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Maronite Catholic Church



Exaltation of the Holy Cross

September 10-11, 2022

Feast of the Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8 September 2022



The Fathers of the Church pondered the silence of Mary, rejoiced in her nativity and maternity, followed her example of sanctity, and invoked her prayerful assistance. As noted by Chorbishop Seely Beggiani in his book *Early Syriac Theology*, "It was natural for Syriac writers to see Mary as the fulfillment of Old Testament types and a symbol of the future church.

The *Protoevangelium of James*, whose original title was *The Nativity of Mary*, was written probably around 145 AD. While not being one of the four canonical Gospels, it is from this influential early Christian writing that we read of the Nativity of Mary.

And her months were fulfilled, and in the ninth month Anna brought forth. And she said to the midwife: What have I brought forth? And she said: A girl. And said Anna: My soul has been magnified this day. And she laid her down. And the days having

been fulfilled, Anna was purified, ... and called her name Mary. ...

And when she was a year old, Joachim made a great feast, and invited the priests, and the scribes, and the elders, and all the people of Israel. And Joachim brought the child to the priests; and they blessed her, saying: O God of our fathers, bless this child, and give her an everlasting name to be named in all generations. ... And Anna made a song to the Lord God, saying: I will sing a song to the Lord my God, for He has looked upon me, and has taken away the reproach of mine enemies; - *Protoevangelium of James*

The *Protoevangelium of James* is not a biography but a proclamation of the earliest traditions of the Church concerning Mary, the one chosen to be the holy mother of the Christ; the *Theotókos* (*God-bearer, Mother of God*), as the Third Ecumenical Council, held in Ephesus in 431AD will proclaim as dogma.

From this early Christian apocryphal writing and other lesser known apocryphal writings of that time we discover the devout parents of Mary, Joachim and Anna, Joseph a widower who will become betrothed to Mary and will be the protector of the Holy Family. Also, we discover the oldest teachings of the perpetual virginity of Mary.

The Nativity of Mary along with her fiat given to the Angel Gabriel at the Annunciation, will form the hinge on the door of human history. For due to the "yes" of Mary to "let it be done to me according to your will," the door of human history is opened to the Father to send his Son for our salvation.

She is the leaven of our new creation, the root of the true vine whose branches we have become, by virtue of the germination proper to baptism. She is the point of arrival of the reconciliation of God with men, on which occasion the angels sang: "Glory to God in the highest; peace on earth and good will toward men." - *Severus of Antioch* (c.465-538 AD)

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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, September 10, @ 6:00PM, liturgy is offered for the souls of Maron & Pauline Thomas and their daughter Rose Mary requested by Linda and Marion Thomas. May their souls rest in peace.

Sunday, September 11, @ 11:00AM, liturgy is offered for the soul of Mary Salloum requested by Dany and Rania Cherfane and family. May her soul rest in peace.

Also, liturgy is offered as 40-Day memorial for the soul of Judy Sholy requested by family. May her soul rest in peace.

Saturday, September 17, @ 6:00PM, liturgy is offered for a special intension.

Sunday, September 18, @ 11:00AM, liturgy is offered for the souls of Isabel and Pat Iocco requested by Terri Koway. May their souls rest in peace.

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Actual Feast September 14



ELDERLY COMMUNION

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

WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR September 3-4, 2022

Sunday Collection	\$ 582.00
PayPal	\$ 500.00
Donations	\$ 100.00
Coffee Hour	\$ 10.00
Total:	\$ 1,192.00

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IN OUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers

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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.

Readings

First Reading

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Gospel Reading

John 12:20-32

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
**Religious Education
Teachers**

2nd Collection

September 10-11, 2022

Catholic University of America

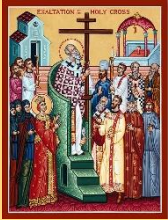
Festival Committee Meeting

**Monday, September 12, 2022
7:00pm**

Parish Council Meeting

**Monday, September 19, 2022
7:00pm**

UPCOMING EVENTS



EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Saturday, September 10, 2022

Sunday, September 11, 2022



BLUE MASS

Thursday, September 29, 2022

In Appreciation for all our Police Officers, Firefighters, First Responders, and Armed Forces



BLOCK PARTY

Saturday, October 15, 2022

1pm to 8pm



BISHOP GREGORY'S VISIT

Sunday, October 16, 2022

Divine Liturgy with bishop Gregory, followed by a Luncheon in the Church Hall



ST. JUDE NOVENA

October 20 to October 28 @ 6:00PM

Street Procession and Pasta Night on October 28 (Last night of the Novena)



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November 11-13, 2022
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Appreciation Luncheon

On behalf of the entire community, I extend our thanks to Chef Michael Anthony and the team for the delicious buffet they have prepared for the appreciation Luncheon. (Abouna)

DONATIONS FOR CHURCH

This year, due to the generous donation of many parishioners, we provided:

- Red Vestment with extra stole
- Red Altar Cloth - Main Altar
- Red Altar Cloth - Small Altar
- Purple Vestment with extra stole
- Purple Altar Cloth - Main Altar
- Purple Altar Cloth - Small Altar
- Off-white Vestment with extra stole
- Off-white Altar Cloth - Main Altar
- Off-white Altar Cloth - Small Altar
- Shroud for Great Friday
- White Alb
- Raffle Barrels (2) with Tickets' Stands (2)



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

Dear Parents,

Don't forget to register your children for the Religious Education Program 2022-2023.

The form can be found on the parish website: www.saintmaron.org

or click on the link below:

[final-religious-education-program-registration-1.pdf \(saintmaron.org\)](#)

Parents/Teachers Meeting

Sunday, September 11 Following the Divine Liturgy.

Classes Start on

Sunday, September 18

Religious Education Program Registrations so far:

CCD	k	2
	Grade 1	0
	Grade 2	1
	Grade 3	2
	Grade 4	0
	Grade 5	2
Junior MYO	Grade 6	2
	Grade 7	2
MYO	Grade 8	2
	Grade 9	3
	Grade 10	3
	Grade 11	3
	Grade 12	3

To get the Fillable PDF
Registration Form

(Ctrl + Left Click)
on the form

Saint Maron Church Philadelphia, PA 19124						Religious Education Registration form 2022-2023 Select	
Student Information							
Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Sex	Date of Birth			
			Select				
Has this child been baptized?		<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		Home Address			
Has this child been confirmed?		<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO					
Has this child been communed at baptism?		<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO					
Has this child received first communion?		<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		FIRST COMMUNION Class (2nd grade): please provide a BAPTISMAL certificate			
School Information							
Name of School						Select Grade	
Address						Select	
Catholic <input type="checkbox"/>	Non-Catholic <input type="checkbox"/>	Private School <input type="checkbox"/>	Public School <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Charter <input type="checkbox"/>	Home Schooled <input type="checkbox"/>		
For those attending Catholic Schools, which Diocese?				If "OTHER" Specify below			
What safe environment program is used at school?				Select			
For home schooled children, does the parent/instructor use the Child Lures Program?				<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO			
If not, which program do they use?							
Please note any medical conditions (including any allergies, food or other):							
Does this child have any special talents, skills, hobbies? (e.g. musical instrument, singing, art, sports, etc.)							
Family Information							
Father				Mother			
Name				Maiden Name			
Phone Number				Phone Number			
E-mail				E-mail			
Denomination				Denomination			
Occupation				Occupation			
Parent to contact:							
Emergency Contact Information (If we are unable to reach you, whom should we contact?)							
Last Name	First Name	Phone		Relationship			
Consent							
Do you give permission for St. Maron Church to share your contact information with your child's CCD teacher for class-related communications?				<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO			
Video/Photography Consent: Do you understand that promotional pictures and videos (individual and group) may be taken during these classes or events for church-related publications and give permission for your child's picture to be used for promotional materials (newsletter, web page, calendars, power point, video, etc.)?				<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO			

*Signature of Parent _____

Date

Donations to Support Religious Education Program:

Junior MYO and MYO:
\$25 for each child

CCD:
\$25 for first child
\$15 for each
additional child

OCTOBER BLOCK PARTY



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Saturday

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BISHOP GREGORY MANSOUR PASTORAL VISIT

Sunday
October 16, 2022
at 11:00 am



DIVINE LITURGY
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FOLLOWED BY A LUNCHEON IN
THE CHURCH HALL

SAINT SHARBEL FESTIVAL

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ENTRY**

Friday September 9 from 4:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M.
Saturday September 10 from 12:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M.
Sunday September 11 from 1:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

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*Thursday, October 6, 2022
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500 E. 30th St. (at the East River)*

*Cocktail Reception 6:00 PM
Dinner 7:30*

*Silent Auction throughout the evening
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- Syriac Trinitarian Theology
- Syriac Christology
- Syriac Pneumatology

The **SYLLABUS** reflects one course taught in two sessions/semesters and twice a week. Since the same course content will be offered twice per week, students may attend according to what best fits their schedule per week. The course will be offered on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, according to the following time zones:

8PM - 10PM EASTERN TIME
7PM - 9PM CENTRAL TIME
6PM - 8PM MOUNTAIN TIME
5PM - 7PM PACIFIC TIME

Evaluation:

For those taking the course for academic credit. There will be an exam or paper at the end of the Autumn Session/Semester and also at the end of the Spring Session/Semester.

TO ENROLL:

Contact:

Rev. David A. Fisher

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Class Contact Dates:

September: 6th, 8th, 13th, 15th, 20th, 22nd, 27th, 29th

October: 4th, 6th, 11th, 13th

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First Reading

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

A reading from the First letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians. Your blessing father...

Brothers and Sisters:

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.' Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Praise be to God always.

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الأولى إلى أهل قورنثس

يا إِخْوَتِي، إِنَّ كَلِمَةَ الصَّلِيبِ عِنْدَ الْهَالِكِينَ حَمَاقَةٌ، أَمَّا عِنْدَنَا نَحْنُ الْمُخَلِّصِينَ فَهِيَ قُوَّةُ اللَّهِ؛ لِأَنَّهُ مَكْتُوبٌ: "سَأَبِيدُ حِكْمَةَ الْحُكَمَاءِ، وَأَرْذُلُ فَهْمَ الْفُهَمَاءِ!". فَأَيْنَ الْحَكِيمُ؟ وَأَيْنَ عَالِمُ الشَّرِيعَةِ؟ وَأَيْنَ الْبَاحِثُ فِي أُمُورِ هَذَا الدَّهْرِ؟ أَمَا جَعَلَ اللَّهُ حِكْمَةَ هَذَا الْعَالَمِ حَمَاقَةً؟ فَبِمَا أَنَّ الْعَالَمَ بِحِكْمَتِهِ مَا عَرَفَ اللَّهَ بِحَسَبِ حِكْمَةِ اللَّهِ، رَضِيَ اللَّهُ أَنْ يُخَلِّصَ بِحَمَاقَةِ الْبَشَارَةِ الَّذِينَ يُؤْمِنُونَ؛ لِأَنَّ الْيَهُودَ يَطْلُبُونَ الْآيَاتِ، وَالْيُونَانِيِّينَ يَلْتَمِسُونَ الْحِكْمَةَ. أَمَّا نَحْنُ فَنُنَادِي بِمَسِيحٍ مَصْلُوبٍ، هُوَ عِثَارٌ لِلْيَهُودِ وَحَمَاقَةٌ لِلْأُمَمِ. وَأَمَّا لِلْمَدْعُوعِينَ أَنْفُسِهِمْ، مِنَ الْيَهُودِ وَالْيُونَانِيِّينَ، فَهُوَ مَسِيحٌ، قُوَّةُ اللَّهِ وَحِكْمَةُ اللَّهِ؛ فَمَا يَبْدُو أَنَّهُ حَمَاقَةٌ مِنَ اللَّهِ هُوَ أَحْكَمُ مِنَ النَّاسِ، وَمَا يَبْدُو أَنَّهُ ضَعْفٌ مِنَ اللَّهِ هُوَ أَقْوَى مِنَ النَّاسِ.

والتسبيح لله دائماً.

Gospel Reading

Saint John 12:20-32

The Apostle Writes:

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. 'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say "Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.'

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

مِنْ إِنْجِيلِ الْقَدِّيسِ يوحنا

كَانَ بَيْنَ الصَّاعِدِينَ لِيَسْجُدُوا فِي الْعِيدِ، بَعْضُ الْيُونَانِيِّينَ. فَذَنَا هَؤُلَاءِ مِنْ فِيلِبُّسَ الَّذِي مِنْ بَيْتِ صَيْدَا الْجَلِيلِ، وَسَأَلُوهُ قَائِلِينَ: "يَا سَيِّدَ، نُرِيدُ أَنْ نَرَى يَسُوعَ". فَجَاءَ فِيلِبُّسُ وَقَالَ لَأَنْدَرَاوُسَ، وَجَاءَ أَنْدَرَاوُسُ وَفِيلِبُّسُ وَقَالَا لِيَسُوعَ. فَأَجَابَهُمَا يَسُوعُ قَائِلًا: "لَقَدْ حَانَتْ السَّاعَةُ لِكَيِ يُمَجَّدَ ابْنُ الْإِنْسَانِ. الْحَقُّ الْحَقُّ أَقُولُ لَكُمْ: إِنْ حَبَّةُ الْحِنْطَةِ، إِنْ لَمْ تَقَعْ فِي الْأَرْضِ وَتَمُتْ، تَبْقَى وَاحِدَةً. وَإِنْ مَاتَتْ تَأْتِي بِثَمَرٍ كَثِيرٍ. مَنْ يُحِبُّ نَفْسَهُ يَفْقِدُهَا، وَمَنْ يُبْغِضُهَا فِي هَذَا الْعَالَمِ يَحْفَظُهَا لِحَيَاةٍ أَبَدِيَّةٍ. مَنْ يَخْدُمْنِي فَلْيَتَّبِعْنِي. وَحَيْثُ أَكُونُ أَنَا، فَهَنَّاكَ يَكُونُ أَيْضًا خَادِمِي. مَنْ يَخْدُمْنِي يُكْرِمُهُ الْآبَ. نَفْسِي الْآنَ مُضْطَرَبَّةٌ، فَمَاذَا أَقُولُ؟ يَا أَبَتِ، نَجِّنِي مِنْ هَذِهِ السَّاعَةِ؟ وَلَكِنْ مِنْ أَجْلِ هَذَا بَلَغْتُ إِلَى هَذِهِ السَّاعَةِ! يَا أَبَتِ، مَجِّدِ اسْمَكَ". فَجَاءَ صَوْتُ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ يَقُولُ: "قَدْ مَجَّدْتُ، وَسَأَمَجِّدُ". وَسَمِعَ الْجَمْعُ الْحَاضِرُ فَقَالُوا: "إِنَّهُ رَعْدٌ". وَقَالَ آخَرُونَ: "إِنَّ مَلَكًَا خَاطَبَهُ". أَجَابَ يَسُوعُ وَقَالَ: "مَا كَانَ هَذَا الصَّوْتُ مِنْ أَجْلِي، بَلْ مِنْ أَجْلِكُمْ. هِيَ الْآنَ دَيْنُونَةُ هَذَا الْعَالَمِ. الْآنَ يُطْرَدُ سُلْطَانُ هَذَا الْعَالَمِ خَارِجًا. وَأَنَا إِذَا رُفِعْتُ عَنِ الْأَرْضِ، جَذَبْتُ إِلَيَّ الْجَمِيعَ".

حَقًّا وَالْأَمَانُ لِكُلِّكُمْ.