

# Saint Maron Maronite Catholic Church



**December 19-20, 2020** 

## **GENEALOGY SUNDAY**



#### The Maronite Roast

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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, December 19, @ 6:00PM, DIVINE LITURGY & CHRISTMAS NOVENA.

Sunday, December 20, @ 11:00AM, DIVINE LITURGY & CHRISTMAS NOVENA.

Liturgy is offered for the souls of Edward and Rose Koway requested Terri Koway. May their souls rest in peace.

Monday, December 21, @ 6:30PM, CHRISTMAS NOVENA

Tuesday, December 22, 2020 @ 6:30PM, CHRISTMAS NOVENA

Wednesday, December 23, 2020 @ 6:30PM, CHRISTMAS NOVENA

Thursday, December 24, 2020 @ 6:30PM, CHRISTMAS VIGIL

Friday, December 25, 2020 @ 11:00AM, CHRISTMAS DAY

**Saturday, December 26,** @ **6:00PM,** liturgy is offered as a 1-year memorial for the soul of RoseAnn Anthony requested by her family. May her soul rest in peace.

Sunday, December 27, @ 11:00AM, liturgy is offered for of Peter Koway requested by Terri Koway. May his soul rest in peace.

#### **SANCTUARY CANDLE**

The sanctuary candle is burning for the soul of Peter Koway requested by Terri Koway. May his soul rest in peace.

#### **POINSETTIAS**

We have few extra Poinsettias from the Christmas decoration available for anyone who would like to get for a donation of \$5.00 each. We will have them in the Church hall for anyone interested. Thank you.

## 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. This way, we can give you tax recognition at the end of the year.

## **EUCHARISTIC ADORTATION**

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.

#### **THANK YOU**

Thank you for everyone who donated to the Church this past week. Our Church's finances rely generosity on the of community, including Sunday collections and donations. If you are able to donate, please do so following via the link: https://saintmaron.org/donate or you can always mail your weekly envelopes/donations Church office. Thank you for your continuous support during these challenging times.

#### **IN OUR PRAYERS**

Please keep in your prayers Elissar Ayoub, Lou Iovino, Ralph Passio, Theresa Green, Kevin Green, Simon-Turing, Joanne 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, 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

**December 12-13, 2020** 

 $\begin{array}{cccc} \text{Collection} & \$ & 844.00 \\ 2^{\text{nd}} & \text{Collection} & \$ & 2.00 \\ \text{Italian Food TakeOut} & 1,050.00 \\ \text{Online Donations} & \$ & 510.00 \\ \text{Total:} & \$ & 2,406.00 \\ \end{array}$ 



#### PHILOKALIA ORGANIZATION

Philokalia Organization is a charity non-governmental organization (NGO), founded in 2019 by S. Marana Noha Saad (factual note no.696 on the Constitution of an Association called Philokalia).

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#### "Warm a heart" - Chrístmas 2020

Due to the critical and hard times in which the Lebanese people are living, and due to the increase of fundamental needs on social and economic basis, Philokalia Organization, after launching its first campaign "Give babies the hugs they need" supporting the people affected by the Beirut blast, launches its Christmas Campaign "Warm a heart" in order to bring joy this Christmas to the ones who are hardly affected by the situation.

#### Our mission is still ongoing...



Bring back the real meaning of Christmas; draw a smile on others' faces without letting the hard and tough circumstances take away their peace and joy by:

- Prepare Christmas dinner for the ones who cannot afford buying food or minimal needs to have a normal Christmas because of the economic situation
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- Help a child, a person with special needs or a family in need by donating through Philokalia.
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#### **CHRISTMAS NOVENA 2020**

In preparation for the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, we will have the Christmas Novena from **December 15 to December 23**. Every night we will have a special intention as shown in the schedule below:

DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Tuesday, December 15, 2020	6:30 PM	First Responders
Wednesday, December 16, 2020	6:30 PM	Health Care Workers
Thursday, December 17, 2020	6:30 PM	People Enduring Sickness
Friday, December 18, 2020	6:30 PM	World Peace
Saturday, December 19, 2020	6:00 PM	Consecrated Vocations: Priests, Nuns, Monks and Seminarians
Sunday, December 20, 2020	11:00 AM	Special Intentions
Monday, December 21, 2020	6:30 P <b>M</b>	Education: Teachers and Students
Tuesday, December 22, 2020	6:30 PM	Our Youth
Wednesday, December 23, 2020	6:30 PM	Our Parish

#### **CHRISTMAS LITURGIES 2020**

DATE	TIME	
Thursday, December 24, 2020	6:30 P <b>M</b>	Christmas Vigil Liturgy
Friday, December 25, 2020	11:00 AM	Christmas Day Liturgy

## 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
  - 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
- 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 you donation online through our website.



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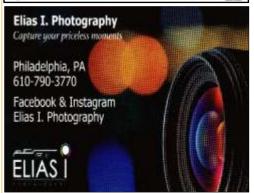


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#### **First Reading**

**Romans 1:1-12** 

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

Brothers and Sisters:

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed throughout the world. For God, whom I serve with my spirit by announcing the gospel of his Son, is my witness that without ceasing I remember you always in my prayers, asking that by God's will I may somehow at last succeed in coming to you. For I am longing to see you so that I may share with you some spiritual gift to strengthen you or rather so that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine.

Praise be to God always.

#### فصل من رسالة القدّيس بولس إلى أهل رومة

يا إخوَتِي، مِنْ بُولُسَ عَبْدِ المَسِيحِ يَسُوع، الَّذِي دُعِيَ لِيَكُونَ رَسُولاً، وفُرِزَ لإِنْجِيلِ الله، هذَا الإِنْجِيلِ الَّذِي وَعَدَ بِهِ اللهُ مِنْ قَبْلُ، بَأَنْبِيَائِهِ في الكُتُبِ المُقَدَّسَة، في شَأْنِ آبْنِهِ الَّذِي وُلِدَ بِحَسَبِ الجَسَدِ مِنْ نَسْلِ داوُد، وَجُعِلَ بِحَسَبِ رُوحِ الفَّدَاسَةِ آبْنَ اللهِ بِقُوَّةٍ أَيْ بِالقِيَامَةِ مِنْ بَيْنِ الأَمْوَات، وهُوَ يَسُوعُ المَسِيحُ رَبُنَا؛ بِهِ نِلْنَا النِّعْمَةَ والرِّسَالَةَ لِكَي نَهْدِيَ إلى طَاعَةِ الإِيْمَانِ جَمِيعَ الأَمْم، لِمَجْدِ آسْمِه؛ ومِنْ بَيْنِهِم أَنْتُم أَيْضًا مَدْعُونُونَ لِيتَكُونُوا لِيَسُوعَ المَسِيح؛ إلى جَمِيعِ النَّذِينَ في رُومَا، إلى أَجِبَاءِ الله، المَدْعُويِنَ لِيَكُونُوا قِرِّيسِين: أَلتَعْمَةُ لَكُم والسَّلامُ مِنَ اللهِ أَبِينَا والرَّبِ يَسُوعَ المَسِيح! قَبْلَ كُلِّ شَيء، أَشْكُرُ إلِهِي بِيَسُوعَ المَسيحِ مِنْ أَجْلِكُم جَمِيعًا، لأَنَّ إِيْمَانَكُم يُنَادَى بِهِ في العَالَمِ كُلِّهِ. يَشُهَدُ علَيَّ الله، كُلِّ شَيء، أَشْكُرُ إلِهِي بِيَسُوعَ المَسيحِ مِنْ أَجْلِكُم جَمِيعًا، لأَنَّ إِيْمَانَكُم يُنَادَى بِهِ في العَالَمِ كُلِّهِ. يَشْهَدُ علَيَّ الله، الْمَدْعُونِ آئِي أَنْكُم بِغَيْرِ آنَقِطَاع، ضَارِعًا في صَلَوَاتِي على الدَّوَامِ أَنْ يَتَيَسَّرَ لي يَعْمَلُهُ مِنْ اللهُ أَيْدِي أَنْكُم بِغَيْرِ آنَقِطَاع، ضَارِعًا في صَلَوَاتِي على الدَّوَامِ أَنْ يَتَيَسَّرَ لي يَعْمَلُهُ مَا مُوسِينَةِ الله، أَنْ آتَى إلَيْكُم. فإيْمَانِكُم بإيْمَانِي وإيْمَانِكُم المُشْتَرَكُ مُ الْمُعْمَانِي وإيْمَانِكُمُ المُشْتَرَك.

والتسبيح لله دائمًا.

#### **Gospel Reading**

Saint Matthew 1:1-17

#### **The Apostle Writes:**

An account of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Aram, and Aram the father of Aminadab, and Aminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of King David. And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asaph, and Asaph the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos, and Amos the father of Josiah, and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon. And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Salathiel, and Salathiel the father of Zerubbabel, and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called the Messiah. So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from David to the deportation to Babylon, fourteen generations; and from the deportation to Babylon to the Messiah, fourteen generations.

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

#### مِنْ إِنْجِيلِ القديس متّى

»كِتَابُ ميلادِ يَسُوعَ المَسِيح، إِبنِ دَاوُد، إِبْنِ إِبْرَاهِيم، وَلَدَ إِسْحق، إِسْحقُ وَلَدَ يَعْفُوب، يَعْفُوب وَلَدَ يَهُوذَا وَلَدَ فَارَصَ وزَارَحَ مِنْ تَامَار، فَارَصُ وَلَدَ حَصْرُون، حَصْرُونُ وَلَدَ آرام، آرَامُ وَلَدَ عَمِينَادَاب، عَمِينَادَاب، وَلَا يَعْفُون وَلَدَ مَالُمُون وَلَدَ بَرُعُوب، فَلَامُونُ وَلَدَ بُوعَز مِنْ رَاحَاب، بُوعَزُ وَلَدَ عُوبِيدَ مِنْ رَاعُوب، عُوبِيدُ وَلَدَ يَسَّى وَلَدَ دَاوُدَ المَلِك. دَاوُدُ وَلَدَ سُلَيْمَانَ مِنِ آمْرَأَةِ أُورِيًا، سُلَيْمَانُ وَلَدَ رَحَبْعَام، رَحَبْعَامُ وَلَدَ أَبِيًا، أَبِيًا وَلَدَ آسَا، آسَا وَلَدَ يُوشَافَاط، يُوشَافَاطُ وَلَدَ يُورَام، يُورَامُ وَلَدَ عُوزِيًا، عُوزِيًا وَلَدَ يُوتَام، يُوتَامُ وَلَدَ آحَاز، آحَازُ وَلَدَ حِزْقِيًا، حِزْقِيًا وَلَدَ يُوشَيًا وَلَدَ يُوشِيًا وَلَدَ يُوتَام، يُوتَامُ وَلَدَ آحَاز، آحَازُ وَلَدَ حِزْقِيًا، حِزْقِيًا وَلَدَ يُوشَيًا وَلَدَ يُوشِيًا وَلَدَ يُوتَام، يُوتَامُ وَلَدَ آحَاز، آحَاز، آحَازُ وَلَدَ حِزْقِيًا، حِزْقِيًا وَلَدَ يُوشَيًا وَلَدَ يُوسَيًا، يُوشِيًا وَلَدَ يُوسَيًا وَلَدَ يُوسَيًا وَلَدَ يُوسَيًا وَلَدَ يُوسَيًا وَلَدَ يُوسَيًا وَلَدَ يَوسَيًا وَلَدَ المَابِي إِلَى بَابِل. بَعْدَ السَّبْيِ إلى بَابِل. مَا أَنْ وَلَدَ الْمَابُي إلى بَابِل، مَعْدَ السَّبْي إلى بَابِل، وَلَدَ المَالِدَ مَنَالًى مِنْ الْمَابِيلُ وَلَدَ الْمَابِيعِ وَلَدَ الْمَابِي وَلَدَ الْمَابِي مِنْ وَلَدَ الْمَابِي مِنْ وَلَدَ الْمَابِي مِنْ الْمَابِي وَلَدَ الْمَابِي وَلَدَ الْمَابِي مِنْ إِلَى مَابِي بَابِل أَرْبَعَة عَشَرَ جِيلاً، ومِنْ مَابْي بَابِل إلى المَسِيحِ أَرْبَعَة عَشَرَ جِيلاً. ومِنْ مَابْي بَابِلَ إلى المَسِيحِ أَرْبَعَة عَشَرَ جِيلاً.