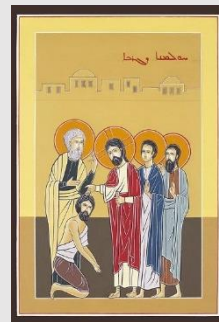




# Saint Maron Maronite Catholic Church

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## WEEKLY BULLETIN - 02/26/2023

### Season of Great Lent

#### OFFICE HOURS:

**MONDAY OFFICE CLOSED**

**TUESDAY – FRIDAY 10:30AM – 4:00PM**

#### **Pastor**

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Fr. David Fisher

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Costa J. Mansour, Michael Marrone, Anne Tayoun, Manal ElHajal, Rosemarie Marrone, Barbara Dahdah, Tony Frangie, Khalil Raie, Nahi Rai, Roger Jebara

#### **Finance Committee**

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Billy Tayoun, Tony Frangie

#### **Saint Jude**

Denise Eddis, Theresa Barry

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#### **MYO**

#### **Director: Zeina Topalian**

**Advisors:** Anne Tayoun, Jocelyne Habib, Fadia Salloum, Maha Labbad

#### **MYA**

**Coordinators:** Nahi Rai, Roger Jebara, Frankie Piacentini

#### **Men's Club**

**President:** Amin Al Soueid

**Vice-President:** Samer Hourani

### Healing of the Leper



### DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

**Parish Council Meeting**  
Monday, February 27, 2023  
in the Church Hall at 6:00pm

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
Every Friday during Lent  
6:00PM

#### **SANCTUARY CANDLE**

The Sanctuary Candle is burning for  
**the deceased members of Semaan and Frangie families**

#### **SUNDAY READINGS**

**First Reading**  
Romans 6:12-23

**Gospel Reading**  
Mark 1:35-45



## DIVINE LITURGIES

**Saturday, February 25, @ 6:00PM,**  
liturgy is offered in remembrance of  
Dominic D'Adamo requested by Ed.

**Sunday, February 26, @ 11:00AM,**  
liturgy is offered in memory of Nahi  
Raie requested by Khalil and Madline  
Raie and family. May her soul rest in  
peace.

**Friday, March 3, 2023 @ 6:00PM,**  
**Feast of St. John Maron** Divine  
Liturgy & Blessing with the Holy  
Cross.

**Saturday, March 4, @ 6:00PM,**  
liturgy is offered in memory of Linda  
Stella requested by friends. May her  
soul rest in peace.

**Sunday, March 5, @ 11:00AM,**  
liturgy is offered in memory of the  
deceased members of Starr and Bitner  
families requested by Salema and  
Barbara Dahdah. May their souls rest  
in peace.

## WEEKLY COLLECTION

**February 18-19, 2023**

<b>Sunday Collection</b>	<b>\$ 1,129.00</b>
<b>PayPal</b>	<b>\$ 500.00</b>
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	<b>\$ 12.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,641.00</b>

## Marfaa Take Out

**February 18, 2023**

<b>Income</b>	<b>\$ 4,589.03</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 1,265.02</b>
<b>Profit</b>	<b>\$ 3,325.01</b>

## BISHOP'S APPEAL

<b>GOAL</b>	<b>\$ 3,500.00</b>
<b>Amount Received</b>	<b>\$ 1,590.00</b>
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$ 1,910.00</b>

## DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

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## 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 Relief 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.



### Maronite Rituals for a Great Lent Series

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



### The Annual Discernment Weekend

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  
Devinney, Angela Scorza  
Anderson, Robert Nigro, Thomas  
Jones, Raymond Fitzpatrick, Linda  
Yeckes, Frankie Olivieri, Richy  
Grande, Marie Eddis, Mia Andrilla,  
Natalie Ciancaglini, Ashley  
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, 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.

## EPARCHIAL LOAN

Loan Principal and Interest

Owed:

\$ 57,125.00

Total Amount Paid as of

February 2023:

\$ 34,375.00

**Remaining Loan Balance:**

**\$ 22,750.00**



# MARK YOUR CALENDAR

 **Saint Maron Church**  
Philadelphia, PA كنيسة مار مارون

## MYO FUNDRAISER

### PRETZELS DAY

Sunday, February 26, 2023

following Divine Liturgy  
in the Church Hall

**\$2.00**

**SUPPORT OUR MYO**

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## FALAFEL SANDWICHES

**\$10.00**

SUNDAY  
MARCH 5, 2023

after Divine Liturgy




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## MYO Fundraiser

### Foul Breakfast

Sunday  
March 19, 2023

following Divine Liturgy  
in the Church Hall

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March 18, 2023

**11:00am to 3:00pm**

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## Taste of Liguori

 **Wednesday, March 22**  
Doors Open at 5:00 PM

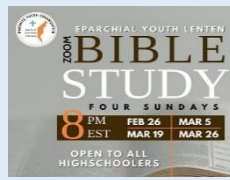
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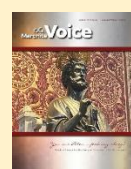
**Liguori Academy**

## EPARCHIAL MYO LENTEN BIBLE STUDY!

 Join us with your Bible to dive deeper into the Word of God! During each session, we will focus on the Sunday Gospel Reading for that week:

**Feb. 26** - Healing of the Leper  
**Mar. 5** - Healing of the Hemorrhaging Woman  
**Mar. 19** - Healing of the Paralytic  
**Mar. 26** - Healing of the Blind Man

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# UPCOMING EVENTS



## Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent @ 6:00PM



## MYO Fundraiser - Pretzels

Sunday, February 26, 2023

Following Divine Liturgy



## Feast of St. John Maron

Friday, March 3, 2023 @ 6:00PM

Divine Liturgy and Blessing with the Holy Cross



## 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



## Palm Sunday

Vigil Liturgy: Saturday, April 1, 2023 @ 6:00PM

Sunday Liturgy: Sunday, April 2, 2023 @ 11:00AM

## Palm Sunday Brunch

Sunday, April 2, 2023

Following Divine Liturgy

## Annual Bake Sale

April 1-2, 2023

Details will be announced soon!





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# Saint Maron

## Maronite Catholic Church



February 25-26, 2023

### First Reading

#### Romans 6:12-23

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

Brothers and Sisters:

Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Praise be to God always.**

#### فصل من رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل رومة

يا إخوتي، لا تَمْلِكَنَّ الْخَطِيئَةُ بَعْدُ فِي جَسَدِكُمْ الْمَائِتِ، فَتُطِيعُوا شَهَوَاتِهِ. وَلَا تَجْعَلُوا أَعْضَاءَكُمْ سِلَاحَ ظُلْمٍ لِلْخَطِيئَةِ، بَلْ قَرَّبُوا أَنْفُسَكُمْ لِلَّهِ كَأَحْيَاءٍ قَامُوا مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، وَاجْعَلُوا أَعْضَاءَكُمْ سِلَاحَ بَرٍّ لِلَّهِ. فَلَا تَتَسَلَّطْ عَلَيْكُمُ الْخَطِيئَةُ، لِأَنَّكُمْ لَسْتُمْ فِي حُكْمِ الشَّرِيعَةِ بَلْ فِي حُكْمِ النِّعْمَةِ. فَمَاذَا إِذَا؟ هَلْ نَخْطَأُ لِأَنَّا لَسْنَا فِي حُكْمِ الشَّرِيعَةِ، بَلْ فِي حُكْمِ النِّعْمَةِ؟ حَاشَا! أَلَا تَعْلَمُونَ أَنَّكُمْ عِنْدَمَا تَجْعَلُونَ أَنْفُسَكُمْ عِبِيدًا لِأَحَدٍ فَتُطِيعُونَهُ، تَكُونُونَ عِبِيدًا لِلَّذِي تُطِيعُونَهُ: إِمَّا عِبِيدًا لِلْخَطِيئَةِ الَّتِي تَوُودُ إِلَى الْمَوْتِ، وَإِمَّا لِلطَّاعَةِ الَّتِي تَوُودُ إِلَى الْبَرِّ. فَشُكْرًا لِلَّهِ لِأَنَّكُمْ بَعْدَمَا كُنْتُمْ عِبِيدَ الْخَطِيئَةِ، أَطَعْتُمْ مِنْ كُلِّ قَلْبِكُمْ مِثَالَ التَّعْلِيمِ الَّذِي سُلِّمَتْكُمْ إِلَيْهِ. وَبَعْدَ أَنْ حُرِّرْتُمْ مِنَ الْخَطِيئَةِ، صِرْتُمْ عِبِيدًا لِلْبَرِّ. وَأَقُولُ قَوْلًا بَشَرِيًّا مُرَاعَاةً لِيُضَغِّفَكُمْ: فَكَمَا جَعَلْتُمْ أَعْضَاءَكُمْ عِبِيدًا لِلنَّجَاسَةِ وَالْإِثْمِ فِي سَبِيلِ الْإِثْمِ، كَذَلِكَ اجْعَلُوا الْآنَ أَعْضَاءَكُمْ عِبِيدًا لِلْبَرِّ فِي سَبِيلِ الْقِدَاسَةِ. فَلَمَّا كُنْتُمْ عِبِيدَ الْخَطِيئَةِ، كُنْتُمْ أَحْرَارًا مِنَ الْبَرِّ. فَأَيَّ ثَمَرٍ جَنَيْتُمْ حِينَئِذٍ مِنْ تِلْكَ الْأُمُورِ الَّتِي تَسْتَحُونَ مِنْهَا الْآنَ؟ فَإِنَّ عَاقِبَتَهَا الْمَوْتُ. أَمَّا الْآنَ، وَقَدْ صِرْتُمْ أَحْرَارًا مِنَ الْخَطِيئَةِ وَعِبِيدًا لِلَّهِ، فَإِنَّكُمْ تَجْنُونَ ثَمَرًا لِلْقِدَاسَةِ، وَعَاقِبَتُهَا الْحَيَاةُ الْأَبَدِيَّةُ. لِأَنَّ أَجْرَ الْخَطِيئَةِ هِيَ الْمَوْتُ. أَمَّا مَوْهَبَةُ اللَّهِ فَهِيَ الْحَيَاةُ الْأَبَدِيَّةُ فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ رَبَّنَا.

**والتسبيح لله دائماً.**



## Gospel Reading

### Saint Mark 1:35-45

#### The Apostle Writes:

In the morning, while it was still very dark, Jesus got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, 'Everyone is searching for you.' He answered, 'Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do.' And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons. A leper came to him begging him, and kneeling he said to him, 'If you choose, you can make me clean.' Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him, 'I do choose. Be made clean!' Immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean. After sternly warning him he sent him away at once, saying to him, 'See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.' But he went out and began to proclaim it freely, and to spread the word, so that Jesus could no longer go into a town openly, but stayed out in the country; and people came to him from every quarter.

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

#### مِنْ إِنْجِيلِ الْقَدِيسِ مَرْقُس

قَامَ يَسُوعُ قَبْلَ طُلُوعِ الْفَجْرِ، فَخَرَجَ وَذَهَبَ إِلَى مَكَانٍ قَفْرٍ، وَأَخَذَ يُصَلِّي هُنَاكَ. وَلَحِقَ بِهِ سَمْعَانُ وَالَّذِينَ مَعَهُ، وَوَجَدُوهُ فَقَالُوا لَهُ: "الْجَمِيعُ يَطْلُبُونَكَ". فَقَالَ لَهُمْ: "لِنَذْهَبَ إِلَى مَكَانٍ آخَرَ، إِلَى الْقُرَى الْمُجَاوِرَةِ، لِأُبَشِّرَ هُنَاكَ أَيْضًا، فَإِنِّي لِهَذَا خَرَجْتُ". وَسَارَ فِي كُلِّ الْجَلِيلِ، وَهُوَ يَكْرِزُ فِي مَجَامِعِهِمْ وَيَطْرُدُ الشَّيَاطِينَ. وَأَتَاهُ أَبْرَصٌ يَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْهِ، فَجَنَّا وَقَالَ لَهُ: "إِن شِئْتَ فَأَنْتَ قَادِرٌ أَنْ تُطَهِّرَنِي!". فَتَحَنَّنَ يَسُوعُ وَمَدَّ يَدَهُ وَلَمَسَهُ وَقَالَ لَهُ: "قَدْ شِئْتَ، فَاطْهَرُ!". وَفِي الْحَالِ زَالَ عَنْهُ الْبَرَصُ، فَطَهَّرَ. فَأَنْتَهَرَهُ يَسُوعُ وَصَرَفَهُ حَالًا، وَقَالَ لَهُ: "أَنْظُرْ، لَا تُخْبِرَ أَحَدًا بِشَيْءٍ، بَلِ اذْهَبْ وَأَرِ نَفْسَكَ لِلْكَاهِنِ، وَقَدِّمْ عَنْ طَهْرِكَ مَا أَمَرَ بِهِ مُوسَى، شَهَادَةً لَهُمْ". أَمَّا هُوَ فَخَرَجَ وَبَدَأَ يُنَادِي بِأَعْلَى صَوْتِهِ وَيُذِيعُ الْخَبَرَ، حَتَّى إِنَّ يَسُوعَ لَمْ يَعُدْ قَادِرًا أَنْ يَدْخُلَ إِلَى مَدِينَةِ عِلَانِيَّةٍ، بَلْ كَانَ يُقِيمُ فِي الْخَارِجِ، فِي أَمَاكِنَ مُقْفَرَةٍ، وَكَانَ النَّاسُ يَأْتُونَ إِلَيْهِ مِنْ كُلِّ مَكَانٍ. حَقًّا وَالْأَمَانُ لَجَمِيعِكُمْ.