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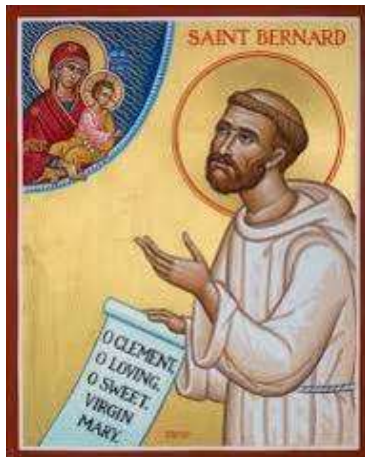
Maronite Catholic Church



October 2-3, 2021

Third Sunday After Holy Cross

Holy Rosary Sunday



Saint Bernard (1091-1153)

Cistercian monk and doctor of the Church

24th sermon on the Song of Songs (trans. ©Cistercian Publications Inc. 1976)

"Every tree is known by its own fruit"

Do you believe in Christ? Do the works of Christ so that your faith may live; love will animate your faith, deed will reveal it... If you say you abide in Christ you ought to walk as he walked. But if you seek your own glory, envy the successful, slander the absent, take revenge on those who injure you, this Christ did not do. You profess to know God, yet reject him by your deeds... "Such a one honors me with his lips, but his heart is far from me" (Is 29,13; Mt 15,8)... You see then that right faith will not make a man righteous unless it is enlivened by love. Someone who has no love has no means of loving the Bride, Christ's Church. But on the other hand, deeds, however righteous, cannot make the heart righteous without faith. Who would call a person righteous who does not please God? But "without faith it is impossible to please God" (Heb 11,6). And God cannot please the one who is not pleasing to him; for if God is pleasing to someone, that person cannot displease God. Furthermore, if God is not pleasing to that person, neither is his Bride, the Church. How then can he be righteous who loves neither God nor God's Church, to whom is said: "The righteous love you"? (Sg 1,3 Vg.). If therefore neither faith without good works nor good works without faith suffice for a man's righteousness, we, my brothers, who believe in Christ, should strive to ensure that our behavior and desires are righteous. Let us raise up both our hearts and hands to God, that our whole being may be righteous, our righteous faith being revealed in our righteous actions. So we shall be lovers of the Bride, the Church, and loved by the Bridegroom Jesus Christ our Lord, who is God, blessed forever.

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 Philippians 3:17-21, 4:1
Gospel Matthew 24:23-31

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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 STARTED
ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2021
AFTER DIVINE LITURGY**



Eparchy of Saint Maron Virtual Benefit Event

REMINDER

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



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Thursday, October 7, 2021

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The Eparchy of Saint Maron

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DIVINE LITURGIES

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.

Saturday, October 9, @ 6:00PM, liturgy is offered in memory of Margaret (Peggy) Azar requested by Helen Butrus. May her soul rest in peace.

Sunday, October 10, @ 11:00AM, liturgy is offered in memory of Jamileh Haddad requested by the Marrone family. May her soul rest in peace.

SANCTUARY CANDLES

The sanctuary candle is burning for **our children and youth (CCD, MYO, MYA).**

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

On **Thursday, October 14, 2021, at 6:00PM,** 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.

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 25-26, 2021

Sunday Collection	\$	904.00
Coffee Hour	\$	29.00
Donations	\$	575.00
Memorial	\$	1,000.00
Online	\$	760.00
Total:	\$	3,268.00
Weekly Budget	\$	3,950.00
Deficit	- \$	682.00
Hafli Sponsorships	\$	800.00

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

Saint Jude Novena

**October 20-28, 2021
7:00 PM**



*Hope
Begins With
Saint Jude*

Pasta Night

Thursday, October 28, 2021

8:00 PM

\$5.00 per meal

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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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October 2-3, 2021

First Reading

Philippians 3:17-21, 4:1

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

Brothers and Sisters:

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Praise be to God always.

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل فيلبّي

يا إخوتي، إقْتَدُوا بِي، وَاَنْظُرُوا إِلَى الَّذِينَ يَسْلُكُونَ عَلَى مِثَالِنَا. فَكَثِيرٌ مِنْ أَوْلِيكَ الَّذِينَ كُنْتُ أَكَلِّمُكُمْ عَنْهُمْ مِرَارًا، وَأَكَلِّمُكُمْ عَنْهُمْ الْآنَ بَاكِيًا، يَسْلُكُونَ كَأَعْدَاءِ لِصَلِيبِ الْمَسِيحِ، وَأَوْلِيكَ الَّذِينَ عَاقَبْتُهُمْ الْهَلَاكِ، وَأَوْلِيكَ الَّذِينَ إِلَهُهُمْ بَطْنُهُمْ، وَمَجْدُهُمْ فِي عَارِهِمْ، وَفِي أُمُورِ الْأَرْضِ هُمُّهُمْ. أَمَّا نَحْنُ فَمَدِينَتُنَا فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ، وَمِنْهَا نَنْتَظِرُ الرَّبَّ يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحَ مُخَلِّصًا. وَهُوَ سَيُعَيِّرُ جَسَدَ هَوَانِنَا، فَيَجْعَلُهُ عَلَى صُورَةِ جَسَدِ مَجْدِهِ، وَفَقًّا لِعَمَلِ قُدْرَتِهِ، الَّتِي بِهَا يُخَضِّعُ لِنَفْسِهِ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ. إِذَا، يَا إِخْوَتِي، الَّذِينَ أَحْبَبْتُهُمْ وَأَشْتَقُ إِلَيْهِمْ، وَأَنْتُمْ فَرِحِي وَإِكْلِيلِي، أَتَبْنُوا هَكَذَا فِي الرَّبِّ، أَيُّهَا الْأَحْبَاءُ.

والتسبيح لله دائمًا.

Gospel Reading

Saint Matthew 24:23-31

The Apostle Writes:

If anyone says to you, "Look! Here is the Messiah!" or "There he is!" do not believe it. For false messiahs and false prophets will appear and produce great signs and omens, to lead astray, if possible, even the elect. Take note, I have told you beforehand. So, if they say to you, "Look! He is in the wilderness", do not go out. If they say, "Look! He is in the inner rooms", do not believe it. For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather. 'Immediately after the suffering of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of heaven will be shaken. Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see "the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven" with power and great glory. And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

مِنِ انْجِيلِ الْقَدِيسِ مَتَّى

قَالَ الرَّبُّ يَسُوعُ: «إِنْ قَالَ لَكُمْ أَحَدٌ: هُوَذَا الْمَسِيحُ هُنَا أَوْ هُنَاكَ! فَلَا تُصَدِّقُوا. فَسَوْفَ يَهْوِمُ مَسْحَاءُ كَذَبَةً وَأَنْبِيَاءُ كَذَبَةٍ، وَيَأْتُونَ بِآيَاتٍ عَظِيمَةٍ وَخَوَارِقَ، لِيُضِلُّوا الْمُخْتَارِينَ أَنْفُسَهُمْ، لَوْ قَدَرُوا. هَا إِنِّي قَدْ أَنْبَأْتُكُمْ! فَإِنْ قَالُوا لَكُمْ: هَا هُوَ فِي الْبَرِّيَّةِ! فَلَا تَخْرُجُوا، أَوْ: هَا هُوَ فِي دَاخِلِ الْبَيْتِ! فَلَا تُصَدِّقُوا. فَكَمَا أَنَّ الْبَرَقَ يَوْمِضُ مِنَ الْمَشَارِقِ، وَيَسْطَعُ حَتَّى الْمَغَارِبِ، هَكَذَا يَكُونُ مَجِيءُ ابْنِ الْإِنْسَانِ. حَيْثُ تَكُونُ الْجُنَّةُ هُنَاكَ تَجْتَمِعُ النَّسُورُ. وَحَالًا بَعْدَ ضَيْقِ تِلْكَ الْأَيَّامِ، أَلْشَّمْسُ تُظْلَمُ، وَالْقَمَرُ لَا يُعْطِي ضَوْءَهُ، وَالنُّجُومُ تَتَسَاقَطُ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ، وَفُؤَاتِ السَّمَاوَاتِ تَتَرَعَّرِعُ. وَحِينَئِذٍ تَطْهَرُ فِي السَّمَاءِ عَلَامَةُ ابْنِ الْإِنْسَانِ، فَتَنْتَجِبُ قَبَائِلُ الْأَرْضِ كُلِّهَا، وَتَرَى ابْنَ الْإِنْسَانِ آتِيًا عَلَى سَحْبِ السَّمَاءِ بِقُدْرَةٍ وَمَجْدٍ عَظِيمٍ. وَيُرْسِلُ مَلَائِكَتَهُ يَنْفُخُونَ فِي بُوقٍ عَظِيمٍ، فَيَجْمَعُونَ مُخْتَارِيهِ مِنَ الرِّيَّاحِ الْأَرْبَعِ، مِنْ أَقَاصِي السَّمَاوَاتِ إِلَى أَقَاصِيهَا.

حَقًّا وَالْأَمَانُ لَجَمِيعِكُمْ.