



# Saint Maron Maronite Catholic Church



January 9-10, 2021

## FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

### UPDATES

On Monday 01/04/2021 most of the “Safer at Home” restrictions have expired. Concerning religious institutions, we can open with limited occupancy. Therefore, we can go back to the **50-person** limit.

Please note that all safety measures will be always respected, and the Sunday Liturgies, as well as Feast Day Liturgies, will be live streamed via the parish’s Facebook and YouTube pages.

As for the Church Hall and CCD/MYO programs, we will inform you when the activities will resume.

Stay Safe,

Have a blessed week,

And hopefully we will have the chance to meet in person.

Fr. Andrawos (Fadi) El Tabchi



Divine Liturgies will be in the Church.

Seating is limited to **50 people**.

Please “SignUp” before attending.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040548A9A822A3FD0-stmaron>

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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, January 9, @ 6:00PM,**

**Sunday, January 10, @ 11:00AM,** liturgy is offered for the repose of soul of Amine Skaf requested by Dany and Rania Cherfane and family. May her soul rest in peace.

**Monday, January 11, @ 9:00AM, DAILY LITURGY**

**Tuesday, January 12, 2020 @ 6:00PM, DAILY LITURGY**

**Wednesday, January 13, 2020 @ 6:00PM, DAILY LITURGY**

**Friday, January 15, 2020 @ 6:00PM, DAILY LITURGY FOLLOWED BY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

**Saturday, January 16, @ 6:00PM,**

**Sunday, January 17, @ 11:00AM, (Feast of St. Anthony the Great)** Liturgy is being offered for the repose of soul of Raji ElKhoury. requested by Dany and Rania Cherfane and family. May his soul rest in peace.

## **WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR**

**January 2-3, 2021**

<b>Sunday Collection</b>	<b>\$ 1,056.00</b>
<b>New Year's Collection</b>	<b>\$ 90.00</b>
<b>In Mem. Of Nan Farhat</b>	<b>\$ 300.00</b>
<b>Online Donations</b>	<b>\$ 135.00</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 1,581.00</b>

## **2021 MARONITE CALENDARS**

The 2021 Maronite Calendars are available. You can pick them up from the back of the Church or from the Office.

## **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.

## **BABY SITTER NEEDED**

A young couple is looking for a Baby sitter for their 4 months old baby girl in University City in Philadelphia. The baby sitter will be needed from now until the end of June 2021. For more information please contact Judy Dawod at 520-310-4838.

## **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 Rania Cherfane, Elissar Ayoub, Lou Iovino, 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 intention.

## **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.

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DI 30/2020


Dear Saint Maroun's Maronite Catholic Church of Philadelphia Parishioners,

The President and Administrative Board of Philokalia Institute appreciate your kind initiative of donating one thousand two hundred dollars (1,200 USD) through our dear Father Andrawos El Tabchi to help our Christmas campaign "Warm a heart".

We pray to God that, with the intercession of the Virgin Mary, bestows his grace on your families, and you remain an example of generosity, charity and support for our beloved country Lebanon.

Please accept our sincere and highest consideration and respect. God bless you and Merry Christmas.

Date 30/12/2020

  
S. Marana Saad  
President



## 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).

Its main purposes:

- Support persons with special needs and create opportunities for education, work and integration in society.
- Provide all kinds of social, musical, artistic and human education.
- Local handicrafts, handiworks, and culinary arts production and formation, especially with persons with specific needs.



### *“Warm a heart” – Christmas 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
- Buy gifts for children who cannot afford buying gifts and especially those with special needs.
- Help a child, a person with special needs or a family in need by donating through Philokalia.
- Gifts for children of all ages: clothes, toys, blankets, etc.
- Food for the Christmas dinner box: meat, chicken, other products, chocolate, wine, etc.



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# Saint Maron

## Maronite Catholic Church



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### First Reading

#### 2 Corinthians 10: 1-10

**A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews. Your blessing father...**

Brothers and Sisters:

Now I myself, Paul, urge you through the gentleness and clemency of Christ, I who am humble when face to face with you, but brave toward you when absent, I beg you that, when present, I may not have to be brave with that confidence with which I intend to act boldly against some who consider us as acting according to the flesh. For, although we are in the flesh, we do not battle according to the flesh, for the weapons of our battle are not of flesh but are enormously powerful, capable of destroying fortresses. We destroy arguments and every pretension raising itself against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive in obedience to Christ, and we are ready to punish every disobedience, once your obedience is complete. Look at what confronts you. Whoever is confident of belonging to Christ should consider that as he belongs to Christ, so do we. And even if I should boast a little too much of our authority, which the Lord gave for building you up and not for tearing you down, I shall not be put to shame. May I not seem as one frightening you through letters. For someone will say, "His letters are severe and forceful, but his bodily presence is weak, and his speech contemptible."

**Praise be to God always.**

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الثانية إلى أهل كورنتس

يا إخوتي، أنا بولس نفسي أناشدكم بوداعة المسيح وحلمه، أنا المتواضع بينكم عندما أكون حاضراً، والجريء عليكم عندما أكون غائباً. وأرجو ألا أجبر عند حضورى أن أكون جريئاً، بالنقّة التي لي بكم، والتي أنوي أن أجروّ بها على الذين يحسبون أننا نسلك كأناس جسديين. أجل، إننا نحيا في الجسد، ولكننا لا نحارب كأناس جسديين؛ لأنّ أسلحة جهادنا ليست جسديّة، بل هي قديرّة بالله على هدم الحصون المنيعة؛ فإننا نهدم الأفكار الخاطئة، وكلّ شموخ يرتفع ضدّ معرفة الله، ونأسر كلّ فكر لطاعة المسيح. نحن مستعدون أن نعاقب كلّ عصيان، متى كملت طاعتكم. إنكم تحكمون على المظاهر! إن كان أحد واثقاً بنفسه أنّه للمسيح، فليفكر في نفسه أنّه كما هو للمسيح كذلك نحن أيضاً. فأنا لا أحجل إن بالغت بعض المبالغة في الأفتخار بالسلطان الذي وهبه الربّ لنا لبنيانكم لا لهدمكم. ولا أريد أن أظهر كأنّي أخوفكم برسائلي؛ لأنّ بعضاً منكم يقولون: "رسائله شديدة اللهجة وقويّة، أمّا حضوره الشخّصي فهزيل، وكلامه سخيّف!". فليعلم مثل هذا القائل أننا كما نحن بالكلام في الرسائل، عندما نكون غائبين، كذلك نحن أيضاً بالفعل، عندما نكون حاضرين.

والتسبيح لله دائماً.

## Gospel Reading

### Saint John 1: 29-34

#### The Apostle Writes:

“The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, ‘Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.’ And John testified, ‘I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.’”

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

#### مِنْ إِنْجِيلِ الْقَدِيسِ يُوْحَنَّا

فِي الْغَدِ (بَعْدَ شَهَادَةِ الْمَعْمَدَانِ) رَأَى يُوحَنَّا يَسُوعَ مُقْبِلًا إِلَيْهِ فَقَالَ: "هَذَا هُوَ حَمَلُ اللَّهِ الَّذِي يَرْفَعُ خَطِيئَةَ الْعَالَمِ. هَذَا هُوَ الَّذِي قُلْتُ فِيهِ: يَأْتِي وَرَائِي رَجُلٌ قَدْ صَارَ قُدَّامِي، لِأَنَّهُ كَانَ قَبْلِي. وَأَنَا مَا كُنْتُ أَعْرِفُهُ، لَكِنِّي جِئْتُ أَعْمِدُ بِالْمَاءِ لِكَيْ يَظْهَرَ هُوَ لِإِسْرَائِيلِ". وَشَهِدَ يُوحَنَّا قَائِلًا: "رَأَيْتُ الرُّوحَ نَازِلًا كَحَمَامَةٍ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ، ثُمَّ اسْتَقَرَّ عَلَيْهِ. وَأَنَا مَا كُنْتُ أَعْرِفُهُ، لَكِنِّ الَّذِي أَرْسَلَنِي أَعْمِدُ بِالْمَاءِ هُوَ قَالَ لِي: مَنْ تَرَى الرُّوحَ يَنْزِلُ وَيَسْتَقِرُّ عَلَيْهِ، هُوَ الَّذِي يُعْمِدُ بِالرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ. وَأَنَا رَأَيْتُ وَشَهِدْتُ أَنَّ هَذَا هُوَ ابْنُ اللَّهِ".

**حَقًّا وَالْأَمَانُ لِكُلِّكُمْ.**