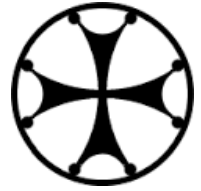




Saint Maron

Maronite Catholic Church



October 16-17, 2021

Fifth Sunday After Holy Cross

From a treatise on John by Saint Augustine

(Tract. 26, 4-6: CCL 36, 261-263)

"See, I will save my people"

No one comes to me unless the Father draws him. Do not think that you are drawn against your will; the will is drawn also by love. We must not be afraid of men who weigh words but are far from understanding what belongs above all to divine truth. They may find fault with this passage of Scripture and say to us: "How can I believe of my own free will if I am drawn to believe?" I answer: "It is not enough that you are moved by the will, for you are drawn also by desire."

What does this mean, to be drawn by desire? Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart. The heart has its own desires; it takes delight, for example, in the bread from heaven. The poet could say: "Everyone is drawn by his own desire," not by necessity but by desire, not by compulsion but by pleasure. We can say then with greater force that one who finds pleasure in truth, in happiness, in justice, in everlasting life, is drawn to Christ, for Christ is all these things.

Are our bodily senses to have their desires, but not the will? If the will does not have its desires, how can Scripture say: The children of men will find their hope under the shadow of your wings, they will drink their fill from the plenty of your house, and you will give them drink from the running stream of your delights, for with you is the fountain of life, and in your light we shall see light.

Show me one who loves; he knows that I mean. Show me one who is full of longing, one who is hungry, one who is a pilgrim and suffering from thirst in the desert of this world, eager for the fountain in the homeland of eternity; show me someone like that, and he knows what I mean. But if I speak to someone without feeling, he does not understand what I am saying.

You have only to show a leafy branch to a sheep, and it is drawn to it. If you show nuts to a boy, he is drawn to them. He runs to them because he is drawn, drawn by love, drawn without any physical compulsion, drawn by a chain attached to his heart. "Everyone is drawn by his own desire." This is a true saying, and earthly delights and pleasures, set before those who love them, succeed in drawing them. If this is so, are we to say that Christ, revealed and set before us by the Father, does not draw us? What does the soul desire more than truth? Why then does the soul have hungry jaws, a spiritual palate as it were, sensitive enough to judge the truth, if not in order to eat and drink wisdom, justice, truth, eternal life?

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for justice, that is, here on earth. They shall be satisfied, that is, in heaven. Christ says: I give each what he loves, I give each the object of his hope; he will see what he believed in, though without seeing it. What he now hungers for, he will eat; what he now thirsts for, he will drink to the full. When? At the resurrection of the dead, for I will raise him up on the last day.

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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, October 16, @ 6:00PM, liturgy is offered in memory of Sam Flortino requested by Marlene Mockewich. May his soul rest in peace.

Sunday, October 17, @ 11:00AM, liturgy is offered in memory of Carmen Marrone requested by family. Also, in memory of Margaret (Peggy) Azar requested by Helen Butrus. May their souls rest in peace.

Wednesday, October 20, @ 7:00PM, ST. JUDE NOVENA

Thursday, October 21, @ 7:00PM, ST. JUDE NOVENA

Friday, October 22, @ 7:00PM, ST. JUDE NOVENA

Saturday, October 23, @ 7:00PM, ST. JUDE NOVENA

Sunday, October 24, @ 11:00AM, liturgy is offered in memory of Jamileh Haddad requested by the Marrone family. May her soul rest in peace.

Sunday, October 24, @ 7:00PM, ST. JUDE NOVENA

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The sanctuary candle is burning for **all our Church benefactors**. May God bless you and protect you always.

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.

ELDERLY COMMUNION

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

SECOND COLLECTION

As per the directive of the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn, we will have a second collection on **Sunday, October 24, 2021** of the World Mission Sunday. As established by the USCCB, 91% of this collection goes to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, and 9% to the Catholic Near East Welfare Association CNEWA. Thank you for your generosity.

SOUMAYA BAKERY NEW PRICES

We've been informed by Soumaya & Sons Bakery that due to increase in the cost of raw materials, packaging, and labor, they find it necessary to upgrade their prices. Therefore, effective this weekend, there will be a change in the prices of the bread and other baked goods. Please check the new order sheet in the Church Hall for the new prices.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Our next Eucharistic Adoration will be announced later.

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.

WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR

October 9-10, 2021

Sunday Collection	\$ 948.00
Coffee Hour	\$ 15.00
Memorial	\$ 311.00
Online	\$ 260.00
Total:	\$ 1,534.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 3,950.00
Deficit	- \$ 2,416.00

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October 2, 2021

Total Income	\$ 22,878.00
Total Expenses	\$ 3,618.25
TOTAL PROFIT	\$ 19,259.75

UPCOMING EVENTS



SAINT JUDE NOVENA

Every night at 7:00PM from Wednesday, October 20 to Thursday, October 28



SECOND COLLECTION

World Mission Sunday

Sunday, October 24, 2021



SHAWARMA SANDWICHES

Sunday, October 24, 2021

After Divine Liturgy



SAINT JUDE PASTA NIGHT

Last day of the Novena

Thursday, October 28, 2021 at 8:00PM



THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

From Sunday, October 17 to Sunday, November 14

Our MYO will deliver the donated food on Sunday, November 14 after Liturgy



CHILDREN HALLOWEEN PARTY

Friday, October 29, 2021

Ages 5 to 11 from 7:00PM to 9:30PM

Ages 12 to 17 from 9:30PM to 11:00PM

Saint Maron Church



Saint Jude Novena

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

*Hope
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Pasta Night

Thursday, October 28, 2021
8:00 PM

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SAINT JUDE NOVENA SCHEDULE

Wednesday, October 20, 2021	7:00 PM	Discipleship
Thursday, October 21, 2021	7:00 PM	Obscurity
Friday, October 22, 2021	7:00 PM	Fidelity
Saturday, October 23, 2021	7:00 PM	Healing
Sunday, October 24, 2021	7:00 PM	Hope
Monday, October 25, 2021	7:00 PM	Family
Tuesday, October 26, 2021	7:00 PM	Martyrdom
Wednesday, October 27, 2021	7:00 PM	Religion
Thursday, October 28, 2021	7:00 PM	Evangelization



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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2021
AFTER DIVINE LITURGY



ITEMS

SHAWARMA SANDWICH	\$10.00
FRENCH FRIES	\$3.00
SODA	\$2.00
WATER	\$1.00

SAINT MARON CHURCH

HALLOWEEN PARTY

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2021

7:00PM – 9:30PM

Ages: 5 to 11

9:30PM – 11:00PM

Ages: 12 to 17

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CONTEST**

Games

Fun

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Food

Dessert



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SPECIAL FOR THOSE LESS FORTUNATE**

ITEMS NEEDED

Turkey (frozen)
Stove Top Stuffing
Yams (can)
Macaroni
Corn (can)
Gravy
Cranberry Sauce
String Beans (can)
Mashed Potato mix (box)
Cornbread mix
Fruit (can)
Cookies and/or Candy



**Our MYO
will deliver the
donated food on**

**SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 14
2021**



2021-2022 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Registration is still 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](#)

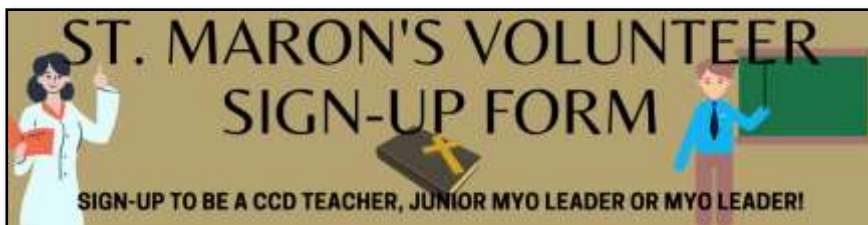


[Click here to register your child for JrMYO](#)



[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.

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Bank to School is a fundraising initiative to help support children across Lebanon to get back to school; in partnership with arcenciel we have an on-the-ground team that identifies the children who need the most help and support. At the heart of the Bank to School mission is inclusion and equal opportunities for all. To help ensure full transparency and accountability, the raised funds are directly paid to the schools.

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 16-17, 2021

First Reading

Philippians 2:12-18

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

Brothers and Sisters:

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure. Do all things without murmuring and arguing, so that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, in which you shine like stars in the world. It is by your holding fast to the word of life that I can boast on the day of Christ that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. But even if I am being poured out as a libation over the sacrifice and the offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you and in the same way you also must be glad and rejoice with me.

Praise be to God always.

فصل رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل فيلبّي

يا إِخْوَتِي، إِعْمَلُوا لِخَلَاصِكُمْ بِخَوْفٍ وَرِعْدَةٍ، كَمَا أَطَعْتُمْ دَائِمًا، لَا فِي حُضُورِي فَحَسَبَ، بَلْ بِالْأُخْرَى وَبِالْأَكْثَرِ
الآنَ فِي غِيَابِي. فَإِنَّهُ هُوَ الَّذِي يَجْعَلُكُمْ تُرِيدُونَ وَتَعْمَلُونَ بِحَسَبِ مَرْضَاتِهِ. إِفْعَلُوا كُلَّ شَيْءٍ بِغَيْرِ تَذَمُّرٍ
وَجِدَالٍ، لِكَيْ تَصِيرُوا بُسْطَاءَ لَا لَوْمَ عَلَيْكُمْ، وَأَبْنَاءَ لِلَّهِ لَا عَيْبَ فِيكُمْ، وَسَطَ جِيلٍ مُعَوَّجٍ وَمُنْحَرِفٍ، تُضِيئُونَ
فِيهِ كَالنَّيِّرَاتِ فِي الْعَالَمِ، مُتَمَسِّكِينَ بِكَلِمَةِ الْحَيَاةِ، لِأَفْتِخَارِي فِي يَوْمِ الْمَسِيحِ، بِأَنِّي مَا سَعَيْتُ وَلَا تَعَبْتُ بَاطِلًا.
لَوْ أَنَّ دَمِي يُرَاقُ عَلَى ذَبِيحَةِ إِيمَانِكُمْ وَخِدْمَتِهِ، لَكُنْتُ أَفْرَحُ وَأَبْتَهِجُ مَعَكُمْ جَمِيعًا. فَأَفْرَحُوا أَنْتُمْ أَيْضًا وَأَبْتَهِجُوا
مَعِي.

والتسبيح لله دائماً.

Gospel Reading

Saint Matthew 25:1-13

The Apostle Writes:

‘Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

مِنْ إِنْجِيلِ الْقَدِّيسِ مَتَّى

قَالَ الرَّبُّ يَسُوعُ: "يُشَبِّهُ مَلَكُوتُ السَّمَاوَاتِ عَشْرَ عَذَارَى أَخَذْنَ مَصَابِيحَهُنَّ وَخَرَجْنَ إِلَى لِقَاءِ الْعَرِيسِ، خَمْسٌ مِنْهُنَّ جَاهِلَاتٌ، وَخَمْسٌ حَكِيمَاتٌ. فَالْجَاهِلَاتُ أَخَذْنَ مَصَابِيحَهُنَّ وَلَمْ يَأْخُذْنَ مَعَهُنَّ زَيْتًا. أَمَّا الْحَكِيمَاتُ فَأَخَذْنَ زَيْتًا فِي أَنْيَّةٍ مَعَ مَصَابِيحِهِنَّ. أَبْطَأَ الْعَرِيسُ فَتَنَعَسْنَ جَمِيعُهُنَّ، وَرَقَدْنَ. وَفِي مُنْتَصَفِ اللَّيْلِ، صَارَتِ الصَّيْحَةُ: هُودَا الْعَرِيسُ! أُخْرِجُوا إِلَى لِقَائِهِ! حِينَئِذٍ قَامَتِ أُولَئِكَ الْعَذَارَى كُلُّهُنَّ، وَزَيَّنَّ مَصَابِيحَهُنَّ. فَقَالَتِ الْجَاهِلَاتُ لِلْحَكِيمَاتِ: أَعْطِينَا مِنْ زَيْتِكُنَّ، لِأَنَّ مَصَابِيحَنَا تَنْتَفِيءُ. فَأَجَابَتِ الْحَكِيمَاتُ وَقُلْنَ: قَدْ لَا يَكْفِينَا وَيَكْفِيكُنَّ. إِذْهَبْنَ بِالْأُخْرَى إِلَى الْبَاعَةِ وَابْتَغْنَ لَكُنَّ. وَلَمَّا ذَهَبْنَ لِيَبْتَغْنَ، جَاءَ الْعَرِيسُ، وَدَخَلَتِ الْمُسْتَعِدَّاتُ إِلَى الْعُرْسِ، وَأَغْلَقَ الْبَابَ. أَخِيرًا جَاءَتِ الْعَذَارَى الْبَاقِيَاتُ وَقُلْنَ: يَا رَبُّ، يَا رَبُّ، افْتَحْ لَنَا! فَأَجَابَ وَقَالَ: الْحَقُّ أَقُولُ لَكُنَّ، إِنِّي لَا أَعْرِفُكُنَّ! إِسْهَرُوا إِذَا، لِأَنَّكُمْ لَا تَعْلَمُونَ الْيَوْمَ وَلَا السَّاعَةَ. حَقًّا وَالْأَمَانُ لَجَمِيعِكُمْ.