



Saint Maron

Maronite Catholic Church



July 25-26, 2020

NINTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

YOU ARE THE CHURCH THE CHURCH IS YOU

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because He anointed me."

The Apostle, or Christian, does not work by himself. He is always a submissive to the Holy Spirit, and he is also consecrated by God who "chose us first". "He who believes in me does not believe in me, but in the one who sent me. He who saw me saw who sent me." (John 12/44). And, it increases in the Gospel of John (5/30) "I cannot do anything from me, but rather judge what I hear and my judgment is just because I do not envisage my will, but the will of Him who sent me." And in verse 34 he says: "The Father who sent me will bear witness of me." "My food is to do my Father's will" (John 4:34).

The prophecy of Isaiah continues, explaining the message of Christ, and every Christian among us:

"I came:

To preach to the poor,

He sent me to announce to the captives their release

And the blind people can return their eyesight

And released from the oppressed
And he declared a year of contentment with the Lord."

The gospel message --- the good news, is not a message of intimidation and terror, but a message of salvation. God does not interfere in our life to curse us, not even to condemn us, but He interfere as a Redeemer and a Savior. The Holy Mother of Trazia of Calcutia says: "Every time I give / confess my sins to Christ, I give him the joy of my salvation." As human-beings, we have only our sins, because every "good gift in us is from God." Nevertheless, when we present our sins to God, with sincere repentance in the sacrament of confession, then it is pleased, and it becomes a feast in the sky, a joy in the angels of our salvation.

The Church's mission is to defend the poor.

Let's go for it and don't be afraid the Holy Spirit is with you just hear God's voice.

Fr. Samir

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 25, @ 6:00PM, liturgy is being offered for the souls of Helene and Dolores Delaney requested by Marlene Mockewich. May their souls rest in peace.

Sunday, July 26, @ 11:00AM, liturgy is being offered for the soul of Chiara Lombardi requested by Amalia Lombardi. May her soul rest in peace.

Saturday, August 1, @ 6:00PM, (Feast of St. Shmouni and her sons) liturgy is being offered for the soul of Peter Koway requested by Terri Koway. May his soul rest in peace.

Sunday, August 2, @ 11:00AM, liturgy is being offered for the souls of Elias, Badiia and Tanios Zeinoun requested by their family. May their souls rest in peace. Also, liturgy is offered for the soul of Msgr. Sharbel Lischaa requested by his family. May his soul rest in peace.

SECOND COLLECTION

As per the directive of the Eparchy of St. Maron of Brooklyn, this weekend, we will have a second collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign. We will add a second basket at the entrance of the hall for this collection. Thank you for your generosity!

"REMEMBER ME IN YOUR KINGDOM"

The First Tuesday of each 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. May their souls rest in peace.

SPECIAL FUNDRAISER MEETING

As you all know, this year we are not able to have our festival and specially now after Mayor Kenney cancelled all large events on public property for six months due to COVID-19 concerns. The festival is our biggest event where all the parishioners work together to make it a success socially and financially. This year we have to be creative and positive.

For that reason, we are looking into having a "September Special Fundraiser", it will be a 3-days take out of food and dessert. People will be able to pre-order online prior to pick up. To make this event a success we will need your assistance. Every person who is willing to help us in organizing and preparing for this event is invited to join us on **Monday, July 27, 2020 at 7:00PM** in the Church Hall to discuss all the details. During this meeting we will respect social distancing and everybody is asked to wear a mask. **Please let us know if you are willing to attend.**

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 July 18-19, 2020

Collection	\$ 1,751.00
Donation	\$ 300.00
Online (7/14-7/23)	\$ 1,360.00
Fundraiser Sales	\$ 2,000.00
Total:	\$ 5,411.00

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.

RAFFLE 2020

This year, St. Maron Church of Philadelphia is holding a RAFFLE. Your support for the St. Maron Church **RAFFLE 2020** will provide you with the opportunity to win up to \$10,000! Join forces with your family, neighbors and co-workers for a chance to win! Your donation will help support St. Maron Church of Philadelphia, PA.

The ticket donation is \$50.00 per ticket. Only 500 tickets will be printed. Winners need not be present to win.

Total of Six (6) PRIZES:

- One (1) GRAND PRIZE: \$10,000 (or 20% of total tickets sold)
- Five (5) Prizes: \$500 (or 2% of total tickets sold)

The St. Maron Church **RAFFLE 2020** DRAWING will be held on Sunday, September 20, 2020 at 5:00pm EDT via Livestream on Facebook at the Msgr. Sharbel Lischaa Community Center.


Your **RAFFLE 2020** ticket donation may be processed online by credit card or by mailing a check. We will send your

RAFFLE 2020 Ticket upon receipt of payment.

- **Pay by Credit Card:** Go to the Parish Website www.saintmaron.org
- **Pay by Check:** Complete the form at the bottom of the enclosed **RAFFLE 2020 FLYER** and return in the enclosed envelope. Please make

your check payable to St. Maron Church.

If you have any questions, please call Debra Mosier and Terri Koway at 607-654-8866; or go to the Parish website at www.saintmaron.org. Your continued generosity and friendship to St. Maron Church is greatly appreciated.

	
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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."

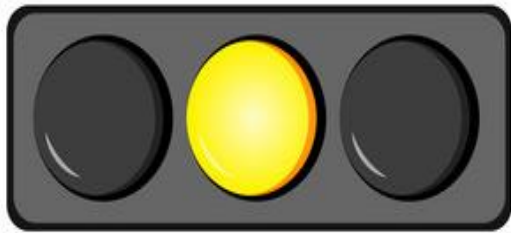
- The faithful continue to be dispensed by Bishop Gregory from the obligation to attend Divine Liturgy on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation until further notice.
- Those who are sick or compromised due to health conditions are still asked not to come to church.
- We will continue to Live Stream Divine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

2 Corinthians 5:20-21, 6:1-10

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

Brothers and Sisters:

We are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, 'At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.' See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

Praise be to God always.

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الثانية إلى أهل قورنثس

يا إِخْوَتِي، نَحْنُ سَفَرَاءُ الْمَسِيحِ، وَكَأَنَّ اللَّهَ نَفْسَهُ يَدْعُوكُمْ بِوَاسِطَتِنَا. فَتَسْأَلُكُمْ بِاسْمِ الْمَسِيحِ: تَصَالَحُوا مَعَ اللَّهِ! إِنَّ الَّذِي مَا عَرَفَ الْخَطِيئَةَ، جَعَلَهُ اللَّهُ خَطِيئَةً مِنْ أَجْلِنَا، لِنَصِيرَ نَحْنُ فِيهِ بَرَّ اللَّهِ. وَبِمَا أَنَّنَا مُعَاوِنُونَ لِلَّهِ، نُنَاشِدُكُمْ أَلَّا يَكُونَ قَبُولُكُمْ لِنِعْمَةِ اللَّهِ بِغَيْرِ فَائِدَةٍ؛ لِأَنَّهُ يَقُولُ: «فِي وَقْتِ الرِّضَى اسْتَجَبْتُكَ، وَفِي يَوْمِ الْخَلَاصِ أَعْنْتُكَ». فَهَا هُوَ الْآنَ وَقْتُ الرِّضَى، وَهَا هُوَ الْآنَ يَوْمُ الْخَلَاصِ. فَإِنَّا لَا نَجْعَلُ لِأَحَدٍ سَبَبَ زَلَّةٍ، لِنَلَّا يَلْحَقَ خِدْمَتَنَا أَيُّ لَوْمٍ. بَلْ نُظْهِرُ أَنْفُسَنَا فِي كُلِّ شَيْءٍ أَنَّنَا خُدَّامُ اللَّهِ، بِثَبَاتِنَا الْعَظِيمِ فِي الصِّيقَاتِ وَالشَّدَائِدِ وَالْمَشَقَّاتِ، فِي الضَّرَبَاتِ، وَالسُّجُونِ، وَالْفِتَنِ، وَالتَّعَبِ، وَالسَّهَرِ، وَالصَّوْمِ، وَبِالنَّزَاهَةِ، وَالْمَعْرِفَةِ، وَالْأَنَاءِ، وَاللُّطْفِ، وَالرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ، وَالْمَحَبَّةِ بِلا رِيَاءٍ، فِي كَلِمَةِ الْحَقِّ، وَقُوَّةِ اللَّهِ، بِسِلَاحِ الْبِرِّ فِي الْيَدَيْنِ الْيُمْنَى وَالْيُسْرَى، فِي الْمَجْدِ وَالْهَوَانِ، بِالصِّيتِ الرَّدِيِّ وَالصِّيتِ الْحَسَنِ. نُحْسَبُ كَأَنَّنَا مُضِلُّونَ وَنَحْنُ صَادِقُونَ! كَأَنَّنَا مَجْهُولُونَ وَنَحْنُ مَعْرُوفُونَ! كَأَنَّنَا مَائُتُونَ وَهَا نَحْنُ أَحْيَاءُ! كَأَنَّنَا مُعَاقِبُونَ وَنَحْنُ لَا نَمُوتُ! كَأَنَّنَا مَحْزُونُونَ وَنَحْنُ دَائِمًا فَرِحُونَ! كَأَنَّنَا فَقَرَاءُ وَنَحْنُ نُغْنِي الْكَثِيرِينَ! كَأَنَّنَا لَا شَيْءَ عِنْدَنَا، وَنَحْنُ نَمْلِكُ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ! وَالتَّسْبِيحُ لِلَّهِ دَائِمًا.

Gospel Reading

Saint Luke 4:14-21

The Apostle Writes:

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.' And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

مِنْ إِنْجِيلِ الْقَدِّيسِ لَوْقَا

عَادَ يَسُوعُ بِقُوَّةِ الرُّوحِ إِلَى الْجَلِيلِ، وَذَاعَ خَبْرُهُ فِي كُلِّ الْجَوَارِ. وَكَانَ يُعَلِّمُ فِي مَجَامِعِهِمْ، وَالْجَمِيعُ يُمَجِّدُونَهُ. وَجَاءَ يَسُوعُ إِلَى النَّاصِرَةِ، حَيْثُ نَشَأَ، وَدَخَلَ إِلَى الْمَجْمَعِ كَعَادَتِهِ يَوْمَ السَّبْتِ، وَقَامَ لِيَقْرَأَ. وَدَفَعَ إِلَيْهِ كِتَابُ النَّبِيِّ أَشْعِيَا. وَفَتَحَ يَسُوعُ الْكِتَابَ، فَوَجَدَ الْمَوْضِعَ الْمَكْتُوبَ فِيهِ: «رُوحُ الرَّبِّ عَلَيَّ، وَلِهَذَا مَسَحَنِي لِأُبَشِّرَ الْمَسَاكِينَ، وَأَرْسَلَنِي لِأُنَادِيَ بِإِطْلَاقِ الْأَسْرَى وَعَوْدَةِ الْبَصَرِ إِلَى الْعُمَيَّانِ، وَأُطْلِقَ الْمَقْهُورِينَ أَحْرَارًا، وَأُنَادِيَ بِسَنَةِ مَقْبُولَةٍ لَدَى الرَّبِّ». ثُمَّ طَوَى الْكِتَابَ، وَأَعَادَهُ إِلَى الْخَادِمِ، وَجَلَسَ. وَكَانَتْ عُيُونُ جَمِيعِ الَّذِينَ فِي الْمَجْمَعِ شَاخِصَةً إِلَيْهِ. فَبَدَأَ يَقُولُ لَهُمْ: «الْيَوْمَ تَمَّتْ هَذِهِ الْكِتَابَةُ الَّتِي تُلَيِّتُ عَلَى مَسَامِعِكُمْ».

حَقًّا وَالْأَمَانُ لَكُمْ جَمِيعًا.