



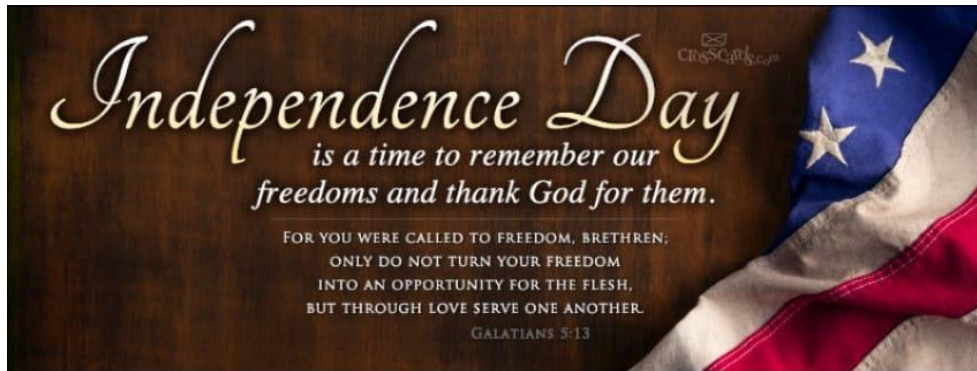
# Saint Maron

## Maronite Catholic Church



July 4-5, 2020

# SIXTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST



**4th of July**

## Independence Day of the United States of America

It's the Day of freedom and democracy the day that every other country dreams about.

Jesus sacrifices himself to give us the freedom and the eternal life.

Freedom is genetic that's why we pay blood for it, we will protect it and we should maintain to the democracy by following the rules and respecting each other.

Jesus the first martyr of freedom gives us the real example of how to defend, protect and save the freedom: Freedom of speech, freedom of belief, freedom of expression...

The festivities are not about drinking and dancing it is knowing how to say thank you God and also thank you for each

individual who sacrificed himself for freedom no matter the ethnicity and nationality.

And today I'm screaming and begging each one of you to save the Middle East from terrorism, please save Jesus land from the dictator's from Ali-baba and his forty thieves.

Save the Children, save their schools, their families, their freedom, and their right to live, play and have their own free country for a better future.

Don't let the precious blood that young men and women paid for the freedom be wasted for political reasons.

Save my country save my children and your 4th of July will be a date to remember. Hopping we will celebrate together your freedom and independence and ours.

Fr. Samir Chebli

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

## DIVINE LITURGIES

**Saturday, July 4, @ 6:00PM,  
NO DIVINE LITURGY**

**Sunday, July 5, @ 11:00AM,** liturgy is being offered for the souls of Fouad and Shushan Raie requested by Khalil and Madline Raie and family. May their souls rest in peace.

**Tuesday, July 7, @ 6:00PM,  
REMEMBER ME IN YOUR KINGDOM.** Liturgy will be offered for the deceased members of St. Maron Parish. May their souls rest in peace.

**Saturday, July 11, @ 6:00PM,  
Sunday, July 12, @ 11:00AM,  
(Feast of St. Irenaeus)** liturgy is being offered for the soul of Elias Said Dawlabani requested by his family

### **"REMEMBER ME IN YOUR KINGDOM"**

**Tuesday, July 7 at 6PM,** we will offer a Divine Liturgy for the souls of the deceased members of the parish. Please email us to [office@saintmaron.org](mailto:office@saintmaron.org) the names of your beloved ones that you would like us to include during Liturgy. May their souls rest in peace.

### **GREEN PHASE IS POSTPONED**

Unfortunately, Philadelphia officials are postponing the transition to the green phase until early August. Therefore, we will keep the same precautions of the yellow phase of the reopening of the Church.

## IN OUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers Roseann Carmalingo, Bonnie Gorman, Kevin Khoury, 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.

## 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, 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 June 27-28, 2020**

<b>Collection</b>	\$	<b>979.00</b>
<b>Donation</b>	\$	<b>250.00</b>
<b>Online (06/25-06/29)</b>	\$	<b>600.00</b>
<b>Total:</b>	\$	<b>1,829.00</b>

## **WHY I WEAR A MASK AT CHURCH**

Jesus has called me to love my neighbor. There are vulnerable people in my congregation. The virus is real and it is dangerous. If I'm wrong, there's no harm. If I choose not to wear a mask, people could get sick and possibly die. So, I choose to wear a mask as a way to serve, as a way to love, and as a way to do my part to protect the most vulnerable people in our congregation.

Rev. Ken Braddy

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## **DIVINE LITURGY DURING THE YELLOW PHASE**

Philadelphia will postpone the transition to the green phase of reopening until early August. Therefore, we will keep the same precautions of the YELLOW PHASE to limit the spread of COVID-19. Please read carefully the following requirements. If we don't comply with these requirements, we will lose the privilege of being able to celebrate Divine Liturgy with your presence.

Similar to the CDC Guidelines for houses of worship, the guidance from commonwealth of Pennsylvania makes some exceptions for houses of worship:

*“Churches, synagogues, temples, mosques and other places of congregate worship are specifically excluded from the limitations established by this Guidance (cf. the June 1, 2020 document found on the website of the Pennsylvania Department of Health) these instructions are strongly encouraged to institute social distancing and other mitigation measures like masking at their gathering.”*

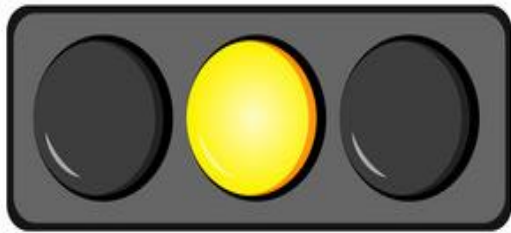
- The faithful continue to be dispensed by Bishop Gregory from the obligation to attend Divine Liturgy on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation until further notice.
- Those who are sick or compromised due to health conditions are still asked not to come to church.
- We will continue to Live Stream Divine Liturgies on Facebook and YouTube.
- Divine Liturgies will still 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 will be able to accommodate **50 parishioners** at each Liturgy.

- Parishioners wishing to attend Divine Liturgy will be able to **SIGN UP** through the parish website: [www.saintmaron.org](http://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.
- **EVERYONE** (except those 2 years of age and younger) attending is to **WEAR A FACE MASK** throughout the celebration of Divine Liturgy. The face covering or mask should be only removed for the reception of Holy Communion. The faithful may remove their face covering or mask only after they have left the church hall.
- **SIX FEET** distance between individuals is the norm for social distancing.
- 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.
- Holy water fonts will remain empty.
- Doors will be kept open before and after Liturgy.
- There will be **NO SOCIAL HOUR** after Divine Liturgy and no coffee will be offered.
- 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.
- Only the single bathroom at the entrance of the hall will be open;

this is a unisex bathroom. All others will be closed.

- All areas of the church hall will be sanitized routinely, according to the guidelines for sanitation provided by the CDC for houses of worship.
- 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.
- Priests and deacons are not expected to wear masks or gloves.
- **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.
- 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.
- 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 sign of the peace will be without contact throughout the church.
- The collection baskets will be placed at the entrance of the hall where parishioners can place their offerings before or after Liturgy.



## WELCOME BACK!

Hopefully soon we will turn to the Green Phase

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### First Reading

1 Corinthians 12:12-13, 27-30

**A reading from the first letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians. Your blessing father...**

Brothers and Sisters:

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body Jews or Greeks, slaves or free and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret?

**Praise be to God always.**

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الأولى إلى أهل قورنتس

يا إخواني، كما أنّ الجسد هو واحد، وله أعضاء كثيرة، وأعضاء الجسد كلها، مع أنّها كثيرة، هي جسد واحد، كذلك المسيح أيضاً. فنحن جميعاً، يهوداً ويونانيين، عبيداً وأحراراً، قد تعمّدنا في روح واحد لنكون جسداً واحداً، وسقينا جميعاً روحاً واحداً. فأنتم جسد المسيح، وأعضاء فيه، كل واحد كما قسم له. فقد وضع الله في الكنيسة الرسل أولاً، والأنبياء ثانياً، والمعلمين ثالثاً، ثم الأعمال القديرة، ثم مواهب الشفاء، وإعانة الآخرين، وحسن التدبير، وأنواع الألسن. ألعّل الجميع رسل؟ ألعّل الجميع أنبياء؟ ألعّل الجميع معلمون؟ ألعّل الجميع صانعوا أعمال قديرة؟ ألعّل للجميع مواهب الشفاء؟ ألعّل الجميع يتكلمون بالألسن؟ ألعّل الجميع يترجمون الألسن؟

والتسبيح لله دائماً.

## Gospel Reading

### Saint Matthew 10:16-25

#### The Apostle Writes:

‘See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes. ‘A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! **This is the truth. Peace be with you.**

#### مِنْ إِنْجِيلِ الْقَدِيسِ مَتَّى

قَالَ الرَّبُّ يَسُوعُ لِتَلَامِيذِهِ: «هَا أَنَا أُرْسِلُكُمْ كَالخِرَافِ بَيْنَ الذِّئَابِ. فَكُونُوا حُكَمَاءَ كَالْحَيَّاتِ، وَوَدَعَاءَ كَالْحَمَا. إِحْذَرُوا النَّاسَ! فَإِنَّهُمْ سَيُسَلِّمُونَكُمْ إِلَى الْمَجَالِسِ، وَفِي مَجَامِعِهِمْ يَجْلِدُونَكُمْ. وَتُسَاقُونَ إِلَى الْوَلَاةِ وَالْمُلُوكِ مِنْ أَجْلِي، شَهَادَةً لَهُمْ وَلِلْأُمَّمِ. وَحِينَ يُسَلِّمُونَكُمْ، لَا تَهْتَمُّوا كَيْفَ أَوْ بِمَاذَا تَتَكَلَّمُونَ، فَإِنَّكُمْ سَتُعْطُونَ فِي تِلْكَ السَّاعَةِ مَا تَتَكَلَّمُونَ بِهِ. فَلَسْتُمْ أَنْتُمْ الْمُتَكَلِّمِينَ، بَلْ رُوحُ آبَائِكُمْ هُوَ الْمُتَكَلِّمُ فِيكُمْ. وَسَيُسَلِّمُ الْأَخُ أَخَاهُ إِلَى الْمَوْتِ، وَالْأَبُ ابْنَهُ، وَيَتَمَرَّدُ الْأَوْلَادُ عَلَى وَالِدِيهِمْ وَيَقْتُلُونَهُمْ. وَيُبْغِضُكُمْ جَمِيعُ النَّاسِ مِنْ أَجْلِ اسْمِي، وَمَنْ يَصْبِرْ إِلَى الْمُنْتَهَى يَخْلُصْ. وَإِذَا أَضْطَهَدُوكُمْ فِي هَذِهِ الْمَدِينَةِ، أُهْرَبُوا إِلَى غَيْرِهَا. فَالْحَقُّ أَقُولُ لَكُمْ: لَنْ تَبْلُغُوا آخِرَ مَدِينِ إِسْرَائِيلَ حَتَّى يَأْتِيَ ابْنُ الْإِنْسَانِ. لَيْسَ تَلْمِيزٌ أَفْضَلُ مِنْ مُعَلِّمِهِ، وَلَا عَبْدٌ مِنْ سَيِّدِهِ. حَسْبُ التَّلْمِيزِ أَنْ يَصِيرَ مِثْلَ مُعَلِّمِهِ، وَالْعَبْدُ مِثْلَ سَيِّدِهِ. فَإِنْ كَانَ سَيِّدُ الْبَيْتِ قَدْ سَمَّوْهُ بَعْلَ رَبُّوْلٍ، فَكُمْ بِالْأُخْرَى أَهْلُ بَيْتِهِ؟

حَقًّا وَالْأَمَانَ لْجَمِيعِكُمْ.