



# Saint Maron Maronite Catholic Church



November 9-10, 2019

## RENEWAL OF THE CHURCH



**My Sheep hear my voice, I know them, and they know me.**

This passage of the gospel is read when we celebrate the renewal of the church. In John 10:24 the Jews gathered around Jesus and were saying to him “how long will you keep us in suspense if you are the Messiah tell us plainly.” They wanted honest response to their question but Jesus response was a kind of rebuke to them and strike at the hardness of their hearts. “I told you but you did not believe, because you are not of my sheep.”

What is the nature and the characteristics of Jesus sheep? In this passage of the gospel Jesus point out that the sheep hear his voice and the recognize their shepherd and listen to him. The Jews physically heard what Jesus said but they did not listen because they were not a sheep. How many people read the good but they don't want to understand or the hear and they don't want to listen? The Jews did not pay attention and

understand but they simply rejected what they heard from Jesus. Jesus knows his sheep, what a beautiful thing that the leader knows his people, it is easy for the crowd to know something the leader, but it is quite a comfort when that leader knows you. How much more important if that leader is the Messiah that he knows you better than you know yourself. According to St. Matthew 10:30-32 he even has the hair of your head counted. Jesus knows his sheep personally; he loves them and cares for them as a shepherd. The last thing of the characteristic of the sheep is that the sheep follows him, they recognize him as a shepherd and follow him because they believe. What he says, they will do, where he leads, they will go. These Jews were not Jesus sheep because they would not listen and follow him. How about you? The great benefit of those sheep who listen to Jesus and follow him is that they will receive great blessings from him. They will be given the gift of the eternal life.

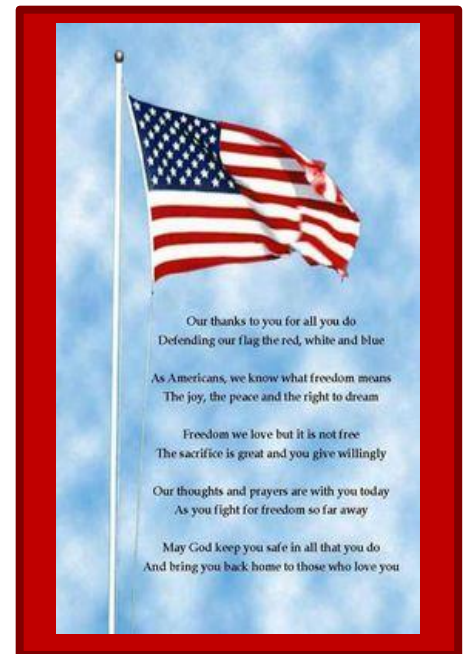
Jesus doesn't only give eternal life to his sheep, but he guaranties the security of the promise. They shall not perish, and no one can snatch them out of his hand.

We are safe when we are in the hands of Jesus, that is a wonderful promise but like any promise it is not

worth anything unless the one making their promise can fulfill it. Jesus the good shepherd can.  
Fr. El-Badaoui Habib

### ST. SHARBEL CHURCH BAKE SALE

The ladies sodality of Saint Sharbel Church in Somerset, NJ are sponsoring a Thanksgiving Bake Sale on November 23 & 24. You can pre-order your Lebanese pastries from now until November 17 online through the website [www.saintsharbelnj.org](http://www.saintsharbelnj.org) or by contacting Amal at 732-718-6993 or Almaza at 732-227-1202.



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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 9, @ 7:00 PM**, liturgy is being offered for the soul of Antonio Lombardi requested by his family. May his soul rest in peace.

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

**Tuesday, November 12, @ 9:00 AM,**

**Wednesday, November 13, @ 6:00 PM, (Feast of St. John Chrysostom and St. Frances Cabrini)**

**Thursday, November 14, @ 6:00 PM, (Feast of St. Philip)**

**Friday, November 15, @ 9:00 AM,**

**Saturday, November 16, @ 6:00 PM, (Feast of St. Matthew the Evangelist)**

**Sunday, November 17, @ 11:00 AM, (Feast of St. Gregory the Wonderworker)** liturgy is being offered for the soul of June Mackes requested by the Akkari family. May her soul rest in peace.

## SECOND COLLECTION

As per the directive of the Eparchy of St. Maron of Brooklyn we will have a second collection on Sunday, November 10, 2019. All the proceeds of this collection are sent directly to our Patriarch for his charitable works. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

## 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.

## MYO THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

The MYO will be sponsoring their annual Thanksgiving Food Drive once again. The different items needed this year are listed below. I 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 I 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.

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

## SAINTS PETER AND PAUL CEMETERY

John Turrline, area director of Catholic Cemeteries, will be at our parish on Sunday, December 8, 2019 immediately following Divine Liturgy. He will be here to answer and help anyone who is interested in cemetery plots at Sts. Peter and Paul. As you may know, an area of that cemetery has been reserved for the parish of St. Maron and St. Sharbel. I know this may be unpleasant for many to think about, however, John is here to help in this process. Also, there will be a discounted price for those who are interested of 30% off the price of the plots.

## 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.

## WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR November 2-3, 2019

<b>Collection</b>	<b>\$ 1,056.00</b>
<b>All Saints Day</b>	<b>\$ 145.00</b>
<b>Coffee</b>	<b>\$ 50.00</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 1,251.00</b>

## First Reading Hebrews 9:11-15

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

Brothers and Sisters:

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. For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God! For this reason he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, because a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions under the first covenant.

**Praise be to God always.**

### فصل من الرسالة إلى العبرانيين

يا إخوتي، أما المسيح فقد ظهر عظيم أخبار الخيرات الآتية، وأجتاز المسكن الأعظم والأكمل، غير المصنوع بالأيدي، أي ليس من هذه الخليقة، فدخل إلى قدس الأقداس مرة واحدة، لا بدم الثيوس والعجول، بل بدمه هو، فحقق لنا فداءً أبدياً. فإذا كان رش دم الثيوس والتيران ورماد العجالة على المنحسين، يقبس أجسادهم فيطهرهم، فكم بالأحرى دم المسيح، الذي قرب نفسه لله بالروح الأزلي قرباناً لا عيب فيه، يظهر ضميرنا من الأعمال الميتة، لتعبد الله الحي! ولذلك فهو الوسيط لعهد جديد، وقد صار موته فداءً لتعديت العهد الأول، حتى ينال به المدعوون وعد الميراث الأبدي.

والتسبيح لله دائماً.

## Gospel Reading Saint John 10:22-42

The Apostle Writes:

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.' The Jews took up stones again to stone him. Jesus replied, 'I have shown you many good works from the Father. For which of these are you going to stone me?' The Jews answered, 'It is not for a good work that we are going to stone you, but for blasphemy, because you, though only a human being, are making yourself God.' Jesus answered, 'Is it not written in your law, "I said, you are gods"? If those to whom the word of God came were called "gods" and the scripture cannot be annulled can you say that the one whom the Father has sanctified and sent into the world is blaspheming because I said, "I am God's Son"? If I am not doing the works of my Father, then do not believe me. But if I do them, even though you do not believe me, believe the works, so that you may know and understand that the Father is in me and I am in the Father.' Then they tried to arrest him again, but he escaped from their hands. He went away again across the Jordan to the place where John had been baptizing earlier, and he remained there. Many came to him, and they were saying, 'John performed no sign, but everything that John said about this man was true.' And many believed in him there.

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

## من إنجيل القديس متى

حان عيد التجديد في أورشليم، وكان فصل الشتاء. وكان يسوع يتمشى في الهيكل، في رواق سليمان. فأحاط به اليهود وأخذوا يقولون له: "إلى متى نثقي نفوسنا خائفة؟ إن كنت أنت المسيح، فقل لنا صراحةً". أجابهم يسوع: "قلته لكم، لكنكم لا تؤمنون. الأعمال التي أعملها أنا باسم أبي هي تشهد لي. لكنكم لا تؤمنون، لأنكم لستم من خرافي. خرافي تسمع صوتي، وأنا أعرّفها، وهي تتبعني. وأنا أعطيتها حياةً أبدية، فلن تهلك أبداً، ولن يخطفها أحد من يدي. أبي الذي أعطاني إياها هو أعظم من الكل، ولا يقدر أحد أن يخطفها من يد الأب. أنا والأب واحد". فأخذ اليهود، من جديد، حجارةً ليرجموه. قال لهم يسوع: "أعمالاً حسنة كثيرة أرى فيكم من عند الأب، فلاي عمل منها ترجموني؟". أجابه اليهود: "لا لعمل حسن نرجمك، بل لتجديف. لأنك، وأنت إنسان، تجعل نفسك إلهاً". أجابهم يسوع: "أما كتب في توراتكم: أنا قلت إنكم آلهة؟ فإذا كانت التوراة تدعو آلهة أولئك الذين صارت إليهم كلمة الله، ولا يمكن أن ينقص الكتاب، فكيف تقولون لي، أنا الذي قدس الأب وأرسله إلى العالم: أنت تجديف؛ لأني قلت: أنا ابن الله؟ إن كنت لا أعمل أعمال أبي، فلا تصدقوني، أما إذا كنت أعملها، وإن كنتم لا تصدقوني، فصدقوا هذه الأعمال، لكي تعرفوا وتؤمنوا أن الأب فيّ وأنا في الأب". فحاولوا من جديد أن يقبضوا عليه، فأفلت من يدهم. وعاد يسوع إلى عبر الأردن، إلى حيث كان يوحنا يعمد من قبل، فأقام هناك. وأتى إليه كثيرون وكانوا يقولون: "لم يصنع يوحنا أي آية، ولكن، كل ما قاله في هذا الرجل كان حقاً". فأمن به هناك كثيرون.

**حقاً والأمان لجميعكم.**

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