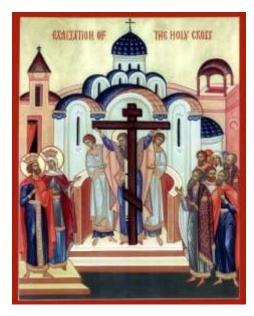


Saint Maron Maronite Catholic Church



September 12-13, 2020

EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS



TOGETHER WE CAN DO IT

My family, the parishioners of the blessed Maron parish in Philadelphia, and our respected friends. A small word of thank you for the merit you have for your church. I am addressing you today, to express my respect and love for each one of you for always being at the side of your church, supporting it with all its activities. The life of the parish is one of your blessed gifts.

The parish has always relied on you; how couldn't that be, while you are the living stones of this church? Today we have some challenges, and together we can

overcome them. First, the success of the Raffle 2020 sale campaign, which is everyone's responsibility and everyone's participation. Second, three days of Take-Out food instead of the annual festival. Third, the damage that has arisen in the airconditioner of the church, which we must all help to replace as soon as possible, so that the church will be ready to receive everybody for all the occasions.

Finally, we must prepare for the reception of the new priest appointed by Bishop Gregory Mansour to serve you, Father Andrewos (Fadi). Fr. Samir

Divine Liturgies will be in the Church.

Seating is limited to 50 people.

Please "SignUp" before attending.

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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, September 12, @ 6:00PM, liturgy is offered for the souls of Isabel and Pat Iocco requested by Terri Koway. May their souls rest in peace.

Sunday, September 13, @ 9:00AM, (Exaltation of the Holy Cross) Sunday, September 13, @ 11:00AM, FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Saturday, September 19, @ 6:00PM, liturgy is being offered for the soul of Sandy Steinhillber requested by her family. May her soul rest in peace.

Sunday, September 20, @ 11:00AM,

TAKE-OUT WEEKEND SCHEDULE

In preparation for the Take-Out weekend we put the following schedule. Anyone who is willing to give us a hand, please contact the Church office at 215-389-2000 or office@saintmaron.org.

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. May their souls rest in peace.

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 vour generosity and thank you for your continuous support during these challenging times.

WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR

September 5-6, 2020		
Collection	\$	2,049.00
Coffee Hour	\$	22.00
Online (9/1-9/8)	\$	60.00
Total:	\$	2,131.00

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 DiBernardo, Jr., Linda 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.

Take-Out Weekend Schedule

Date	Preparation	
Wednesday, September 9	Spinach Pies	
Thursday, September 10	Kibbi balls	
Friday, September 11	Maamoul and Cookies	
Monday, September 14	Kafta	
Monday, September 14	Set Up of the Hall	
Wednesday, September 16	General preparation	
Thursday, September 17	General preparation	

Blessed First Holy Communion

On this blessed Sunday, September 13, 2020 Our Lord Jesus will come to make His home in the hearts of:

Sara Abi Rached

Joyce Dabbour

Christina Dawlabani

Chris Haifa

Nicole Sawan

Frank Simon

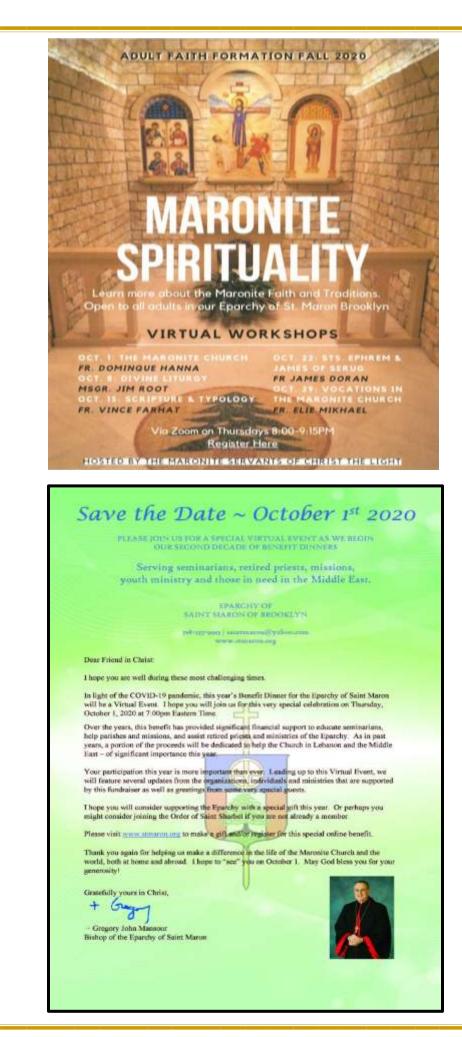
May the Joy and Peace of Jesus Christ be with you today and always!

ORDER OF SAINT SHARBEL

This year, October 11 is designated as "Order of Saint Sharbel Sunday" in our Eparchy. On October 11, all Maronite parishes will be promoting the Order. The Order of Saint Sharbel is vitally important in providing financial and spiritual support for our seminarians, who are crucial for the future of our Maronite Church. This year we have four men studying in Washington and in Lebanon for two our Eparchy. Please prayerfully consider joining the Order. You enroll online may at www.orderstsharbel.org or ask Father for more information.

MYO VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS

Seeking to deepen your faith and Spirituality? Register for our Fall Virtual Workshops which will be offered in the month of October via Zoom. Click on link to register: <u>https://forms.gle/yfrs1b</u> <u>EZSoaxAKjt8</u>



TAKE-OUT WEEKEND

We are pleased to announce that Saint Maron Church will host a *Take-Out Weekend* on September 18-19-20 from 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. each day. That's right, each day, you, your friends, and your neighbors will be able to order lunch and dinner for pick-up from St. Maron's to enjoy at your homes!

However, organizing such a weekend requires a variety of resources. We don't have to remind you that these are challenging times. As а parishioner and friend of St. Maron's you probably already know that the net profits from the Annual Festival, usually held in June, is a big financial support for our parish. Unfortunately, the COVID19 pandemic made it impossible for us to hold the Annual Festival and we are faced diminishing with financial resources as we enter the last half of the year.

We are working to make this event as convenient as possible for everybody, and we will have several ways available for you to place your orders. On September 1st, you could start placing your orders for pick-ups during the *Take-Out Weekend*, or you could place your order the same day you would like it. Here are several options available for you to place your order:

• Go to our website: <u>saint-maron-catholic-</u> <u>church.square.site</u>

place your order and specify the pick-up time.

• Call the office at 215-389-2000 or email at office@saintmaron.org and we will assist you with your orders.

• Just walk-in and place your order in person any day that weekend during the specified hours.

In addition to ordering food, you may help us make this unique *Take-Out Weekend* a success to help St. Maron Church by being one of our sponsors. A Virtual Banner Sponsorship will be posted on our Church website, our Facebook page and on our Instagram page. These sponsorships will be posted for the entire month of September. You will find a Sponsorship Form on our website. Please take a moment to check it out, and if you are willing to be one of our sponsors, complete the form and then return it to the Church office along with the payment.

Thank you for your support in celebrating and preserving our rich Maronite heritage, and the continued operation of St. Maron Church. May God shower you and your family with blessings, good health, and happiness.



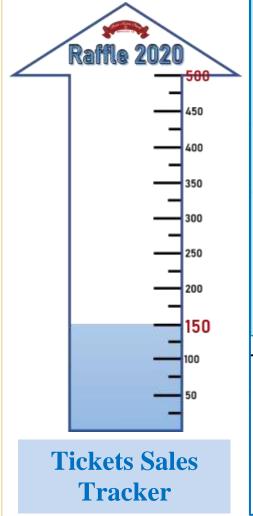
RAFFLE 2020

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 if \$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.

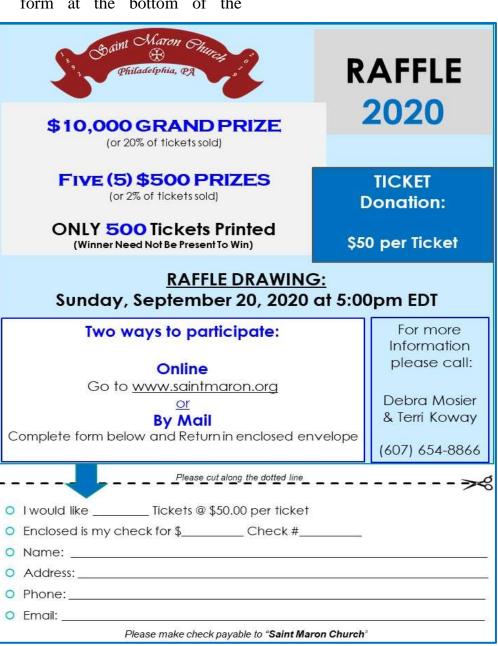
Your **RAFFLE 2020** ticket donation may be processed online by credit card or by mailing a check. We will send your **RAFFLE 2020** Ticket upon receipt of payment.

- 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.



DIVINE LITURGY DURING THE <mark>YELLOW PHASE</mark>

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 of the Pennsylvania website of Health) Department these instructions strongly are 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: <u>www.saintmaron.org</u> or through the link the following link: <u>https://www.signupgenius.com/go</u> /9040548A9A822A3FD0-<u>stmaron</u>. 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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First Reading Romans 8:18-27

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

Brothers and Sisters:

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Praise be to God always.

فصل من رسالة القدّيس بولس إلى أهل رومة يا إخوَتِي : إِنِّي أَحْسَبُ أَنَّ آلامَ الوَقْتِ الحَاضِرِ لا تُوَازِي المَجْدَ الَّذي سَوْفَ يتَجَلّى فينَا. فإنّ الخَليقَةَ تَتْتَظِرُ بِفَارِغِ الصَّبْرِ تَجَلِّيَ أَبْنَاءِ الله؛ لأَنَّ الخَليقَةَ أُخْضِعَتْ لِلبَاطِل، لا طَوْعًا، بَل «بِسُلْطَانِ اللهِ الَّذي أَخْضَعَهَا»، ولكِنْ عَلى رَجَاءِ أَنَّ الخَليقَةَ نَفْسَهَا سَتُحَرَّرُ هِيَ أَيْضًا مِنْ عُبُودِيَّةِ الفَسَادِ إلى حُرّيةِ مَجْدِ أَوْلادِ الله. ونَحْنُ نَعْلَمُ أَنَّ الخَليقَةَ كُلَّهَا مَعًا تَئِنُّ وتَتَمَخَّضُ إلى الآن. ولكِنْ لا هيَ فَحَسْب، بَلْ نَحْنُ أَيْضًا الَّذينَ لَنَا بَاكُورَةُ الرُوح، نَحْنُ أَيْضًا نَئِنٌ في أَنْفُسِنَا، مُنْتَظِرِينَ التَّبَنِيَ أَيْ فِدَاءَ جَسَدِنَا. فإنَّنَا بالرَّجَاءِ خُلِّصْنَا. والرَّجَاءُ الَّذي يُرَى لَيْسَ رَجَاء. فهَلْ يَرْجُو أَحَدٌ مَا يَرَاه؟ أَمَّا إذَا كُنَّا نَرْجُو مَا لا نَرَاه، فَبالصّبر نَنْتَظِرُهُ. وهكذا فَٱلرُوحُ نَفْسُهُ يَعْضُدُنَا في ضُعْفِنَا، لأَنَّنَا لا نَعْرِفُ أَنْ نُصَلِّيَ كَمَا يَنْبَغِي، لكِنَّ الرُّوحَ نَفْسَهُ يَشْفَعُ لَنَا بأَنَّاتِ لا تُوصَف. والَّذي يَفَحَصُ الْقُلُوبَ يَعْرِفُ رَغْبَةَ الرُّوح، وهِيَ أَنَّهُ يَشْفَعُ لِلِقِدِّيسِينَ بِمَا يُوَافِقُ مَشِيئَةَ الله. والتسبيح لله دائمًا.

Gospel Reading Saint Luke 18:9-14

The Apostle Writes:

Jesus also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: 'Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, "God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income." But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.'

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

مِنْ إِنْجِيلِ القِدِيسِ لوقا قالَ الربُ يَسوعُ هذا المَثَلَ لأُنَاسٍ يَثِقُونَ في أَنْفُسِهِم أَنَّهُم أَبْرَار، وَيَحْقَرُونَ الآخرين: "رَجُلانِ صَعِدَا إلى الهَيْكَلِ لِيُصَلِّيَا، أَحَدُهُما فَرِيسيٌّ وَالآخَرُ عَشَار. فَوَقَفَ الفَرِيسِيُ يُصَلِّي في نَفْسِهِ وَيَقُول: أَلَلَهُمَ، أَشْكُرُكَ لأَنِي لَسْتُ كَبَاقِي النَّاسِ الطَّمَّاعِينَ الظَّالِمِينَ الزُنَاة، وَلا كَهذَا العَشَّار. إِنِي أَصُومُ مَرَّتَينِ في الأُسْبُوع، وَأُوََدِي العُشْرَ عَنْ كُلِّ مَا أَقْتَنِي. أَمَّا العَشَّارُ فَوَقَفَ بَعِيدًا وَهُوَ لا يُرِيدُ حَتَّى أَنْ يَرْفَعَ عَيْنَيْهِ إلى السَّمَاء، بَلْ كانَ يَقْرَعُ صَدْرَهُ قَائِلاً: أَللَّهُمَ، إصْفَحْ عَنِي أَنَا الحَقَارُ فَوَقَفَ بَعِيدًا وَهُوَ لا يُرِيدُ حَتَّى أَنْ يَرْفَعَ عَيْنَيْهِ إلى السَّمَاء، بَلْ كانَ يَقْرَعُ صَدْرَهُ قَائِلاً: أَللَهُمَ، إصْفَحْ عَنِي أَنَا الحَاطِئِ! أَقُولُ لَكُم إِنَّ هذَا نَزَلَ إِلَى بَيْتِهِ مُعَرَّرًا، أَمَّا ذاكَ فَلا! لأَنَّ يَقْرَعُ صَدْرَهُ قَائِلاً: أَللَّهُمَ، إصْفَحْ عَنِي أَنَا الحَاطِئِ! أَقُولُ لَكُم إِنَّ هذَا نَزَلَ إِلَى بَيْتِهِ مُعَرَّرًا، أَمَّا ذاكَ فَلا! لأَنَ كُلَّ مَنْ يَرْفَعُ نَفْسَهُ يُوَاضَع، وَمَنْ يُواضِعُ نَفْسَهُ يُوَاضَع، وَمَنْ يَرْفَع عَيْنَيْهِ إلى السَّمَاء، بَدُ كُلًا مَنْ