



# Saint Maron Maronite Catholic Church



January 8-9, 2022

## First Sunday After Epiphany



*This is the Lamb of God*

**Prayer of the Faithful**

**FIRST PRAYER**

*Lord, have mercy on us and save us.*

*Lord, direct our steps toward your eternal light and your inheritance which has no end.*

*On your great Morning, let us see your fatherly face.*

*Then with the angels and the saints we will sing your praise, for ever. Amen.*

### CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

The *Epiphany* is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Savior of the world. The great feast of Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (*magi*) from the East, together with his baptism in the Jordan and the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee. In the magi, representatives of the neighboring pagan religions, the Gospel sees the first-fruits of the nations, who welcome the good news of salvation through the Incarnation. The magi's coming to Jerusalem in order to pay homage to the king of the Jews shows that they seek in Israel, in the messianic light of the star of David, the one who will be king of the nations. Their coming means that pagans can discover Jesus and worship him as Son of God and Savior of the world only by turning towards the Jews and receiving from them the messianic promise as contained in the Old Testament. The Epiphany shows that "the full number of the nations" now takes its "place in the family of the patriarchs", and acquires *Israelitica dignitas* (is made "worthy of the heritage of Israel").

### Readings

**First Reading**

2 Corinthians 10:1-11

**Gospel Reading**

John 1:29-34

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

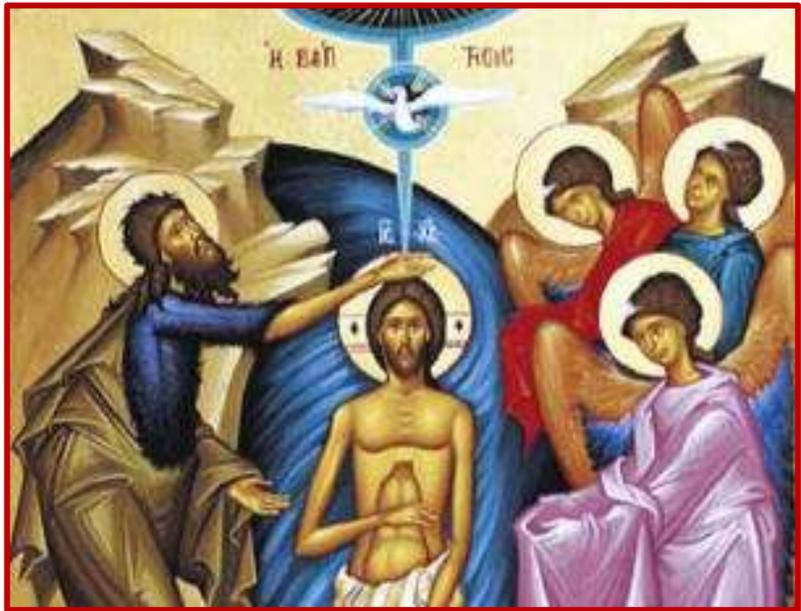
## DIVINE LITURGIES

**Saturday, January 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.

**Saturday, January 15, @ 6:00PM,**

**Sunday, January 16, @ 11:00AM,** liturgy is offered for the soul of Nahi Raie requested by the Raie family. May her soul rest in peace.



## ELDERLY COMMUNION

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

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.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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

## 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 January 1-2, 2022

<b>Sunday Collection</b>	\$	<b>817.00</b>
<b>Online</b>	\$	<b>200.00</b>
<b>Total:</b>	\$	<b>1,017.00</b>
<b>Weekly Budget</b>	\$	<b>3,950.00</b>
<b>Deficit</b>	- \$	<b>2,933.00</b>

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**SAFETY FIRST**

## CCD & MYO Meetings

*Postponed until  
Sunday, January 23, 2022*

**RELIGIOUS**  
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FACE COVERINGS ARE RECOMMENDED IN CHURCH**

## UPCOMING EVENTS



### 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!

## 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. **Due to bad weather, the work on the new roof was postponed.** We will keep you updated on the progress.



### Church Roof Capital Campaign Progress



# MARCH FOR LIFE



For more information please contact:

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familyandsanctityoflife777@gmail.com

EQUALITY  
BEGINS IN  
THE WOMB



Slide to see the  
Schedule for the  
March for Life  
weekend.



## Schedule:

### Thursday, January 20

5:30 - 7:30 PM - Pro-Life Vigil Liturgy at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, 400 Michigan Ave NE, Washington, DC

8:00 PM - Meet after the Liturgy with Bishop Gregory Mansour in the Maronite Chapel down stairs in the Crypt of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

### Friday, January 21

10:30 AM - We will meet at the Starbucks on the corner of Indiana Avenue and Seventh Street to join for the March for life.

5:00 PM - Join us at the Seminary for food, fellowship, and faith sharing  
7164 Alaska Ave NW Washington DC.

### Saturday, January 22

Open day to tour the Saint John Paul II National Shrine, and Monuments or great museums such as the Bible, Holocaust, Native American, Art etc.

### Sunday January 23

11:00 AM - Maronite Liturgy at Our Lady of Lebanon Church, Washington DC

For more information or to access a copy of the flyer visit:

[maroniteyoungadults.org](http://maroniteyoungadults.org)

[familyandsanctityoflife.org/events](http://familyandsanctityoflife.org/events)

Sponsored by: National Maronite Young Adults  
and the Family and Sanctity of Life Office



# 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]



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# Saint Maron

## Maronite Catholic Church



January 8-9, 2022

### First Reading

#### 2 Corinthians 10: 1-10

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

Brothers and Sisters:

Now I myself, Paul, urge you through the gentleness and clemency of Christ, I who am humble when face to face with you, but brave toward you when absent, I beg you that, when present, I may not have to be brave with that confidence with which I intend to act boldly against some who consider us as acting according to the flesh. For, although we are in the flesh, we do not battle according to the flesh, for the weapons of our battle are not of flesh but are enormously powerful, capable of destroying fortresses. We destroy arguments and every pretension raising itself against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive in obedience to Christ, and we are ready to punish every disobedience, once your obedience is complete. Look at what confronts you. Whoever is confident of belonging to Christ should consider that as he belongs to Christ, so do we. And even if I should boast a little too much of our authority, which the Lord gave for building you up and not for tearing you down, I shall not be put to shame. May I not seem as one frightening you through letters. For someone will say, "His letters are severe and forceful, but his bodily presence is weak, and his speech contemptible."

**Praise be to God always.**

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الثانية إلى أهل كورنتس

يا إخوتي، أنا بولس نفسي أناشدكم بوداعة المسيح وحلمه، أنا المتواضع بينكم عندما أكون حاضراً، والجريء عليكم عندما أكون غائباً. وأرجو ألا أجبر عند حضورى أن أكون جريئاً، بالنقمة التي لي بكم، والتي أنوي أن أجرو بها على الذين يحسبون أننا نسلك كأناس جسديين. أجل، إننا نحيا في الجسد، ولكننا لا نحارب كأناس جسديين؛ لأن أسلحة جهادنا ليست جسدية، بل هي قادرة بالله على هدم الحصون المنيعة؛ فإننا نهدم الأفكار الخاطئة، وكل شموخ يرتفع ضد معرفة الله، ونأسر كل فكر لطاعة المسيح. نحن مستعدون أن نعاقب كل عصيان، متى كملت طاعتكم. إنكم تحكمون على المظاهر! إن كان أحد واثقاً بنفسه أنه للمسيح، فليفكر في نفسه أنه كما هو للمسيح كذلك نحن أيضاً. فأنا لا أحجل إن بالغت بعض المبالغة في الأفتخار بالسلطان الذي وهبه الرب لنا لبنيانكم لا لهدمكم. ولا أريد أن أظهر كأني أخوفكم برسائلي؛ لأن بعضاً منكم يقولون: "رسائله شديدة اللهجة وقوية، أما حضوره الشخصي فهزيل، وكلامه سخيف!". فليعلم مثل هذا القائل أننا كما نحن بالكلام في الرسائل، عندما نكون غائبين، كذلك نحن أيضاً بالفعل، عندما نكون حاضرين.

والتسبيح لله دائماً.

## Gospel Reading

### Saint John 1: 29-34

#### The Apostle Writes:

“The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, ‘Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.’ And John testified, ‘I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.’”

**This is the truth. Peace be with you.**

#### مِنْ إِنْجِيلِ الْقَدِيسِ يُوْحَنَّا

فِي الْغَدِ (بَعْدَ شَهَادَةِ الْمَعْمَدَانِ) رَأَى يُوْحَنَّا يَسُوعَ مُقْبِلًا إِلَيْهِ فَقَالَ: "هَذَا هُوَ حَمَلُ اللَّهِ الَّذِي يَرْفَعُ خَطِيئَةَ الْعَالَمِ. هَذَا هُوَ الَّذِي قُلْتُ فِيهِ: يَأْتِي وَرَائِي رَجُلٌ قَدْ صَارَ قُدَّامِي، لِأَنَّهُ كَانَ قَبْلِي. وَأَنَا مَا كُنْتُ أَعْرِفُهُ، لَكِنِّي جِئْتُ أُعَمِّدُ بِالْمَاءِ لِكَيْ يَظْهَرَ هُوَ لِإِسْرَائِيلَ". وَشَهِدَ يُوْحَنَّا قَائِلًا: "رَأَيْتُ الرُّوحَ نَازِلًا كَحَمَامَةٍ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ، ثُمَّ اسْتَقَرَّ عَلَيْهِ. وَأَنَا مَا كُنْتُ أَعْرِفُهُ، لَكِنِّ الَّذِي أَرْسَلَنِي أُعَمِّدُ بِالْمَاءِ هُوَ قَالَ لِي: مَنْ تَرَى الرُّوحَ يَنْزِلُ وَيَسْتَقِرُّ عَلَيْهِ، هُوَ الَّذِي يُعَمِّدُ بِالرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ. وَأَنَا رَأَيْتُ وَشَهِدْتُ أَنَّ هَذَا هُوَ ابْنُ اللَّهِ".  
**حَقًّا وَالْأَمَانُ لِكُلِّكُمْ.**