



# Saint Maron

## Maronite Catholic Church



August 14-15, 2021

# FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY

*"From now on will all ages  
call me blessed"*

**SAINT AELRED OF RIELVAUX  
(1110-1167)**

**Cistercian monk**

**2<sup>nd</sup> sermon for the Assumption,  
Durham coll.**



If Saint Mary Magdalene – who had been a sinner and from whom the Lord had cast out seven demons – merited to be glorified by him to the extent that her praise abides forever among the assembly of the saints, who can measure the extent to which “the upright rejoice and dance for joy in the presence of the Lord” with regard to holy Mary, who knew not man?... If the apostle Peter – who was not only unable to watch for one hour with Christ but who even went so far as to deny him – afterwards won such favor that the keys of the Kingdom of heaven were entrusted to him, of what praises is holy Mary not worthy, who bore the king of angels himself in her womb, he whom the heavens cannot contain? If Saul, who “breathed murderous threats against the disciples of the Lord”... was the object of such mercy... that he was “caught up to the third heaven, whether in the body or out of the body”, it is not surprising that the holy Mother of God – who stayed beside her son through all the trials he endured from his cradle onwards – should have been lifted up to heaven, even in her body, and exalted high above the choirs of angels.

If there is “joy in heaven before the angels over one sinner who repents”, who can tell what joyful and lovely praises rise up before God concerning holy Mary who never sinned?... Indeed, if those who “once were darkness” and have now become “light in the Lord” “will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father”, who is able to tell “the eternal weight of glory” of holy Mary, who came into the world “like dawn arising, beautiful as the moon, resplendent as the sun” and of whom was born “the true light which enlightens everyone coming into the world”? Moreover, since our Lord said: “Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am there will my servant also be”, where do we think his mother must be who served him with such eagerness and fidelity? If she followed him and obeyed him even to death, no one can wonder that now, more than anyone else, she “follows the Lamb wherever he goes.”

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# Eparchial Update

## Covid-19 Circular

from His Excellency Bishop Gregory Mansour



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11 August 2021

Prot. No. 504/1/21  
Circ. No. 21.21

Brother Priests, Deacons and Subdeacons, Consecrated Men and Women, Brothers and Sisters;

In my letter of 28 May 2021 (Prot. No. 356/1/21; Cir. No. 21.16), I reinstated the obligation for all to attend Divine Liturgy on Sunday and Holy Days of Obligations on the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, Sunday June 27, 2021, I also stated the following:

*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.*

Unfortunately, the new Delta variant of the Corona Virus is that “unforeseen” situation. Therefore, at this time we will retain the status quo, and the above-cited paragraph will not be implemented until further notice.

I thank the priests once again for their faithful service as true pastors during these difficult times.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Gregory

+ Gregory

GJM/rb

## DIVINE LITURGIES

**Saturday, August 14, @ 6:00PM**, liturgy is offered for the soul of Helen Simon Snyderman requested by family. May her soul rest in peace.

**Sunday, August 15, @ 11:00AM**, (Feast of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary) liturgy is offered for the safety and the well-being of the parishioners of St. Maron Church.

**Saturday, August 7, @ 6:00PM**, liturgy is offered for a special intention.

**Sunday, August 8, @ 11:00AM**, (Transfiguration of Our Lord) liturgy is offered for the soul of Youssef Takfour requested by family. May his soul rest in peace.

## WELCOME TO THE FLOCK OF JESUS

Last weekend, we welcomed to the flock of Jesus

### Lucenzo Gianni Lenzi

Congratulations on your baptism and confirmation at Saint Maron Church. We also extend the congratulations to your parents and the entire family. May God bless you and may you be filled with wisdom and grow up healthy and strong in the grace of God.

## SANCTUARY CANDLES

The sanctuary candle is burning for the well-being of **Saint Maron Parishioners**.

If you would like to offer the sanctuary candle in memory of your loved one or for a special intention, please contact the Church Office.

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**Every First Thursday of the month** we will celebrate Divine Liturgy followed by Eucharistic Adoration.

## 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 Peter Kassis, 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 Chokeyr, 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

**August 7-8, 2021**

<b>Sunday Collection</b>	\$	<b>835.00</b>
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	\$	<b>10.00</b>
<b>Donation</b>	\$	<b>20.00</b>
<b>Online</b>	\$	<b>310.00</b>
<b>Total:</b>	\$	<b>1,175.00</b>
<b>Weekly Budget</b>	\$	<b>3,950.00</b>
<b>Deficit</b>	- \$	<b>2,775.00</b>



**Save the Date**  
Thursday, October 7, 2021

Join us for the  
*Twelfth Annual Benefit Event for  
The Eparchy of Saint Maron*

Details to follow



## RECONNECTING AFTER A LONG TIME

It has been a while since we gathered, but everything started with a simple BBQ idea. Even though it took us sometime to reach out to everyone and despite the fact not everyone was able to make it due to several considerations, on August 10, 2021, we were able to get together. With a prayer and a blessing from Fr. Andrawos, our parish priest, we started our meeting and enjoyed a dinner in the church hall. This gathering was an opportunity for all to reconnect and catch up.

We encourage all the youth to join us in the upcoming events. We will always be there for each other and our church.

**TRUST, LOVE AND COMMITMENT** is our motto.

We take this opportunity to thank everyone who made this evening a success.

Saint Maron Church Young Adults



# 2021-2022 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAMS

## Registration is Open!

We are excited to announce that the 2021-2022 registrations for our youth programs are now open!

We will be running three programs this year:

**Sunday CCD, Junior MYO and MYO!**

All registrations will be done online using the links below.

*All programs kick-off in September.*

This year, all our programs will be using a **Grade-system**, not **Age**, to align with the Eparchial standards.

We can't wait to have all our youth back!



[Click here to register your child for CCD](#)



[Click here to register your child for JrMYO](#)



[Click here to register your child for MYO](#)

We are also looking for dedicated parishioners that would volunteer to be a **CCD Teacher, Junior MYO Leader, or MYO Leader!**



[Click here to Sign-Up](#)

We thank you for your continued commitment to **YOUR** parish community and we cannot wait to get back to normal and seeing our parish family flourish as it always has.

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday

October 2, 2021



I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow.  
So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything,  
but only God, who makes things grow.  
The man who plants and the man who waters have one purpose,  
and each will be rewarded according to his own labor.  
1 Corinthians 3:6-8

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Saturday September 11, 2021 from 12:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M.

Sunday September 12, 2021 from 1:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

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and Ensemble



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August 14-15, 2021

## First Reading Romans 12:9-15

**A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Romans. Your blessing father...**

Brothers and Sisters:

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.

**Praise be to God always.**

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل رومة

يا إخوتي، لتكن محبتكم بلا رياء: تجنّبوا الشرّ، ولازموا الخير. أحبوا بعضكم بعضاً محبةً أخويةً، وبادرُوا بعضكم بعضاً بالإكرام. كونوا في الاجتهاد غير متكاسلين، وبالروح حارين، وللربّ عابدين، وبالرجاء فرحين، وفي الصّيق ثابتين، وعلى الصّلاة مواظبين، وفي حاجات القديسين مشاركين، وإلى ضيافة الغرباء ساعين. باركوا الذين يضطهدونكم، باركوا ولا تلعنوا. إفرحوا مع الفرحين، وأبكوا مع الباكين.

والتسبيح لله دائماً.

## Gospel Reading

### Saint Luke 1:46-55

#### The Apostle Writes:

Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever.'

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

#### مِنْ إِنْجِيلِ الْقَدِيسِ لَوْقَا

قَالَتْ مَرْيَمُ: "تَعْظُمُ نَفْسِي الرَّبِّ، وَتَبْتَهِجُ رُوحِي بِإِلَهِ مُخَلِّصِي، لِأَنَّهُ نَظَرَ إِلَى تَوَاضُعِ أُمَّتِهِ. فَهِيَ مُنْذُ الْآنَ تُطَوِّبُنِي جَمِيعُ الْأَجْيَالِ، لِأَنَّ الْقَدِيرَ صَنَعَ بِي عَظَائِمَ، وَأَسْمُهُ قُدُّوسٌ، وَرَحْمَتُهُ إِلَى أَجْيَالٍ وَأَجْيَالٍ لِلَّذِينَ يَتَّقُونَهُ. صَنَعَ عِزًّا بِسَاعِدِهِ، وَشَتَّتَ الْمُتَكَبِّرِينَ بِأَفْكَارِ قُلُوبِهِمْ. أَنْزَلَ الْمُقْتَدِرِينَ عَنِ الْعُرُوشِ، وَرَفَعَ الْمُتَوَاضِعِينَ. أَشْبَعَ الْجِيَاعَ خَيْرَاتٍ، وَصَرَفَ الْأَغْنِيَاءَ فَارِغِينَ. عَصَدَ إِسْرَائِيلَ فَتَاهُ ذَاكِرًا رَحْمَتَهُ، لِإِبْرَاهِيمَ وَنَسْلِهِ إِلَى الْأَبَدِ، كَمَا كَلَّمَ آبَاءَنَا".

**حَقًّا وَالْأَمَانَ لَجَمِيعِكُمْ.**