



Saint Maron

Maronite Catholic Church



January 22-23, 2022

Third Sunday After Epiphany



SAINT MARIANNE COPE

January 23

A Sister of St. Francis, Marianne was canonized Oct. 21, 2012. She is the first Franciscan woman from North America to be canonized, and only the 11th American saint.

A woman of great valor, this beloved mother of outcasts, spent her early years in central New York where she served as a leader in the field of health care, education and of her own congregation. Responding to a call to care for the poor sick on the then Sandwich Islands, she devoted 35 years to caring for those afflicted with Hansen's disease on Kalaupapa, Molokai, Hawaii.

biography: <https://www.saintmarianne.org/her-story.html>

prayer:

*O God, who called us to serve your Son
in the least of our brothers and sisters,
grant, we pray, that by the example and intercession
of the Virgin Saint Marianne Cope,
we may burn with love for you and for those who suffer.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen*

Readings

First Reading
Galatians 3:23-29
Gospel Reading
John 3:1-16

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 the soul of **Semaan Nehmeh Bassil**

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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 22, @ 6:00PM,
Sunday, January 23, @ 11:00AM, liturgy is offered for the soul of Chucky Simon requested Terri Koway, Mary Scotti and Deb Mosier. May her soul rest in peace.

Saturday, January 29, @ 6:00PM,
Sunday, January 30, @ 11:00AM, liturgy is offered for the soul of Semaan Nehmeh Bassil requested by Fr. Andrawos. May his soul rest in peace.

SECOND COLLECTION

As per the directive of the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn we will have a 2nd collection **this weekend, January 22 -23**, for the United States Catholic Bishops' Worldwide Charities. This collection combines the four USCCB collections: Central and Eastern Europe, the Church in Latin America, the Church in Africa, and Catholic Relief Services. The total is divided accordingly. Thank you for your generosity.

TAX CONTRIBUTION LETTER

If you would like to receive your tax contribution letter for 2021, please contact the office and we will prepare the papers needed. These can only be done for those who used the envelope system or made a donation by check. Thank you for your continued support to St. Maron Church.

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.

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.

2022 MARONITE CALENDARS

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

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 January 15-16, 2022

Sunday Collection	\$ 1,941.00
Memorials	\$ 100.00
Total:	\$ 2,041.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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SAFETY FIRST

CCD & MYO Meetings

Postponed

One More Week

Sunday, January 30, 2022

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**DUE TO THE SURGE OF COVID CASES
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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. **The work on the new roof started on Tuesday, January 18, 2022.** The project pictures are posted on our parish Facebook page.



MYO ... ARE YOU READY!

The 2022 Mid-Atlantic Regional MYO Retreat will be on April 22-24, 2022
Mark your Calendars!

Save the Date!

The Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn
presents



Mid-Atlantic
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April 22 - 24, 2022

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

Thank You!

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First Reading

Galatians 3:23-29

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

Brothers and Sisters:

Before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

Praise be to God always.

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل غلاطية

يا إخوتي، قَبْلَ أَنْ يَأْتِيَ الْإِيمَانُ، كُنَّا مُحْتَجَزِينَ مَحْبُوسِينَ تَحْتَ الشَّرِيعَةِ، إِلَى أَنْ يُعْلَنَ الْإِيمَانُ الْمُنتَظَرُ. إِذَا فَالْشَّرِيعَةُ كَانَتْ لَنَا مُؤَدِّبًا يَقُودُنَا إِلَى الْمَسِيحِ، لِكَيْ نُبَرَّرَ بِالْإِيمَانِ. فَلَمَّا أَتَى الْإِيمَانُ، لَمْ نَعُدْ تَحْتَ مُؤَدِّبٍ؛ لِأَنَّكُمْ جَمِيعًا أَبْنَاءُ اللَّهِ بِالْإِيمَانِ، فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ. فَأَنْتُمْ جَمِيعَ الَّذِينَ اعْتَمَدْتُمْ فِي الْمَسِيحِ قَدْ لَبِسْتُمْ الْمَسِيحَ. فَلَا يَهُودِيٌّ بَعْدُ وَلَا يُونَانِيٌّ، لَا عَبْدٌ وَلَا حُرٌّ، لَا ذَكَرٌ وَلَا أُنْثَى، فَإِنَّكُمْ جَمِيعًا وَاحِدٌ فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ. فَإِنْ كُنْتُمْ لِلْمَسِيحِ، فَأَنْتُمْ إِذَا نَسَلُ إِبْرَاهِيمَ، وَوَارِثُونَ بِحَسَبِ الْوَعْدِ.

والتسبيح لله دائماً.

Gospel Reading

Saint John 3:1-16

The Apostle Writes:

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

مِنْ إِنْجِيلِ الْقَدِيسِ يُوْحَنَّا

كَانَ إِنْسَانٌ مِنَ الْفَرِيسِيِّينَ اسْمُهُ نِيقُودِيمُوسُ، رُبَيْسٌ لِلْيَهُودِ. هَذَا جَاءَ لَيْلًا إِلَى يَسُوعَ وَقَالَ لَهُ: "رَابِّي، نَحْنُ نَعْلَمُ أَنَّكَ جِئْتَ مِنَ اللَّهِ مُعَلِّمًا، لِأَنَّهُ لَا أَحَدٌ يَقْدِرُ أَنْ يَصْنَعَ الْآيَاتِ الَّتِي أَنْتَ تَصْنَعُهَا مَا لَمْ يَكُنِ اللَّهُ مَعَهُ". أَجَابَ يَسُوعُ وَقَالَ لَهُ: "الْحَقُّ الْحَقُّ أَقُولُ لَكَ: لَا أَحَدٌ يَقْدِرُ أَنْ يَرَى مَلَكُوتَ اللَّهِ مَا لَمْ يُولَدْ مِنْ جَدِيدٍ". قَالَ لَهُ نِيقُودِيمُوسُ: "كَيْفَ يَقْدِرُ إِنْسَانٌ أَنْ يُولَدَ وَهُوَ كَبِيرٌ فِي السِّنِّ؟ هَلْ يَقْدِرُ أَنْ يَدْخُلَ ثَانِيَةً حَشَا أُمِّهِ، وَيُولَدَ؟". أَجَابَ يَسُوعُ: "الْحَقُّ الْحَقُّ أَقُولُ لَكَ، لَا أَحَدٌ يَقْدِرُ أَنْ يَدْخُلَ مَلَكُوتَ اللَّهِ مَا لَمْ يُولَدَ مِنَ الْمَاءِ وَالرُّوحِ. مَوْلُودُ الْجَسَدِ جَسَدٌ، وَمَوْلُودُ الرُّوحِ رُوحٌ. لَا تَعَجَبْ إِنْ قُلْتُ لَكَ: عَلَيْكُمْ أَنْ تُولَدُوا مِنْ جَدِيدٍ. أَلرِّيحُ تَهْبُ حَيْثُ تَشَاءُ، وَأَنْتَ تَسْمَعُ صَوْتَهَا، لَكِنَّكَ لَا تَعْلَمُ مَنْ يَأْتِي وَلَا إِلَى أَيِّنَ تَمْضِي: هَكَذَا كُلُّ مَوْلُودٍ مِنَ الرُّوحِ". أَجَابَ نِيقُودِيمُوسُ وَقَالَ لَهُ: "كَيْفَ يُمَكِّنُ أَنْ يَصِيرَ هَذَا؟". أَجَابَ يَسُوعُ وَقَالَ لَهُ: "أَنْتَ مُعَلِّمٌ إِسْرَائِيلَ وَتَجْهَلُ هَذَا؟ الْحَقُّ الْحَقُّ أَقُولُ لَكَ: نَحْنُ نَنْطِقُ بِمَا نَعْلَمُ، وَنَشْهَدُ بِمَا رَأَيْنَا، وَأَنْتُمْ لَا تَقْبَلُونَ شَهَادَتَنَا. كَلَّمْتُكُمْ فِي شُؤْنِ الْأَرْضِ وَلَا تُؤْمِنُونَ، فَكَيْفَ تُؤْمِنُونَ إِذَا كَلَّمْتُكُمْ فِي شُؤْنِ السَّمَاءِ؟ مَا مِنْ أَحَدٍ صَعِدَ إِلَى السَّمَاءِ، إِلَّا الَّذِي نَزَلَ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ، أَيِ ابْنِ الْإِنْسَانِ. وَكَمَا رَفَعَ مُوسَى الْحَيَّةَ فِي الْبَرِّيَّةِ، كَذَلِكَ يَجِبُ أَنْ يُرْفَعَ ابْنُ الْإِنْسَانِ، لِكَيْ تَكُونَ لِكُلِّ مُؤْمِنٍ بِهِ حَيَاةً أَبَدِيَّةً. هَكَذَا أَحَبَّ اللَّهُ الْعَالَمَ، حَتَّى إِنَّهُ جَادَ بِابْنِهِ الْوَحِيدِ، لِكَيْ لَا يَهْلِكَ أَيُّ مُؤْمِنٍ بِهِ، بَلْ تَكُونَ لَهُ حَيَاةً أَبَدِيَّةً.

حَقًّا وَالْأَمَانِ لَجَمِيعِكُمْ.