



# Saint Maron Maronite Catholic Church

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## WEEKLY BULLETIN - 07/30/2023 Season of The Glorious Pentecost

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## 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost

*"And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul.  
But rather fear him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell."*

(Matthew 10:28)

### St Shmouni and Her Sons | Martyrs | August 1



Shmooni and her seven sons. Their martyrdom took place around the year 170 BC, under the reign of the Syrian king, Antiochus Epiphanes. This king attempted to impose the pagan cult of Jupiter upon the Jewish people and even desecrated the Temple in Jerusalem. Under the threat of persecution and even death many Jews abandoned their religion.

According to an ancient tradition, it is said that the death of Shmooni and her sons took place in Antioch, and from there the relics of these martyrs were brought to Constantinople and finally Rome where they rest in the Church of Saint Peter in Chains.

Although her name is not mentioned, tradition gives the mother the name of Shmooni or Salome. The account of the death of the mother and sons is found in chapter 7 of the Second Book of Maccabees. The story of their martyrdom teaches us of their fidelity to the Jewish traditions, the great mercy of God for his people, their hope in the resurrection of the body, of God's reward to those who are faithful to him and of his judgement on those who turn away. Shmooni's example of faith as she saw her sons slowly put to death should be a sign to us when our faith is tested. May the prayers of Shmooni and her seven sons be with us. Amen.



[Click on the link below to Read the Bible Passage](#)



[2 Maccabees 7: 1 - 42](#)

### SUNDAY READINGS

#### First Reading

1 Corinthians 12: 1-11

#### Gospel Reading

Matthew 12: 22-32

### Sanctuary Candle

Safety and well-being of

Janet Labar, Krystal Valianti & Anne Mgrdichian



August 2023

Month of the  
Immaculate Heart  
of Mary

## DIVINE LITURGIES

**Saturday, July 29, @ 6:00PM,**  
Thanksgiving liturgy for a special intention.

**Sunday, July 30, @ 11:00AM,**  
liturgy is offered in memory of Msgr. Sharbel Lischaa requested by family. May his soul rest in peace.

**Saturday, August 5, @ 6:00PM,**  
liturgy is offered in memory of Peter Koway requested by Terri Koway. May his soul rest in peace.

**Sunday, August 6, @ 11:00AM,**  
**The Transfiguration of Our Lord.**  
liturgy is offered for the safety and well-being of all parishioners.

## WEEKLY COLLECTION

July 22-23, 2023

|             |    |        |
|-------------|----|--------|
| Collection  | \$ | 615.00 |
| PayPal      | \$ | 200.00 |
| Coffee Hour | \$ | 16.00  |
| Total       | \$ | 831.00 |



### Tuesday, August 15, 2023

Liturgy: Feast of the Assumption at 6 PM

### Sunday, September 10, 2023

Liturgy: Exaltation of the Holy Cross

### Saturday, September 16, 2023

Ordination of deacon  
Christian Hbaiter to the Priesthood  
At Saint Anthony Church, Lawrence MA.

### Saturday, September 23, 2023

End of Summer Block Party  
from 1 PM to 10 PM

### Friday, September 29, 2023

St. Michael Feast Day – Blue Mass  
At 11 AM

### Sunday, October 8, 2023

Appreciation Lunch

### October 20-28, 2023

Saint Jude Novena

### Saturday, October 28, 2023

Saint Jude Pasta Night

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES

### Caregiver

Caregiver is needed to work 2 to 3 days a week from 6am-8pm, including one weekend every 3 weeks (days may vary). The person should also be OK with dogs. If you're interested, please contact Ellie at 267-879-3091.

### Restaurant Worker

A small Lebanese Restaurant in Stroudsburg, PA is looking for help in the kitchen and reception. Full time available (5 days a week). If interested for more details please contact Pascal Akkari (215) 668-6475, or Tony Baroudi (856) 981-5028.

## DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

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Feast of  
Saint  
Michael



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JOIN US

Friday, September 29, 2023

## Soumaya Bakery Orders

Orders are placed each Friday. If you wish to purchase bread, please place your order before Friday.

## IN OUR PRAYERS

*Lord my God, I called to you for help,  
and you healed me. (Psalm 30:2)*

### Please keep in your prayers

Janet Labar, Krystal Valianti, Anne Mgrdichian, Carol Bevelhymmer, Mary V. (Nelson) Scotti, Mike Devinney, Debbie Freedomberg, 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, Marie Eddis, Mia Andrilla, Natalie Ciancaglini, Ashley Iaconelli, Stephen Bressi, Elissar Ayoub, Joanne Simon-Turing, Suzanne Haney, Linda DiBernardo, Joan Speck, David Joseph Cook, 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, Noel Andjuhar, and Angel Salerno.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2023**

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## MYA Fall Conference



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# MYA Fall Conference

Richmond, VA  
Oct 13-15, 2023

Navigating Relationships:  
God's Plan for Love

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*we are getting together to say*

*Thank you for  
going above  
& beyond*

*Please join us for a Luncheon  
following Divine Liturgy*

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2023  
IN THE CHURCH HALL**

## Upcoming Festivals

### Easton, PA

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Saturday, August 5, 2023 | 5 PM – 12 Midnight  
Sunday, August 6, 2023 | 11 AM – 10 PM

### Atlantic City, NJ

Our Lady Star of The East  
25 Black Horse Pike, Pleasantville, NJ 08232



Friday, August 18, 2023 | 5 PM – 11 PM  
Saturday, August 19, 2023 | 12 PM – 11 PM  
Sunday, August 20, 2023 | 1 PM – 10 PM

### Ukrainian Folk Festival

Ukrainian American Sports Center  
1 Lower State Rd, North Wales, PA 19454



Sunday, August 27, 2023 | Starting 12:00 noon

### 50<sup>th</sup> Golden Anniversary

Ballrooms at Boothwyn  
1405 Meetinghouse Road, Boothwyn, PA 19061

**Golden Jubilee**  
**ST. HERMAN ALASKA ORTHODOX CHURCH**

Sunday, September 24, 2023 | 1:00PM

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Ticket Purchase Deadline: Sunday, September 10, 2023



# Saint Maron

## Maronite Catholic Church



July 29-30, 2023

### First Reading

#### 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

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

Brothers and Sisters:

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Praise be to God always.

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الأولى إلى أهل قورنثس

يا إخوتي : أمّا في شأنِ المَوَاهِبِ الرُّوحِيَّةِ، أَيُّهَا الإِخْوَةُ، فلا أريدُ أَنْ تَكُونُوا جَاهِلِينَ. تَعَلَّمُونَ أَنْتُمْ، عِنْدَمَا كُنْتُمْ وَتَنِيَّينَ، كُنْتُمْ تَتَقَادُونَ مُنْجَرِفِينَ إِلَى الأَوْتَانِ البُكْمِ. لِذَلِكَ أُعَلِّنُ لَكُمْ أَنَّهُ مَا مِنْ أَحَدٍ يَنْطِقُ بِرُوحِ اللهِ، وَيُمْكِنُهُ أَنْ يَقُولَ: «يَسُوعُ مَحْرُوم!»؛ وَلَا أَحَدٌ يَقْدِرُ أَنْ يَقُولَ: «يَسُوعُ رَبٌّ!»؛ إِلَّا بِالرُّوحِ القُدُسِ. إِنَّ المَوَاهِبِ الرُّوحِيَّةِ عَلَى أَنْوَاعٍ، لَكِنَّ الرُّوحَ وَاحِدٌ؛ وَالخِدْمَ عَلَى أَنْوَاعٍ، لَكِنَّ الرَّبَّ وَاحِدٌ؛ وَالأَعْمَالَ القَدِيرَةَ عَلَى أَنْوَاعٍ، لَكِنَّ اللهَ وَاحِدٌ، وَهُوَ يَعْمَلُ فِي الجَمِيعِ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ. وَكُلُّ وَاحِدٍ يُعْطَى مَوْهَبَةً يَتَجَلَّى الرُّوحُ فِيهَا مِنْ أَجْلِ الخَيْرِ العامِ. فوَاحِدٌ يُعْطَى بِالرُّوحِ كَلَامَ الحِكْمَةِ، وَآخَرُ كَلَامَ المَعْرِفَةِ، وَفَقًا لِلرُّوحِ عَيْنُهُ؛ وَآخَرُ الإِيمَانَ فِي الرُّوحِ عَيْنُهُ؛ وَآخَرُ مَوَاهِبِ الشِّفَاءِ فِي الرُّوحِ الوَاحِدِ؛ وَآخَرُ الأَعْمَالَ القَدِيرَةَ، وَآخَرُ النُّبُوءَةَ، وَآخَرُ تَمْيِيزَ الأَرْوَاحِ، وَآخَرُ أَنْوَاعَ الأَلْسُنِ، وَآخَرُ تَرْجَمَةَ الأَلْسُنِ. كُلُّ هَذَا يَعْمَلُهُ الرُّوحُ الوَاحِدُ عَيْنُهُ، مُورَعًا لِكُلِّ وَاحِدٍ مَوَاهِبَهُ كَمَا يَشَاءُ.

والتسبيح لله دائماً.

## Gospel Reading

### Saint Matthew 12:22-32

#### The Apostle Writes:

Then they brought to him a demoniac who was blind and mute; and he cured him, so that the one who had been mute could speak and see. All the crowds were amazed and said, 'Can this be the Son of David?' But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, 'It is only by Beelzebul, the ruler of the demons, that this fellow casts out the demons.' He knew what they were thinking and said to them, 'Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and no city or house divided against itself will stand. If Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself; how then will his kingdom stand? If I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your own exorcists cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. But if it is by the Spirit of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come to you. Or how can one enter a strong man's house and plunder his property, without first tying up the strong man? Then indeed the house can be plundered. Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters. Therefore I tell you, people will be forgiven for every sin and blasphemy, but blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven. Whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come.

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

#### من إنجيل القديس متى

حِينَئِذٍ قَدَّمُوا إِلَى يَسُوعَ مَمْسُوسًا أَعْمَى وَأَخْرَسَ، فَشَفَاهُ، حَتَّى تَكَلَّمَ وَأَبْصَرَ. فَدَهَشَ الْجُمُوعُ كُلُّهُمْ وَقَالُوا: "لَعَلَّ هَذَا هُوَ ابْنُ دَاوُدَ؟". وَسَمِعَ الْفَرِيسِيُّونَ فَقَالُوا: "إِنَّ هَذَا الرَّجُلَ لَا يُخْرِجُ الشَّيَاطِينَ إِلَّا بِبِعْلِ زَبُولَ، رَئِيسِ الشَّيَاطِينِ". وَعَلِمَ يَسُوعُ أَفْكَارَهُمْ فَقَالَ لَهُمْ: "كُلُّ مَمْلَكَةٍ تَتَقَسَّمُ عَلَى نَفْسِهَا تَخْرَبُ، وَكُلُّ مَدِينَةٍ أَوْ بَيْتٍ يَنْقَسِمُ عَلَى نَفْسِهِ لَا يَثْبُتُ. فَإِنْ كَانَ الشَّيْطَانُ يُخْرِجُ الشَّيْطَانَ، يَكُونُ قَدْ أَنْقَسَمَ عَلَى نَفْسِهِ، فَكَيْفَ تَثْبُتُ مَمْلَكَتُهُ؟ وَإِنْ كُنْتُ أَنَا بِبِعْلِ زَبُولَ أَخْرِجُ الشَّيَاطِينَ، فَأَبْنَاؤُكُمْ بِمَنْ يُخْرِجُونَهُمْ؟ لِذَلِكَ فَهُمْ أَنْفُسُهُمْ سَيَحْكُمُونَ عَلَيْكُمْ. أَمَّا إِنْ كُنْتُ أَنَا بِرُوحِ اللَّهِ أَخْرِجُ الشَّيَاطِينَ، فَقَدْ وَاقَاكُمْ مَلَكُوتُ اللَّهِ. أَمْ كَيْفَ يَقْدِرُ أَحَدٌ أَنْ يَدْخُلَ بَيْتَ الْقَوِيِّ وَيَنْهَبَ أَمْتِعَتَهُ، إِنْ لَمْ يَرْبُطِ الْقَوِيَّ أَوَّلًا، وَحِينَئِذٍ يَنْهَبُ بَيْتَهُ؟ مَنْ لَيْسَ مَعِيَ فَهُوَ عَلَيَّ. وَمَنْ لَا يَجْمَعُ مَعِيَ فَهُوَ يُبَدِّدُ. لِذَلِكَ أَقُولُ لَكُمْ: كُلُّ خَطِيئَةٍ سَتُغْفَرُ لِلنَّاسِ، وَكُلُّ تَجْدِيفٍ، أَمَّا التَّجْدِيفُ عَلَى الرُّوحِ فَلَنْ يُغْفَرَ. مَنْ قَالَ كَلِمَةً عَلَى ابْنِ الْإِنْسَانِ سَيُغْفَرُ لَهُ. أَمَّا مَنْ قَالَ عَلَى الرُّوحِ الْقُدْسِ فَلَنْ يُغْفَرَ لَهُ، لَا فِي هَذَا الدَّهْرِ، وَلَا فِي الْآتِي."

**حقًا والأمان لجميعكم.**

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