old or ill and can't come to the church and Fr. El-Badaoui Habib will be glad to visit and give them communion.

### **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.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **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.
- **Halloween Party for the CCD Children and MYO,** Friday, October 25, 7:00PM – 10:00 PM.

### **DAILY LITURGIES**

We will celebrate daily Liturgies from Tuesday till Friday at 9:00AM.

### **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 Chokeir, 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 28-29, 2019

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| Collection | \$ 1,447.00 |
| Donations  | \$ 1,000.00 |
| Memorial   | \$ 100.00   |
| Coffee     | \$ 65.00    |
| Total:     | \$ 2,612.00 |

## First Reading

### 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

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

Brothers and Sisters:

Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the

hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing. **Praise be to God always.**

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الأولى  
إلى أهل تسالونيقي

يا إِخْوَتِي، أَمَّا الْأَزْمَنَةُ وَالْأَوْقَاتُ، أَيُّهَا  
الإِخْوَةُ، فَلَا حَاجَةَ بِكُمْ أَنْ يُكْتَبَ إِلَيْكُمْ فِي  
شَأْنِهَا؛ لِأَنَّكُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ جَيِّدًا أَنَّ يَوْمَ الرَّبِّ  
يَأْتِي كَالسَّارِقِ لَيْلًا. فَحِينَ يَقُولُونَ: سَلَامٌ  
وَأَمْنٌ! حِينئذٍ يَدْهَمُهُمُ الْهَلَاكُ دَهْمَ الْمَخَاضِ  
لِلْحَبْلِ، وَلَا يُفْلِتُونَ. أَمَّا أَنْتُمْ، أَيُّهَا الإِخْوَةُ،  
فَلَسْتُمْ فِي ظُلْمَةٍ لِيَفَاجِئَكُمْ ذَلِكَ الْيَوْمَ  
كَالسَّارِقِ. فَأَنْتُمْ كُلُّكُمْ أَبْنَاءُ النُّورِ، وَأَبْنَاءُ  
النَّهَارِ؛ وَلَسْنَا أَبْنَاءَ اللَّيْلِ وَلَا أَبْنَاءَ الظُّلْمَةِ.  
إِذَا فَلَا نَنَمُ كَسَائِرِ النَّاسِ، بَلْ لِنَسْهَرُ  
وَنَصْحُ؛ لِأَنَّ الَّذِينَ يَنَامُونَ فِي اللَّيْلِ  
يَنَامُونَ، وَالَّذِينَ يَسْكُرُونَ فِي اللَّيْلِ  
يَسْكُرُونَ. أَمَّا نَحْنُ أَبْنَاءُ النَّهَارِ، فَلْنَصْحُ  
لِابْسِينَ دِرْعَ الإِيمَانِ وَالْمَحَبَّةِ، وَوَاضِعِينَ  
حُدُودَ رَجَاءِ الْخَلَاصِ. فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ لَمْ يَجْعَلْنَا  
لِلْغَضَبِ، بَلْ لِإِحْرَازِ الْخَلَاصِ بَرَبِنَا يَسُوعَ  
الْمَسِيحِ، الَّذِي مَاتَ مِنْ أَجْلِنَا، لِنَحْيَا مَعَهُ  
سَاهِرِينَ كَمَا أَمْ نَائِمِينَ. فَلِذَلِكَ سَجِعُوا  
بِعَضِّكُمْ بَعْضًا، وَلْيَبْنِ الْوَاحِدُ الْآخَرَ، كَمَا  
أَنْتُمْ فَاعِلُونَ.

والتسبيح لله دائماً.

## Gospel Reading Saint Matthew 24:45-51

### The Apostle Writes:

'Who then is the faithful and wise slave, whom his master has put in charge of his household, to give the other slaves their allowance of food at the proper time? Blessed is that slave whom his master will find at work when he arrives. Truly I tell you, he will put that one in charge of all his possessions. But if that wicked slave says to himself, "My master is delayed", and he begins to beat his fellow-slaves, and eats and drinks with drunkards, the master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour that he does not know. He will cut him in pieces and put him with the hypocrites, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

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

مِنِ انْجِيلِ الْقَدِيسِ مَتَّى

قَالَ الرَّبُّ يَسُوعُ: «مَنْ هُوَ الْعَبْدُ الْأَمِينُ  
الْحَكِيمُ الَّذِي أَقَامَهُ سَيِّدُهُ عَلَى أَهْلِ بَيْتِهِ،  
لِيُعْطِيَهُمُ الطَّعَامَ فِي حِينِهِ؟ طُوبَى لِذَلِكَ  
الْعَبْدِ الَّذِي يَجِيءُ سَيِّدُهُ فَيَجِدُهُ فَاعِلًا هَكَذَا!  
أَلْحَقَّ أَقُولُ لَكُمْ: إِنَّهُ يُفَيِّمُهُ عَلَى جَمِيعِ  
مُمْتَلَكَاتِهِ. وَلَكِنْ إِنْ قَالَ ذَلِكَ الْعَبْدُ الشَّرِيرُ  
فِي قَلْبِهِ: سَيَتَأَخَّرُ سَيِّدِي! وَبَدَأَ يَضْرِبُ  
رِفَاقَهُ، وَيَأْكُلُ وَيَشْرَبُ مَعَ السَّكِرِينَ، يَجِيءُ  
سَيِّدُ ذَلِكَ الْعَبْدِ فِي يَوْمٍ لَا يَنْتَظِرُهُ، وَفِي  
سَاعَةٍ لَا يَعْرِفُهَا، فَيُفْصَلُهُ، وَيَجْعَلُ نَصِيبَهُ  
مَعَ الْمُرَائِينَ. هُنَاكَ يَكُونُ الْبُكَاءُ وَصْرِيْفُ  
الْأَسْنَانِ.

حَقًّا وَالْأَمَانُ لِجَمِيعِكُمْ.

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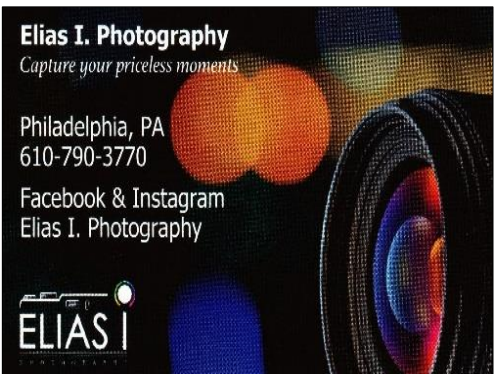

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