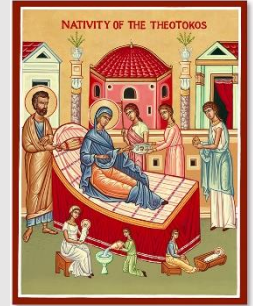




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WEEKLY BULLETIN - 09/03/2023 Season of The Glorious Pentecost

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15th Sunday of Pentecost

Feast of the Nativity of the Virgin Mary

Friday, September 8, 2023

St. Ephrem (c. 306-373)

“With the rib that was drawn out of Adam, the wicked one drew out the heart of Adam. There arose from the rib [i.e., Mary], a hidden power which cut off Satan as Dagon. For in that ark [Mary again], a book was hidden that cried and proclaimed the Conqueror. There was then a mystery revealed, in that Dagon was brought low in his own place of refuge. The accomplishment came after the type, in that the wicked one was brought low wherein he trusted.... Fulfilled was the mystery. Blessed is He who by the true Lamb redeemed us, and destroyed our destroyer as He did Dagon”

(S. Ephrem, Rhythm iii, On the Nativity, Morris, p.20)

(Blessed Virgin, p. 66).

2nd COLLECTION

Sunday, September 10, 2023

Catholic University of America and Maronite Seminary

25% of this collection is for funding for academic scholarships at CUA and 75% is for our Maronite Seminary of OLOL in Washington, DC.

Office Closed



THANK YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK

Mon - Tues,
September 4 - 5, 2023

Labor Day Weekend

Blessed Weekend

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Classes Start

Sunday,

September 10, 2023

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Gospel Reading

Luke 7:36-50

Sanctuary Candle

IMO Jeremy Keith Fowler

DIVINE LITURGIES

For your intentions please

call the office at 215.389.2000

Saturday, September 2, @ 6:00PM, liturgy is offered for a special intention.

Sunday, September 3, @ 11:00AM, liturgy is offered in memory of Tanyous and Alice Abi Salloum (Parents of Rana Abi Salloum Matar) requested by family. May their souls rest in peace.

Thursday, September 7, 2023, @ 6:00PM, Divine Liturgy & Eucharistic Adoration

Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday, September 9, @ 6:00PM, liturgy is offered for a special intention.

Sunday, September 10, @ 11:00AM liturgy is offered in memory of Rose Kouri requested by family. May her soul rest in peace.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

August 26-27, 2023

Collection	\$	598.00
PayPal	\$	100.00
Coffee Hour	\$	8.00
Total	\$	706.00

Support a Sister Church

Saints Joachim and Anne Church in Allentown, PA is very close to closing on the purchase of a new church. Our brothers and sisters are in need of our help to close this deal.

If you wish to make a donation, please don't hesitate to contact me at 215-389-2000 or 978-241-2977.

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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.

Soumaya Bakery Orders

Orders are placed each Friday.

If you wish to purchase bread, please place your order before Friday.

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:

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Feast of
Saint
Michael



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JOIN US

Friday, September 29, 2023



October
20 - 28, 2023

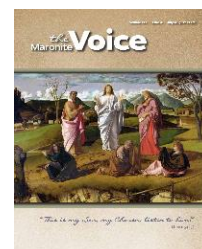
IN OUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers

Mary Louise Scotti, Janet Labar, Krystal Valianti, Anne Mgrdichian, Carol Bevelhymmer, Mary V. (Nelson) Scotti, Mike Devinney, Debbie Freedenberg, 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 Chokeyr, Kathy Newman, Rita Arrigale, Maryann Bratton, Renee Sahar, Sister Nahida Al-Sawa, James Cordisio, Stacey Fuentes, Noel Andjuhar, and Angel Salerno.

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CCD & MYO CORNER

Registration for the Religious Education Program (CCD and MYO) has opened for 2023-2024. **Classes Start on Sunday, September 10, 2023**

Saint Maron Church <small>Philadelphia, PA 19104-2000</small>		Religious Education Registration form 2023-2024	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CCD		<input type="checkbox"/> Junior MYO <input type="checkbox"/> MYO	
Section 1: Student Information			
Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Sex
Has this child been baptized?		Date of Birth	Grade
<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO			
Has this child been confirmed?		Select	
<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO			
Has this child been communed at baptism?		<i>FIRST COMMUNION Class (2nd grade): please provide a BAPTISMAL certificate</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO			
Has this child received first communion?			
<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO			
Section 2: School Information			
Name of School			
Address			
<input type="checkbox"/> Catholic School <input type="checkbox"/> Public School <input type="checkbox"/> Private School <input type="checkbox"/> Home Schooled			
For those attending Catholic Schools, which Diocese?			
For home schooled children, does the parent/instructor use the Child Lures Program? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO			
If not, which programs 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.):			
Section 3: Family Information			
Home Address			
Father		Mother	
Name	Name (Maiden)	Phone Number	E-mail
Phone Number	Phone Number	E-mail	Denomination
E-mail	E-mail	Denomination	Occupation
Denomination	Denomination	Occupation	Occupation
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
Section 4: 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	
<i>Signatures to Support Religious Education Programs:</i>			
Signature of Parent		Junior MYO and MYO: \$25 for each child	
Date		CCD: \$25 for first child \$15 for each additional child	

Upcoming Festivals Newtown Square, PA

Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church
3679 Providence Road, Newtown Square, PA 19073

Friday September 8
4pm-11pm

Saturday September 9
12pm-11pm

Sunday September 10
1pm-9pm

2023
Annual
Lebanese
Festival

St. Nick's
Italian Festival

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2023
1700 SOUTH 9TH STREET
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19148

14th Annual Benefit Dinner
Eparchy of St. Maron of Brooklyn

MYA Fall Conference



SAVE the DATE
MYA Fall Conference
Richmond, VA
Oct 13-15, 2023
Navigating Relationships:
God's Plan for Love

Friday October 13

3:00 PM Guest Check-In
5:30 PM Ramsho (Evening Prayer)
6:00 PM Welcome/Casual Cocktail Hour/Board and Directors Intro
6:30 PM Bishop's Talk on his Letter
7:15 PM Dinner
8:00 PM Rosary
8:00 PM Priests available for confession
9:15 PM Bonfire
11:00 PM Social Outing - TBD

Saturday October 14

9:00 AM Liturgy
10:00 AM Breakfast/Break
10:45 AM Talk #1 with Rachel Ullmann + Q&A
11:45 AM Breakout Session #1
12:30 PM Lunch/Group Photo
1:30 PM Adoration/Confession
2:45 PM Talk #2 with Rachel Ullmann + Q&A
3:45 PM Breakout Session #2
4:15 PM Q&A with Bishop Gregory
5:00PM Scavenger Hunt
6:00 PM Sports/Free Time
Sisters and Bishop available for prayers
Change and get ready, travel back to hotel
7:30 PM Dinner @ Hafli
8:30-11:00 AM

Sunday October 15

10:00 AM Confessions available
11:00 AM Liturgy
12:15 PM Lunch

*Schedule is subject to change

This is a Church sponsored event. Please be mindful to dress modestly for all liturgical events and activities. Register now at myoeparchyofstmaron.org/boac-online

SAVE THE DATE

OCTOBER 5, 2023



Eparchy of Saint Maron

14th Annual Benefit Dinner in New York

The Union League Club
38 East 37th Street, New York, NY

Details to follow

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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

Thank
you




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September 2-3, 2023

First Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

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

Brothers and Sisters:

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of people we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place where your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Praise be to God always.

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الأولى إلى أهل تسالونيقى

يا إِخْوَتِي، من بُولُسَ وَسِلْوَانُسَ وَتِيْمُوثَاوُسَ إِلَى كَنِيسَةِ التَّسَالُونِيكِيِّينَ الَّتِي فِي اللَّهِ الْآبِ وَالرَّبِّ يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ: النِّعْمَةُ لَكُمْ وَالسَّلَامُ! نَشْكُرُ اللَّهَ دَائِمًا مِنْ أَجْلِكُمْ جَمِيعًا، وَنَذْكُرْكُمْ فِي صَلَوَاتِنَا بِغَيْرِ انْقِطَاعٍ. وَنَتَذَكَّرُ فِي حَضْرَةِ إِلَهِنَا وَأَبِينَا عَمَلِ إِيمَانِكُمْ، وَتَعَبِ مَحَبَّتِكُمْ، وَثَبَاتِ رَجَائِكُمْ، كَمَا فِي رَبَّنَا يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ. وَنَعْلَمُ، أَيُّهَا الْإِخْوَةَ، أَجْبَاءَ اللَّهِ، أَنَّ اللَّهَ اخْتَارَكُمْ؛ لِأَنَّ إِنْجِيلَنَا لَمْ يَصِرْ إِلَيْكُمْ بِالْكَلامِ وَحَسَبَ، بَلْ أَيْضًا بِالْقُوَّةِ وَبِالرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ وَبِمِلءِ اليَقِينِ، وَأَنْتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ كَيْفَ كُنَّا بَيْنَكُمْ مِنْ أَجْلِكُمْ. فَقَدْ صِرْتُمْ تَقْتَدُونَ بِنَا وَبِالرَّبِّ، إِذْ قَبَلْتُمْ الْكَلِمَةَ، فِي وَسْطِ ضَيْقَاتٍ كَثِيرَةٍ، بِفَرَحِ الرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ، حَتَّى صِرْتُمْ مِثَالًا لِجَمِيعِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ فِي مَقْدُونِيَّةِ وَأَخَائِيَّةِ؛ لِأَنَّهَا مِنْكُمْ ذَاعَتْ كَلِمَةُ الرَّبِّ، لَا فِي مَقْدُونِيَّةِ وَأَخَائِيَّةِ وَحَسَبَ، بَلْ فِي كُلِّ مَكَانٍ انْتَشَرَ إِيمَانُكُمْ بِاللَّهِ، حَتَّى لَمْ يَعْذُ بِنَا حَاجَةً إِلَى أَنْ نَقُولَ فِي ذَلِكَ شَيْئًا. فَهُمْ أَنْفُسُهُمْ يُحْبِرُونَ عَنَّا كَيْفَ كَانَ دُخُولُنَا إِلَيْكُمْ، وَكَيْفَ رَجَعْتُمْ عَنِ الْأَوْتَانِ إِلَى اللَّهِ، لِكِي تَعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ الْحَيَّ الْحَقَّ، وَتَنْتَظِرُوا مِنَ السَّمَاوَاتِ ابْنَهُ، الَّذِي أَقَامَهُ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، يَسُوعَ، مُنْجِينَنَا مِنَ الْغَضَبِ الْآتِي.

والتسبيح لله دائماً.

Gospel Reading

Saint Luke 7:36-50

The Apostle Writes:

One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table. And a woman in the city, who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair. Then she continued kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment. Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, 'If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him that she is a sinner.' Jesus spoke up and said to him, 'Simon, I have something to say to you.' 'Teacher,' he replied, 'speak.' 'A certain creditor had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. When they could not pay, he cancelled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?' Simon answered, 'I suppose the one for whom he cancelled the greater debt.' And Jesus said to him, 'You have judged rightly.' Then turning towards the woman, he said to Simon, 'Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little.' Then he said to her, 'Your sins are forgiven.' But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, 'Who is this who even forgives sins?' And he said to the woman, 'Your faith has saved you; go in peace.'

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

مِنْ إِنْجِيلِ الْقَدِيسِ لَوْقَا

وَسَأَلَهُ وَاحِدٌ مِنَ الْفَرِيسِيِّينَ أَنْ يَأْكُلَ مَعَهُ، فَدَخَلَ بَيْتَ الْفَرِيسِيِّ وَاتَّكَأَ. وَإِذَا امْرَأَةٌ فِي الْمَدِينَةِ كَانَتْ خَاطِئَةً، إِذْ عَلِمَتْ أَنَّهُ مُتَكَيِّفٌ فِي بَيْتِ الْفَرِيسِيِّ، جَاءَتْ بِقَارُورَةٍ طَيِّبٍ وَوَقَفَتْ عِنْدَ قَدَمَيْهِ مِنْ وَرَائِهِ بَاكِئَةً، وَابْتَدَأَتْ تَبُّلُ قَدَمَيْهِ بِالذُّمُوعِ، وَكَانَتْ تَمَسِّحُهُمَا بِشَعْرِ رَأْسِهَا، وَتَقْبِلُ قَدَمَيْهِ وَتَدَهْنُهُمَا بِالطَّيِّبِ. فَلَمَّا رَأَى الْفَرِيسِيُّ الَّذِي دَعَا ذَلِكَ، تَكَلَّمَ فِي نَفْسِهِ قَائِلًا: «لَوْ كَانَ هَذَا نَبِيًّا، لَعَلِمَ مَنْ هَذِهِ الْامْرَأَةُ الَّتِي تَلْمِزُهُ وَمَا هِيَ! إِنَّهَا خَاطِئَةٌ». فَأَجَابَ يَسُوعُ وَقَالَ لَهُ: «يَاسَمْعَانُ، عِنْدِي شَيْءٌ أَقُولُهُ لَكَ». فَقَالَ: «قُلْ، يَا مَعْلَمُ». «كَانَ لِمَدَايِينِ مَدْيُونَانِ. عَلَى الْوَاحِدِ خَمْسُمِئَةِ دِينَارٍ وَعَلَى الْآخَرَ خَمْسُونَ. وَإِذْ لَمْ يَكُنْ لَهُمَا مَا يُوفِيَانِ سَامَحَهُمَا جَمِيعًا. فَقُلْ: أَيُّهُمَا يَكُونُ أَكْثَرَ حُبًّا لَهُ؟» فَأَجَابَ سَمْعَانُ وَقَالَ: «أَطْنُ الَّذِي سَامَحَهُ بِالْأَكْثَرِ». فَقَالَ لَهُ: «بِالصَّوَابِ حَكَمْتَ». ثُمَّ التَفَتَتْ إِلَى الْمَرْأَةِ وَقَالَ لِسَمْعَانَ: «انْتَظِرْ هَذِهِ الْمَرْأَةَ؟ إِنِّي دَخَلْتُ بَيْتَكَ، وَمَاءً لِأَجْلِ رِجْلِي لَمْ تُعْطِ. وَأَمَّا هِيَ فَقَدْ غَسَلَتْ رِجْلِي بِالذُّمُوعِ وَمَسَحَتْهُمَا بِشَعْرِ رَأْسِهَا. قُبْلَةً لَمْ تَقْبَلْنِي، وَأَمَّا هِيَ فَمُنْذُ دَخَلْتُ لَمْ تَكْفَ عَن تَقْبِيلِ رِجْلِي. بَرِيتَ لَمْ تَدْهِنْ رَأْسِي، وَأَمَّا هِيَ فَقَدْ دَهَنْتَ بِالطَّيِّبِ رِجْلِي. مِنْ أَجْلِ ذَلِكَ أَقُولُ لَكَ: قَدْ غُفِرَتْ خَطَايَاهَا الْكَثِيرَةُ، لِأَنَّهَا أَحَبَّتْ كَثِيرًا. وَالَّذِي يُغْفَرُ لَهُ قَلِيلٌ يُحِبُّ قَلِيلًا». ثُمَّ قَالَ لَهَا: «مَغْفُورَةٌ لِكَ خَطَايَاكَ». فَابْتَدَأَ الْمُتَكَبِّرُونَ مَعَهُ يَقُولُونَ فِي أَنْفُسِهِمْ: «مَنْ هَذَا الَّذِي يَغْفِرُ خَطَايَا أَيُّضًا؟». فَقَالَ لِلْمَرْأَةِ: «إِيْمَانُكَ قَدْ خَلَّصَكَ، اذْهَبِي بِسَلَامٍ».

حَقًّا وَالْأَمَانُ لَجَمِيعِكُمْ.