



Saint Maron Maronite Catholic Church



November 2-3, 2019

CONSECRATION OF THE CHURCH

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Today we are celebrating the consecration of the church – which is the church that needs to be consecrated; What Is Consecration and Why Do we need to consecrate ourselves to God?

The church that Jesus wants us to consecrate is not only the erected building where we pray and practice our faith, but it is the communion of saints, of people who believe in Christ. We all are called to consecrate ourselves to God and to start a happy new beginning life with him

What does “consecration” mean?

In religion, the word consecration has been used in relation to the ordaining of a person to the priesthood, or to be a missionary or to those who will consecrate themselves to God by taking the vows of chastity, poverty and obedience. With that, it implies for a special category of people.

However, In the New Testament, the word consecration revealed to be for every believer in Christ. We all have been consecrated to God through baptism and confirmation. Through these sacraments we were anointed by the Chrism and became sons and daughters of God, members of a royal priesthood, a Holy nation, a redeemed people and a blessed community.

So, with Jesus consecration is not something for special kind of people, for knowledgeable Christians or spiritually mature ones, but it is for everyone because with Jesus, we all conform the body of Christ and are called to be his Holy temple.

So what is consecration? Consecration is giving ourselves to the Lord to become “a living sacrifice,” as Paul says in Romans 12:1: “I exhort you therefore, brothers, through the compassions of God to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, well pleasing to God, which is your spiritual worship.”

In the Old Testament, a sacrifice was something set apart for God by being put on the altar. When people offered that thing to God, it no longer belonged to the one offering it. It belonged to God, for His use and His satisfaction.

Today, when we consecrate ourselves to the Lord, we become a living sacrifice. We give up our own claims on ourselves and put ourselves completely in His hands. Previously, our life was for our use and our satisfaction; now it is for His.

When we present ourselves to the Lord as a living sacrifice, we’re simply saying, “Lord Jesus, I am for you. I’m no longer for myself, the world, or anything else. I am for your use and your satisfaction.”

Fr. El-Badaoui Habib

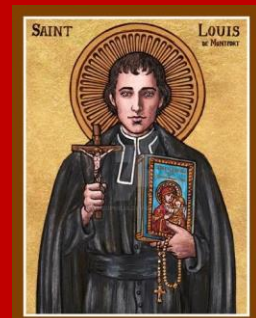
UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Fall Hafli Beef and Beer Dance to the Oldies Night**, Saturday, November 30, 7:00 PM – Midnight. Hot roast beef and roast pork sandwiches, beer, and DJ Gio, playing oldies but goodies music.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Pray with great confidence, with confidence based upon the goodness and infinite generosity of God and upon the promises of Jesus Christ. God is a spring of living water which flows unceasingly into the hearts of those who pray.”

St. Louis de Montfort



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

DIVINE LITURGIES

Saturday, November 2, @ 6:00 PM, (All Souls Day) liturgy is being offered for the soul of Marion and Theresa George requested by family. May their souls rest in peace.

Sunday, November 3, @ 11:00 AM, (Feast of St. Risha) liturgy is being offered for the living and deceased members of the Iocco and Koway families requested by his Teri Koway.

Tuesday, November 5 (Feast of St. Asia the Righteous), @ 9:00 AM,

Wednesday, November 6, @ 9:00 AM,

Thursday, November 7, @ 9:00 AM,

Friday, November 8 (Feast of St. Michael the Archangel), @ 9:00 AM,

Saturday, November 9, @ 6:00 PM, liturgy is being offered for the soul of Antonio Lombardi requested by family. May his soul rest in peace.

Sunday, November 10 (Feast of St. Moura), @ 11:00 AM, liturgy is being offered for all the veterans requested by Teri Koway. May God bless them.

THANK YOU FOR THE ST. JUDE NOVENA

A great thank you to Denise Eddis, Theresa Berry, Patty Impo, Ann Grande, Rosemarie Marrone, and Micheline Dib for their hard work on the St. Jude Novena. It was a beautiful 9 days where the healing from the intercession of St. Jude touched the lives of so many who came. Thank you also to those of you who prepared dinner and served the visitors on the final day of the novena a wonderful pasta dinner. It was enjoyed by all who came. God bless you always.

MYO THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

The MYO will be sponsoring their annual Thanksgiving Food Drive once again. We included a list of the different items needed this year. We ask you all to bring what is listed on the flyer as these were the items given to us by St. Cyprian. Your kindness and generosity has helped many families in the past and we thank each of you once again in these efforts. Please have all items here no later than Sunday, November 17, as this will be the day the MYO deliver the food to the needy. God bless you and God bless St. Maron Parish.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

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

IN OUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers Linda DiBernardo, Patty Reynolds, Joan Speck, David Joseph Cook, Walter "Chip" Meixner, Eddie Tayoun, Martha Simon Casella, Manirva Labbad, Dante Panichi, Dennis Strelchuk, Anthony Leuzzi, Carol Krestos, Gladys Dalcourt, Denise Furey, Chucky Simon, Michael Winter, Kevin McCrea, 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 Chokeyr, 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.

SAINT JUDE NOVENA

Total Income	\$ 2,887.00
Total Expense	\$ 507.87
Total Profit	\$ 2,379.13

WEEKLY COLLECTION

October 26-27, 2019

Collection	\$ 1,055.00
Coffee	\$ 46.00
Total:	\$ 1,101.00

MYO THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

The MYO will once again sponsor their Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive.

The goal this year is to donate enough items to feed several families with a complete Thanksgiving dinner.

The items that are needed are as follows:

Turkey (frozen)
Yams (canned)
Mashed Potato Mix (boxed)
Macaroni (elbow)
String Beans
Corn
Stove Top Stuffing
Gravy
Cranberry Sauce
Cornbread Mix
Fruit (canned)
Cookies and Candy

All donations are to be brought to St. Maron Church Hall no later than Sunday, November 17, 2019.

The MYO will be delivering the food on that Sunday immediately following Divine Liturgy.

Thank you for your support and generous donations to help these families in need!



First Reading Hebrews 9:1-12

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews. Your blessing father...

Brothers and Sisters:

Even the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly sanctuary. For a tent was constructed, the first one, in which were the lampstand, the table, and the bread of the Presence; this is called the Holy Place. Behind the second curtain was a tent called the Holy of Holies. In it stood the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant overlaid on all sides with gold, in which there were a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tablets of the covenant; above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy-seat. Of these things we cannot speak now in detail. Such preparations having been made, the priests go continually into the first tent to carry out their ritual duties; but only the high priest goes into the second, and he but once a year, and not without taking the blood that he offers for himself and for the sins committed unintentionally by the people. By this the Holy Spirit indicates that the way into the sanctuary has not yet been disclosed as long as the first tent is still standing. This is a symbol of the present time, during which gifts and sacrifices are offered that cannot perfect the conscience of the worshipper, but deal only with food and drink and various baptisms, regulations for the body imposed until the time comes to set things right. But when Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption.

Praise be to God always.

فصل من الرسالة إلى العبرانيين

يا إخوتي، كانت للعهد الأول أيضًا شعائر عبادة، وبنيت قُدسٍ أَرْضِيّ. فبني المسكن الأول، وهو الذي يُدعى «القُدس»، وكان فيه المنارة، والمائدة، وخُبز التَّقْدِمة، ووراء الحجاب الثاني بُني المسكن الذي يُدعى «قُدس الأقداس»، ويحتوي مجمرًا ذهبيًّا للبخور، وتابوت العهد، مغطى كله بالذهب، وفيه جرة من ذهبٍ تحتوي المَن، وعصا هارون التي أفرخت، ولوحا العهد، وفوق التابوت كروبا المجد يُظللان العِشاء: أشياء لا مجال الآن للكلام عنها بالتفصيل. وإذ بنيت تلك الأشياء على هذا الترتيب، كان الكهنَةُ يدخلون إلى المسكن الأول في كلِّ وقت، ليتموا العبادة، أما المسكن الثاني فكان عظيم الأخبار يدخل إليه وحده مرة واحدة في السنة، ولا يدخل إليه إلا ومعه دم يقرِّبه عن نفسه وعن جهالات الشعب. وبهذا يوضح الروح القدس أن الطريق إلى قُدس الأقداس لم يكن بعد قد كشف، ما دام المسكن الأول قائمًا. وهذا رمزٌ إلى الوقت الحاضر، وفيه تُقرَّب تقادم ودبائح، لا يُمكنها أن تجعل من يقرِّبها كاملاً من جهة الضمير. إنَّها شعائر جسديَّة تقتصر على أطعمة وأشربة، وأنواع شتى من الأعتسال، مفروضة إلى أن يأتي وقت الإصلاح. أما المسيح فقد ظهر عظيم أخبار الخيرات الآتية، وأجتاز المسكن الأعظم والأكمل، غير المصنوع بالأيدي، أي ليس من هذه الخليقة، فدخل إلى قُدس الأقداس مرة واحدة، لا بدم الثيوس والعجول، بل بدمه هو، فحقَّق لنا فداءً أبدِيًّا.

والتسبيح لله دائماً.

Gospel Reading Saint Matthew 16:13-20

The Apostle Writes:

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

من إنجيل القديس متى

جاء يسوع إلى نواحي قيصرية فيلبس فسأل تلاميذه قائلاً: "من يقول الناس إنِّي أنا ابن الإنسان؟" فقالوا: "بعضهم يقولون: يوحنا المعمدان؛ وآخرون: إيليا؛ وغيرهم: إرميا أو أحد الأنبياء". قال لهم: "وانتم من تقولون إنِّي أنا؟" فأجاب سمعان بطرس وقال: أنت هو المسيح ابن الله الحي! فأجاب يسوع وقال له: "طوبى لك يا سمعان بن يونا! لأنه لا لحم ولا دم أظهر لك ذلك، بل أبي الذي في السموات. وأنا أيضًا أقول لك: أنت هو بطرس، أي الصخرة، وعلى هذه الصخرة سأبني بيعتي، وأبواب الجحيم لن تقوى عليها. سأعطيك مفاتيح ملكوت السموات، فكل ما تربطه على الأرض يكون مربوطاً في السموات، وما تحله على الأرض يكون مخلولاً في السموات". حينئذٍ أوصى تلاميذه ألا يقولوا لأحد إنَّه هو المسيح. حقاً والأمان جميعكم!

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