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Maronite Catholic Church



August 1-2, 2020

ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

“Lebanon is more than a
country

It is a message to the world”
(St. Pope John Paul II)

Saint Maron Church

1013 Ellsworth Street, Philadelphia, PA 19147

Day of the Phoenix

Monday, August 10, 2020

6:00PM

(24 hours Vigil)



Join us in prayers
honoring

the victims of the Beirut Explosion



Bring a candle and a rose for their souls

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, August 8, @ 6:00PM, (Feast of St. Dominic and pope St. Sixtus II) liturgy is being offered for the soul Alex Bonavitocola requested by Yasmine Alice. May his soul rest in peace.

Sunday, August 9, @ 11:00AM, (Feast of St. Matthias) liturgy is being offered for the soul of Ghassan Abboud requested by Ziad Labbad and family. May his soul rest in peace.

Thursday, August 13, @ 6:00PM,

Friday, August 14, @ 6:00PM, Feast of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary

Saturday, August 15, @ 6:00PM, liturgy is being offered for the soul of Fidelia Tavani requested by her daughters. May her soul rest in peace.

Sunday, August 16, @ 11:00AM,

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.



FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY

For the celebration of the feast of the assumption, we will have Divine Liturgies on **August 13, 14 and 15 at 6:00PM.** Please mark your calendars and join us in prayers honoring the Virgin Mary the Mother of God.

“REMEMBER ME IN YOUR KINGDOM”

The First Tuesday of every 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.

WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR August 1-2, 2020

Collection	\$	495.00
Donations	\$	900.00
Online (7/31-8/5)	\$	160.00
Total:	\$	1,555.00

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.

“Everyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but the one who blasphemes against the holy Spirit will not be forgiven. When they take you before synagogues and before rulers and authorities, do not worry about how or what your defense will be or about what you are to say. For the holy Spirit will teach you at that moment what you should say.”

Luke 12:10-12

Jesus is teaching us a very important truth of who we are as Christians; that is the new life we are given in Christ (Baptism), by the Father, is lived in the power of the Father’s Holy Spirit (Chrismation/Confirmation). If we reject this gift of the Father’s Spirit, if we blaspheme the Spirit, if we ignore the Spirit, we no longer have this “new life” active within us, this is why it unforgivable; in truth we condemn ourselves.

If we live in the Spirit we have nothing to fear, as we proclaim Christ to the world and face all obstacles, the Holy Spirit “will teach you at that moment what you should say.”

This passage so beautifully proclaims to us our Trinitarian Faith, and how we are wrapped into the divine life of God through the power of the Holy Spirit.

“A person who governs their passions is master of their world. We must either command them or be enslaved by them. It is better to be a hammer than an anvil.”

St. Dominic

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The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

Psalm 92:12

Pray for the Peace of Lebanon!

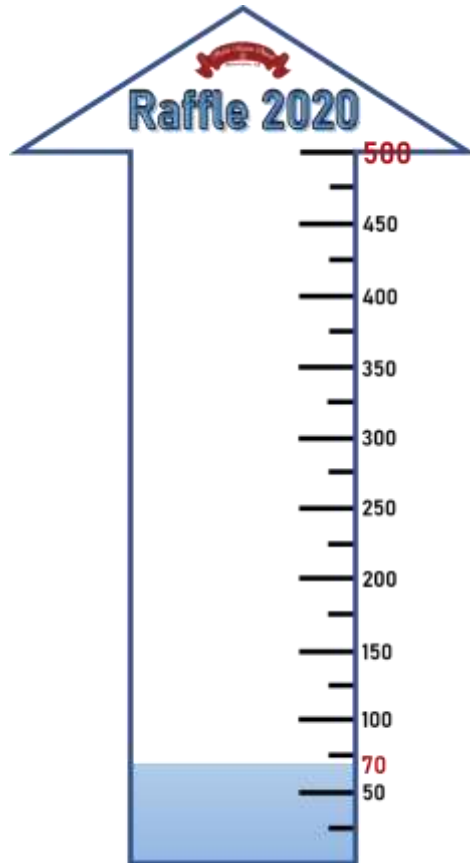
RAFFLE 2020

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)



Tickets Sales Tracker

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.

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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 congregated 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.”

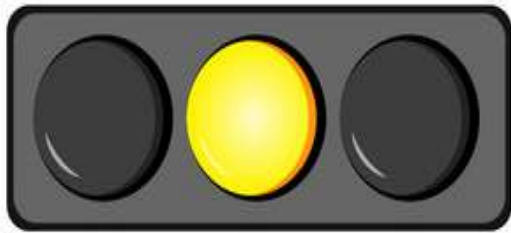
- The faithful continue to be dispensed by Bishop Gregory from the obligation to attend Divine Liturgy on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation until further notice.
- Those who are sick or compromised due to health conditions are still asked not to come to church.
- We will continue to Live Stream Divine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



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Hopefully soon we will turn to the Green Phase

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August 8-9, 2020

First Reading

Ephesians 2:17-22

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

Brothers and Sisters:

Jesus came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

Praise be to God always.

فصل من سالة القديس بولس إلى أهل أفسس

يا إخواني، لَمَّا جَاءَ الْمَسِيحُ بِشَرِّكُمْ بِالسَّلَامِ أَنْتُمْ الْبَعِيدِينَ، وَبَشَّرَ بِالسَّلَامِ الْقَرِيبِينَ، لِأَنَّنا بِهِ نَلْنَا نَحْنُ
الْأَنْثِينَ فِي رُوحٍ وَاحِدٍ الْوُصُولَ إِلَى الْآبِ. إِذَا فَلَسْتُمْ بَعْدُ غُرَبَاءَ وَلَا نُزَلَاءَ، بَلْ أَنْتُمْ أَهْلُ مَدِينَةِ الْقَدِيسِينَ وَأَهْلُ
بَيْتِ اللَّهِ، بُنِيْتُمْ عَلَى آسَاسِ الرُّسُلِ وَالْأَنْبِيَاءِ، وَالْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ نَفْسُهُ هُوَ حَجَرُ الزَّائِيَةِ. فِيهِ يَتِمَّاسُكُ الْبِنَاءُ كُلُّهُ،
فَيَرْتَفِعُ هَيْكَلًا مُقَدَّسًا فِي الرَّبِّ، وَفِيهِ أَنْتُمْ أَيْضًا تُبْنَوْنَ مَعًا مَسْكِنًا لِلَّهِ فِي الرُّوحِ.
والتسبيح لله دائماً.

Gospel Reading

Saint Luke 19:1-10

The Apostle Writes:

He entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax-collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycomore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, 'Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today.' So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, 'He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.' Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, 'Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.' Then Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.'

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

مِنِ اِنْجِيلِ الْقَدِيسِ لُوْقَا

خَلَّ يَسُوعُ اَرِيْحَا وَبَدَأَ يَجْتَازُهَا، وَاِذَا رَجُلٌ اَسْمُهُ زَكَا، كَانَ رَئِيسًا لِلْعَشَارِيْنَ وَغَنِيًّا. وَكَانَ يَسْعَى لِيَرَى مَنْ هُوَ يَسُوعُ، فَلَمْ يَقْدِرْ بِسَبَبِ الْجَمْعِ لِأَنَّهُ كَانَ قَصِيْرَ الْقَامَةِ. فَتَقَدَّمَ مُسْرِعًا وَتَسَلَّقَ جُمَيْزَةً لِكِي يَرَاهُ، لِأَنَّ يَسُوعَ كَانَ مُزْمِعًا أَنْ يَمُرَّ بِهَا. وَلَمَّا وَصَلَ يَسُوعُ إِلَى الْمَكَانِ، رَفَعَ نَظْرَهُ إِلَيْهِ وَقَالَ لَهُ: "يَا زَكَا، اَسْرِعْ وَاَنْزِلْ، فَعَلَيَّ أَنْ أُقِيمَ الْيَوْمَ فِي بَيْتِكَ". فَاسْرَعَ وَنَزَلَ وَأَسْتَقْبَلَهُ فِي بَيْتِهِ مَسْرُورًا. وَرَأَى الْجَمِيعُ ذَلِكَ فَأَخَذُوا يَتَذَمَّرُونَ قَائِلِينَ: "دَخَلَ لِيَبِيْتِ عِنْدَ رَجُلٍ خَاطِئٍ". أَمَّا زَكَا فَوَقَّفَ وَقَالَ لِلرَّبِّ: "يَا رَبِّ، هَا أَنَا أُعْطِي نِصْفَ مُقْتَنِيَاتِي لِلْفُقَرَاءِ، وَإِنْ كُنْتُ قَدْ ظَلَمْتُ أَحَدًا بِشَيْءٍ، فَإِنِّي أَرُدُّ لَهُ أَرْبَعَةَ أَضْعَافٍ". فَقَالَ لَهُ يَسُوعُ: "الْيَوْمَ صَارَ الْخَلَاصُ لِهَذَا الْبَيْتِ، لِأَنَّ هَذَا الرَّجُلَ هُوَ أَيْضًا ابْنٌ لِإِبْرَاهِيمَ. فَإِنَّ ابْنَ الْإِنْسَانِ جَاءَ لِيَبْحَثَ عَنِ الضَّالِّينَ وَيُخَلِّصَهُ".
حَقًّا وَالْأَمَانُ لِكَمِيْعِكُمْ.