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WEEKLY BULLETIN - 02/12/2023 Three Weeks of Commemorations



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Parish Council Meeting

Monday, February 27, 2023 in the Church Hall at 6:00pm

February 12 - Autism Sunday

Take time to say a prayer today for those affected by autism spectrum disorders.

Sunday of the Faithful Departed



SAINT MARON (410 AD)

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Around 350 AD, Maron "the little lord" was born in Cyrrhus, a small town near Antioch. When he grew up, Maron heard God's call for holiness and perfection. His heart was burning within him.

Maron left the world and ascended to the top of Mount Nabo, near Antioch. He lived in the open air, converted a pagan temple into a church, and spent his time praying in solitude, fasting, and working. "Maron did greater acts in order to reach perfect wisdom, for the militant soldier weighs between virtue and acts... And since God is very generous with his saints, he bestowed upon him the gifts of healing the sick. His fame spread to all the surrounding districts, so people flocked to him and witnessed the veracity of his virtues and miracles. He could heal the sick and exorcise the devil by mere prayer.

Physicians prescribe a special medicine for each disease, but the prayer of the righteous is the remedy for all diseases. St. Maron not only healed the ailments of the body but also those of the soul, by curing the avarice of the covetous, the anger of the passionate, teaching some the wisdom of temperance, others the principles of justice, others the happiness of chastity, and others the love of labor." Maron attracted many disciples: James of Cyrrhus, Limnaeus, Domnina, Cyra, Marana, Abraham the hermit, the apostle of Mount Lebanon, and many others. Maron died around 410.

"[Dear Maron], we are bound to you by love and interior disposition, and see you here before us as if you were actually present. For such are the eyes of love; their vision is neither interrupted by distance nor dimmed by time... we address ourselves to your honor and assure you that we hold you constantly in our minds and carry you about in our souls wherever we may be... please pray for us."

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary Candle is burning for those affected by autism spectrum disorders

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 **Gospel Reading** Luke 16:19-31

DIVINE LITURGIES

Saturday, February 11, @ 6:00PM, liturgy is offered in memory of Tom Baxter, requested by his wife Patty Impo. May his soul rest in peace. Sunday, February 12, @ 11:00AM, liturgy is offered in memory of Rizk Frangie requested by family. May his soul rest in peace.

Saturday, February 18, @ 6:00PM, liturgy is offered in memory of Michael (Chubby) Simon requested by family. May his soul rest in peace. Sunday, February 19, @ 11:00AM, liturgy is offered in memory of Melhem ElHajal requested by Manal and Claudine ElHajal. May his soul rest in peace.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

If you are sick and homebound and wish to receive communion at home, please contact:

the Church Office at 215-389-2000 or Fr. Andrawos at 978-241-2977.

WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR February 4-5, 2023

Sunday Collection	1 \$	1,215.00
Fuel	\$	120.00
Building Insurance	ce\$	30.00
Assessment	\$	30.00
Bishop's Appeal	\$	60.00
PayPal	\$	150.00
Donations	\$	200.00
Coffee Hour	\$	28.00
Total:	\$	1,833.00

EPARCHIAL LOAN

Loan Principal and Interest Owed: \$ 57,125.00 Total Amount Paid as of January 2023: <u>\$ 33,375.00</u> Remaining Loan Balance: \$ 23,750.00

CHURCH ENVELOPES ARE NOW AVAILABLE

We have received the Church Envelopes. You can find them **at the entrance of the hall**. If you don't have envelopes and wish to receive them, please contact the Office



ANNOUNCEMENTS Rice Bowls

Lenten Alms Change Lives Like every year, our parish supports the Catholic Releif Service in their participates in the Rice Bowl Lenten Program. We have received the rice bowls. You can find them in the back of the church and the hall entrance.



<u>Maronite Rituals for a Great</u> Lent Series

The Maronite Servants will be hosting a new series of online workshops via Zoom.



<u>The Annual Discernment</u> <u>Weekend</u>

The weekend of March 24-26, 2023 at Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Seminary. For info: (202) 723-8831



Women Discernment Retreat

The weekend of April 14-16, 2023 at the **Mother of the Light Convent** in Dartmouth, MA.



IN OUR PRAYERS Please keep in your prayers

Allan Emilio Domingez, Rev. Subdeacon Dr. Mallard T. George, Landon Reid, Tamara Lewis, Michael Thomas. Barbara Impriano, Mary McKinney, Jessica McKinney, Angela McKinney, Skyla Simon, Peter Labaki, Nancy Murphy, Marentha Young-Heart, Allison Tretina. Stephanie Devinnev. Angela S corza Anderson, Robert Nigro, Thomas Jones, Raymond Fitzpatrick, Linda Yeckes, Frankie Olivieri, Richy Grande, Marie Eddis, Mia Andrilla, Natalie Ciancaglini. Ashlev Iaconelli, Stephen Bressi, Elissar Ayoub, Joanne Simon-Turing, Suzanne Haney, Linda DiBernardo, Joan Speck, David Joseph Cook, Eddie Tayoun, 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, Lisa Alestra, John Nader, Joey Gdowick, Francis Joseph Kerns, Samer Chokeir, Kathy Newman, Rita Arrigale, Maryann Bratton, Renee Sahar, Sister Nahida Al-Sawa, James Cordisio, Stacev 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.

TAX CONTRIBUTION LETTER

If you would like to receive your tax contribution letter for 2022, 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 continuous support to St. Maron Church.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Distance devendence SAJ BREAKFAST SHOAN, FERNINGE VE, 2021 APRD Distance VE, 2021 APRD Distance VE, 2021 Distance Joint Courses Distance Joint C	Saj Breakfast Sunday, February 12, 2023 Following Divine Liturgy
	Marfaa Take Out Prep Thursday, February 16, 2023 @ 3:00PM Friday, February 17, 2023 @ 12:00PM
Heint Marco Couch Marfaa Take Out Delicious Lebanese Food	Marfaa Take Out Saturday, February 18, 2023 12:00PM – 7:00PM
	Ash Monday Monday, February 20, 2023 9:00AM: Safro and Blessing of Ashes 6:00PM: Divine Liturgy – Blessing and Distribution of Ashes
A S H WEDNESDAY	Ash Wednesday Wednesday, February 22, 2023 @ 6:00PM Divine Liturgy – Distribution of Ashes
	Stations of the Cross Every Friday during Lent @ 6:00PM
Fundraiser Sunday, February 26, 2023	MYO Fundraiser – Pretzels Sunday, February 26, 2023 Following Divine Liturgy
	Falafel Sandwiches Sunday, March 5, 2023 Following Divine Liturgy
	MYO Fundraiser – Foul Breakfast Sunday, March 19, 2023 Following Divine Liturgy
	Annunciation to the Virgin Mary Saturday, March 25, 2023 @ 6:00PM



SAJ BREAKFAST

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2023

after Divine Liturgy

in the Church Hall

Manouche (Zaatar or Cheese): \$5.00 Sides and Drinks will be available

For more information contact the office: **215-389-2000**



Marfald Take Out Delicious Lebanese Food

Saturday, February 18, 2023 12:00PM - 7:00PM

MIXED GRILL PLATTER \$30

1 Beef, 1 Chicken, 1 Kafta, Salad, Rice, Hummus, Garlic, and Bread

BEEF PLATTER \$16

1 Beef Kabob, Salad, Rice, Hummus, and Bread

CHICKEN PLATTER \$15

1 Chicken Kabob, Salad, Rice, Garlic, and Bread

KAFTA PLATTER \$15

Order

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1 Kafta Kabob, Salad, Rice, Hummus, and Bread



Chicken Kabob, Fries, Garlic, and Pickles

KAFTA SANDWICH \$12

Kafta Kabob, Hummus, Lettuce, Tomato, and Onion

SIDES \$5 EACH Salad / Hummus Baba Ghannouj / Fries



DESSERT COMBO \$12 3 Baklawa & 3 Namoura

> **BAKLAWA \$5** 2 pcs. **NAMOURA \$4** 2 pcs.

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February 11-12, 2023

First Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

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

Brothers and Sisters:

Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing. **Praise be to God always.**

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الأولى إلى أهل تسالونيقي يا إخوَتِي، أَمَّا الأَزْمِنَةُ والأَوقَات، أَيُّهَا الإخْوَة، فلا حَاجَة بِكُم أَنْ يُكْتَبَ إِلَيْكُم في شَأْنِهَا؛ لأَنَّكُم تَعْلَمُونَ جَيِّدًا أَنَّ يَوْمَ الرَّبِ يأْتي كَالسَّارِقِ لَيْلاً. فحِينَ يَقُولُون: سَلامٌ وأَمْنٌ! حِينَئِذٍ يَدْهَمُهُمُ الهَلاكُ دَهْمَ الْمَحَاضِ لِلحُبْلى، ولا يُفْلِتُون. أَمَّا أَنْتُم، أَيُّها الإخْوَة، فَلَسْتُم في ظُلْمَةٍ لِيُفَاجِئَكُم ذلكَ النيومُ كالسَّارِق. فأَنتُم كُلُكُم أَبْنَاءُ التُور، ولا يُفْلِتُون. أَمَّا أَنتُم، أَيُّها الإخْوَة، فَلَسْتُم في ظُلْمَةٍ لِيُفَاجِئَكُم ذلكَ النيومُ كالسَّارِق. فأَنتُم كُلُكُم أَبْنَاءُ التُور، وأَبْنَاءُ النَّهار، ولَسْنَا أَبْنَاءَ اللَّيلِ ولا أَبْنَاءَ الظُلْمَة. إِذًا فلا نَنَمْ كَسائِر النَّاس، بَلْ يَنَامُونَ فَفي اللَّيلِ يَنَامُون، والنَّذِينَ يَسْكَرُونَ فَفي اللَّيلِ يَسْكَرُون. أَمَّا نَحْنُ أَبْنَاءَ النَّهار، فَلْنَصْحُ لاَينَا يَنَامُونَ فَفي اللَّيلِ يَنَامُون، والنَّذِينَ يَسْكَرُونَ فَفي اللَّيلِ يَسْكَرُون. أَمَّا نَحْنُ أَبْنَاءَ النَّهار، بَلْ لِنَسْهرُ ونَصْحُ لاَسِينَ دِرْعَ يَنَامُونَ فَفي اللَيلِ يَنَامُون، والَذِينَ يَسْكَرُونَ فَفي اللَيلِ يَسْكَرُون. أَمَّا نَحْنُ أَبْنَاءَ النَّه ل يَنْعُمُ والمَحَبَّة، ووَاضِعِينَ خُوذَة رَجَاءِ الخلاص. فإن اللَّهُ لَمْ يَجْعَلْنا للغَضَب، بَلْ لِاللَي يَنَامُون، والمَحَدُهُ مُعُمُ المَك

والتسبيح لله دائمًا.

Gospel Reading Saint Luke 16:19-31

The Apostle Writes:

'There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames." But Abraham said, "Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us." He said, "Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house for I have five brothers that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment." Abraham replied, "They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them." He said, "No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent." He said to him, "If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead."'

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

مِنْ إِنَّجِيلِ القديس لوقا قال الربُ يَسوع: "كَانَ رَجُلٌ غَنِيٌّ يَلْبَسُ الأُرْجُوانَ وَالكَتَّانَ النَّاعِم، وَيَتَتَعَمُ كُلَّ يَوْمٍ بِأَفْخَرِ الوَلائِم. وكانَ رَجُلٌ مِسْكِينٌ آسْمُهُ لَعَازَرُ مَطْرُوحًا عِنْدَ بَابِهِ، تَكْسُوهُ القُرُوح. وكانَ يَشْتَعِي أَنْ يَشْبَعَ مِنَ الفُتَاتِ المُسَتَاقِطِ مِنْ مَائِدَةِ الغَنِيُ عَيْرَ أَنَّ الكِلابَ كَانَتَ تَأْتِي فَتَلْحَسُ قُرُوحَهُ. وَمَاتَ المِسْكينُ فَحَمَلَتُهُ آلمَلائِكَةُ إلى حِضْنِ إِبْرَاهِيم. ثُمَّ مَاتَ الغَنِيُ وَتُفِن. وَرَفَعَ الغَنِيُ عيْنَيْه، وَهُوَ في الجَحِيمِ يُقَاسِي العَذَاب، فَرَأَى إِبْرَاهِيمَ مِنْ بَعِيد، وَلَعَازَرَ في حِضْنِهِ. قَنْادَى وقَال: يا أَبَتِ إِبْرَاهِيم، إرْحَمْنِي وَأَرْسِلْ لَعَازَرَ لِيَبُلُ طَرَفَ إِصْبَعِهِ بِمَاءٍ وَيُبَرَدِ لِسَانِي، لأَتي متَوَجِع في هذا اللَّهِيب. فقال إبْرَاهِيم، يا رَحَمْنِي وَأَرْسِلْ لَعَازَرَ لِيَبُلُ طَرَفَ إِصْبَعِهِ بِمَاءٍ وَيُبَرَدِ لِسَانِي، لأَتي متَوَجِع في هذا اللَّهِيب. فقال إبْرَاهِيم، يا رَحَمْنِي وَأَرْسِلْ لَعَازَرَ لِيبُلُ طَرَفَ إِصْبَعِهِ بِمَاءٍ وَيُبَرَدِ لِسَانِي، لأَتَى مُتَوَجِع في هذا اللَّهِيب. فقال إبْرَاهِيم، يا أَبْنِحَمْنِي وَأَرْسِلْ لَعَازَرَ لِيبُلُ طَرَفَ إِصْبَعِهِ بِمَاء وَيُبَرَدِ لِسَانِي، لأَتِي م مِنْ هُذَا كَلَهِ مَنْ إِمَا يَبْنَى مَتَوَجَعْ في هذا اللَّعِنِي تَتَعَرَّى لِيبَلُ عَشْنَع مِنْ الْبَتَاتِي والاَنَ هُو مِنْ هُذَا كُلُهِ، قَالَ البَنِي يَنْنَا وَيَبْنَكُمُ هُوَةً عَظِيمَة ثَابِتَه، حَتَّى إِنْ الَذِينَ يَرْعِمَانَ والآنَ عَبْنَهُ واللَّ الْنَعْنِي أَنْ مِنْ هُذَا كُلُهِ، بَيْ مُنَا إِنْتَقَعَ وَيَنْعَا وَيَبْنَهُ مُوقًا في أَنْتَ مَعْنَا واللَّذَا يَعْزَى أَنْ يَعْتَارُوا مِنْ هُذَا اللَّيْنَ مَ مَنْ هُذَا لأَنْتَى مَتَوَجَعَ والْحَرُنُ واللَيْنَا وَعَيْنَكُم لا يَسْتَطْيعُون، ولا مِنْ هُونَ أَنْ يَعْبَرُوا مِنْ مَا أَنْتَ أَنْعَنْ والْنَ مُعَنَّ مَ أَنْ عَنْ عَنْ أَنْ عُمْرَاتِ مَنْ مَعْمَنَ وَلَنَ مَنْ مُنَوْزَ أَنْ يَنْعَرَى أَنْ عَنْ عَنْ مُوالَ أَيْنَةُ مَا إِنْعَانَ مَ مَنْ مَعْنَ مَا إِنَيْ عَنْنَ مَا أَنْهُمَا وَالَانَ عَنْ أَنْ مُنْ أَعْنَ مَا أَنْهُ مَا إِنْ مَا أَنْ عَنْ إُ ال مِنْ مُنَه مَا أَنْهُ مَا الْعَنِي مَا مَنْ أَنْ