



# Saint Maron

## Maronite Catholic Church



October 3-4, 2020

# THIRD SUNDAY AFTER HOLY CROSS

## HOLY ROSARY SUNDAY



### WELCOME FR. ANDRAWOS EL TABCHI

Today, we welcome Abouna Andrawos El-Tabchi as the 18<sup>th</sup> leader of St. Maron's parish. Like many young men of the new millennium called to the priesthood, he didn't follow a straight line from youth-to-the-seminary. Following his upbringing in Batroun with two brothers and a sister, El-Tabchi focused his energies on the hotel industry which eventually took him to Yemen for a two-year period where he served as both a Kitchen Manager and a Human Resources Manager. However, when he returned to Lebanon, and after a 13-year hiatus from the church, Abouna Andrawos discerned a call to

return and serve the church and its people. Following his theological studies at St. Augustine Seminary and, then at the Maronite Seminary, he was ordained to the priesthood in 2017.

Abouna Andrawos journeyed to America for the first time in 2015 when he visited his brother in Framingham, Massachusetts and they travelled to Philadelphia to enjoy the many historical sites. He returned to America in 2019 to serve as an Assistant Pastor at St. Anthony's in Lawrence, Massachusetts.

We welcome Abouna Andrawos and look forward to many years of prosperity, spiritual growth, and unity for our beloved parish.

Get to know our new pastor, Fr. Andrawos El-Tabchi in this Snapshot.

#### *In A Snapshot:*

**Born:** February 19, 1984

**Hometown:** Batroun

**Parents:** Stephen and Raymona

#### **Education:**

- Bishmizzine High School and Bterram High School

- Freddy Atallah Institute (studied hotel management) during which he worked in Yemen for two

years as a kitchen manager and human resources manager

- St. Augustine Seminary in Kafra

- Maronite Seminary in Ghazir

**Siblings:** 2 brothers and 1 sister

**Childhood Hobbies:** Swimming, Jogging, Walking, Bicycling, Drawing

**Ordination:** 24 June 2017 by Bishop Mounir Kheirallah

#### **Assignments:**

- 2019-2020: St. Anthony, Lawrence, MA

- October, 2020: St. Maron's, Philadelphia, PA

#### **Most Memorable Moments as a Priest:**

- Officiated at the weddings, christenings, and funerals of many family and friends.

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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, 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. Also, liturgy is offered as 1-week memorial for Joseph Louis Achkouti requested by his family. May his soul rest in peace.

**Saturday, October 10, @ 6:00PM,**

**Sunday, October 11, @ 11:00AM, (Feast of St. Philip the Deacon)** liturgy is offered for the souls of Gabriel and Hanna Mrad requested by Boutros and Ramona Semaan and Family. May their souls rest in peace.

## SANCTUARY CANDLE

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## 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 FR. SAMIR

This weekend, we bid farewell to Abouna Samir Chebli. Upon his arrival in mid-March, and in the midst of the unknown presented by COVID19, Abouna Samir set about to reach out and to lead by example. His faith, his energy, and his enthusiasm was greater than the uncertainty presented by COVID19. His presence and leadership at Saint Maron's for the past seven months in the darkness and dismay of this unbelievable year is proof that there is light in the world if we only dedicate ourselves to believing that it is possible. His tenure year may have been short, but his presence will be remembered for a very long time. God Bless you, Abouna Samir. You will always have a home at St. Maron's and in Philadelphia.

## 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.

## WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR September 26-27, 2020

<b>Collection</b>	<b>\$ 712.00</b>
<b>Donations</b>	<b>\$ 650.00</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Collection</b>	<b>\$ 63.00</b>
<b>HVAC Donations</b>	<b>\$ 1,500.00</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 2,925.00</b>

## 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 Bonnie Gorman, Kevin Khoury, Marie McCrea, Suzanne Haney, Luke Farrell Jr., Linda DiBernardo, Joan Speck, David Joseph Cook, Eddie Tayoun, Minarva Labbad, Dante Panichi, Dennis Strelchuk, Carol Krestos, Gladys Dalcourt, Denise Furey, Chucky Simon, Michael Winter, Mirta Ruiz, 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 Chokeur, 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.

## SAINT JUDE NOVENA

Saint Jude Thaddeus is the patron saint of hope.

We turn to Saint Jude in times of need and for serious or seemingly hopeless causes - including depression, grieving, unemployment, and illness - and ask for his divine intercession.

We invite you to pray with us by exploring nine areas of life in Christ, one for each day of the Novena, and all virtues in which St. Jude has pointed the way for us.

The last day of the Novena, Wednesday, October 28, 2020, following Divine Liturgy a procession will take place through the neighborhood in honor of Saint Jude.

## Saint Maron Church



## Saint Jude Novena

October 20-28, 2020  
7:00 PM

*Hope  
Begins With  
Saint Jude*

### *Procession*

Wednesday, October 28, 2020  
following mass

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Tuesday, October 20, 2020	7:00 PM	Discipleship
Wednesday, October 21, 2020	7:00 PM	Obscurity
Thursday, October 22, 2020	7:00 PM	Fidelity
Friday, October 23, 2020	7:00 PM	Hope
Saturday, October 24, 2020	7:00 PM	Religion
Sunday, October 25, 2020	7:00 PM	Family
Monday, October 26, 2020	7:00 PM	Martyrdom
Tuesday, October 27, 2020	7:00 PM	Healing
Wednesday, October 28, 2020	7:00 PM	Evangelization

## 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](http://www.orderstsharbel.org) or ask Father for more information.

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OCT 8 DIVINE LITURGY MSGR. JIM ROOT	OCT 23 VOCATIONS IN THE MARONITE CHURCH FR. ELIE MIKHAEL
OCT 15 SCRIPTURE & TYPOLOGY FR. VINCE FARNAT	

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## JOIN THE ORDER OF SAINT SHARBEL TODAY

Enroll online at [www.orderstsharbel.org](http://www.orderstsharbel.org) or in your Parish.

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

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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](mailto:cathrectory@verizon.net).

## Save the Date ~ October 1<sup>st</sup> 2020

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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](http://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.”*

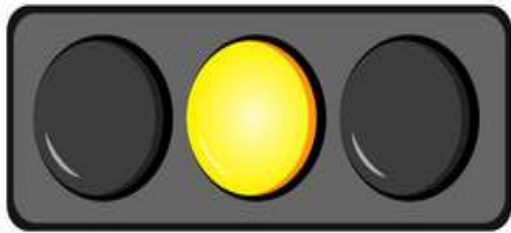
- The faithful continue to be dispensed by Bishop Gregory from the obligation to attend Divine Liturgy on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation until further notice.
- Those who are sick or compromised due to health conditions are still asked not to come to church.
- We will continue to Live Stream Divine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



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October 3-4, 2020

### First Reading

#### Philippians 3:17-21, 4:1

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

Brothers and Sisters:

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

**Praise be to God always.**

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل فيلبّي

يا إخوتي، إقْتَدُوا بِي، وَأَنْظُرُوا إِلَى الَّذِينَ يَسْلُكُونَ عَلَى مِثَالِنَا. فَكَثِيرٌ مِنْ أَوْلِيكَ الَّذِينَ كُنْتُ أَكَلِّمُكُمْ عَنْهُمْ مِرَارًا، وَأَكَلِّمُكُمْ عَنْهُمْ الْآنَ بَاكِيًا، يَسْلُكُونَ كَأَعْدَاءِ لِصَلِيبِ الْمَسِيحِ، وَأَوْلِيكَ الَّذِينَ عَاقَبْتُهُمْ الْهَلَاكِ، وَأَوْلِيكَ الَّذِينَ إِلَهُهُمْ بَطْنُهُمْ، وَمَجْدُهُمْ فِي عَارِهِمْ، وَفِي أُمُورِ الْأَرْضِ هُمُّهُمْ. أَمَّا نَحْنُ فَمَدِينَتُنَا فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ، وَمِنْهَا نَنْتَظِرُ الرَّبَّ يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحَ مُخَلِّصًا. وَهُوَ سَيُعَيِّرُ جَسَدَ هَوَانِنَا، فَيَجْعَلُهُ عَلَى صُورَةِ جَسَدِ مَجْدِهِ، وَفَقًّا لِعَمَلِ قُدْرَتِهِ، الَّتِي بِهَا يُخَضِّعُ لِنَفْسِهِ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ. إِذَا، يَا إِخْوَتِي، الَّذِينَ أَحْبَبْتُهُمْ وَأَشْتَقُ إِلَيْهِمْ، وَأَنْتُمْ فَرِحِي وَإِكْلِيلِي، أَتَبْنُوا هَكَذَا فِي الرَّبِّ، أَيُّهَا الْأَحِبَّاءُ.

والتسبيح لله دائمًا.

## Gospel Reading

### Saint Matthew 24:23-31

#### The Apostle Writes:

If anyone says to you, "Look! Here is the Messiah!" or "There he is!" do not believe it. For false messiahs and false prophets will appear and produce great signs and omens, to lead astray, if possible, even the elect. Take note, I have told you beforehand. So, if they say to you, "Look! He is in the wilderness", do not go out. If they say, "Look! He is in the inner rooms", do not believe it. For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather. 'Immediately after the suffering of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of heaven will be shaken. Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see "the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven" with power and great glory. And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

**This is the truth. Peace be with you.**

#### مِنِ انْجِيلِ الْقَدِيسِ مَتَّى

قَالَ الرَّبُّ يَسُوعُ: «إِنْ قَالَ لَكُمْ أَحَدٌ: هُوَذَا الْمَسِيحُ هُنَا أَوْ هُنَاكَ! فَلَا تُصَدِّقُوا. فَسَوْفَ يَهْوِمُ مَسْحَاءُ كَذَبَةً وَأَنْبِيَاءُ كَذَبَةٍ، وَيَأْتُونَ بِآيَاتٍ عَظِيمَةٍ وَخَوَارِقَ، لِيُضِلُّوا الْمُخْتَارِينَ أَنْفُسَهُمْ، لَوْ قَدَرُوا. هَا إِنِّي قَدْ أَنْبَأْتُكُمْ! فَإِنْ قَالُوا لَكُمْ: هَا هُوَ فِي الْبَرِّيَّةِ! فَلَا تَخْرُجُوا، أَوْ: هَا هُوَ فِي دَاخِلِ الْبَيْتِ! فَلَا تُصَدِّقُوا. فَكَمَا أَنَّ الْبَرَقَ يَوْمِضُ مِنَ الْمَشَارِقِ، وَيَسْطَعُ حَتَّى الْمَغَارِبِ، هَكَذَا يَكُونُ مَجِيءُ ابْنِ الْإِنْسَانِ. حَيْثُ تَكُونُ الْجَنَّةُ هُنَاكَ تَجْتَمِعُ النَّسُورُ. وَحَالًا بَعْدَ ضَيْقِ تِلْكَ الْأَيَّامِ، أَلْشَّمْسُ تُظْلَمُ، وَالْقَمَرُ لَا يُعْطِي ضَوْءَهُ، وَالنُّجُومُ تَتَسَاقَطُ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ، وَفُؤَاتِ السَّمَاوَاتِ تَتَزَعَّزَعُ. وَحِينَئِذٍ تَطْهَرُ فِي السَّمَاءِ عَلَامَةُ ابْنِ الْإِنْسَانِ، فَتَنْتَجِبُ قَبَائِلُ الْأَرْضِ كُلِّهَا، وَتَرَى ابْنَ الْإِنْسَانِ آتِيًا عَلَى سَحْبِ السَّمَاءِ بِقُدْرَةٍ وَمَجْدٍ عَظِيمٍ. وَيُرْسِلُ مَلَائِكَتَهُ يَنْفُخُونَ فِي بُوقٍ عَظِيمٍ، فَيَجْمَعُونَ مُخْتَارِيهِ مِنَ الرِّيَّاحِ الْأَرْبَعِ، مِنْ أَقَاصِي السَّمَاوَاتِ إِلَى أَقَاصِيهَا.

**حَقًّا وَالْأَمَانُ لِكُلِّكُمْ.**