



Saint Maron Maronite Catholic Church



January 16-17, 2021

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY Meet the Maronite Monks of Adoration



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The Maronite Monks of Most Holy Trinity Monastery were founded in 1978. Canonically approved by the Holy See and established on September 8, 1989, they are under the auspices of the Maronite Catholic Eparchy (diocese) of St. Maron of Brooklyn.

Following the footsteps of the monastic fathers St. Maron, St. Sharbel, and St. Hardini, their principal work in the Church is a life of prayer and sacrifice consecrated to God, in union with Jesus Christ—a life of silence, “solitude in community,” liturgical prayer and work.



“With Eyes Fixed on Jesus”, the monks live a life of adoration, a life lived in simplicity, regularity, and fidelity to the monastic ideal. It is simply the Christian life, lived according to the evangelical counsels of Christ found in the Gospels: poverty, chastity and obedience; the first rule of life for the monk is the Holy Scriptures, especially the New Testament.

Keep our brothers in your prayers. May God bless and protect all religious orders and everyone drawn to the life of prayer and contemplation.

To learn more about our Maronite Monks and to support the monastery, visit:

<https://www.maronitemonks.org/>

Divine Liturgies will be in the Church.

Seating is limited to **50 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, 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.

Monday, January 18, @ 9:00AM, DAILY LITURGY

Tuesday, January 19, 2020 @ 6:00PM, DAILY LITURGY

Wednesday, January 20, 2020 @ 6:00PM, DAILY LITURGY

Friday, January 22, 2020 @ 6:00PM, DAILY LITURGY FOLLOWED BY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Saturday, January 23, @ 6:00PM,

Sunday, January 24, @ 11:00AM, liturgy is offered for the repose of souls of Nahi and Sulaiman Rai requested by family. 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.

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.

ITEMS FOR WORSHIP

Thank for all those who donated for the eucharistic hosts and altar candles for this month.

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.

WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR

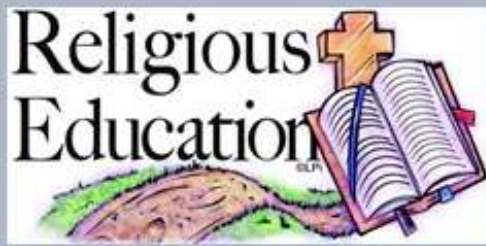
January 9-10, 2021

Sunday Collection	\$ 1,007.00
Donation	\$ 100.00
Online Donations	\$ 110.00
Total:	\$ 1,217.00

IN OUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers Mary Spina, Tina Grassia, Michelle Raymond, Elissar Ayoub, Lou Iovino, Ralph Passio, 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, 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, and Angel Salerno. 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.

Upcoming Events



Religious Education

Classes will resume Soon



Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Divine Liturgy and Blessing of the Candles

Monday, February 1, 2021

6:00 PM



Marfaa Take Out

Saturday, February 13, 2021

Details will be announced soon



Ash Monday

Divine Liturgy and Distribution of Ashes

Monday, February 15, 2021

6:00 PM



Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent

6:00 PM



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Dear Brother and Sisters in Christ,

On December 8, 2020, Pope Francis declared a “Year of Saint Joseph”, so that we may reflect on the spiritual value of the Saint who is called “Patron of the Universal Church”.

Our first Maronite parish in the United States, established in New York in 1890, came under the name of Saint Joseph. We have parishes named after Saint Joseph in Olean, New York; Atlanta, Georgia; and Waterville, Maine. Some of our parishes also have Saint Joseph Societies. Saint Joseph always has a place in every Maronite heart.

Saint Joseph, the “foster father” of Jesus and the “chaste spouse” of the Virgin, also has two feasts to his honor in the Maronite Church: the Fifth Sunday of the Season of the Glorious Birth, just before Christmas, as well as March 19th. These feasts bring attention to different aspects of Joseph’s role as the “Virgin who cared for the Virgin”, and the Patron of the Universal Church.

What a grace for us to honor Saint Joseph. The Holy Father has granted plenary indulgences for those who honor the Saint. On the website of the Diocese of Charlotte a description of this, as well as the Holy Father’s Decree, can be found [here](#).

A visit to any one of our parishes named for Saint Joseph, as well as those parishes hosting a Saint Joseph Sodality, would be included in this indulgence.

There are so many treasures hidden in the person of Saint Joseph; we can only begin to explore. Who else could have loved and cared for the Virgin Mary and the Christ Child with such tender and masculine love, such obedience to the Heavenly Father, and such fidelity to his noble mission?

O Saint Joseph, foster father, faithful spouse, guide to the troubled, and true patron of believers, pray for us!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Gregory John Mansour



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First Reading

2 Corinthians 4:5-15

A reading from the Second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians. Your blessing father...
Brothers and Sisters:

For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you. But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture 'I believed, and so I spoke' we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

Praise be to God always.

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الثانية إلى أهل قورنتس

يا إخوتي، نحن لا نبشّر بأنفسنا، بل نبشّر بيسوع المسيح ربنا، وبأنفسنا عبداً لكم من أجل يسوع؛ لأن الله الذي قال: «ليشرق من الظلمة نور!»، هو الذي أشرق في قلوبنا، لنستنير فنعرف مجد الله المتجلي في وجه المسيح. ولكننا نحمل هذا الكنز في آنية من خرف، ليظهر أن تلك القدرة الفائقة هي من الله لا منا. يضيئ علينا من كل جهة ولكننا لا نسحق، نخاف في أمرنا ولكننا لا نياس، نضطهد ولكننا لا نهمل، ننبذ ولكننا لا نهلك، ونحمل في جسدنا كل حين موت يسوع، لكي تظهر حياة يسوع أيضاً في جسدنا؛ فإننا نحن الأحياء نسلم دوماً إلى الموت، من أجل يسوع، لكي تظهر حياة يسوع أيضاً في جسدنا المائت. فالموت يعمل فينا، والحياة تعمل فيكم. ولكن بما أن لنا روح الإيمان عينه، كما هو مكتوب: «أمنت، ولذلك تكلمت»، فنحن أيضاً نؤمن، ولذلك نتكلم. ونحن نعلم أن ذلك الذي أقام الرب يسوع، سيقمنا نحن أيضاً مع يسوع، ويجعلنا وإياكم في حضرة. فكل شيء هو من أجلكم، لكي تكثر النعمة، فيفيض الشكر في قلوب الكثيرين لمجد الله.

والتسبيح لله دائماً.

Gospel Reading

Saint John 1:35-42

The Apostle Writes:

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

مِنْ إِنْجِيلِ الْقَدِيسِ يُوْحَنَّا

فِي الْعَدِ أَيْضًا كَانَ يُوْحَنَّا وَاقِفًا هُوَ وَاثْنَانِ مِنْ تَلَامِيذِهِ. وَرَأَى يَسُوعَ مَرًّا فَحَدَّقَ إِلَيْهِ وَقَالَ: "هَا هُوَ حَمَلُ اللَّهِ". وَسَمِعَ التَّلْمِيذَانِ كَلَامَهُ، فَتَبِعَا يَسُوعَ. وَالنَّتَقَتَ يَسُوعُ، فَرَاهُمَا يَتَّبِعَانِيهِ، فَقَالَ لَهُمَا: "مَاذَا تَطْلُبَانِ؟" قَالَ لَهُ: "رَبِّي، أَي يَا مُعَلِّمَ، أَيَّن تَقِيمُ؟". قَالَ لَهُمَا: "تَعَالِيَا وَانظُرَا". فَذَهَبَا وَنَظَرَا أَيَّن يُقِيمُ. وَأَقَامَا عِنْدَهُ ذَلِكَ الْيَوْمِ، وَكَانَتِ السَّاعَةُ نَحْوَ الرَّابِعَةِ بَعْدَ الظُّهْرِ. وَكَانَ أَنْدْرَاوُسُ أَخُو سِمَعَانَ بُطْرُسَ أَحَدَ التَّلْمِيذَيْنِ، الَّذِينَ سَمِعَا كَلَامَ يُوْحَنَّا وَتَبِعَا يَسُوعَ. وَلَقِيَ أَوْلًا أَخَاهُ سِمَعَانَ، فَقَالَ لَهُ: "وَجَدْنَا مَشِيحًا، أَي الْمَسِيحَ". وَجَاءَ بِهِ إِلَى يَسُوعَ، فَحَدَّقَ يَسُوعُ إِلَيْهِ وَقَالَ: "أَنْتَ هُوَ سِمَعَانُ بَنُ يُونَا، أَنْتَ سَتُدْعَى كَيْفَا، أَي بُطْرُسَ الصَّخْرَةَ".
حَقًّا وَالْأَمَانُ لِكُلِّكُمْ.