



Saint Maron Maronite Catholic Church



November 28-29, 2020

VISITATION OF THE VIRGIN TO ELIZABETH



The "Maronite Roast"

From the Maronite Seminary in DC, Christian and Chris, present us with a four-episode Christmas podcast entitled "The Maronite Roast". In their podcast, the two seminarians focus on a specific Sunday that we are celebrating in the Maronite Church during the Season of the Glorious Birth of our Lord and apply the Gospel to our everyday life!

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Thanksgiving Prayer

Dear Lord,

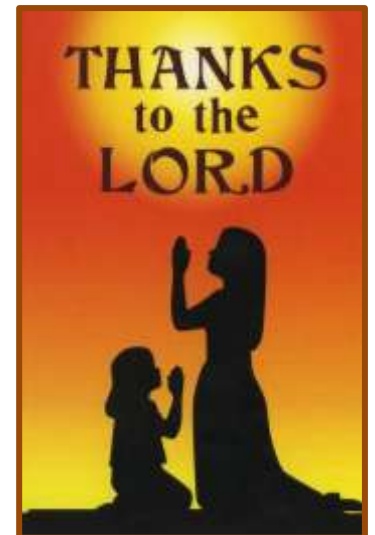
*We give thanks for our many blessings, as we pray for those in need,
We give thanks for our family and friends, as we pray for those who are lonely.*

*We give thanks for our freedom, as we pray for those who are oppressed.
We give thanks for our good health. As we pray for those who are ill.
We give thanks for our comfort and prosperity, as we share our blessings with others.*

On Thanksgiving Day,

May the love of God enfold us, the peace of God dwell within us and the joy of God uplift us.

Amen



Divine Liturgies will be in the Church.

Seating is limited to **15 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, November 28, @ 6:00PM,

Sunday, November 29, @ 11:00AM, liturgy is offered for the soul of Carmen Marrone requested by Family. May his soul rest in peace.

Monday, November 30, @ 9:00AM, (Feast of St. Andrew)

Tuesday, December 1, 2020 @ 9:00AM,

Wednesday, December 2, 2020 @ 6:00PM,

Friday, December 4, 2020 @ 6:00PM, (Feast of St. Barbara) LITURGY followed by EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Saturday, December 5, @ 6:00PM, (Feast of St. Saba the Hermit) liturgy is being offered for the souls of Tony and Yvonne Impo requested by Patty Impo. May their souls rest in peace.

Sunday, December 6, @ 11:00AM, (Feast of St. Nicholas) liturgy is offered for the souls of Girgious and Debee Semaan requested by Peter and Ramona Semaan and family. May their souls rest in peace. Also, liturgy is offered as a One-year anniversary for the souls of Salim Mikhael and Shatat El Banna requested by Ghada Mikhael and her children. May their souls rest in peace.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

We will have Eucharistic Adoration **every Friday** following the 6:00PM Divine Liturgy. Let us take the time to kneel before Jesus present in the Eucharist, in order to fully appreciate all that our savior endured in His love for us.

SECOND COLLECTION

As per the directive of the Eparchy of St. Maron of Brooklyn we will have a second collection this weekend **November 28-29** for the Catholic University of America. This collection provides funding for academic scholarships at CUA. Our own seminarians are given a 50% discount in tuition. Thank you for your generosity.

CHRISTMAS NOVENA

In preparation for the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, we will have the Christmas Novena every night for **December 15 to December 23**. The schedule will be announced in next week's bulletin.

2021 CHURCH ENVELOPES

The 2021 weekly envelopes are now available in the church hall. If anyone does not have a set of envelopes and would like them please contact the office and we will have a set ready for you. In this way we can give you tax recognition at the end of the year.

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 Judy Fuller, Ralph Passio, Theresa Green, Kevin Green, Joanne Simon-Turing, Diane McLaughlin, 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, 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

November 21-22, 2020

Collection	\$	513.00
Online Donations	\$	960.00
Total:	\$	1,473.00

ITALIAN FOOD TAKE OUT

As part of our Fundraiser, we have been planning Lebanese Take Out events. I would like to

take this opportunity to thank all those who participated in the success of the last Chicken Shawarma Take Out.

Our next event will be held on **Thursday, December 3, 2020,**

and this time it will be **ITALIAN FOOD TAKE OUT.** Please find all the details in the flyer below.

God bless you all,
Fr. Andrawos

Saint Maron Church ITALIAN FOOD

Thursday, December 3, 2020
11:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Take Out

MAIN MENU

GARDEN SALAD	\$5.00
<i>(served with Italian dressing)</i>	
ITALIAN WEDDING SOUP	\$8.00
<i>(1 lb. soup)</i>	
MEATBALL & BAKED ZITI PLATTER	\$20.00
<i>(6 pcs. Meatball, Baked Ziti, Bread & Butter)</i>	
CHICKEN PARMESAN PLATTER	\$20.00
<i>(4 pcs. Chicken, Spaghetti, Bread & Butter)</i>	

ADD-ONS

MEATBALL (3 pcs.)	\$8.00
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DIVINE LITURGY NEW RESTRICTIONS

In response to rising COVID-19 cases in Philadelphia, the city and Department of Public Health have announced on Monday November 16, 2020 new restrictions on businesses, events and gatherings, and other activities to help reduce the number of cases and flatten the epidemic curve. **The new “Safer at Home” restrictions are effective as of this Friday, November 20, 2020 through January 1, 2021.**

These restrictions have affected the religious institutions in Philadelphia. All churches are permitted to have people indoors, but density must be capped at **5 ppl per 1,000 sq. ft. or 5 percent of maximum occupancy.** If we don't comply with these requirements, we will lose the privilege of being able to celebrate the Divine Liturgy with your presence. This is how these restrictions affected our Church:

- At Saint Maron Catholic Maronite Church, we can only accommodate **15 parishioners in church during each Liturgy or other prayer services such as the Christmas Novena this year.** The daily masses will remain an option to participate in person.
- For the safety of our children, **the Religious Education Program**, including all activities and classes, **will be postponed until** all the imposed restrictions are lifted God willing by **January 2021.**
- Please continue to follow the **Sunday Liturgy** as it will be **Live Streamed** on our parish **Facebook** page as well as **YouTube** page. When watching Liturgy from home, we invite you to create sacred space, eliminate distractions, and listen attentively and prayerfully.

- During this period of time, the church hall will be closed and **the coffee hour will be cancelled** until further notice.
- 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.
- We must do our share to reduce the risk of the virus. Therefore, everyone who is feeling ill, or considered part of a vulnerable health population is encouraged to stay home. As a community it is imperative that we all work together to keep each other healthy, safe.
- We will continue to **follow the Health and Safety guidelines** issued by the state and local health departments.
- **EVERYONE** (except those 2 years of age and younger) attending is to **WEAR A FACE MASK** throughout the celebration of Divine Liturgy
- Parishioners wishing to attend Divine Liturgy are asked 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.
- **SIX FEET** distance between individuals is the norm for social distancing.
- Holy water fonts will remain empty.
- Doors will be kept open before and after Liturgy.
- 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 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. 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.
- 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.
- Choir members will maintain physical distance and follow all safety measures throughout Divine Liturgy.
- Liturgical Books won't be available, we will post the service on a TV in the Church 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 Church where parishioners can place their offerings. You may also make your donation online through our website.



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First Reading

Ephesians 1:1-14

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

Brothers and Sisters:

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, To the saints who are in Ephesus and are faithful in Christ Jesus: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Praise be to God always.

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل أفسس

يا إِخْوَتِي، مِنْ بُولُسَ، رَسُولِ الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ بِمَشِيئَةِ اللَّهِ، إِلَى الْقَدِيسِينَ الَّذِينَ هُمْ فِي أَفْسَسَ وَالْأَمْنَاءِ فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ: الْنِعْمَةُ لَكُمْ وَالسَّلَامُ مِنَ اللَّهِ أَبِينَا وَالرَّبِّ يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ! تَبَارَكَ اللَّهُ أَبُو رَبِّنَا يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ، الَّذِي بَارَكَنَا بِكُلِّ بَرَكَاتٍ رُوحِيَّةٍ فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ فِي الْمَسِيحِ؛ فَإِنَّهُ اخْتَارَنَا فِيهِ قَبْلَ إِنْشَاءِ الْعَالَمِ، لِنَكُونَ فِي حَضْرَتِهِ قَدِيسِينَ، لَا عَيْبَ فِيْنَا؛ وَقَدْ سَبَقَ بِمَحَبَّتِهِ فَحَدَدْنَا أَنْ نَكُونَ لَهُ أَبْنَاءَ بِالنَّبِيِّ بِيَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ، بِحَسَبِ رِضَى مَشِيئَتِهِ، لِمَدْحِ مَجْدِ نِعْمَتِهِ الَّتِي أَنْعَمَ بِهَا عَلَيْنَا فِي الْحَبِيبِ؛ وَفِيهِ لَنَا الْفِدَاءُ بِدَمِهِ، أَيِ مَغْفَرَةِ الرِّلَّاتِ، بِحَسَبِ غِنَى نِعْمَتِهِ، الَّتِي أَفَاضَهَا عَلَيْنَا فِي كُلِّ حِكْمَةٍ وَفَهْمٍ؛ وَقَدْ عَرَفْنَا سِرَّ مَشِيئَتِهِ، بِحَسَبِ رِضَاهِ الَّذِي سَبَقَ فَجَعَلَهُ فِي الْمَسِيحِ، لِيُحَقِّقَ تَدْبِيرَ مِلءِ الْأَرْمِنَةِ، فَيَجْمَعُ فِي الْمَسِيحِ تَحْتَ رَأْسٍ وَاحِدٍ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ، مَا فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ وَمَا عَلَى الْأَرْضِ؛ وَفِيهِ أَيْضًا اخْتَارَنَا مِيرَاثًا لَهُ، وَقَدْ سَبَقَ فَحَدَدْنَا بِحَسَبِ قَصْدِهِ، هُوَ الَّذِي يَعْمَلُ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ بِقَضَاءِ مَشِيئَتِهِ، لِنَكُونَ مَدْحًا لِمَجْدِهِ، نَحْنُ الَّذِينَ سَبَقْنَا فَجَعَلْنَا فِي الْمَسِيحِ رَجَاءً؛ وَفِيهِ أَنْتُمْ أَيْضًا، بَعْدَ أَنْ سَمِعْتُمْ كَلِمَةَ الْحَقِّ، أَيِ إِنجِيلِ خَلَاصِكُمْ، وَأَمَنْتُمْ، خُتِمْتُمْ بِالرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ الْمَوْعُودِ بِهِ، وَهُوَ عُرْبُونُ مِيرَاثِنَا، لِفِدَاءِ شَعْبِهِ الَّذِي أَقْتَنَاهُ، وَلِمَدْحِ مَجْدِهِ.

والتسبيح لله دائماً.

Gospel Reading

Saint Luke 1:39-45

The Apostle Writes:

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

مِنْ إِنْجِيلِ الْقَدِيسِ لَوْقَا

فِي تِلْكَ الْأَيَّامِ (بعد البشارة بيسوع)، قَامَتْ مَرْيَمُ وَذَهَبَتْ مُسْرِعَةً إِلَى الْجَبَلِ، إِلَى مَدِينَةٍ فِي يَهُودَا. وَدَخَلَتْ بَيْتَ زَكَرِيَّا، وَسَلَّمَتْ عَلَى الْيَصَابَاتِ. وَلَمَّا سَمِعَتْ الْيَصَابَاتُ سَلَامَ مَرْيَمَ، أَرْتَكَضَ الْجَنِينُ فِي بَطْنِهَا، وَأَمْتَلَأَتْ مِنَ الرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ. فَهَتَفَتْ بِأَعْلَى صَوْتِهَا وَقَالَتْ: «مُبَارَكَةٌ أَنْتِ فِي النِّسَاءِ، وَمُبَارَكَةٌ ثَمَرَةُ بَطْنِكَ! وَمِنْ أَيَّنَ لِي هَذَا، أَنْ تَأْتِيَ إِلَيَّ أُمُّ رَبِّي؟ فَهَذَا مُنْذُ وَقَعَ صَوْتُ سَلَامِكَ فِي أُذُنِي، أَرْتَكَضَ الْجَنِينُ أَبْتِهَاجًا فِي بَطْنِي! فَطُوبَى لِلَّتِي آمَنَتْ أَنَّهُ سَيِّتُمْ مَا قَبِلَ لَهَا مِنْ قِبَلِ الرَّبِّ.»

حَقًّا وَالْأَمَانُ لَكُمْ جَمِيعًا.