

Saint Maron Maronite Catholic Church



January 11-12, 2020

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JOHN 1: 29-34

As Christians, this is where we make the connection between Jesus and the Paschal Lamb: His blood was shed as atonement for sin – and, as John is quick to point out – “... not for ours only, but also for the whole world.” (1 John 2:2) We have the assurance of eternal life through faith in him. As Jesus told his disciples: “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even if he dies. Whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” (John 11:25-26) this is what they pray in the Roman Catholic Mass: Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Lamb of God... grants us thy peace. The message is clear: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ has won the victory, once and for all. The assurance of our salvation is only through faith in him and doing by his words: “If anyone desires to come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever will lose his life for my sake, the same will save it.” (Luke 9:23-24) When John the Baptist saw Jesus coming his way, he told his disciples, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!” As you see signs of his

presence in the trials and tribulations of everyday life, dare to let him come more fully into your heart and invite others to know him, as well. Amen.

Fr. El-Badaoui Habib

SAINT MARON FEAST DAY HAFLI

We will have a St. Maron Feast Day Hafla on Saturday, February 8, 2020 at 7:00 PM in the Church Hall. Live music featuring Said Abi Akl. Tickets will go on sale this Sunday, January 12, 2020. Adults will be \$50.00 per person, children 11 and under will be \$25.00. Great food, music, dancing and cash bar will be available. Hope to see all of you there.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

The first Friday of every month we will have Divine Liturgy @ 9:30 AM followed by Eucharistic Adoration. Please come and spend some time in prayer in the presence of our Lord.

HEALING MASS

On the 22nd of every month @ 6:00PM, we will celebrate a Healing Mass with the intercession of St. Sharbel. May Almighty God hear our prayers through the intercession of St. Sharbel and grant us the gift of healing!

2019 TAX LETTERS

As the time approaches for tax season, our tax contributions are available at the Church Office. Please email or call the office so that we may prepare the papers needed for your income tax. These can only be done by those who use the envelope system. Thank you for your continued support.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Just as a man cannot live in the flesh unless he is born in the flesh, even so a man cannot have the spiritual life of grace unless he is born again spiritually. This regeneration is effected by Baptism: "Unless a man is born again of water and the Holy Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God" (Jn 3:5)

St. Thomas Aquinas



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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, January 11, @ 6:00 PM,
Sunday, January 12, @ 11:00 AM,
liturgy is being offered for the soul of Kamel Rizk requested by Dany and Rania Cherfane and family. May his soul rest in peace. Also, liturgy is offered as 40-day memorial for the soul of Salim Mikhael requested by his wife Ghada and his children. May his soul rest in peace.

Tuesday, January 14, @ 9:00 AM,
Wednesday, January 15, @ 6:00 PM,
(Feast of Our Lady of the Sowing & St. John calybites)

Thursday, January 16, @ 6:00 PM,
(in honor of St. Peter in Chains)

Friday, January 17, @ 9:00 AM,
(Feast of St. Anthony the Great)

Saturday, January 18, @ 6:00 PM,
(Feast of St. Athanasius of Alexandria)

Sunday, January 19, @ 11:00 AM,
(Feast of St. Marcus the Egyptian)
liturgy is being offered for the soul of Helen Freedenberg requested by Debbie Freedenberg and Mary Pastore. May her soul rest in peace.

CATHOLIC EXTENSION GRANT

We have been given the opportunity to receive a conditional matching grant of \$10,000.00 from Catholic Extension Society. In order to receive this Grant we need your help to raise donations totaling at least \$10,000.00. To help us reach our goal please make checks payable to "St. Maron Church" and write "Donation" in the memo.

Thank you to everyone who contributed toward our goal, so far, we have raised \$6,675.00 and with your continuous help we will reach our goal soon.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **St. Maron Feast Day Party,** Saturday February 8, 2020 @ 7:00 PM. Tickets are now on Sale.

2020 CHURCH ENVELOPES

The 2020 weekly envelopes are now available in the back of the church. If anyone does not have a set of envelopes and would like them please contact the office and we will have a set ready for you. In this way we can give you tax recognition at the end of the year.

WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR January 4-5, 2020

Collection	\$ 1,314.00
Epiphany	\$ 131.00
Memorial	\$ 100.00
Coffee Hour	\$ 32.00
Total:	\$ 1,577.00

IN OUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers Neil Bohley Sr., Luke Farrell Jr., Linda DiBernardo, Patty Reynolds, Joan Speck, David Joseph Cook, Eddie Tayoun, Martha Simon Casella, Minarva Labbad, Dante Panichi, Dennis Strelchuk, 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, Elaine Nader, Eddie Gussin, Lisa Alestra, John Nader, Aminee Skaf, Yasmine Myers, Joey Gdowick, Francis Joseph Kerns, Samer Chokeur, Kathy Newman, Rita Arrigale, 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.

one Lord
one faith
one baptism
one God
and
Father of all
who is
over all
and
through all
and
in all

Ephesians 4

Gospel Reading Saint John 1:29-34

The Apostle Writes:

The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.'

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

مِنِ انجِيلِ القديس يوحنا

في الغد (بعد شهادة المعمدان) رأى يوحنا يسوع مقبلًا إليه فقال: «ها هو حمل الله الذي يرفع خطيئة العالم. هذا هو الذي قلت فيه: يأتي ورائي رجل قد صار قدامي، لأنه كان قبلي. وأنا ما كنت أعرفه، لكني جئت أعمد بالماء لكي يظهر هو لإسرائيل.» وشهد يوحنا قائلًا: «رأيت الروح نازلًا كحمامة من السماء، ثم استقر عليه. وأنا ما كنت أعرفه، لكن الذي أرسلني أعمد بالماء هو قال لي: من ترى الروح ينزل ويستقر عليه، هو الذي يعمد بالروح القدس. وأنا رأيت وشهدت أن هذا هو ابن الله.»

حقًا والأمان لجميعكم.

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الثانية إلى أهل كورنثوس

يا إخوتي، أنا بولس نفسي أناشدكم بوداعة المسيح وحلمه، أنا المتواضع بينكم عندما أكون حاضرًا، والجريء عليكم عندما أكون غائبًا. وأرجو ألا أجبر عند حضورتي أن أكون جريئًا، بالثقة التي لي بكم، والتي أنوي أن أجزو بها على الذين يحسبون أننا نسلك كأنا جسديين. أجل، إننا نحيا في الجسد، ولكننا لا نحارب كأنا جسديين؛ لأن أسلحة جهادنا ليست جسدية، بل هي قادرة بالله على هدم الحصون المنيعة؛ فإننا نهدم الأفكار الخاطئة، وكل شموخ يرتفع ضد معرفة الله، ونأسر كل فكر لبطاعة المسيح. ونحن مستعدون أن نعاقب كل عصيان، متى كملت طاعتكم. إنكم تحكمون على المظاهر! إن كان أحد واثقًا بنفسه أنه للمسيح، فليتكبر في نفسه أنه كما هو للمسيح كذلك نحن أيضًا. فأنا لا أحجل إن بالغت بعض المبالغة في الاختار بالسلطان الذي وهبه الرب لنا لبنيانكم لا لهدمكم. ولا أريد أن أظهر كأني أخوفكم برسائلي؛ لأن بعضًا منكم يقولون: "رسائله شديدة اللهجة وقوية، أما حضوره الشخصي فهزيل، وكلامه سخي!" فليعلم مثل هذا القائل أننا كما نحن بالكلام في الرسائل، عندما نكون غائبين، كذلك نحن أيضًا بالفعل، عندما نكون حاضرين.

والتسبيح لله دائماً.

First Reading

2 Corinthians 10:1-11

A reading from the Second Letter of Saint Paul to Corinthians. Your blessing father...

Brothers and Sisters:

I myself, Paul, appeal to you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ I who am humble when face to face with you, but bold towards you when I am away! I ask that when I am present I need not show boldness by daring to oppose those who think we are acting according to human standards. Indeed, we live as human beings, but we do not wage war according to human standards; for the weapons of our warfare are not merely human, but they have divine power to destroy strongholds. We destroy arguments and every proud obstacle raised up against the knowledge of God, and we take every thought captive to obey Christ. We are ready to punish every disobedience when your obedience is complete. Look at what is before your eyes. If you are confident that you belong to Christ, remind yourself of this, that just as you belong to Christ, so also do we. Now, even if I boast a little too much of our authority, which the Lord gave for building you up and not for tearing you down, I will not be ashamed of it. I do not want to seem as though I am trying to frighten you with my letters. For they say, 'His letters are weighty and strong, but his bodily presence is weak, and his speech contemptible.' Let such people understand that what we say by letter when absent, we will also do when present.

Praise be to God always.



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