

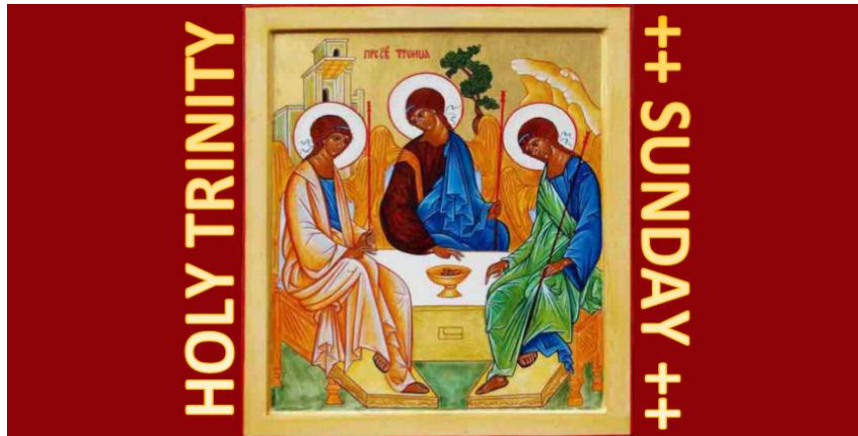


Saint Maron Maronite Catholic Church



June 6-7, 2020

SUNDAY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY



WAITING FOR YOU

Dear parishioners and friends of saint Maron church, It's a pleasure for all of us to move to the yellow phase. Before giving out all the instructions, I would like to thank all of you for standing by the parish, it was a real miracle and you were its creators. Because of your encouragement and loyalty, we were able to pursue the pastoral mission with the least possible losses in this difficult period for our parish and nation. With the transition to the yellow phase, we need your help and assistance to keep everyone of us safe. Please read the precautions required from each one who will be attending Divine Liturgy. Fr. Samir Chebli.

THE CELEBRATION OF DIVINE LITURGY DURING THE PENNSYLVANIA YELLOW PHASE

As of June 5, 2020, Philadelphia moved into the yellow phase of the reopening of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The yellow phase lifts many restrictions previously in place during the red phase, including Governor Wolf's *Stay at Home* order. With the yellow phase, it is now possible to assemble safely in our churches for Divine Liturgy and the celebration of the Sacraments. The yellow phase still requires precautions to limit the spread of COVID-19 and our corporate responsibility to observe them.

SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2020 will be our first Divine Liturgy open for public. Whoever is planning on attending Liturgy, please read

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

O Divine Ocean of Mercy and Compassion, be with us in our time of trial and difficulties. Today I make an act of spiritual communion with you, the Life-Giving Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. At this time, I am not able to receive the sacred body and blood of my Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ, but I choose to live in union with him and in the unity of the Holy Spirit. I offer my day, my daily life, my joys and sorrows to you, for those around me, and for the whole world. Be with us O life-giving Triune God, for we know that nothing in this world has power over us. O Lover of all people, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

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carefully the following requirements to transition to the yellow phase. If we don't comply with these requirements, we will lose the privilege of being able to celebrate Divine Liturgy with your presence.

GENERAL POINTS

- The faithful continue to be dispensed by Bishop Gregory from the obligation to attend Divine Liturgy on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation until further notice.
- Those who are sick or compromised due to health conditions are not to come to church. Likewise, those who are at risk are not to exercise liturgical ministries.
- We will continue to Live Stream Divine Liturgies on Facebook and YouTube.
- Divine Liturgies will be celebrated in the Church Hall where we can accommodate a larger number of parishioners. In the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, houses of worship may be occupied up to 50% during the yellow phase. Therefore, we set up the hall respecting all social distance requirements and we will be able to accommodate **50 parishioners** to attend each Liturgy.
- Parishioners wishing to attend Divine Liturgy will be able to sign up through the parish website: www.saintmaron.org or through the link the following link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040548A9A822A3FD0-stmaron>. For those who don't have access to the internet you can call the church office and we will assist you to sign up.
- We will have ushers and greeters at every liturgy to assist with this transition phase and to answer your questions. We ask that you kindly respect what they ask of

you. They are there to protect everyone's safety and health.

- Holy water fonts will remain empty.
- There will be **NO SOCIAL HOUR** after Divine Liturgy and no coffee will be offered.
- Only the single bathroom at the entrance of the hall will be open; this is a unisex bathroom. All others will be closed.

SANITATION

- All areas of the church hall will be sanitized routinely, according to the guidelines for sanitation provided by the CDC for houses of worship.
- Doors will be kept open before and after Liturgy.
- Doorknobs and handles will be sanitized after every Liturgy.
- Hand sanitizers will be available at the entrance of the church hall. We encourage everybody to bring their own hand sanitizer and wipes, as they are very difficult to find in the stores.

SOCIAL DISTANCING

- The guidelines for social distancing provided by the CDC for houses of worship will be endorsed. **SIX FEET** is the norm for social distancing.
- Everyone (except those 2 years of age and younger) attending is to **WEAR A FACE MASK** throughout the celebration of Divine Liturgy except for the reception of Holy Communion. The face covering or mask should be only removed for the reception of Holy Communion.
- Social distancing should be observed between members of different households.
- Members of the same household (such as families) do not need to observe social distancing among themselves and may sit together as normal.

- Gatherings of parishioners are not to take place before or after Divine Liturgy for any reason. As people arrive to the church hall, they are to go immediately to their place.
- While receiving Holy Communion we ask you to keep a space of 6 feet distance between each other by standing on the marks indicated on the floor.
- The faithful may remove their face covering or mask only after they have left the church hall.

DIVINE LITURGY

- The Divine Liturgy is to be celebrated, as always, according to what is prescribed in the liturgical books.
- Priests and deacons are not expected to wear masks or gloves.
- Holy Communion is not to be distributed wearing gloves.
- Choir members will maintain physical distance and follow all safety measures throughout Divine Liturgy.
- Liturgical Books will not be available, we will use our hall projector to post the service and everybody will be able to pray with us.
- The Church Bulletin will not be printed, we will continue to email it and post it on Facebook.
- The procession with the Gifts during the Offertory is omitted.
- The collection baskets will be placed at the entrance of the hall where parishioners can place their offerings before or after Liturgy.
- The sign of the peace will be without contact throughout the church.
- **Distribution of Holy Communion:** To avoid a real risk of infection with COVID-19 for the priest and the parishioners, Holy Communion will be distributed in the **HAND** at this time.

DIVINE LITURGIES

Saturday, June 6, @ 6:00PM,
(Feast of St. Dorotheus and St. Marcellin) liturgy is being offered for the soul of Edward J. McGrody requested by the Akkari family. May his soul rest in peace.

Sunday, June 7, @ 11:00AM,
liturgy is being offered for the soul of Raymond and Mary Dahdah, Saleem Dahdah and Albert Anderson requested by Salema and Barbara Dahdah and family. May their souls rest in peace.

Saturday, June 13, @ 6:00PM,
(Feast of St. Aquilina of Jbeil and St. Anthony of Padua) liturgy is being offered for the soul of Marie Tilli. May her soul rest in peace.

Sunday, June 14, @ 11:00AM,
(Feast of St. Elisha the Prophet)

"REMEMBER ME IN YOUR KINGDOM"

Every First Tuesday of the month we will offer a Divine Liturgy for the souls of the deceased members of the parish. Please email us to office@saintmaron.org the names of your beloved ones that you would like us to include during Liturgy. May their souls rest in peace.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

We will have a meeting on **Monday, June 8 at 6:00PM** in the Church Hall. If any of you cannot attend, please let me know and we will schedule a zoom meeting for you to log in and join us.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

We will have a meeting on **Wednesday, June 10 at 7:00PM** in the Church Hall. If any of you cannot attend, please let me know and we will schedule a zoom meeting for you to log in and join us.

PASSING OF YASMINE BUTRUS MYERS

It's our sad duty to inform you that Yasmine Butrus Myers passed away on May 27, 2020. We extend our deepest sympathy to her children Lisa Fitzpatrick (Raymond), Donald Myers (Alice), Yasmine Myers, and Margaret Myers Taylor (James Robert), to her 10 grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren, and to the entire Myers, Butrus and Saleba families. A memorial Liturgy will be offered for her soul in the near future. May Almighty God welcome Yasmine into His Kingdom and may her soul rest in peace! Allah Yerhamma!

THANK YOU

Thank you for everyone who donated to the Church this past week. As you know, our Church's finances rely on the generosity of our community, including Sunday collections and donations. If you are able to donate at this time, please do so via the following link: <https://saintmaron.org/donate> or you can always mail your weekly envelopes / donations to the Church office. We appreciate your generosity and thank you for your continuous support during these challenging times.

WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR

May 30-31, 2020

Collection by mail	\$ 750.00
Donations	\$ 150.00
Online (05/28-06/02)	\$ <u>10.00</u>
Total:	\$ 910.00

IN OUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers Bonnie Gorman, Kevin Houry, Charles Viccarelli, Sue Flacco, Joe Maglio, Marie McCrea, Kathy Dale, Suzanne Haney, 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, Mirta Ruiz, Tina Grassi, Rita Impo, 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, Lisa Alestra, John Nader, Joey Gdowick, Francis Joseph Kerns, Samer Chokeir, 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.

**It's time to read and
reread the speech of
Saint John Paul II All over
the world**

**APOSTOLIC JOURNEY OF HIS
HOLINESS JOHN PAUL II TO
LEBANON (MAY 10-11, 1997)
SPEECH OF POPE JOHN PAUL II
Saturday, 10 May 1997**

*Allah yuberekum!
(God bless you!)*

How can I not begin by recalling the stop which Pope Paul VI made in Beirut on 2 December 1964, on his way to Bombay? In this way he demonstrated his special interest in Lebanon, showing that the Holy See esteems and loves this land and its people. Today, with great emotion, I have kissed the soil of Lebanon, as a sign of friendship and respect. I come among you, dear Lebanese people, as a friend who wishes to visit a people and support them in their daily journey. It is as a friend of Lebanon that I come to encourage the sons and daughters of this land of hospitality, this country of ancient spiritual and cultural traditions, so desirous of independence and freedom. On the threshold of the Third Millennium, Lebanon, while preserving her particular treasures and remaining faithful to herself, must be able to embrace the new realities of modern society and to take her full place in the community of nations.

Throughout the years of war, together with the whole Church, I closely followed the difficult times experienced by the Lebanese people and united myself in prayer with the sufferings which they endured. On numerous occasions, from the beginning of my Pontificate, I have urged the international community to help the Lebanese people once again to live peacefully within a

national territory recognized and respected by all, and to foster the rebuilding of a society of justice and brotherhood. From a human standpoint, many people died in vain as a result of the fighting. Families were displaced. Some Lebanese were forced into exile far from their native land. People of different cultures and religions who had been living on friendly terms and as good neighbors found themselves separated, even bitterly opposed.

That period, which has happily come to an end, is still present in everyone's memory and has left many scars on people's hearts. Nonetheless, Lebanon is called to look resolutely to the future, a future freely determined by the choice of its people. In this spirit, I wish to pay homage to the sons and daughters of this land who, in the troubled times which I have just mentioned, gave an example of solidarity, fraternity, forgiveness and charity, even at the risk of their lives. I especially hail the attitude of many women, including mothers of families, who were a leaven of unity, educators in peace and coexistence, and tireless dialogue partners between different groups and between generations.

Henceforth all are called to commitment on behalf of peace, reconciliation and fraternal life, by offering at their various levels signs of forgiveness and by working in the service of the national community, so that violence will never again prevail over dialogue, fear and suspicion over trust, resentment over fraternal love.

In this new Lebanon which you are slowly rebuilding, it is important to give a place to every citizen, particularly to those who, inspired by legitimate patriotism, wish to become involved in political activity or economic life. From this point of view, the first condition for any truly democratic process is a just balance between the vital forces of the

nation, in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity which demands that each individual should share in and take responsibility for decision-making. On the other hand, the management of the res publica is founded on dialogue and compromise, not for the sake of making particular interests prevail or of preserving privileges, but so that political activity can be a fraternal service, independently of cultural or religious differences.

On 12 June 1991 I announced the convening of the Special Assembly for Lebanon of the Synod of Bishops. After many stages of reflection and sharing within the Catholic Church in Lebanon, the Assembly met in November and December 1995. Today I have come among you for the solemn phase of the Synodal Assembly. To Catholics, to the Christians of other Churches and Ecclesial Communities, and to all people of good will, I am bringing the results of the Bishops' work, enriched by cordial dialogues with the fraternal delegates: the Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation *A New Hope for Lebanon*. This document, which I shall sign this evening in the presence of the young people, is not a conclusion or the final point in the journey which has been begun. Quite the opposite: it is an invitation to all Lebanese to begin with confidence a new page in their history. It is the contribution of the universal Church to the greater unity of the Catholic Church in Lebanon, to the overcoming of divisions between the different Churches and to the development of the country, in which all Lebanese are called to take part.

As I arrive for the first time on Lebanese soil, I wish to say once more, Mr President, how grateful I am to you for your welcome. I offer warm good wishes for yourself and for your mission on behalf of your

fellow-citizens. Through you, I offer cordial greetings to all the citizens of Lebanon. With all of them, I pray for Lebanon, that it may become what the Most High desires it to be.

*Allah yuberekum!
(God bless you!)*

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June 6-7, 2020

First Reading

Romans 11:25-36

A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Romans. Your blessing father...

Brothers and Sisters:

So that you may not claim to be wiser than you are, brothers and sisters, I want you to understand this mystery: a hardening has come upon part of Israel, until the full number of the Gentiles has come in. And so all Israel will be saved; as it is written, 'Out of Zion will come the Deliverer; he will banish ungodliness from Jacob.' 'And this is my covenant with them, when I take away their sins.' As regards the gospel they are enemies of God for your sake; but as regards election they are beloved, for the sake of their ancestors; for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all. O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgements and how inscrutable his ways! 'For who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counsellor?' 'Or who has given a gift to him, to receive a gift in return?' For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever. Amen.

Praise be to God always.

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل رومة

يا إِخْوَتِي، لا أريدُ، أَيُّهَا الإِخْوَةُ، أَنْ تَجْهَلُوا هَذَا السِّرَّ، لِيَلَّا تَكُونُوا حُكَمَاءَ فِي عُيُونِ أَنْفُسِكُمْ، وَهُوَ أَنَّ التَّصَلَّبَ أَصَابَ قِسْمًا مِنْ بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ، إِلَى أَنْ يُؤْمِنَ الأَمَمَ بِأَكْمَلِهِمْ. وَهَكَذَا يَخْلُصُ جَمِيعُ بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ، كَمَا هُوَ مَكْتُوبٌ: "مِنْ صِهْيُونِ يَأْتِي المُنْقِذُ، وَيَرُدُّ الكُفْرَ عَن يَعْقُوبَ؛ وَهَذَا هُوَ عَهْدِي مَعَهُمْ، حِينَ أُزِيلُ حَطَايَاهُمْ". فَهُمْ مِنْ جِهَةِ الإِنْجِيلِ أَعْدَاءٌ مِنْ أَجْلِكُمْ، أَمَّا مِنْ جِهَةِ اخْتِيَارِ اللهِ، فَهُمْ أَحِبَّاءٌ مِنْ أَجْلِ الآبَاءِ؛ لِأَنَّ اللهَ لا يَتَرَجَعُ أَبَدًا عَن مَوَاهِبِهِ وَدَعْوَتِهِ. فَكَمَا عَصَيْتُمُ اللهُ أَنْتُمْ فِي مَا مَضَى، وَرَحِمْتُمُ الآنَ مِنْ جَزَاءِ عُصْيَانِهِمْ، كَذَلِكَ هُمْ الآنَ عَصَوْا اللهُ مِنْ أَجْلِ رَحْمَتِكُمْ، لِكَيْ يُرْحَمُوا الآنَ هُمْ أَيْضًا؛ لِأَنَّ اللهَ قَدْ حَبَسَ جَمِيعَ النَّاسِ فِي العُصْيَانِ، لِكَيْ يَرْحَمَ الجَمِيعَ. فَيَا لَعَمْرِي غِنَى اللهُ وَحِكْمَتِهِ وَمَعْرِفَتِهِ! مَا أَبْعَدَ أَحْكَامُهُ عَنِ الإِدْرَاكِ، وَطُرُقُهُ عَنِ الأَسْتِقْصَاءِ! فَمَنْ عَرَفَ فِكْرَ الرَّبِّ؟ أَوْ مَنْ صَارَ لَهُ مُشِيرًا؟ أَوْ مَنْ أَقْرَضَهُ شَيْئًا فَيَرُدُّهُ اللهُ إِلَيْهِ؟ لِأَنَّ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ مِنْهُ وَبِهِ وَإِلَيْهِ. لَهُ المَجْدُ إِلَى الدُّهُورِ. آمين.

والتسبيح لله دائماً.

Gospel Reading

Saint Matthew 28:16-20

The Apostle Writes:

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

مِنِ انْجِيلِ الْقَدِيسِ مَتَّى

أَمَّا التَّلَامِيذُ الْأَحَدَ عَشَرَ فَذَهَبُوا إِلَى الْجَلِيلِ، إِلَى الْجَبَلِ حَيْثُ أَمَرَهُمْ يَسُوعُ. وَلَمَّا رَأَوْهُ سَجَدُوا لَهُ، بَرَعْمَ أَنَّهُمْ شَكُّوا. فَذَنَا يَسُوعُ وَكَلَّمَهُمْ قَائِلًا: "لَقَدْ أُعْطِيَ كُلُّ سُلْطَانٍ فِي السَّمَاءِ وَعَلَى الْأَرْضِ. إِذْهَبُوا إِذَا فَتَلْمَذُوا كُلَّ الْأُمَّمِ، وَعَمِّدُوهُمْ بِاسْمِ الْآبِ وَالْأَبْنِ وَالرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ، وَعَلِّمُوهُمْ أَنْ يَحْفَظُوا كُلَّ مَا أَوْصَيْتُكُمْ بِهِ. وَهَذَا أَنَا مَعَكُمْ كُلَّ الْأَيَّامِ إِلَى نِهَايَةِ الْعَالَمِ."

حَقًّا وَالْأَمَانُ لِكُلِّكُمْ.