



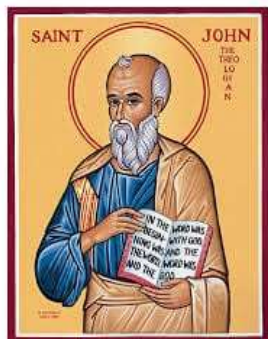
Saint Maron

Maronite Catholic Church



September 25-26, 2021

Second Sunday After Holy Cross



OUR MISSION STATEMENT

To seek to know the love of God revealed in Jesus Christ,
To celebrate together as a united family of faith,
and to share our gifts and talents in loving service to others.

2nd Collection

October 24, 2021
World Mission Sunday

Readings

Epistle 1 Corinthians 15:19-34
Gospel Matthew 24:1-14

Feast of St. John the Evangelist

Patron saint of Patron: editors, writers, burn victims, poison victims

St. John the Evangelist, the Beloved Disciple, was the youngest of the Apostles and the third to be admitted to Jesus's privileged inner circle, alongside St. James the Greater and St. Peter. He wrote the fourth Gospel and is also known as John the Divine for his lofty theology.

Before the Savior died, he entrusted his mother, the Virgin Mary, to the care of John, the Beloved Disciple (John 19:27). Pious tradition holds that she lived with John in Ephesus until her Assumption in Jerusalem.

Pious tradition also asserts that after Mary's Assumption, John began his missionary expeditions throughout Asia Minor. He was arrested under the reign of the Emperor Domitian, who tried to boil him in oil. John was miraculously preserved, not only from death but also from any harm.

He was then banished to the island of Patmos in the Aegean Sea. On this island, John received personal revelations that formed the Book of Revelation or the Apocalypse, the last book of the New Testament and of the Christian Bible. He received these revelations in a cave located under the present-day monastery dedicated to his honor. John later traveled to Ephesus, where, inspired by the Holy Spirit and aided by his devoted friends, he wrote the Gospel According to St. John and the three Letters of St. John. In his letters, he addresses the Christian community as *catholic*, meaning "for all."

Because John was the youngest of the 12 Apostles, he's often depicted in sacred art as beardless, unlike the other 11. This is why, in Leonardo da Vinci's painting of the Last Supper, John, seated to Jesus's right, looks very young. John is also the only Apostle who wasn't martyred. He lived into his 90s and died of natural causes, probably in Ephesus in present-day Turkey.

Fall Hafli

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OFFICE HOURS: The Church office will be open Tuesday through Friday from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm.



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**IMPORTANT
ANNOUNCEMENT**



**CCD CLASSES WILL START
THIS **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2021**
AFTER DIVINE LITURGY**



Eparchy of Saint Maron Virtual Benefit Event

REMINDER

Thursday, October 7, 2021, at 7:00PM Eastern Time



Save the Date

Thursday, October 7, 2021

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

For more information:
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DIVINE LITURGIES

Saturday, September 25, @ 6:00PM, liturgy is offered in memory of Fran Nataloni requested by her friends Elaine and Linda. May her soul rest in peace.

Sunday, September 26, @ 11:00AM, liturgy is offered in memory of Jamileh Haddad requested by Dany and Rania Cherfane. And in memory of Robert Cherfane requested by family. May their souls rest in peace.

Saturday, October 2, @ 6:00PM, liturgy is offered in memory of Maria Maspero requested by her daughter. May her soul rest in peace.

Sunday, October 3, @ 11:00AM, liturgy is offered in memory of Nemer and Rahil Saliba requested by Anthony Wehbeh and family. May their souls rest in peace.

SANCTUARY CANDLES

The sanctuary candle is burning for **the soul of Rose Ghazali**. May her soul rest in peace.

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 at 6:00PM, we will celebrate Divine Liturgy followed by Eucharistic Adoration.

Our next Eucharistic Adoration will be on **Thursday, October 7, 2021.**

ELDERLY COMMUNION

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

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest sympathy to the Ghazali and Hourani families on the passing of Rose Ghazali (Reine Hourani's mom) this week in Lebanon. May Almighty God welcome her into His kingdom and may her soul rest in peace! Al Massih Qam!

IN OUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers Marie Eddis, Elaine Jones, Mia Andrilla, Jimmy Romeo, Natalie Ciancaglini, Ashley Iaconelli, Stephen Bressi, Tina Grassia, Michelle Raymond, Elissar Ayoub, 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 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.

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.

Offerings and Donations

Please use the collection box at the church entrance.



WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR

September 18-19, 2021

Sunday Collection	\$	772.00
Coffee Hour	\$	5.00
Donations	\$	120.00
Online	\$	360.00
Total:	\$	1,257.00
Weekly Budget	\$	3,950.00
Deficit	- \$	2,693.00
Hafli Sponsorships	\$	2,700.00



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15 September 2021

Prot. No. 465/1/21

Reverend Andrawos Fadi El Tabchi
Saint Maron Church
1013 Ellsworth Street
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Dear Father El Tabchi,

By virtue of this letter, I hereby revoke your appointment as Administrator of Saint Maron Church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and appoint you Pastor of the same. This appointment is effective October 1, 2021 and will remain in effect for six years.

You are asked to exercise your ministry in your new office in accordance with all of the provisions of Ecclesiastical laws, the Statutes of this Eparchy and in compliance with the applicable civil laws in force.

Thank you, dear Father Andrawos, for your willingness to lay down your life for the flock. May the prayers of the Mother of God and Saint Maron, be with you.

With prayerful best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ *Gregory*

+ Gregory John Mansour

GJM/rb

cc. Reverend Dominique Hanna, Protopresbyter



Gathered in the love of Christ our King



After the success of our first meeting (Barbeque Night) and in collaboration with St. Charbel Newtown Square MYA, we gathered on Friday Sep 17, 2021.

Our second event was "Bowling Night". We had a great time together and can't wait for all the upcoming events. We would like to thank all those who have made this night a success and we extend our gratitude and thanks to those who have donated the T-shirts and wished to remain anonymous. "Till we meet again". We leave you with this beautiful quote by Henry Ford and some pictures to enjoy.



"Coming together is a beginning,
Keeping together is a progress,
Working together is success"

With Love
Saint Maron MYA



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.
United we stand. We are Saint Maron's.

Saint Maron Church

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**Saturday, October 2, 2021
7:00PM**

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Sunday, September 5, 2021**

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We aim to double our donations for the 2021-2022 academic school year, i.e. more than 50,000\$ to financially support more than 1,000 students. We are counting on your generous donations to secure the schooling of our Lebanese youths.



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September 25-26, 2021

First Reading

1 Corinthians 15:19-34

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

Brothers and Sisters:

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. For 'God has put all things in subjection under his feet.' But when it says, 'All things are put in subjection', it is plain that this does not include the one who put all things in subjection under him. When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to the one who put all things in subjection under him, so that God may be all in all. Otherwise, what will those people do who receive baptism on behalf of the dead? If the dead are not raised at all, why are people baptized on their behalf? And why are we putting ourselves in danger every hour? I die every day! That is as certain, brothers and sisters, as my boasting of you a boast that I make in Christ Jesus our Lord. If with merely human hopes I fought with wild animals at Ephesus, what would I have gained by it? If the dead are not raised, 'Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.' Do not be deceived: 'Bad company ruins good morals.' Come to a sober and right mind, and sin no more; for some people have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame.

Praise be to God always.

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الأولى إلى أهل قورنثوس

يا إِخْوَتِي، إِنَّ كُنَّا نَرْجُو الْمَسِيحَ فِي هَذِهِ الْحَيَاةِ وَحَسَبُ، فَنَحْنُ أَشَقَى النَّاسِ أَجْمَعِينَ! وَالْحَالُ أَنَّ الْمَسِيحَ قَامَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، وَهُوَ بَأَكْوَرَةِ الرَّاقِدِينَ. فَبِمَا أَنَّ الْمَوْتَ كَانَ بِوَاسِطَةِ إِنْسَانٍ، فَبِوَاسِطَةِ إِنْسَانٍ أَيْضًا تَكُونُ قِيَامَةُ الْأَمْوَاتِ. فَكَمَا أَنَّهُ فِي آدَمَ يَمُوتُ الْجَمِيعُ، كَذَلِكَ فِي الْمَسِيحِ سَيَحْيَا الْجَمِيعُ، كُلُّ وَاحِدٍ فِي رُتَبَتِهِ: الْمَسِيحُ أَوَّلًا، لِأَنَّهُ الْبَأَكُورَةُ، ثُمَّ الَّذِينَ هُمْ لِلْمَسِيحِ، عِنْدَ مَجِيئِهِ. وَبَعْدَ ذَلِكَ تَكُونُ النِّهَائِيَّةُ، حِينَ يُسَلِّمُ الْمَسِيحُ الْمُلْكَ إِلَى اللَّهِ الْآبِ، بَعْدَ أَنْ يَكُونَ قَدْ أَنْبَطَلَ كُلُّ رِئَاسَةٍ وَكُلُّ سُلْطَانٍ وَقُوَّةٍ، لِأَنَّهُ لَا بُدَّ لِلْمَسِيحِ أَنْ يَمْلِكَ، إِلَى أَنْ يَجْعَلَ اللَّهُ جَمِيعَ أَعْدَائِهِ تَحْتَ قَدَمَيْهِ. وَآخِرُ عَدُوٍّ يُبْطَلُ هُوَ الْمَوْتُ. لَقَدْ أَخْضَعَ اللَّهُ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ تَحْتَ قَدَمَيْهِ. وَحِينَ يَقُولُ الْكِتَابُ: «أَخْضَعَ لَهُ كُلُّ شَيْءٍ»، فَمِنْ الْوَاضِحِ أَنَّهُ يَسْتَنْتِي اللَّهُ الَّذِي أَخْضَعَ لَهُ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ. وَمَتَى أَخْضَعَ لِلْأَبْنِ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ، فَحِينَئِذٍ يَخْضَعُ الْآبْنُ نَفْسَهُ لِلَّذِي أَخْضَعَ لَهُ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ، حَتَّى يَكُونَ اللَّهُ الْكُلُّ فِي الْكُلِّ. وَإِلَّا فَمَاذَا يَفْعَلُ الَّذِينَ يَتَعَمَّدُونَ مِنْ أَجْلِ الْأَمْوَاتِ؟ إِنْ كَانَ الْأَمْوَاتُ لَا يَقُومُونَ أَبَدًا، فَلِمَاذَا يَتَعَمَّدُونَ مِنْ أَجْلِهِمْ؟ وَنَحْنُ، فَلِمَاذَا نَعْرِضُ أَنْفُسَنَا كُلَّ سَاعَةٍ لِلْخَطَرِ؟ أَقْسِمُ، أَيُّهَا الْإِخْوَةُ، بِمَا لِي مِنْ فَخْرٍ بِكُمْ فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ رَبِّنَا، أَنِّي أَوَاجِهُ الْمَوْتَ كُلَّ يَوْمٍ. إِنْ كُنْتُ صَارَعْتُ الْوُحُوشَ فِي أَفْسُسَ، لِغَايَةِ بَشَرِيَّةٍ، فَأَيُّ نَفْعٍ لِي؟ وَإِنْ كَانَ الْأَمْوَاتُ لَا يَقُومُونَ، فَلَنَأْكُلَ وَنَشْرَبَ، لَأَنَّنَا غَدًا سَنَمُوتُ! لَا تَضِلُّوا! إِنَّ الْمُعَاشِرَاتِ السَّيِّئَةَ تُفْسِدُ الْأَخْلَاقَ السَّالِمَةَ! أَتَيْطَلُوا قُلُوبَكُمْ بِالنَّقْوَى، وَلَا تَخْطَأُوا، فَإِنَّ بَعْضًا مِنْكُمْ يَجْهَلُونَ اللَّهَ! أَقُولُ هَذَا لِإِخْبَالِكُمْ!

والتسبيح لله دائماً.

Gospel Reading

Saint Matthew 24:1-14

The Apostle Writes:

As Jesus came out of the temple and was going away, his disciples came to point out to him the buildings of the temple. Then he asked them, 'You see all these, do you not? Truly I tell you, not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.' When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, 'Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?' Jesus answered them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray. For many will come in my name, saying, "I am the Messiah!" and they will lead many astray. And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars; see that you are not alarmed; for this must take place, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places: all this is but the beginning of the birth pangs. 'Then they will hand you over to be tortured and will put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of my name. Then many will fall away, and they will betray one another and hate one another. And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. And because of the increase of lawlessness, the love of many will grow cold. But anyone who endures to the end will be saved. And this good news of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the world, as a testimony to all the nations; and then the end will come.

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

مِنْ إِنْجِيلِ الْقَدِيسِ مَتَّى

خَرَجَ يَسُوعُ مِنَ الْهَيْكَلِ وَمَضَى. فَدَنَا مِنْهُ تَلَامِيذُهُ يُفْتَنُونَ نَظَرَهُ إِلَى أُنْبِيَةِ الْهَيْكَلِ. فَأَجَابَ وَقَالَ لَهُمْ: "أَلَا تَنْظُرُونَ هَذَا كُلَّهُ؟ الْحَقُّ أَقُولُ لَكُمْ: لَنْ يُتْرَكَ هُنَا حَجَرٌ عَلَى حَجَرٍ إِلَّا وَيُنْقَضُ". وَفِيمَا هُوَ جَالِسٌ عَلَى جَبَلِ الزَيْتُونِ، دَنَا مِنْهُ التَّلَامِيذُ عَلَى أَنْفَرَادٍ قَائِلِينَ: "قُلْ لَنَا مَتَى يَكُونُ هَذَا، وَمَا هِيَ عَلَامَةُ مَجِيئِكَ وَنَهَايَةِ الْعَالَمِ؟". فَأَجَابَ يَسُوعُ وَقَالَ لَهُمْ: "إِحْذَرُوا أَنْ يُضِلَّكُمْ أَحَدٌ! فَكَثِيرُونَ سَيَأْتُونَ بِأَسْمِي قَائِلِينَ: "أَنَا هُوَ الْمَسِيحُ! وَيُضِلُّونَ الْكَثِيرِينَ. وَسَوْفَ تَسْمَعُونَ بِحُرُوبٍ وَبِأَخْبَارِ حُرُوبٍ، أَنْظُرُوا، لَا تَرْتَعِبُوا! فَلَإِنَّ بَدْءَ أَنْ يَخْذُثَ هَذَا. وَلَكِنْ لَيْسَتْ النِّهَايَةُ بَعْدَ! سَتَقُومُ أُمَّةٌ عَلَى أُمَّةٍ، وَمَمْلَكَةٌ عَلَى مَمْلَكَةٍ، وَتَكُونُ مَجَاعَاتٌ وَزَلَزَلٌ فِي أَمَاكِنَ شَتَّى، وَهَذَا كُلُّهُ أَوَّلُ الْمَخَاضِ. حِينَئِذٍ يُسَلِّمُونَكُمْ إِلَى الصَّيْقِ، وَيَقْتُلُونَكُمْ، وَيُبْغِضُوكُمْ جَمِيعُ الْأُمَمِ مِنْ أَجْلِ اسْمِي. وَحِينَئِذٍ يَرْتَدُّ الْكَثِيرُونَ عَنِ الْإِيمَانِ، وَيُسَلِّمُ بَعْضُهُمْ بَعْضًا، وَيُبْغِضُ بَعْضُهُمْ بَعْضًا. وَيَقُومُ أَنْبِيَاءُ كَذِبَةٌ كَثِيرُونَ وَيُضِلُّونَ الْكَثِيرِينَ. وَلِكثَرَةِ الْإِثْمِ تَقْصُرُ مَحَبَّةُ الْكَثِيرِينَ. وَمَنْ يَصْبِرْ إِلَى النِّهَايَةِ يَخْلُصُ. وَيُكْرَزُ بِإِنْجِيلِ الْمَلَكُوتِ هَذَا فِي الْمَسْكُونَةِ كُلِّهَا شَهَادَةً لِّجَمِيعِ الْأُمَمِ، وَحِينَئِذٍ تَأْتِي النِّهَايَةُ. حَقًّا وَالْأَمَانُ لِّجَمِيعِكُمْ.