



# Saint Maron

## Maronite Catholic Church



### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Resurrection

May 7-8, 2022

## Happy Mother's Day!

### Pope Francis – reflections on mothers

The Church too needs to renew her amazement at being the dwelling place of the living God, the Bride of the Lord, a Mother who gives birth to her children. Otherwise, she risks turning into a beautiful museum of the past. A “Church museum”. Our Lady instead gives the Church the feel of a home, a home in which the God of newness dwells. Let us receive with amazement the mystery of the Mother of God, as the inhabitants of Ephesus did at the time of the Council. Like them, let us acclaim her “Holy Mother of God”. From her, let us allow ourselves to be gazed upon, to be embraced, to be taken by the hand.

Let us allow ourselves to be gazed upon. Especially in times of need, when we are entangled in life's knots, we rightly lift our eyes to Our Lady, to Our Mother. Yet first, we should let ourselves be gazed upon by Our Lady. When she gazes upon us, she does not see sinners but children. It is said that the eyes are the mirror of the soul; the eyes of Mary, full of grace, reflect the beauty of God, they show us a reflection of heaven. Jesus himself said that the eye is “the lamp of the body” (Mt 6:22): the eyes of Our Lady are able to bring light to every dark corner; everywhere they rekindle hope. As she gazes upon us, she says: “Take heart, dear children; here I am, your Mother!”

This maternal gaze, which instils confidence and trust, helps us to grow in faith. Faith is a bond with God that engages the whole person; to be preserved, it needs the Mother of God. Her maternal gaze helps us see ourselves as beloved children in God's faithful people, and to love one another regardless of our individual limitations and approaches. Our Lady keeps us rooted in the Church, where unity counts more than diversity; she encourages us to care for one another. Mary's gaze reminds us that faith demands a tenderness that can save us from becoming lukewarm. Tenderness: the Church of tenderness. Tenderness is a word that today many want to remove from the dictionary. When faith makes a place for the Mother of God, we never lose sight of the center: the Lord, for Mary never points to herself but to Jesus; and our brothers and sisters, for Mary is mother.

The gaze of the Mother, and the gaze of every mother. A world that looks to the future without a mother's gaze is shortsighted. It may well increase its profits, but it will no longer see others as children. It will make money, but not for everyone. We will all dwell in the same house, but not as brothers and sisters. The human family is built upon mothers. A world in which maternal tenderness is dismissed as mere sentiment may be rich materially, but poor where the future is concerned. Mother of God, teach us to see life as you do. Turn your gaze upon us, upon our misery, our poverty. Turn to us thine eyes of mercy.

Let us allow ourselves to be embraced. From Mary's gaze, we now turn to her heart, in which, as today's Gospel recounts, she “treasured all these things and pondered them” (Lk 2:19). Our Lady, in other words, took everything to heart; she embraced everything, events both good and bad. And she pondered all these things; she brought them before God. This was her secret. In the same way, she now takes to heart the life of each of us: she wants to embrace our every situation and to present it to God.

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## DIVINE LITURGIES

**Saturday, May 7, @ 6:00PM,**  
liturgy is offered for All Mothers.  
May God keep them  
safe. **Sunday, May 8, @**  
**11:00AM,** liturgy is offered for  
All Mothers. May God keep them  
safe.

**Saturday, May 14, @ 6:00PM,**  
**Sunday, May 15, @ 11:00AM,**  
liturgy is offered for the soul of  
Suliman Adi requested by  
Munjed and Azizeh Soof. May  
his soul rest in peace.



## WELCOME

We welcome Seminarian Nadim Khaled. He will be with us during the month of May. We are so happy to have you among us.

## ELDERLY COMMUNION

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

## BISHOP'S APPEAL

<b>TOTAL RECEIVED</b>	<b>\$ 2,740.00</b>
<b>GOAL</b>	<b>\$ 3,500.00</b>
<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 760.00</b>

## WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR

**April 30-May 1, 2022**

<b>Sunday Collection</b>	<b>\$ 1,007.00</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Collection</b>	<b>\$ 90.00</b>
<b>Donations</b>	<b>\$ 1,020.00</b>
<b>Memorial</b>	<b>\$ 100.00</b>
<b>Online</b>	<b>\$ 100.00</b>
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	<b>\$ 19.00</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 2,336.00</b>

## IN OUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers Peter Labaki, Nancy Murphy, Marentha Young-Heart, Allison Tretina, Stephanie Devinney, Angela Scorza Anderson, Lisa McBride, Robert Nigro, Thomas Jones, 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, Suzanne Haney,

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## Readings

**First Reading**  
Hebrew 13:18-25  
**Gospel Reading**  
John 21:1-14

## 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 Deceased Mothers**

## UPCOMING EVENTS



**REDISCOVER THE POWER OF THE ROSARY**  
During the Month of May, we are encouraged to pray the rosary. In church prayers are every Sunday before Divine Liturgy



**FEAST OF THE ASCENSION**  
Thursday, May 26, 2022 @ 6:00PM



**FEAST OF PENTECOST**  
Sunday, June 5, 2022



**ANNUAL FESTIVAL**  
Friday, June 3 to Sunday, June 5  
All the details are posted on our website



## IN MEMORY OF A BELOVED

We are in the process of ordering **Vestments and Altar cloths** for our Church from Lebanon. If you wish to donate for one of the items in memory of your beloved one, please call the Church Office or contact me directly.



Fr. Andrawos 978-241-2977

# FESTIVAL FOOD PREP SCHEDULE

Everybody is welcome to join us and lend us a hand



**FRIDAY, JUNE 3**

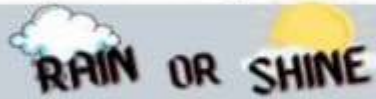
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**SUNDAY, JUNE 5**

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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8	9	10	11	12	13	14
			HASHWEH 11:00 AM		KIBBI BALLS 10:00 AM (All Day)	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
		MAAMOUL & COOKIES 11:00 AM	MAAMOUL & COOKIES 11:00 AM	GRAPE LEAVES 4:00 PM	GRAPE LEAVES 4:00 PM	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
				KAFTA 5:00 PM	KAFTA 11:00 AM	
29	30	31				
		SHAWARMA & FALAFEL 11:00 AM				

## JUNE 2022

			1 CHICKEN & PACKAGING 9:00 AM	2 CHICKEN & MEAT & Packaging 9:00 AM		
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Friday, June 3

9:00 AM

Saturday, June 4

9:00 AM

Sunday, June 5

9:00 AM

**FESTIVAL**



## ITEMS NEEDED FOR FESTIVAL

Like every year, we are relying on your generosity in donating the following items for the bar:

15	½ gal. Johnnie Walker Black	6	cs. Corona Beer in Bottles
2	½ gal. Dewars Scotch		
2	½ gal. Woodford Bourbon	3	Btls. Grapefruit Juice
6	750ml Jameson's Irish Whiskey	3	Btls. Pineapple Juice
4	750ml Tequila	2	lg. Btls. Grenadine
10	750ml Vodka		
2	1.5L Tanqueray Gin	25	cs. Water
8	750ml Bacardi Rum	20	cs. Coke
3	750ml Dark Rum	5	cs. Diet Coke
2	750ml Coconut Malibu Rum	5	cs. Sprite
4	750ml Anisette		
12	1.5L Peach Schnapps	5	btls. Club Soda
4	750ml Sambuca	4	1L Sprite
2	750ml Seagram's	6	1L. Gingerale
		4	gal. Orange Juice
8	1.5L Red Wine (Merlot/Cabernet)	4	Btls. Cranberry Juice
4	1.5L Chardonnay White Wine		
4	1.5L Blush Wine		



## TABLETS NEEDED FOR FESTIVAL REGISTERS

We are in need of 4 Tablets (iPad or Samsung) for the Festival Registers. We greatly appreciate your help in providing them (used or new). The tablets will facilitate and excel the work at the registers.

If anyone is able to help with any of the Items listed above, please don't hesitate to contact the Church Office at 215.389.2000 or by email [office@saintmaron.org](mailto:office@saintmaron.org) or contact me directly at 978-241-2977.

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Fr. Andrawos



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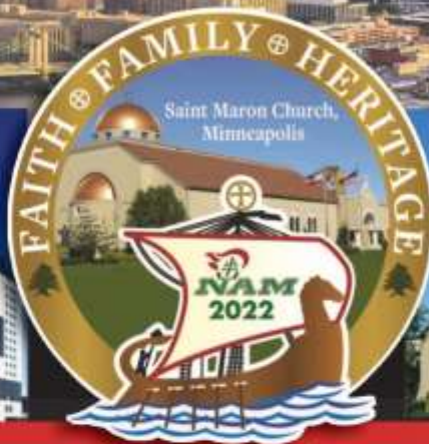
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## WORKSHOPS

Thursday, July 14  
Family Faith Formation



Fr. Anthony Salim, a retired Maronite priest who has been serving our Eparchies for close to five decades and author of Captivated by Your Teachings.

Friday, July 15  
On the Footsteps of Jesus in Lebanon



Jeff Cavins is a nationally known television host, famous author, Holy Land pilgrimage leader and a dynamic Bible teacher.

Saturday, July 16  
National Eucharist Revival  
"My Flesh for the Life of the World"



Bishop Andrew Cozzens, Bishop of Crookston, MN and USCCB Chairman on Evangelization and Catechesis.

Saturday, July 16  
Commission on Lebanon



Open discussion on the great challenges Lebanon faces and the efforts that have been made in the US to support a free, sovereign, and democratic Lebanon.



Please join us!  
24-Hour Eucharistic Adoration  
Thursday 12:30 pm through  
Friday 11:30 am

# NATIONAL MYO CONFERENCE

## THIS IS AN INVITATION TO ALL OUR YOUTH



### Introducing Me

A Blessed week to you and your loved ones. We are excited to share with you that..

### REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Yes, you heard right! We are so excited to announce that registration for our **2022 National MYO Conference** is now open!

Head on over to [www.maroniteyouth.org](http://www.maroniteyouth.org) and register now for our early bird pricing! **Pricing increases after March 26, so please encourage your youth to register as soon as possible!**

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to us at [office@maroniteyouth.org](mailto:office@maroniteyouth.org). **Please mark your calendars, save the date, and spread the word!** We can't wait to see you June 23-27, 2022 at Saint Vincent College in Latrobe, PA!

In Christ,  
**The National Maronite Youth Organization**

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May 7-8, 2022

### First Reading

#### Hebrews 13:18-25

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

Brothers and Sisters:

Pray for us; we are sure that we have a clear conscience, desiring to act honorably in all things. I urge you all the more to do this, so that I may be restored to you very soon. Now may the God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do his will, working among us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever and ever. Amen. I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, bear with my word of exhortation, for I have written to you briefly. I want you to know that our brother Timothy has been set free; and if he comes in time, he will be with me when I see you. Greet all your leaders and all the saints. Those from Italy send you greetings. Grace be with all of you.

**Praise be to God always.**

#### فصل من الرسالة إلى العبرانيين

يا إخواني، صلوا من أجلنا، فإننا واثقون أن ضميرنا صالح، ونحن نريد أن نسلك مسلكاً حسناً في كل شيء. وأطلب إليكم بالحاح أن تفعلوا ذلك، حتى يرزني الله إليكم سريعاً! وإله السلام، الذي أضعّد من بين الأموات ربنا يسوع، راعي الخراف العظيم بدم عهد أبدي، هو يجعلكم كاملين في كل صلاح، لتعملوا بمشيئته، وهو يعمل فينا ما هو مرضي في عينيه، بيسوع المسيح، له المجد إلى أبد الأبد. آمين. وأناشدكم، أيها الإخوة، أن تحتملوا كلام التشجيع، فإنني كتبت إليكم بإيجاز! إعلموا أن أخانا طيموثاوس قد أخلّ سبيله. فإن أسرع في مجيئه، سأذهب معه وأراكم. سلموا على جميع مدبريكم وجميع القديسين. يسلم عليكم الإخوة الذين في إيطاليا. النعمة معكم أجمعين!

والتسبيح لله دائماً.

## Gospel Reading

### Saint John 21:1-14

#### The Apostle Writes:

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.' He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

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

#### مِنْ إِنْجِيلِ الْقَدِيسِ يوحنا

بَعْدَ ذَلِكَ، ظَهَرَ يَسُوعُ لِتَلَامِيذِهِ مَرَّةً أُخْرَى عَلَى بُحِيرَةِ طَبْرِیَّةَ، وَهَكَذَا ظَهَرَ: كَانَ سِمْعَانُ بُطْرُسُ، وَثُومَا الْمُلَقَّبُ بِالتَّوَمَ، وَنَتَّائِيلُ الَّذِي مِنْ قَانَا الْجَلِيلِ، وَابْنَا زَبَدَى، وَتِلْمِيزَانِ آخَرَانِ مِنْ تَلَامِيذِ يَسُوعَ، مُجْتَمِعِينَ مَعًا. قَالَ لَهُمْ سِمْعَانُ بُطْرُسُ: «أَنَا ذَاهِبٌ أَصْطَادُ سَمَكًا». قَالُوا لَهُ: «وَنَحْنُ أَيْضًا نَأْتِي مَعَكَ». فَخَرَجُوا وَرَكِبُوا السَّفِينَةَ، فَمَا أَصَابُوا فِي تِلْكَ اللَّيْلَةِ شَيْئًا. وَلَمَّا طَلَعَ الْفَجْرُ، وَقَفَ يَسُوعُ عَلَى الشَّاطِئِ، وَلَكِنْ التَّلَامِيذُ لَمْ يَعْلَمُوا أَنَّهُ يَسُوعُ. فَقَالَ لَهُمْ يَسُوعُ: «يَا فِتْيَانِ، أَمَا عِنْدَكُمْ قَلِيلٌ مِنَ السَّمَكِ؟». أَجَابُوهُ: «لَا!». فَقَالَ لَهُمْ: «الْقُلُوا الشَّبَكَةَ إِلَى يَمِينِ السَّفِينَةِ تَجِدُوا». وَالْقَوَاهُ، فَمَا قَدَرُوا عَلَى اجْتِدَابِهَا مِنْ كَثَرَةِ السَّمَكِ. فَقَالَ ذَلِكَ التَّلَامِيذُ الَّذِي كَانَ يَسُوعُ يُحِبُّهُ لِبُطْرُسَ: «إِنَّهُ الرَّبُّ». فَلَمَّا سَمِعَ سِمْعَانُ بُطْرُسُ أَنَّهُ الرَّبُّ، اِتَّزَرَ بِثَوْبِهِ، لِأَنَّهُ كَانَ عُرْيَانًا، وَأَلْقَى بِنَفْسِهِ فِي الْبُحِيرَةِ. أَمَّا التَّلَامِيذُ الْآخَرُونَ فَجَاءُوا بِالسَّفِينَةِ، وَهُمْ يَسْحَبُونَ الشَّبَكَةَ الْمَمْلُوءَةَ سَمَكًا، وَمَا كَانُوا بَعِيدِينَ عَنِ الْبَرِّ إِلَّا نَحْوَ مِئَتَيْ ذِرَاعٍ. وَلَمَّا نَزَلُوا إِلَى الْبَرِّ، رَأَوْا جَمْرًا، وَسَمَكًا عَلَى الْجَمْرِ، وَخُبْزًا. قَالَ لَهُمْ يَسُوعُ: «هَاتُوا مِنَ السَّمَكِ الَّذِي أَصْبَنْتُمُوهُ الْآنَ». فَصَعِدَ سِمْعَانُ بُطْرُسُ إِلَى السَّفِينَةِ، وَجَذَبَ الشَّبَكَةَ إِلَى الْبَرِّ، وَهِيَ مَمْلُوءَةٌ سَمَكًا كَبِيرًا، مِئَةً وَثَلَاثًا وَخَمْسِينَ. وَمَعَ هَذِهِ الْكَثَرَةِ لَمْ تَتَمَرَّقِ الشَّبَكَةُ. قَالَ لَهُمْ يَسُوعُ: «هَلُمُّوا تَعِدُّوا». وَلَمْ يَجْزُوا أَحَدٌ مِنَ التَّلَامِيذِ أَنْ يَسْأَلَهُ: «مَنْ أَنْتَ؟»، لِأَنَّهُمْ عَالِمُونَ أَنَّهُ الرَّبُّ. وَتَقَدَّمَ يَسُوعُ وَأَخَذَ الْخُبْزَ وَنَآوَلَهُمْ. ثُمَّ فَعَلَ كَذَلِكَ بِالسَّمَكِ. هَذِهِ مَرَّةً ثَالِثَةً ظَهَرَ فِيهَا يَسُوعُ لِتَلَامِيذِهِ بَعْدَ أَنْ قَامَ مِنَ الْأَمْوَاتِ.

**حَقًّا وَالْأَمَانُ لَجَمِيعِكُمْ.**