



Saint Maron

Maronite Catholic Church



July 3-4, 2021

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!



The Fourth of July—also known as Independence Day or July 4th—has been a federal holiday in the United States since 1941, but the tradition of Independence Day celebrations goes back to the 18th century and the American Revolution. On July 2nd, 1776, the Continental Congress voted in favor of independence, and two days later delegates from the 13 colonies adopted the Declaration of Independence, a historic document drafted by Thomas Jefferson. From 1776 to the present day, July 4th has been celebrated as the birth of American independence, with festivities ranging from Fireworks, parades, and concerts to more casual family gatherings and barbecues. The Fourth of

July 2021 is on Sunday, July 4, 2021; the federal holiday will be observed on Monday, July 5, 2021.

On this Independence Day, we are reminded of all those who have sacrificed for our freedom, following the example of Jesus Christ. Let us not take our freedom, both physical and spiritual for granted which many paid a very high price for us to enjoy.

Let us pray to the Almighty Lord to bless all those who have served and continue to give their lives for Our freedom. Let us be thankful for this nation and grateful for all the sacrifices others have made to build and defend this country. May the Lord give us strength to be a blessing in someone's life today and grant us the opportunity to lead others into the freedom that can be found in knowing Jesus Christ.

Happy Independence Day!

WELCOME BISHOP GREGORY

We are honored to welcome the Most Rev. Bishop Gregory J. Mansour who will be celebrating the Divine Liturgy with us this Sunday.

Saint Maron Church
Philadelphia, PA

REMINDER

Sunday July 4, 2021

Welcome

Most Rev. Bishop Gregory J. Mansour

His Excellency
Will celebrate the Divine Liturgy
and will join us in the church hall for lunch

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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, July 3, @ 6:00PM,
Sunday, July 4, @ 11:00AM,
Bishop Gregory's Visit

Saturday, July 10, @ 6:00PM,
liturgy is offered for the soul of Ibrahim Hanna requested by St. Maron Office. May his soul rest in peace.

Sunday, July 11, @ 11:00AM,
liturgy is offered for the soul of Minerva Labbad requested by Butrus and Tatonetti families. May her soul rest in peace.



SPECIAL THANK YOU

A bouquet of flower was sent from Saint Maron Church to the funeral of H.C. Ibrahim Hanna. A special thank you to the ElHelou Family from Lawrence, MA for their donation toward that Bouquet. Please keep them in your prayers.

SANCTUARY CANDLES

If you would like to offer this candle for your loved ones, please contact the Church office.

ELDERLY COMMUNION

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

IN OUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers Renee McGinley, Jimmy Romeo, Natalie Ciancaglini, Ashley Iaconelli, Stephen Bressi, Pierre Khoury, 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, Panichi, Dennis Strelchuk, Gladys Dalcourt, Denise Furey, Chucky Simon, Mirta Ruiz, Rita Impo, Jade Kellam, Marion Thomas Branca, Francesca Impo, Lucy DiLuce, Laurent Chidiac, Tom Hart, John Hart, Fadi Jaber, Joseph Realdine, Emily Stone, Lisa Alestra, John Nader, Joey Gdowick, Francis Joseph Kerns, Samer Chokeur, 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.

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 June 26-27, 2021

Sunday Collection	\$ 1,338.00
Donation	\$ 2,500.00
Coffee Hour	\$ 13.00
2nd Collection	\$ 0.00
Online Collection	\$ 110.00
Total:	\$ 3,961.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 3,950.00
Surplus	+ \$ 11.00



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All Liturgical practices will be resumed on
June 27, 2021



Divine Liturgy

- The obligation for all to attend Divine Liturgy on Sunday and Holy Days of obligations will be reinstated



Holy Communion

- Holy Communion is to be given under both species, on the tongue
- Unless someone requests, for serious reasons, to receive on the hand



Masking

- Masks are optional
- Unless required by local law



Holy Water Fonts

- To be filled as normal



Live Streaming

- Will be discontinued

As of
August 15, 2021

Return to the normal
exchange of the
Greeting of Peace

Holy Communion in
the hand is eliminated

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thanks be to God, recently we have seen the lifting of many COVID-19 restrictions. Therefore, in the Eparchy Saint Maron of Brooklyn, on the celebration of the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, Sunday June 27, 2021 we will return to many of our usual liturgical practices.

- Holy Communion is to be given under both species, on the tongue, unless someone requests, for serious reasons, to receive on the hand. All Holy Water fonts are to be filled as normal. The obligation for all to attend Divine Liturgy on Sunday and Holy Days of obligations will be reinstated. Those who have serious concerns about their health, as well the health of those who may live with them, may discern to stay home as that has always been an option in the Church. Masks are optional unless required by local law.

We return to this quasi-normality as a sign of faith in God. We have all been so very careful during this pandemic. We have also suffered great loss and illness, yet God has been good to us. I thank the priests, deacons and subdeacons, and all the parishioners who have helped keep our churches safe and holy, sanctuaries of God's holy presence in our tabernacles. I ask that we continue to model prudence, flexibility and calm as there are still some health risks, and many who want to be more vigilant.

Barring anything unforeseen, we hope to return to the normal exchange of the Greeting of Peace and totally eliminate Holy Communion in the hand, as of August 15, 2021, the Feast of the Assumption.

During these difficult months I have seen so many of you dealing so graciously with the many concerns facing you. May God give us the grace to continue to walk this earthly pilgrimage according to his will.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ *Gregory*

+ Gregory John Mansour

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St. Maron Maronite Catholic Church

Stewardship | 2021 Year-to-Date

January 1 through July 1, 2021

Total Income \$ 119,257.47
 Total Expenses \$ 108,029.36
 Net Income \$ 11,228.11

ASSETS \$ 3,689,686.71
 LIABILITIES & EQUITY \$ 3,689,686.71

	Jan 1 - Jul 1, 21
Income	
Auxiliary Receipts	22,062.05
Extraordinary Income	35,094.94
Ordinary Income	61,730.48
Programs	370.00
Total Income	119,257.47
Expense	
Benefits	15,684.97
Extraordinary Expenditures	600.00
Household	78.00
Interest Expense	7,939.74
Ordinary Expenditures	25,650.00
Other Ordinary	37,395.59
Parish Office Administration	6,694.02
Parish Programs	1,152.07
Utilities	12,834.97
Total Expense	108,029.36
Net Income	11,228.11

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First Reading

2 Corinthians 3:1-6

A reading from the second letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians. Your blessing father...

Brothers and Sisters:

Are we beginning to commend ourselves again? Surely we do not need, as some do, letters of recommendation to you or from you, do we? You yourselves are our letter, written on our hearts, to be known and read by all; and you show that you are a letter of Christ, prepared by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts. Such is the confidence that we have through Christ towards God. Not that we are competent of ourselves to claim anything as coming from us; our competence is from God, who has made us competent to be ministers of a new covenant, not of letter but of spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

Praise be to God always.

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الثانية إلى أهل قورنتس

يا إخوتي، أَعُوذُ نَبْدًا فَنُوصِيكُمْ بِأَنْفُسِنَا، أَمْ تَرَانَا نَحْتَاجُ، كَبَعُضِ النَّاسِ، إِلَى رَسَائِلِ تَوْصِيَةِ إِلَيْكُمْ أَوْ مِنْكُمْ؟ إِنَّ رِسَالَتَنَا هِيَ أَنْتُمْ، وَهِيَ مَكْتُوبَةٌ فِي قُلُوبِنَا، يَعْرِفُهَا وَيَقْرَأُهَا جَمِيعُ النَّاسِ. أَجَلٌ، لَقَدْ اتَّضَحَ أَنَّكُمْ رِسَالَةُ الْمَسِيحِ، الَّتِي خَدَمْنَاهَا نَحْنُ، وَهِيَ مَكْتُوبَةٌ لَا بِالْحَبْرِ بَلْ بِرُوحِ اللَّهِ الْحَيِّ، لَا عَلَى أَلْوَاحٍ مِنْ حَجَرٍ، بَلْ عَلَى أَلْوَاحٍ مِنْ لَحْمٍ أَيْ فِي قُلُوبِكُمْ. تِلْكَ هِيَ النِّقَّةُ الَّتِي لَنَا بِالْمَسِيحِ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ، وَهِيَ أَنَّنَا لَا نَقْدِرُ أَنْ نَدَّعِيَ شَيْئًا كَأَنَّهُ مِنَّا، بَلْ إِنَّ قُدْرَتَنَا هِيَ مِنْ اللَّهِ، فَهُوَ الَّذِي قَدَّرَنَا أَنْ نَكُونَ خُدَّامًا لِلْعَهْدِ الْجَدِيدِ، لَا لِلْحَرْفِ بَلْ لِلرُّوحِ، لِأَنَّ الْحَرْفَ يَقْتُلُ أَمَّا الرُّوحُ فَيُحْيِي.

والتسبيح لله دائماً.

Gospel Reading

Saint Luke 10:1-7

The Apostle Writes:

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house.

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

مِنْ إِنْجِيلِ الْقَدِيسِ لَوْقَا

بَعْدَ ذَلِكَ عَيَّنَ الرَّبُّ اثْنَيْنِ وَسَبْعِينَ آخَرِينَ، وَأَرْسَلَهُمْ اثْنَيْنِ اثْنَيْنِ أَمَامَ وَجْهِهِ إِلَى كُلِّ مَدِينَةٍ وَمَوْضِعٍ كَانَ مُزْمِعًا أَنْ يَذْهَبَ إِلَيْهِ. وَقَالَ لَهُمْ: «إِنَّ الْحِصَادَ كَثِيرٌ، أَمَّا الْفَعْلَةُ فَقَلِيلُونَ. أُطْلَبُوا إِذَا مِنْ رَبِّ الْحِصَادِ أَنْ يُخْرِجَ فَعْلَةً إِلَى حِصَادِهِ. إِذْهَبُوا. هَا إِنِّي أُرْسِلُكُمْ كَالْحُمَلَانَ بَيْنَ الذِّئَابِ. لَا تَحْمِلُوا كَيْسًا، وَلَا زَادًا، وَلَا حِذَاءً، وَلَا تُسَلِّمُوا عَلَى أَحَدٍ فِي الطَّرِيقِ. وَأَيَّ بَيْتٍ دَخَلْتُمُوهُ، قُولُوا أَوَّلًا: السَّلَامُ لِهَذَا الْبَيْتِ. فَإِنْ كَانَ هُنَاكَ ابْنُ سَلَامٍ فَسَلَامُكُمْ يَسْتَقِرُّ عَلَيْهِ، وَإِلَّا فَيَرْجِعُ إِلَيْكُمْ. وَأَقِيمُوا فِي ذَلِكَ الْبَيْتِ تَأْكُلُونَ وَتَشْرَبُونَ مِمَّا عِنْدَهُمْ، لِأَنَّ الْفَاعِلَ يَسْتَحِقُّ أُجْرَتَهُ. وَلَا تَنْتَقِلُوا مِنْ بَيْتٍ إِلَى بَيْتٍ. حَقًّا وَالْأَمَانُ لِكُلِّكُمْ.