



Saint Maron

Maronite Catholic Church



February 6-7, 2021

SUNDAY OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

But the souls of the just are in the hand of God, and the torment of death shall not touch them. In the sight of the unwise they seemed to die: and their departure was taken for misery: And their going away from us, for utter destruction: but they are in peace. - Wisdom 3:1-3

Today we remember all who have gone before us, marked with the sign of faith. Our brothers and sisters in Christ; grandparents, parents, family members, friends, fellow parishioners, benefactors, teachers, and the multitude who stand before the throne of God.

Carrying our prayers with them, they passed from this life facing the East, the Rising Sun, Jesus Christ. Our bonds with them are eternal, united with Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit.

As our prayers today for the faithful departed rise up to the Father of all like clouds of incense, we also give thanks for all the love we received in this life from them.

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, February 6, @ 6:00PM,
Sunday, February 7, @ 11:00AM, liturgy is offered for the repose of souls of Melhem ElHajal requested by Manal and Claudine ElHajal. May their souls rest in peace.

Tuesday, February 9, @ 6:00PM, Feast of St. Maron. Liturgy is offered for the safety and wellbeing of our parishioners.

Saturday, February 13, @ 6:00PM,
Sunday, February 14, @ 11:00AM, liturgy is offered for the soul of Tom Baxter requested by his wife Patty.

Monday, February 15, @ 6:00PM, Ash Monday. Liturgy is offered for the safety and wellbeing of our parishioners.

SECOND COLLECTION

As per the directive of the eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn we will have a Second Collection this weekend, February 6-7 for the United States Catholic Bishops' Worldwide Charities. This collection combines the five (5) USCCB collections: Central and Eastern Europe, the Church in Latin America, the Church in Africa, Catholic Relief Services, and Operation Rice Bowl [which is part of CRS]. The total is divided accordingly. Thank you for your generosity.

ELDERLY COMMUNION

If you wish to receive communion at home, please contact the Church Office at 215-389-2000.

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.

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.

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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.

2021 MARONITE CALENDARS

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

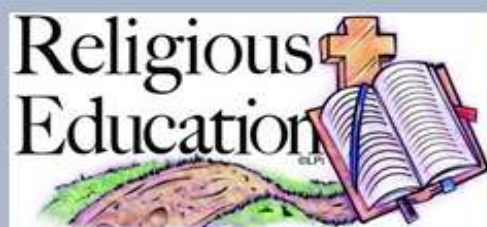
WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR January 30-31, 2021

Sunday Collection	\$ 867.00
Donation	\$ 250.00
Online Donations	\$ 660.00
Total:	\$ 1,777.00

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 started



Feast of St. Maron

Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, February 9, 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



Dear Parishioners,



It was brought to our attention that some of you are not receiving any emails from the church.

Please always check

Spam / Junk

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)) 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/](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

Pre-Order Now

Place your order & For more information (215) 389-2000
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ROSARY BY ZOOM

The Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn invites all of you to join and pray the Rosary every second Monday of the month via Zoom. The first meeting will be on Monday, February 8, 2021 at 8pm. Everybody is invited to join. All details are mentioned in the following flyer:



"I am the Lady of the Rosary. Continue always to pray the Rosary every day" - *Our Lady of Fatima*



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ROSARY

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ZOOM LINK

MEETING ID: 883 4965 1080

PASSCODE: rosary

<https://tinyurl.com/OFSLROSARY>

January 29, 2021

Dear Brother Priests, Deacons and Subdeacons, Religious Men and Women, Lay Faithful:

Lent is a time of repentance and of uniting ourselves to Christ during his 40 days in the desert. During this sacred season, CRS Rice Bowl, Catholic Relief Services' Lenten faith-in-action program, invites us to reflect on how caring for our neighbor is caring for Christ. *For I was hungry and you gave me food, thirsty and you gave me drink* (Matthew 25:35).

CRS Rice Bowl provides resources to bring Lenten spirituality to life for families and parishes, while continuing to connect Catholics in our eparchy with the global human family.

This year, CRS invites us to journey to Madagascar, El Salvador and Timor-Leste to learn about the root causes of hunger and how communities with the support of CRS and faith communities like ours, are making sure they have what they need. Through stories, videos and lesson plans, we will learn about the global issue of hunger and malnutrition and our Gospel call to feed the hungry. With prayer, fasting and almsgiving, we continue Jesus' mission to care for all in need.

I again would like all our parishes and missions to participate in this Lenten program. **Please provide each family in your community with the attached 2021 CRS Rice Bowl Maronite Lenten Calendar.** If you did not receive CRS Rice Bowls last Lent, please visit crsricebowl.org to order one for each family. Please include "St. Maron" after the name of your parish or mission when ordering, so we can better track our Eparchy's participation. Additional CRS Rice Bowl resources also are available on the webpage, including:

- Lenten devotions and prayers
- Lesson plans, videos and activity sheets for Catholic school teachers and religious educators
- Ideas for in-person or virtual community gatherings and simple Lenten meal events

I have asked CRS to send a mid-Lent mailing to all participating communities in our Eparchy with a CRS-addressed envelope to send in your Lenten alms. Please contact our CRS Diocesan Director, Deacon Joseph Chebli, at (908) 578-3690 / josephchebli@gmail.com with any questions about how to incorporate CRS Rice Bowl into the life of your parish this Lent, or to obtain virtual access to the Rice Bowl.

Thank you for inviting families in your faith community to an enriched Lenten journey through CRS Rice Bowl. Together, we can respond to Christ's call to help those in need and ensure everyone reaches his or her God-given human potential.

Yours in Christ,



+ Gregory John Mansour
Bishop of the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn

2021 CRS Rice Bowl Maronite Catholic Church Lenten Calendar

February 14 th	Sunday of Cana in Galilee / Entrance into Lent
February 15 th	Ash Monday – the Great Fast begins
February 21 st	Sunday of the Leper, Second Sunday of Lent
February 21 st -27 th	<u>A JOURNEY TO 3 COUNTRIES</u> – <i>Solidarity with our World</i>
February 28 th	Sunday of the Hemorrhaging Woman, Third Sunday of Lent
February 28 th -March 6 th	<u>A STORY OF HOPE-MADAGASCAR</u> – <i>Option for the Poor</i>
March 7 th	Sunday of the Prodigal Son, Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 7 th -13 th	<u>A STORY OF HOPE- EL SALVADOR</u> – <i>Care for God's Creation</i>
March 14 th	Sunday of the Paralytic, Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 14 th -March 20 th	<u>A STORY OF HOPE-TIMOR-LESTE</u> – <i>Dignity of the Human Person</i>
March 21 st	Sunday of Bartimaeus the Blind, Sixth Sunday of Lent
March 21 st - March 27 th	<u>THE FRUIT OF OUR LENTEN SACRIFICE</u> – <i>Dignity of Work</i>
March 28 th -April 3 rd	<u>HOLY WEEK</u>
March 28 th	Hosanna Sunday
April 1 st	Thursday of Mysteries
April 2 nd	Great Friday of the Crucifixion
April 3 rd	Great Saturday of the Light
April 4 th	GREAT SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

For virtual Rice Bowl please join us at CRSricebowl.org

SPRING FORMATION 2021

GREAT LENT

Learn more about the Maronite Faith and Traditions.

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

[Register Here](#)

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February 6-7, 2021

First Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

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

Brothers and Sisters:

Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Praise be to God always.

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الأولى إلى أهل تسالونيقي

يا إخوتي، أمّا الأزمنة والأوقات، أيّها الإخوة، فلا حاجة بكم أن يكتب إليكم في شأنها؛ لأنكم تعلمون جيّدًا أن يوم الرب يأتي كالسارق ليلاً. فحين يقولون: سلام وأمن! حينئذ يدهمهم الهلاك دهم المخاض للحبلى، ولا يفلتون. أمّا أنتم، أيّها الإخوة، فليستم في ظلمة ليغاجكم ذلك اليوم كالسارق. فأنتم كلكم أبناء النور، وأبناء النهار؛ ولستنا أبناء الليل ولا أبناء الظلمة. إذا فلا ننم كسائر الناس، بل لنسهر ونصح؛ لأن الذين ينامون ففي الليل ينامون، والذين يسكرون ففي الليل يسكرون. أمّا نحن أبناء النهار، فلنصح لابسين درع الإيمان والمحبة، وواضعين خوذة رجاء الخلاص. فإن الله لم يجعلنا للغضب، بل لإحراز الخلاص ببرنا يسوع المسيح، الذي مات من أجلنا، لنحيا معه ساهرين كُنّا أم نائمين. فلذلك شجعوا بعضكم بعضًا، ولينبأ الواحد الآخر، كما أنتم فاعلون.

والتسبيح لله دائماً.

Gospel Reading

Saint Luke 16:19-31

The Apostle Writes:

‘There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames." But Abraham said, "Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us." He said, "Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house for I have five brothers that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment." Abraham replied, "They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them." He said, "No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent." He said to him, "If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.”

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

مِنْ إِنْجِيلِ الْقَدِيسِ لَوْقَا

قَالَ الرَّبُّ يَسُوعُ: "كَانَ رَجُلٌ غَنِيٌّ يَلْبَسُ الْأَرْجُوَانَ وَالْكَتَّانَ النَّاعِمَ، وَيَتَتَعَّمُ كُلَّ يَوْمٍ بِأَفْخَرِ الْوَلَائِمِ. وَكَانَ رَجُلٌ مِسْكِينٌ أَسْمُهُ لَعَازَرُ مَطْرُوحًا عِنْدَ بَابِهِ، تَكْسُوهُ الْقُرُوحُ. وَكَانَ يَشْتَهِي أَنْ يَشْبَعَ مِنَ الْفَتَاتِ الْمَتَسَاقِطِ مِنْ مَائِدَةِ الْغَنِيِّ، غَيْرَ أَنَّ الْكِلَابَ كَانَتْ تَأْتِي فَتَلْحَسُ قُرُوحَهُ. وَمَاتَ الْمِسْكِينُ فَحَمَلَتْهُ الْمَلَائِكَةُ إِلَى حِضْنِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ. ثُمَّ مَاتَ الْغَنِيُّ وَدُفِنَ. وَرَفَعَ الْغَنِيُّ عَيْنَيْهِ، وَهُوَ فِي الْجَحِيمِ يُقَاسِي الْعَذَابَ، فَرَأَى إِبْرَاهِيمَ مِنْ بَعِيدٍ، وَلَعَازَرَ فِي حِضْنِهِ. فَنَادَى وَقَالَ: يَا أَبَتِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ، إِرْحَمْنِي وَأَرْسِلْ لَعَازَرَ لِيُبَلِّ طَرَفَ إِصْبَعِهِ بِمَاءٍ وَيُبْرِدَ لِسَانِي، لِأَنِّي مُتَوَجِّعٌ فِي هَذَا اللَّهَيْبِ. فَقَالَ إِبْرَاهِيمُ: يَا ابْنِي، تَذَكَّرْ أَنَّكَ نِلْتَ خَيْرَاتِكَ فِي حَيَاتِكَ، وَلَعَازَرُ نَالَ الْبَلَايَا. وَالْآنَ هُوَ يَتَعَرَّى هُنَا، وَأَنْتَ تَتَوَجَّعُ. وَمَعَ هَذَا كُلِّهِ، فَإِنَّ بَيْنَنَا وَبَيْنَكُمْ هُوَّةً عَظِيمَةً ثَابِتَةً، حَتَّى إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يُرِيدُونَ أَنْ يَجْتَازُوا مِنْ هُنَا إِلَيْكُمْ لَا يَسْتَطِيعُونَ، وَلَا مِنْ هُنَاكَ أَنْ يَغْبُرُوا إِلَيْنَا. فَقَالَ الْغَنِيُّ: أَسْأَلُكَ إِذَا، يَا أَبَتِ، أَنْ تُرْسِلَ لَعَازَرَ إِلَى بَيْتِ أَبِي، فَإِنَّ لِي خَمْسَةَ إِخْوَةٍ، لِيَشْهَدَ لَهُمْ، كَيْ لَا يَأْتُوا هُمْ أَيْضًا إِلَى مَكَانِ الْعَذَابِ هَذَا. فَقَالَ إِبْرَاهِيمُ: عِنْدَهُمْ مُوسَى وَالْأَنْبِيَاءُ، فَلْيَسْمَعُوا لَهُمْ. فَقَالَ: لَا، يَا أَبَتِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ، وَلَكِنْ إِذَا مَضَى إِلَيْهِمْ وَاحِدٌ مِنَ الْأَمْوَاتِ يَتُوبُونَ. فَقَالَ لَهُ إِبْرَاهِيمُ: إِنْ كَانُوا لَا يَسْمَعُونَ لِمُوسَى وَالْأَنْبِيَاءِ، فَإِنَّهُمْ، وَلَوْ قَامَ وَاحِدٌ مِنَ الْأَمْوَاتِ، لَنْ يَقْتَنِعُوا!".

حَقًّا وَالْأَمَانُ لِكُلِّكُمْ.