



Saint Maron

Maronite Catholic Church



September 26-27, 2020

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER HOLY CROSS



“ May Your Faith in God,
Bring Peace to Your Hearth &
New Hope in Your Live.
May God Always Bless You! ”

MY FAMILY IN PHILADELPHIA

"God created the world with a wonderful variety of flowers of all colors. Each flower has its own unique beauty".

Each one of us is also beautiful in God's eyes and he loves our differences. This makes us feel the need to say to God: Thank you! Thank you for the gift of life! for all creations! Thank you for our families!

From my heart and soul, a greeting of love and appreciation to the parishioners and friends of the blessed miraculous Saint Maron church.

Yes, while I fully believe, let me say miraculous, because what I experienced in this short period of time and in these very sensitive and difficult circumstances, made me experience more of God's love and work through mankind. Long story short, and from the bottom of my heart, I want to say, thank you and I love you all. You have a special place in my heart, and I am proud that I have been with you in your parish and you are my family in Philadelphia.

I love you all! May the Lord bless and protect you always and forever.

Fr. Samir Chebli

Divine Liturgies
will be in the
Church.

Seating is limited
to 50 people.

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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 26, @ 6:00PM,

Sunday, September 27, @ 11:00AM, (Feast of St. Vincent de Paul) liturgy is offered for the soul of Robert Cherfane requested by Fadi Cherfane and Family

Saturday, October 3, @ 6:00PM (Feast of St. Mother Theodore Guerin),

Sunday, October 4, @ 11:00AM (Feast of St. Francis of Assisi), liturgy is being offered for the soul of Rose koury requested by her family. May her soul rest in peace.

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The sanctuary candle is burning for a special intention.

SECOND COLLECTION

As per the directive of the Eparchy of St. Maron of Brooklyn, **this weekend, September 26-27,** we will have a second collection for the Holy Father. the entire collection is sent to the Holy Father for him to assist with emergency financial assistance to aid the most needy throughout the world. Thank you for your generosity!

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.

HVAC INSTALLED

Your generosity made the replacement of the Church's HVAC possible. We were able to raise the matching grant and have the total expenses covered. Thank you for always being loyal to Saint Maron Church your second home.

TAKE-OUT WEEKEND

A big thank you to everyone who made the Take-Out Weekend so successful. Thank you to every volunteer, your presence was greatly appreciated and thank you to all our sponsors, the ones who donated supplies and the ones who offered financial assistance. Everybody's effort helped raising more than \$14,000 to help sustain the Church. When we work together in love and unity, we can accomplish wonders.

RAFFLE 2020

We would like to thank all the people who made our RAFFLE 2020 a success specially Terri Koway and Deb Mosier. Your efforts helped the parish raise more than \$8,000. May God bless you always.

THANK YOU

Thank you for everyone who donated to the Church this past week. 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. Thank you for your continuous support during these challenging times.

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.

WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR September 19-20, 2020

Collection	\$ 217.00
Donations	\$ 100.00
HVAC Donations	\$ 6,200.00
HVAC Matching	\$ 7,000.00
Online (9/15-9/21)	\$ 960.00
Total:	\$ 14,477.00

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 two in Lebanon for our Eparchy. Please prayerfully consider joining the Order. You may enroll online 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: <https://forms.gle/yfrs1bEZSoaxAKjt8>

ADULT FAITH FORMATION FALL 2020

MARONITE SPIRITUALITY

Learn more about the Maronite Faith and Traditions. Open to all adults in your Eparchy of St. Maron Brooklyn.

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OCT 1 THE MARONITE CHURCH FR. DOMINIQUE HANNA	OCT 22 ST. EPHREM & JAMES OF SERUG FR. JAMES DORAN
OCT 8 DIVINE LITURGY MSGR. JIM ROOT	OCT 23 VOCATIONS IN THE MARONITE CHURCH FR. ELIE MIKHAEL
OCT 15 SCRIPTURE & TYPOLOGY FR. VINCE FARNAT	

Via Zoom on Thursdays 8:00-9:00PM
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TO SUPPORT THE EDUCATION OF MARONITE SEMINARIANS AND HELP BUILD THE FUTURE OF THE MARONITE CHURCH

Meet this year's Seminarians for the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn



JOIN THE ORDER OF SAINT SHARBEL TODAY

Enroll online at www.orderstsharbel.org or in your Parish.

For more information about the Order, contact the Order of Saint Sharbel

Vice President, Charlene Hiffa at mchiffa@bellsouth.net or ask your Parish Priest.

If you are interested in becoming a Priest, Religious Sister, or Deacon, contact Vocations Director

Father Dominique Hanna at (718) 624-7228 or cathrectory@verizon.net.

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Dear Friend in Christ:

I hope you are well during these most challenging times.

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, this year's Benefit Dinner for the Eparchy of Saint Maron will be a Virtual Event. I hope you will join us for this very special celebration on Thursday, October 1, 2020 at 7:00pm Eastern Time.

Over the years, this benefit has provided significant financial support to educate seminarians, help parishes and missions, and assist retired priests and ministries of the Eparchy. As in past years, a portion of the proceeds will be dedicated to help the Church in Lebanon and the Middle East – of significant importance this year.

Your participation this year is more important than ever. Leading up to this Virtual Event, we will feature several updates from the organizations, individuals and ministries that are supported by this fundraiser as well as greetings from some very special guests.

I hope you will consider supporting the Eparchy with a special gift this year. Or perhaps you might consider joining the Order of Saint Sharbel if you are not already a member.

Please visit www.stmaron.org to make a gift and/or register for this special online benefit.

Thank you again for helping us make a difference in the life of the Maronite Church and the world, both at home and abroad. I hope to “see” you on October 1. May God bless you for your generosity!

Gratefully yours in Christ,

+ Gregory

— Gregory John Mansour
Bishop of the Eparchy of Saint Maron



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.”

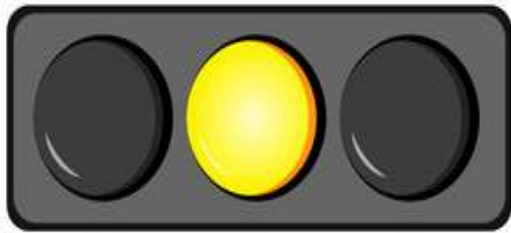
- The faithful continue to be dispensed by Bishop Gregory from the obligation to attend Divine Liturgy on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation until further notice.
- Those who are sick or compromised due to health conditions are still asked not to come to church.
- We will continue to Live Stream Divine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

Corinthians 15:19-34

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

Brothers and Sisters:

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. For 'God has put all things in subjection under his feet.' But when it says, 'All things are put in subjection', it is plain that this does not include the one who put all things in subjection under him. When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to the one who put all things in subjection under him, so that God may be all in all. Otherwise, what will those people do who receive baptism on behalf of the dead? If the dead are not raised at all, why are people baptized on their behalf? And why are we putting ourselves in danger every hour? I die every day! That is as certain, brothers and sisters, as my boasting of you a boast that I make in Christ Jesus our Lord. If with merely human hopes I fought with wild animals at Ephesus, what would I have gained by it? If the dead are not raised, 'Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.' Do not be deceived: 'Bad company ruins good morals.' Come to a sober and right mind, and sin no more; for some people have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame.

Praise be to God always.

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الأولى إلى أهل قورنثوس

يا إخوتي، إن كنا نرجو المسيح في هذه الحياة وحسب، فنحن أشقى الناس أجمعين! والحال أن المسيح قام من بين الأموات، وهو باكورة الرقيدين. فبما أن الموت كان بواسطة إنسان، فبواسطة إنسان أيضًا تكون قيامة الأموات. فكما أنه في آدم يموت الجميع، كذلك في المسيح سيحيا الجميع، كل واحد في رتبته: المسيح أولًا، لأنه الباكورة، ثم الذين هم للمسيح، عند مجيئه. وبعد ذلك تكون النهاية، حين يسلم المسيح الملك إلى الله الأب، بعد أن يكون قد أنبطل كل رئاسة وكل سلطان وقوة، لأنه لا بد للمسيح أن يملك، إلى أن يجعل الله جميع أعدائه تحت قدميه. وأجر عدو يبطل هو الموت. لقد أخضع الله كل شيء تحت قدميه. وحين يقول الكتاب: «أخضع له كل شيء»، فمن الواضح أنه يستثنى الله الذي أخضع له كل شيء. ومتى أخضع للأبن كل شيء، فحينئذ يخضع الأبن نفسه للذي أخضع له كل شيء، حتى يكون الله الكل في الكل. وإلا فماذا يفعل الذين يتعمدون من أجل الأموات؟ إن كان الأموات لا يقومون أبدًا، فلماذا يتعمدون من أجلهم؟ ونحن، فلماذا نعرض أنفسنا كل ساعة للخطر؟ أقمم، أيها الإخوة، بما لي من فخر بكم في المسيح يسوع ربنا، أي أواجه الموت كل يوم. إن كنت صارعت الوحوش في أفسس، لغاية بشرية، فأني نفع لي؟ وإن كان الأموات لا يقومون، فلنأكل ونشرب، لنأكل غدًا سنموت! لا تضلوا! إن المعاشرات السيئة تفسد الأخلاق السليمة! أيقظوا قلوبكم بالتقوى، ولا تخطأوا، فإن بعضًا منكم مجهلون الله! أقول هذا لإخجالكم!

والتسبيح لله دائمًا.

Gospel Reading

Saint Matthew 24:1-14

The Apostle Writes:

As Jesus came out of the temple and was going away, his disciples came to point out to him the buildings of the temple. Then he asked them, 'You see all these, do you not? Truly I tell you, not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.' When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, 'Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?' Jesus answered them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray. For many will come in my name, saying, "I am the Messiah!" and they will lead many astray. And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars; see that you are not alarmed; for this must take place, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places: all this is but the beginning of the birth pangs. 'Then they will hand you over to be tortured and will put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of my name. Then many will fall away, and they will betray one another and hate one another. And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. And because of the increase of lawlessness, the love of many will grow cold. But anyone who endures to the end will be saved. And this good news of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the world, as a testimony to all the nations; and then the end will come.

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

مِنْ إِنْجِيلِ الْقَدِيسِ مَتَّى

خَرَجَ يَسُوعُ مِنَ الْهَيْكَلِ وَمَضَى. فَدَنَا مِنْهُ تَلَامِيذُهُ يُفَنِّثُونَ نَظْرَهُ إِلَى أُنْبِيَةِ الْهَيْكَلِ. فَأَجَابَ وَقَالَ لَهُمْ: "أَلَا تَنْظُرُونَ هَذَا كُلَّهُ؟ الْحَقُّ أَقُولُ لَكُمْ: لَنْ يُتْرَكَ هُنَا حَجَرٌ عَلَى حَجَرٍ إِلَّا وَيُنْقَضُ". وَفِيمَا هُوَ جَالِسٌ عَلَى جَبَلِ الزَيْتُونِ، دَنَا مِنْهُ التَّلَامِيذُ عَلَى أَنْفِرَادٍ قَائِلِينَ: "أَقُلْ لَنَا مَتَى يَكُونُ هَذَا، وَمَا هِيَ عَلَامَةُ مَجِيئِكَ وَنَهَايَةِ الْعَالَمِ؟". فَأَجَابَ يَسُوعُ وَقَالَ لَهُمْ: "إِحْذَرُوا أَنْ يُضَلَّكُمْ أَحَدٌ! فَكَثِيرُونَ سَيَأْتُونَ بِأَسْمِي قَائِلِينَ: "أَنَا هُوَ الْمَسِيحُ! وَيُضِلُّونَ الْكَثِيرِينَ. وَسَوْفَ تَسْمَعُونَ بِحُرُوبٍ وَبِأَخْبَارِ حُرُوبٍ، أَنْظُرُوا، لَا تَرْتَعِبُوا! فَلَإِنَّ بَدْءَ أَنْ يَحْدُثَ هَذَا. وَلَكِنْ لَيْسَتْ النِّهَائِيَةُ بَعْدَ! سَتَقُومُ أُمَّةٌ عَلَى أُمَّةٍ، وَمَمْلَكَةٌ عَلَى مَمْلَكَةٍ، وَتَكُونُ مَجَاعَاتٌ وَزَلَزِلٌ فِي أَمَاكِنَ شَتَّى، وَهَذَا كُلُّهُ أَوَّلُ الْمَخَاضِ. حِينِيذٍ يُسَلِّمُونَكُمْ إِلَى الصَّيْقِ، وَيَقْتُلُونَكُمْ، وَيُبْغِضُوكُمْ جَمِيعُ الْأُمَمِ مِنْ أَجْلِ اسْمِي. وَحِينِيذٍ يَرْتَدُّ الْكَثِيرُونَ عَنِ الْإِيمَانِ، وَيُسَلِّمُ بَعْضُهُمْ بَعْضًا، وَيُبْغِضُ بَعْضُهُمْ بَعْضًا. وَيَقُومُ أَنْبِيَاءُ كَذِبَةٌ كَثِيرُونَ وَيُضِلُّونَ الْكَثِيرِينَ. وَلِكثَرَةِ الْإِثْمِ تَقْتَرُ مَحَبَّةُ الْكَثِيرِينَ. وَمَنْ يَصْبِرْ إِلَى النِّهَائِيَةِ يَخْلُصُ. وَيُكْرَزُ بِإِنْجِيلِ الْمَلَكُوتِ هَذَا فِي الْمَسْكُونَةِ كُلِّهَا شَهَادَةً لِحَمِيصِ الْأُمَمِ، وَحِينِيذٍ تَأْتِي النِّهَائِيَةُ. حَقًّا وَالْأَمَانُ لِحَمِيصِكُمْ.