



Saint Maron Maronite Catholic Church



January 25-26, 2020

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

THE SEVEN SACRAMENTS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

The sacraments of Christian initiation - Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist - lay the foundations of every Christian life. "The sharing in the divine nature given to men through the grace of Christ bears a certain likeness to the origin, development, and nourishing of natural life. The faithful are born anew by Baptism, strengthened by the sacrament of Confirmation, and receive in the Eucharist the food of eternal life. By means of these sacraments of Christian initiation, they thus receive in increasing measure the treasures of the divine life and advance toward the perfection of charity."

FIRST- THE SACRAMENTS OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit (vitae spiritualis ianua), and the door which gives access to the other sacraments. Through Baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as sons and daughters of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church and made sharers in her mission: "Baptism is the sacrament

of regeneration through water in the word."

I. WHAT IS THIS SACRAMENT CALLED?

This sacrament is called Baptism, after the central rite by which it is carried out: to baptize (Greek baptizein) means to "plunge" or "immerse"; the "plunge" into the water symbolizes the catechumen's burial into Christ's death, from which he rises up by resurrection with him, as "a new creature."

This sacrament is also called "the washing of regeneration and renewal by the Holy Spirit," for it signifies and actually brings about the birth of water and the Spirit without which no one "can enter the kingdom of God."

"This bath is called enlightenment, because those who receive this [catechetical] instruction are enlightened in their understanding..." Having received in Baptism the Word, "the true light that enlightens every man, " the person baptized has been "enlightened," he becomes a "son of light," indeed, he becomes "light" himself:

Baptism is God's most beautiful and magnificent gift ... We call it gift, grace, anointing, enlightenment, garment of immortality, bath of rebirth, seal, and most precious gift. It is called gift because it is conferred

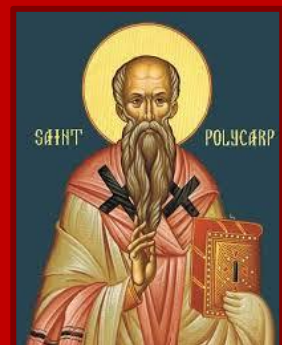
on those who bring nothing of their own; grace since it is given even to the guilty; Baptism because sin is buried in the water; anointing for it is priestly and royal as are those who are anointed; enlightenment because it radiates light; clothing since it veils our shame; bath because it washes; and seal as it is our guard and the sign of God's Lordship.

(Taken from the teaching of the Holy Catholic Church)

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Help one another with the generosity of the Lord and despise no one. When you have the opportunity to do good, do not let it go by."

St. Polycarp of Smyrna



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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 25, @ 6:00 PM, (Feast of the conversion of St. Paul) liturgy is being offered for the deceased members of Ferhat family requested by Cookie Ferhat. May their souls rest in peace.

Sunday, January 26, @ 11:00 AM, liturgy is being offered for the soul of Nahi Rai requested by Khalil and Madline Raie and family. May her soul rest in peace. Also, liturgy is being offered as a 7-day memorial for the soul of Martha Simon Casella. May her soul rest in peace.

Tuesday, January 28, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of St. Ephrem the Syriac)

Wednesday, January 29, @ 6:00 PM,

Thursday, January 30, @ 6:00 PM,

Friday, January 31, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of St. John Bosco)

Saturday, February 1, @ 6:00 PM, *Divine Liturgy followed by St. Maron Novena*

Sunday, February 2, @ 11:00 AM, *Divine Liturgy followed by St. Maron Novena (Feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple)* liturgy is being offered for the soul of Jamil and Malake Zakharia requested by Dany Zakharia and family. May their souls rest in peace. Also, liturgy is being offered as a 40-day memorial for the soul of Roseanne Anthony requested by her family. May her soul rest in peace.

SAINT MARON NOVENA

Beginning Friday, February 1, we will have the Saint Maron Novena. Divine Liturgies will be scheduled during the week at 6:00 PM, and the novena will follow immediately after the Saturday and Sunday Divine Liturgies. I hope all of you will be able to join us to give honor to our Patron Saint.

SECOND COLLECTION

As per the directive of the Eparchy of St. Maron of Brooklyn we will have a second collection on **Sunday, January 26, 2020** for the United States Catholic Bishop's Worldwide Charities. This collection combines the four USCCB collections: Central and Eastern Europe, the Church in Latin America, Catholic Relief Services, and Operation Rice Bowl (which is part of CRS). The total is divided accordingly. Thank you for your generosity.

SAINT MARON FEAST DAY HAFLI

We will have a St. Maron Feast Day Hafli on **Saturday, February 8, 2020 at 7:00 PM** in the Church Hall. Live music featuring Said Abi Akl. Tickets are now on sale. Adults tickets are \$50.00 per person and children (11 and under) \$25.00. Great food (variety of beef, chicken and fish), good music, dancing and cash bar will be available. Please reserve your tickets no later than **January 31**. Hope to see all of you there.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **St. Maron Novena**, February 1-9, 2020.
- **Eucharistic Adoration:** Friday, February 7, 2020 @ 9:30AM.
- **St. Maron Feast Day Party**, Saturday, February 8, 2020 @ 7:00 PM. Tickets are now on Sale.
- **Healing Mass:** Saturday, February 22, 2020 @ 6:00PM.

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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

On **Friday, February 7, 2020** 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.

MYO/MYA LENTEN RETREAT

The MYO/MYA Regional Lenten Retreat day will be on **Saturday, March 7, 2020 from 11:00 AM to 8:00 PM** at Saint John Paul II Maronite Catholic Church at Immaculate Conception, (199 North Broadway Sleepy Hollow NY 10591). The fee is \$25.00 donation per person. Teens (ages 12-18) and young adults (19-35) from the neighboring Maronite parishes in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and Pennsylvania are welcomed to join. The Retreat activities will include: Interactive Icebreakers, activities & games, Meals & snacks, Prayer & Divine Liturgy, Presentations & Small group discussions, and Adoration & Confession. If you are interested in participating in this retreat, please notify your MYO advisor or the Church office.

2020 MYA NATIONAL CONFERENCE

The 2020 MYA National Conference will be hosted at the University of St. Mary on the Lake Conference Center in Mundelein, Illinois **September 4-7, 2020**. The emphasis for this year's conference for our Young Adults (and they are happy to include the MYO advisors as well) will be on leadership and discipleship. Registration details will be announced soon. Please mark your calendar and notify the Church office if you are interested in attending this conference.

SEEKING CAREGIVER

Seeking the right person, who is a mature female, to take care of our 92 years old mother, in exchange for free room and board. (South Philadelphia area). Please email to: ninamontrose.1@gmail.com or call 215-462-9669, for details and information. References and background check required.

Calling all Couples!

In order to make sure that couples receive proper knowledge of Natural Family Planning (NFP), per the Statutes of the Eparchy (No.71), the Eparchy of St. Maron of Brooklyn invites all couples to attend a free online session of about 90 minutes to learn an overview of NFP methods and the introductory session to the Creighton Model FertilityCare System. The following are the dates and times to attend the free online session:

Saturday, February 8, 2020 at 9:30am

Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at 7:30pm

Thursday, April 30, 2020 at 7:30pm

Tuesday, May 19, 2020 at 7:30pm

Monday, June 8, 2020 at 7:30pm

For more information and to sign up for one of the session please contact Marise Frangie at 914-393-8907 or sanctityoflife@live.com

HEALING MASS

On **Saturday, February 22, 2020 @ 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!

WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR January 18-19, 2020

Collection	\$ 1,550.00
Donations	\$ 1,700.00
Coffee Hour	\$ <u>54.00</u>
Total:	\$ 3,304.00

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 \$8,600.00 and with your continuous help we will reach our goal soon.

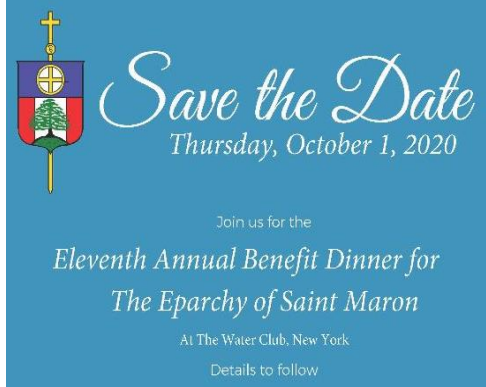


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2020 CHURCH ENVELOPES

The 2020 weekly envelopes are now available in the Church office. 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.



IN OUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers Kathy Dale, Donna Maglio, Nicole Giordano, Peter Perri, Neil Bohley Sr., Luke Farrell Jr., Linda DiBernardo, Patty Reynolds, Joan Speck, David Joseph Cook, Eddie Tayoun, 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, 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 DeJesse, 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.



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