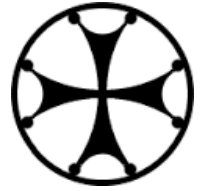




Saint Maron

Maronite Catholic Church



December 11-12, 2021

Sunday of the Revelation to Joseph



Prayer of the Faithful

Monday Morning Prayer

Second Prayer

Revelation to Joseph

Lord, have mercy on us and save us. Glory to you, light of truth and star of glory. The radiance of your splendor dispels darkness from our minds and hearts. O Lord, grant that in praising you, we may be enlightened, find our joy in you, and recognize you as the giver of that light which dispels darkness and creates morning. O Father, Son and Holy Spirit, whom all creatures must adore, to you be glory, for ever. Amen.

Readings

First Reading:

Ephesians 3:1-13

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 1:18-25

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.

Sanctuary Candle

The Sanctuary Candle is
burning for
all the foster parents

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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, December 11, @ 6:00PM, liturgy is offered in memory of Alfred Jabbour requested by Angela Baggio. May his soul rest in peace.

Sunday, December 12, @ 11:00AM, liturgy is offered in memory of Salim Mikhael requested by Philip and Vivian Rai. May his souls rest in peace.

Saturday, December 18, @ 6:00PM, liturgy is offered the souls of the deceased members of Navarro, Ortiz, Pagan, Duran, and Nino families requested by Ortiz families. May their souls rest in peace.

Sunday, December 19, @ 11:00AM, liturgy is offered for the soul of Alex Bonavitacola requested by Yasmine Alice. May his soul rest in peace.

CHURCH ENVELOPES

We were informed this week, that our Church Envelopes are still in production. The printing company is doing its best so we can receive them as soon as possible. We will keep you posted.

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.



GIVING TREE

Thank you to everyone who participated in the giving tree and chose a name tag.

Please bring **ALL GIFTS UNWRAPPED WITH THE NAME ATTACHED TO THE CHURCH NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12.**

If you have any questions, please contact the office. Thank you for making someone's Christmas special this year! God bless you.

ELDERLY COMMUNION

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

WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR December 4-5, 2021

Sunday Collection	\$ 1,566.00
Coffee Hour	\$ 20.00
Donation	\$ 100.00
Online	\$ 460.00
Total:	\$ 2,146.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 3,950.00
Deficit	- \$ 1,804.00

IN OUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers 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.



CHRISTMAS NOVENA SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15 @ 7:00PM

Divine Liturgy & Novena

For the Repose of souls of the deceased members of our Parish

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16 @ 7:00 PM

Ramsho Prayer & Novena

For all the children in foster care by Janah Szewczyk

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17 @ 7:00 PM

Ramsho Prayer & Novena

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18 @ 6:00 PM

Divine Liturgy & Novena

Deceased Members of Navarro, Ortiz, Pagan, Duran, and Nino families by Ortiz family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19 @ 11:00 AM

Divine Liturgy & Novena

In memory of Alex Bonavitacola by Yasmine Alice

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20 @ 7:00 PM

Ramsho Prayer & Novena

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21 @ 7:00 PM

Ramsho Prayer & Novena

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22 @ 7:00 PM

Divine Liturgy & Novena

For the safety and well-being of our Parishioners

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23 @ 7:00 PM

Ramsho Prayer & Novena

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CHRISTMAS LITURGIES

Friday December 24 @ 6:00 PM

Christmas Vigil

Saturday December 25 @ 11:00 AM

Christmas Day Liturgy

Church Roof

Capital Campaign Progress



UPCOMING EVENTS



CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

Our MYO will wrap the gifts on December 12



CHRISTMAS GATHERING

Sunday, December 19 after Divine Liturgy
Concert by our CCD and MYO
Putlock – Bring a dish to share



MYO CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER

Sunday, December 19 after Divine Liturgy
Hot Chocolate and Cookies Sales



CHRISTMAS NOVENA

From December 15 to December 24 @
7:00PM



NOVENA WITH BISHOP GREGORY

Wednesday, December 22 @ 7:00PM
Followed by a dinner hosted by our MYA



CHRISTMAS LITURGIES

Friday, December 24 @ 6:00PM
Saturday, December 25 @ 11:00AM

SAINT MARON CHURCH

Christmas Party



POTLUCK LUNCHEON

Bring a Dish to Share



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2021
After Divine Liturgy

CHRISTMAS CONCERT
BY OUR
CCD & MYO
CHILDREN



Visit
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Christmas MYO Fundraiser

What we're selling:

- Hot chocolate
- Chocolate chip cookies
- Toppings
(marshmallows, whipped cream, & candy canes)

TAKING PLACE ON:

December 19th, 2021 in
the church hall



SAINT MARON CHURCH



DIVINE LITURGY &
CHRISTMAS NOVENA

Celebrated by
His Excellency Most Rev.
Bishop Gregory Mansour



Wednesday, December 22
7:00 PM

followed by
Dinner in the Church Hall
hosted by our MYA

IN OUR DAILY PRAYERS



Be Merciful as Your Father is Merciful

We are not only to receive the mercy of God, but to use it by being merciful to others through our actions, our words, and our prayers; in other words, we are to practice the Corporal and Spiritual Works (Acts) of Mercy.

The Lord wants us to do these works of mercy, because even the strongest faith is of no use without works.

Corporal Works of Mercy

- Feed the hungry
- Give drink to the thirsty
- Clothe the naked
- Shelter the homeless
- Visit the prisoners
- Comfort / Visit the sick
- Bury the dead

Spiritual Works of Mercy

- Teach / instruct the ignorant
- Pray for the living & dead
- Correct sinners
- Counsel those in doubt
- Console the sorrowful
- Bear wrongs patiently
- Forgive wrongs willingly

The seven Capital Sins

- Lust (excessive sexual appetites)
- Gluttony (over-indulgence)
- Greed (avarice)
- Sloth (laziness/idleness)
- Wrath (anger)
- Envy (jealousy)
- Pride (vanity)

The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit

- wisdom
- Understanding
- Counsel
- Fortitude
- Knowledge
- Piety
- Fear of the Lord

MYO ... ARE YOU READY!

The 2022 Mid-Atlantic Regional MYO Retreat will be on April 22-24, 2022
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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]

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](#)

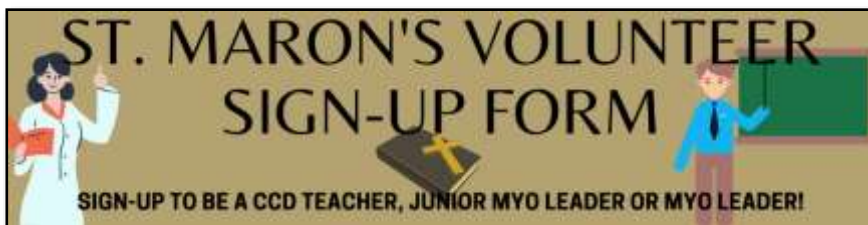


[Click here to register your child for JrMYO](#)



[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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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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December 11-12, 2021

First Reading

Ephesians 3:1-13

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians. Your blessing father...

Brothers and Sisters:

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given to me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him. I pray therefore that you may not lose heart over my sufferings for you; they are your glory.

Praise be to God always.

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل أفسس

يا إِخْوَتِي، أَنَا بُولُسُ، أَسِيرُ الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ مِنْ أَجْلِكُمْ، أَيُّهَا الْأَمَمَ... إِنْ كُنْتُمْ قَدْ سَمِعْتُمْ بِتَدْبِيرِ نِعْمَةِ اللَّهِ الَّتِي وَهَبَتْ لِي مِنْ أَجْلِكُمْ، وَهُوَ أَنِّي بَوَّحِي أُطْلِعْتُ عَلَى السِّرِّ، كَمَا كَتَبْتُ إِلَيْكُمْ بِإِيجَازٍ مِنْ قَبْلُ، حِينَئِذٍ يُمَكِّنُكُمْ، إِذَا قَرَأْتُمْ ذَلِكَ، أَنْ تَدْرِكُوا فَهْمِي لِسِرِّ الْمَسِيحِ، هَذَا السِّرِّ الَّذِي لَمْ يُعْرَفْ عِنْدَ بَنِي الْبَشَرِ فِي الْأَجْيَالِ الْغَابِرَةِ، كَمَا أُعْلِنُ الْآنَ بِالرُّوحِ لِرُسُلِهِ الْقَدِيسِينَ وَالْأَنْبِيَاءِ، وَهُوَ أَنَّ الْأَمَمَ هُمْ، فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ، شُرَكَاءُ لَنَا فِي الْمِيرَاثِ وَالْجَسَدِ وَالْوَعْدِ، بِوَاسِطَةِ الْإِنْجِيلِ، الَّذِي صِرْتُ خَادِمًا لَهُ، بِحَسَبِ هِبَةِ نِعْمَةِ اللَّهِ الَّتِي وَهَبَتْ لِي بِفِعْلِ قُدْرَتِهِ؛ لِي أَنَا، أَصْغَرُ الْقَدِيسِينَ جَمِيعًا، وَهَبَتْ هَذِهِ النِّعْمَةَ، وَهِيَ أَنْ أُبَشِّرَ الْأَمَمَ بِغِنَى الْمَسِيحِ الَّذِي لَا يُسْتَقْصَى، وَأَنْ أُوضِحَ لِلْجَمِيعِ مَا هُوَ تَدْبِيرُ السِّرِّ الْمَكْتُومِ مُنْذُ الدُّهُورِ فِي اللَّهِ الَّذِي خَلَقَ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ، لِكَيْ تُعْرَفَ الْآنَ مِنْ خِلَالِ الْكَنِيسَةِ، لَدَى الرِّئَاسَاتِ وَالسَّلَاطِينِ فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ، حِكْمَةُ اللَّهِ الْمُتَنَوِّعَةِ، بِحَسَبِ قَضْدِهِ الْأَزَلِيِّ الَّذِي حَقَّقَهُ فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ رَبَّنَا، الَّذِي لَنَا فِيهِ، أَيْ بِالْإِيمَانِ بِهِ، الْوُصُولُ بِجُرْأَةٍ وَثِقَةٍ إِلَى اللَّهِ. لِذَلِكَ أَسْأَلُكُمْ أَنْ لَا تَضْعُفَ عَزِيمَتُكُمْ بِسَبَبِ الضَّيِّقَاتِ الَّتِي أُعَانِيهَا مِنْ أَجْلِكُمْ: إِنَّهَا مَجْدٌ لَكُمْ!

والتسبيح لله دائماً.

Gospel Reading

Saint Matthew 1:18-25

The Apostle Writes:

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.' When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

مِنْ إِنْجِيلِ الْقَدِيسِ مَتَّى

أَمَّا مِيلَادُ يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ فَكَانَ هَكَذَا: لَمَّا كَانَتْ أُمُّهُ مَرْيَمُ مَخْطُوبَةً لِيُوسُفَ، وَقَبْلَ أَنْ يَسْكُنَا مَعًا، وَجِدَتْ حَامِلًا مِنَ الرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ. وَلَمَّا كَانَ يُوسُفُ رَجُلًا بَارًّا، وَلَا يُرِيدُ أَنْ يُشْهَرَ بِهَا، قَرَّرَ أَنْ يُطْلِقَهَا سِرًّا. وَمَا إِنْ فَكَّرَ فِي هَذَا حَتَّى تَرَأَى لَهُ مَلَاكُ الرَّبِّ فِي الْحُلُمِ قَائِلًا: "يَا يُوسُفُ بْنُ دَاوُدَ، لَا تَخَفْ أَنْ تَأْخُذَ مَرْيَمَ امْرَأَتَكَ، فَالْمَوْلُودُ فِيهَا إِنَّمَا هُوَ مِنَ الرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ. وَسَوْفَ تَلِدُ ابْنًا، فَسَمِّهِ يَسُوعَ، لِأَنَّهُ هُوَ الَّذِي يُخَلِّصُ شَعْبَهُ مِنْ خَطَايَاهُمْ". وَحَدَّثَ هَذَا كُلَّهُ لِيَتِمَّ مَا قَالَهُ الرَّبُّ بِالنَّبِيِّ: هَا إِنَّ الْعَذْرَاءَ تَحْمِلُ وَتَلِدُ ابْنًا، وَيُدْعَى اسْمُهُ عِمَّا نُوِيلَ، أَيُّ اللَّهِ مَعَنَا. وَلَمَّا قَامَ يُوسُفُ مِنَ النَّوْمِ، فَعَلَ كَمَا أَمَرَهُ مَلَاكُ الرَّبِّ وَأَخَذَ امْرَأَتَهُ. وَلَمْ يَعْرِفْهَا، فَوَلَدَتْ ابْنًا، وَسَمَّاهُ يَسُوعَ.

حَقًّا وَالْأَمَانُ لِكُلِّكُمْ.