



Saint Maron

Maronite Catholic Church



January 23-24, 2021

SUNDAY OF THE PRIESTS

Commemoration of the Priests

"Is any man sick among you? Let him bring in the priests of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord." - James 5:13

Take care to do all things in harmony with God, with the bishop presiding in the place of God, and with the presbyters in the place of the council of the apostles, and with the deacons, who are most dear to me, entrusted with the business of Jesus Christ, who was with the Father from the beginning and is at last made manifest.

— Letter to the Magnesians 2, 6:1, St. Ignatius of Antioch (c.50 - c.117AD)

The ordained ministers of the Church are called to serve the People of God, in the name of Christ. It is a calling of humility, in that one realizes they have been entrusted with a ministry for which they can never be worthy, and to serve a precious community God's Holy Church, for whose maintenance they will be answerable.

It is important that the People of God, pray for their priests; for their growth in holiness, for their health and wellbeing, and for their eternal peace when they fall asleep in Christ.

We must remember that priests like all the faithful are sinners

who are called to be saints, full of human frailties and weaknesses like all Christians, that are always in need of the divine healer, Jesus Christ.

Today in the Maronite Church we remember all those priests who have served our holy altars, who preached to us the Word of God, and we pray for their eternal rest in Christ.

Fr. David Fisher

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 23, @ 6:00PM, liturgy is offered for the health and wellbeing of Tony Michael requested by his sister Mirna Abou Ezzi and family.

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.

Friday, January 29, 2020 @ 6:00PM, we will be praying for an end of abortion and a greater respect for life from conception to natural death.

Saturday, January 30, @ 6:00PM, liturgy is being offered for the soul of Janie Robertson. May her soul rest in peace.

Sunday, January 31, @ 11:00AM, liturgy is offered for the wellbeing of Pierre Khoury requested by John Azzi.

PASTOR'S THANK YOU

I would like to take the time to thank all of you for your Christmas well wishes, cards, and gifts. Your kindness and beautiful words meant so much to me and I thank you for making me part of your family. This is a great blessing. God bless each of 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.

2021 MARONITE CALENDARS

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

2020 TAX CONTRIBUTION LETTER

If you would like to receive your tax contribution letter for 2020, please contact the office and we will prepare the papers needed. These can only be done for those who used the envelope system or made a donation by check. Thank you for your continued support to St. Maron Church.

ITEMS FOR WORSHIP

Thank you 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

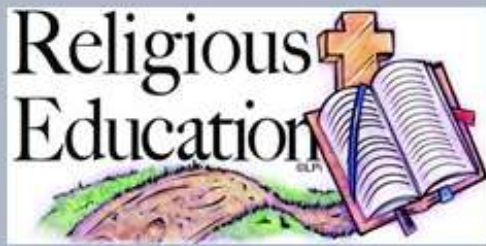
January 13-14, 2021

Sunday Collection	\$ 855.00
Donation	\$ 300.00
Mem. of Judy Fuller	\$ 530.00
Online Donations	\$ 310.00
Total:	\$ 1,995.00

IN OUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers Pierre Khoury, 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

MARFAA TAKE OUT

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Saint Maron,

On behalf of "The Financial Committee" and "The Parish Council", I invite you all to participate in our next "Take Out" on February 13, 2021 from 11AM to 7PM.

This Take Out is special particularly that it is held after Saint Maron Feast Day (February 9), the Patron of our Church, and before Lent Season starts (February 15, 2021).

As you all know, our church depends on donations from parishioners and benefactors to keep its doors opened and expand our mission. I would like to take the opportunity to thank all those who have been generous to the parish especially during this unprecedented time.

I kindly urge you to join hands to make this event a great success especially by spreading a word among all your acquaintances. One way to do it is by sharing the flyer on social media.

For this Take Out (**Marfaa Take Out**), we are offering the following:

- **Kabob Platter:** includes 2 chicken kabob skewers, 2 kafta kabob, rice, garlic paste and bread for \$25.00
- **Kibbi Platter:** includes 4 kibbi balls no nuts, 6 grape leaves, yogurt and bread for \$25.00
- **Kibbi Platter with nuts:** includes 4 kibbi balls with nuts, 6 grape leaves, yogurt and bread for \$30.00
- **Hummus:** 1lb of hummus for \$5.00
- **Ghraybe:** 8pcs of butter cookies for \$10.00

Orders will be accepted starting now till the day of the take out.

If you wish to order the items uncooked (sold by the dozen), the orders should be placed by February 5, 2021 by contacting the office.

You can place your order:

- **Order Online** through the following link: [Home | Saint Maron Catholic Church \(square.site\)](http://Home|SaintMaronCatholicChurch(square.site)orwww.saintmaron.org) or through our website: www.saintmaron.org
- **Contact the Church Office** by phone at (215) 389-2000 or by email at office@saintmaron.org.
- Or **Order in Person** at the Church Hall at 1013 Ellsworth Street, Philadelphia, PA 19147

In addition to the food sale, we are having a **50/50 raffle**. You can purchase the tickets online as well. The cost of 1 Ticket is \$5 and four tickets for \$20.

For more information, refer to our website <http://saintmaron.org/> and click on "Marfaa Take Out".

If you wish to sponsor the Take Out please contact the office.

Thank you in advance,

God Bless you all,

Fr. Andrawos (Fadi) El Tabchi

SAINT MARON CHURCH
MARFAA
Take Out *Before Lent*
Saturday, February 13, 2021
11AM - 7PM

Kibbi Platter
(4 Kibbi Balls *no nuts*, 6 Grape Leaves, Yogurt and Bread)
\$25.00

Kibbi Platter with Nuts
(4 Kibbi Balls *with nuts*, 6 Grape Leaves, Yogurt and Bread)
\$30.00

Kabob Platter
(2 Chicken Kabob, 2 Kafta Kabob, Rice, Garlic Paste and Bread)
\$25.00

Hummus
(1 lb. Hummus)
\$5.00

Ghraybe
(8 Butter Cookies)
\$10.00

add-ons and other offers are available

50/50 Raffle
1 ticket for \$5.00
5 tickets for \$20.00
Drawing Sunday, February 14, 2021 12:30 PM

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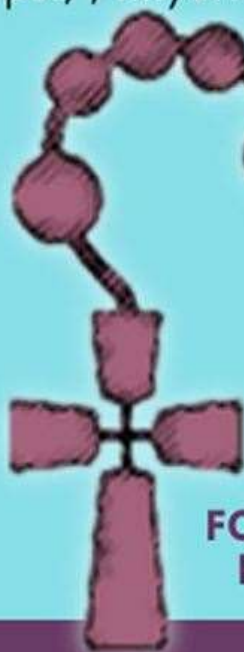
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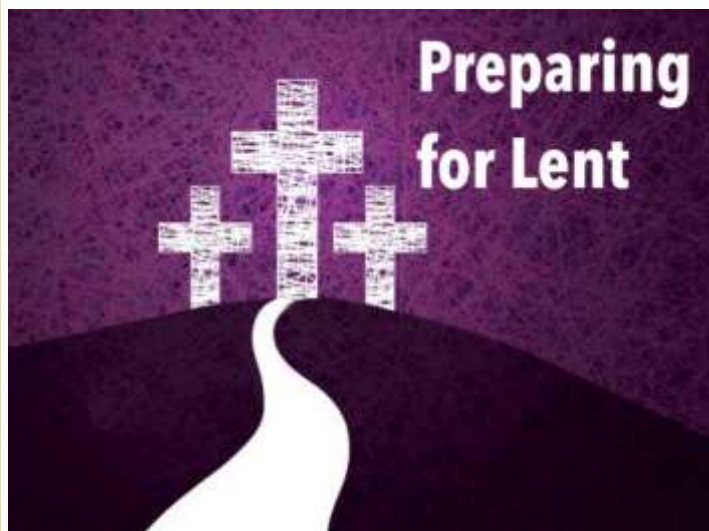
VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS

- **FEB. 25: GREAT LENT: FASTING, PRAYER, & ALMSGIVING**
FR. RUDY WAKIM
- **MAR. 4: OVERVIEW OF THE MARONITE LITURGICAL YEAR**
FR. NAJI KIWAN
- **MAR. 11: MARONITE RITUALS FOR GREAT LENT**
MSGR. JIM ROOT
- **MAR. 18: SYRIAC THEMES IN PASSION WEEK**
FR. AARON SANDBOTHE
- **MAR. 25: MARY IN OUR MARONITE TRADITION**
FR. KEVIN BEATON

Via Zoom on Thursdays 8:00-9:15PM

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First Reading

1 Timothy 4:6-16

A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Timothy. Your blessing father...

Brothers and Sisters:

If you put these instructions before the brothers and sisters, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, nourished on the words of the faith and of the sound teaching that you have followed. Have nothing to do with profane myths and old wives' tales. Train yourself in godliness, for, while physical training is of some value, godliness is valuable in every way, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and struggle, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Saviour of all people, especially of those who believe. These are the things you must insist on and teach. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Until I arrive, give attention to the public reading of scripture, to exhorting, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you through prophecy with the laying on of hands by the council of elders. Put these things into practice, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress. Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; continue in these things, for in doing this you will save both yourself and your hearers.

Praise be to God always.

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الأولى إلى تيموتاوس

يا إخوتي، إِذَا عَرَضْتَ ذَلِكَ لِلْإِخْوَةِ، تَكُونُ خَادِمًا صَالِحًا لِلْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ، مُتَغَذِّيًا بِكَلَامِ الْإِيمَانِ وَالتَّعْلِيمِ الْحَسَنِ الَّذِي تَبِعْتَهُ. أَمَّا الْخُرَافَاتُ التَّافِهَةُ، حِكَايَاتُ الْعَجَائِزِ، فَأَعْرِضْ عَنْهَا. وَرَوِّضْ نَفْسَكَ عَلَى التَّقْوَى. فَإِنَّ الرِّيَاضَةَ الْجَسَدِيَّةَ نَافِعَةٌ بَعْضُ الشَّيْءِ، أَمَّا التَّقْوَى فَهِيَ نَافِعَةٌ لِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ، لِأَنَّ لَهَا وَعْدَ الْحَيَاةِ الْحَاضِرَةِ وَالْآتِيَةِ. صَادِقَةٌ هِيَ الْكَلِمَةُ وَجَدِيرَةٌ بِكُلِّ قَبُولٍ: إِنْ كُنَّا نَتَعَبُ وَنُجَاهِدُ، فَذَلِكَ لِأَنَّنَا جَعَلْنَا رَجَاءَنَا فِي اللَّهِ الْحَيِّ، الَّذِي هُوَ مُخَلِّصُ النَّاسِ أَجْمَعِينَ، وَلَا سِيَّمَا الْمُؤْمِنِينَ. فَأَوْصِ بِذَلِكَ وَعَلِّمُهُ. وَلَا تَدْعُ أَحَدًا يَسْتَهْينُ بِحَدَاثَةِ سِنِّكَ، بَلْ كُنْ مِثَالًا لِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ، بِالْكَلَامِ، وَالسَّيْرَةِ، وَالْمَحَبَّةِ، وَالْإِيمَانِ، وَالْعَفَافِ. وَاطْبُ عَلَى إِعْلَانِ الْكَلِمَةِ وَالْوَعْظِ وَالتَّعْلِيمِ، إِلَى أَنْ أَجِيءَ. لَا تُهْمِلِ الْمَوْهَبَةَ الَّتِي فِيكَ، وَقَدْ وَهَبْتَ لَكَ بِالنُّبُوَّةِ مَعَ وَضْعِ أَيْدِي الشُّيُوخِ عَلَيْكَ. إِهْتَمَّ بِتِلْكَ الْأُمُورِ، وَكُنْ مُوَظِّبًا عَلَيْهَا، لِيَكُونَ تَقَدُّمُكَ وَاضِحًا لِلْجَمِيعِ. إِنْتَبِهْ لِنَفْسِكَ وَلِتَّعْلِيمِكَ، وَاثْبُتْ فِي ذَلِكَ. فَإِذَا فَعَلْتَ خَلَصْتَ نَفْسَكَ وَالَّذِينَ يَسْمَعُونَكَ.

والتسبيح لله دائماً.

Gospel Reading

Saint Luke 12:42-48

The Apostle Writes:

The Lord said, 'Who then is the faithful and prudent manager whom his master will put in charge of his slaves, to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Blessed is that slave whom his master will find at work when he arrives. Truly I tell you, he will put that one in charge of all his possessions. But if that slave says to himself, "My master is delayed in coming", and if he begins to beat the other slaves, men and women, and to eat and drink and get drunk, the master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour that he does not know, and will cut him in pieces, and put him with the unfaithful. That slave who knew what his master wanted, but did not prepare himself or do what was wanted, will receive a severe beating. But one who did not know and did what deserved a beating will receive a light beating. From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required; and from one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded.

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

مِنْ إِنْجِيلِ الْقَدِيسِ لَوْقَا

قَالَ الرَّبُّ يَسُوعُ: «مَنْ تَرَاهُ الْوَكِيلُ الْأَمِينُ الْحَكِيمُ الَّذِي يُقِيمُهُ سَيِّدُهُ عَلَى خَدَمِهِ لِيُعْطِيَهُمْ حِصَّتَهُمْ مِنَ الطَّعَامِ فِي حِينِهَا؟ طُوبَى لِدَلِكِ الْعَبْدِ الَّذِي، مَتَى جَاءَ سَيِّدُهُ، يَجِدُهُ فَاعِلًا هَكَذَا! حَقًّا أَقُولُ لَكُمْ: إِنَّهُ يُقِيمُهُ عَلَى جَمِيعِ مُقْتَنِيَاتِهِ. أَمَّا إِذَا قَالَ ذَلِكَ الْعَبْدُ فِي قَلْبِهِ: سَيَتَأَخَّرُ سَيِّدِي فِي مَجِيئِهِ، وَبَدَأَ يَضْرِبُ الْعِلْمَانَ وَالْجَوَارِي، يَأْكُلُ وَيَشْرَبُ وَيَسْكُرُ، يَجِيءُ سَيِّدُ ذَلِكَ الْعَبْدِ فِي يَوْمٍ لَا يَنْتَظِرُهُ، وَفِي سَاعَةٍ لَا يَعْرِفُهَا، فَيَفْصِلُهُ، وَيَجْعَلُ نَصِيبَهُ مَعَ الْكَافِرِينَ. فَذَلِكَ الْعَبْدُ الَّذِي عَرَفَ مَشِيئَةَ سَيِّدِهِ، وَمَا أَعَدَّ شَيْئًا، وَلَا عَمَلَ بِمَشِيئَةِ سَيِّدِهِ، يَضْرِبُ ضَرْبًا كَثِيرًا. أَمَّا الْعَبْدُ الَّذِي مَا عَرَفَ مَشِيئَةَ سَيِّدِهِ، وَعَمِلَ مَا يَسْتَوْجِبُ الضَّرْبَ، فَيُضْرَبُ ضَرْبًا قَلِيلًا. وَمَنْ أُعْطِيَ كَثِيرًا يُطْلَبُ مِنْهُ الْكَثِيرُ، وَمَنْ أُتْمِنَ عَلَى الْكَثِيرِ يُطَالَبُ بِأَكْثَرِ.

حَقًّا وَالْأَمَانُ لَكُمْ جَمِيعًا.