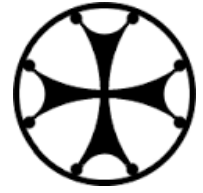




Saint Maron Maronite Catholic Church



January 1-2, 2022

The Finding of Our Lord in the Temple



Happy New Year!

May God, through the intercession of our Blessed Mother, bless our New Year, that the kingdom of justice, love, and peace may rule the world. And may He grant us hearts filled with serenity, calm, and peace.

Prayer of the Faithful

SECOND PRAYER

Sunday Morning Sunday After the Birth of Our Lord

Lord have mercy on us and save us. Glory to you, O hidden One, you were veiled to the cherubim and seraphim and yet you were revealed to us in a crib, wrapped in swaddling clothes. You are the new Adam, head of a renewed humanity who returned to Adam his inheritance and restored to us the glory we enjoyed in paradise. Filled with hope, let us now celebrate the memory of your birth and we will glorify and thank you for ever. Amen.

Readings

First Reading
Hebrews 7:11-19
Gospel Reading
Luke 2:41-52

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.

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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, January 1, @ 6:00PM, liturgy is offered for a blessed and prosperous year.

Sunday, January 2, @ 11:00AM, liturgy is offered as 40-day memorial for the soul of Chucky Simon requested by family. May her soul rest in peace.

Sunday, January 5, @ 6:00PM, FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY & Blessing of the Water liturgy is offered for the sick, especially those who contracted the COVID-19 Virus.

Saturday, January 8, @ 6:00PM, liturgy is offered for the soul of Brian DeSanto requested by Suzanne Haney. May his soul rest in peace.

Sunday, January 9, @ 11:00AM, liturgy is offered for the soul of Kevin Khoury requested by John Azzi. May his soul rest in peace.

2022 CHURCH ENVELOPES

The 2022 weekly envelopes are now available in the church hall. If anyone does not have a set of envelopes and would like them, please contact the office and we will have a set ready for you. In this way we can give you tax recognition letter at the end of the year.

2022 MARONITE CALENDARS

The 2022 Maronite Calendars are available. You can pick them up from the back of the Church or from the Office.

PASTOR'S THANK YOU

I would like to take the time to thank all of you for your Christmas well wishes, cards, and gifts. Your kindness and beautiful words meant so much to me and I thank you for making me part of your family. This is a great blessing. God bless each of you.

A special thank you to everyone who called and checked in on me in the past few days. I would like to inform everyone that I tested negative for the COVID-19. May God bless you and keep you safe.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

On behalf of the entire community, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude and thanks to all those who donated toward this year's Christmas decoration. May God keep you and your family safe.

SEEKING CAREGIVER

An elderly American couple, living in New Jersey, is looking for someone to live with them at least 3 days a week. For more information, please contact Issa at 609-321-3210.

ELDERLY COMMUNION

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

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.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers Baby J.R., Robert Nigro, Thomas Jones, Marguerite Valentino, Raymond Fitzpatrick, Henry George, Linda Yeckes, Frankie Olivieri, Richy Grande, Marie Eddis, Mia Andrilla, Jimmy Romeo, Natalie Ciancaglini, Ashley Iaconelli, Stephen Bressi, Elissar Ayoub, Joanne Simon-Turing, 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, 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.

WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR

December 25-26, 2021

Sunday Collection	\$	1,777.00
Christmas Collection	\$	1,155.00
Donation	\$	500.00
Online	\$	330.00
Total:	\$	3,762.00
Weekly Budget	\$	3,950.00
Deficit	- \$	188.00

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the safety
of everyone

FACE COVERINGS RECOMMENDED



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everyone's
responsibility!

**DUE TO THE SURGE OF COVID CASES
FACE COVERINGS ARE RECOMMENDED IN CHURCH**

CHURCH ROOF UPDATES

I would like to thank all of you for your dedication and continuous support to St. Maron Church. With everybody's help we have reached our capital campaign goal.

On December 30, 2021, we received the permit to get started with our project. Hopefully, we can start the work on the new roof by next week, weather permitting. We will keep you updated on the progress.



UPCOMING EVENTS



FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

Wednesday, January 5 @ 6:00PM

Divine Liturgy – Blessing of the Water



PRESENTATION OF JESUS CHRIST TO THE TEMPLE

Tuesday, February 1 @ 6:00PM

Divine Liturgy – Blessing of the Candles



SAINT MARON FEAST DAY

Tuesday, February 8 @ 6:00PM

Divine Liturgy



ST. MARON HAFLI

Saturday, February 12 @ 7:00PM

Mark your Calendars

Details to be announced soon!

PROUD OF OUR MYA

Thank you to our MYA for all the hard work in organizing the dinner on Wednesday, December 22, 2021 with Bishop Gregory. May God bless you and protect you always.



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For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but
rather of power and love and self-control. [2 Tim 1:7]



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January 1-2, 2022

First Reading

Hebrews 7:11-19

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews. Your blessing father...

Brothers and Sisters:

If, then, perfection came through the levitical priesthood, on the basis of which the people received the law, what need would there still have been for another priest to arise according to the order of Melchizedek, and not reckoned according to the order of Aaron? When there is a change of priesthood, there is necessarily a change of law as well. Now he of whom these things are said belonged to a different tribe, of which no member ever officiated at the altar. It is clear that our Lord arose from Judah, and in regard to that tribe Moses said nothing about priests. It is even more obvious if another priest is raised up after the likeness of Melchizedek, who has become so, not by a law expressed in a commandment concerning physical descent but by the power of a life that cannot be destroyed. For it is testified: "You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek." On the one hand, a former commandment is annulled because of its weakness and uselessness, for the law brought nothing to perfection; on the other hand, a better hope is introduced, through which we draw near to God.

Praise be to God always.

فصل من الرسالة إلى العبرانيين

يا إِخْوَتِي، لَوْ كَانَ الْكَمَالُ قَدْ تَحَقَّقَ بِالْكَهَنُوتِ اللَّأْوِيِّ، وَهُوَ أَسَاسُ الشَّرِيعَةِ الَّتِي أُعْطِيَتْ لِلشَّعْبِ، فَأَيُّ حَاجَةٍ بَعْدُ إِلَى أَنْ يَقُومَ كَاهِنٌ آخَرٌ عَلَى «رُتْبَةِ مَلِكِيصَادِقِ»، وَلَا يُقَالُ «عَلَى رُتْبَةِ هَارُونَ»؟ فَمَتَى تَغَيَّرَ الْكَهَنُوتُ، لَا بُدَّ مِنْ تَغْيِيرِ الشَّرِيعَةِ أَيْضًا. فَالَّذِي يُقَالُ هَذَا فِي شَأْنِهِ، أَيِ الْمَسِيحِ، جَاءَ مِنْ سِبْطِ آخَرَ، لَمْ يَلِزِمِ أَحَدٌ مِنْهُ خِدْمَةَ الْمَذْبَحِ، وَمِنْ الْوَاضِحِ أَنَّ رَبَّنَا أَشْرَقَ مِنْ يَهُودًا، مِنْ سِبْطِ لَمْ يَصِفْهُ مُوسَى بِشَيْءٍ مِنَ الْكَهَنُوتِ. وَيَزِيدُ الْأَمْرَ وَضُوحًا أَنَّ الْكَاهِنَ الْآخَرَ الَّذِي يَقُومُ عَلَى مِثَالِ مَلِكِيصَادِقِ، لَمْ يَقُمْ وَفَقَ شَرِيعَةً وَصِيَّةً بَشَرِيَّةً، بَلْ وَفَقَ قُوَّةَ حَيَاةٍ لَا تَزُولُ. وَيُشْهَدُ لَهُ: «أَنْتَ كَاهِنٌ إِلَى الْأَبَدِ، عَلَى رُتْبَةِ مَلِكِيصَادِقِ!». وَهَكَذَا يَتِمُّ إِبْطَالُ وَصِيَّةِ الْكَهَنُوتِ السَّابِقَةِ، بِسَبَبِ ضَعْفِهَا وَعَدَمِ نَفْعِهَا، لِأَنَّ الشَّرِيعَةَ لَمْ تَبْلُغْ شَيْئًا إِلَى الْكَمَالِ، وَيَتِمُّ أَيْضًا إِدْخَالُ رَجَاءٍ أَفْضَلَ، بِهِ نَقْتَرِبُ مِنَ اللَّهِ. وَالتسبيح لله دائمًا.

Gospel Reading

Saint Luke 2:41-52

The Apostle Writes:

Each year his parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, and when he was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom. After they had completed its days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Thinking that he was in the caravan, they journeyed for a day and looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances, but not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced [in] wisdom and age and favor before God and man.

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

مِنْ إِنْجِيلِ الْقَدِيسِ لَوْقَا

كَانَ أَبُو يَسُوعَ يَذْهَبَانِ كُلَّ سَنَةٍ فِي عِيدِ الْفِصْحِ إِلَى أُورُشَلِيمَ. وَلَمَّا بَلَغَ يَسُوعُ اثْنَتَيْ عَشْرَةَ سَنَةً، صَعِدُوا مَعًا كَمَا هِيَ الْعَادَةُ فِي الْعِيدِ. وَبَعْدَ انْقِضَاءِ أَيَّامِ الْعِيدِ، عَادَ الْأَبَوَانِ، وَبَقِيَ الصَّبِيُّ يَسُوعُ فِي أُورُشَلِيمَ، وَهُمَا لَا يَدْرِيَانِ. وَإِذْ كَانَا يَطْنَانِ أَنَّهُ فِي الْقَافِلَةِ، سَارَا مَسِيرَةَ يَوْمٍ، ثُمَّ أَخَذَا يَطْلُبَانِهِ بَيْنَ الْأَقَارِبِ وَالْمَعَارِفِ. وَلَمْ يَجِدَاهُ، فَعَادَا إِلَى أُورُشَلِيمَ يَبْحَثَانِ عَنْهُ. وَبَعْدَ ثَلَاثَةِ أَيَّامٍ، وَجَدَاهُ فِي الْهَيْكَلِ جَالِسًا بَيْنَ الْعُلَمَاءِ، يَسْمَعُهُمْ وَيَسْأَلُهُمْ. وَكَانَ جَمِيعُ الَّذِينَ يَسْمَعُونَهُ مُنْذَهَلِينَ بِذَكَائِهِ وَأَجُوبَتِهِ. وَلَمَّا رَأَى أَبُوَاهُ بُهْتًا، وَقَالَتْ لَهُ أُمُّهُ: "يَا ابْنِي، لِمَاذَا فَعَلْتَ بِنَا هَكَذَا؟ فَهَذَا أَنَا وَأَبُوكَ كُنَّا نَبْحَثُ عَنْكَ مُتَوَجِّعِينَ!". فَقَالَ لَهُمَا: "لِمَاذَا تَطْلُبَانِنِي؟ أَلَا تَعْلَمَانِ أَنَّهُ يَنْبَغِي أَنْ أَكُونَ فِي مَا هُوَ لِأَبِي؟". أَمَّا هُمَا فَلَمْ يَفْهَمَا الْكَلَامَ الَّذِي كَلَّمَهُمَا بِهِ. ثُمَّ نَزَلَ مَعَهُمَا، وَعَادَ إِلَى النَّاصِرَةِ، وَكَانَ خَاضِعًا لَهُمَا. وَكَانَتْ أُمُّهُ تَحْفَظُ كُلَّ هَذِهِ الْأُمُورِ فِي قَلْبِهَا. وَكَانَ يَسُوعُ يَنْمُو فِي الْحِكْمَةِ وَالْقَامَةِ وَالنِّعْمَةِ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ وَالنَّاسِ.
حَقًّا وَالْأَمَانِ لَجَمِيعِكُمْ.