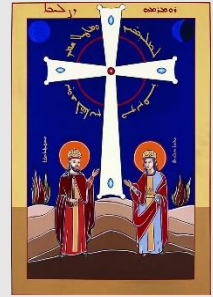




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WEEKLY BULLETIN - 09/10/2023

Season of The Holy Cross

OFFICE HOURS:

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MYA

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Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Actual Feast: September 14

Celebrated: Sunday September 10, 2023

The true Cross was discovered in 326, by St. Helena, the mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine the Great, during a pilgrimage she made to Jerusalem. The Church of the Holy Sepulcher was built on the site of the discovery, by order of St. Helena and her son Constantine.

This feast also commemorates the return, in 628, of the portion of the Cross which was taken by the Persians. The Byzantine Emperor Heraclius initially took the Cross to Constantinople, but he returned it to Jerusalem the following year.

The Cross to which Christ had been nailed, and on which he had died, became for Christians, quite naturally and logically, the object of a special respect and worship. From the year 330, this celebration is observed in the East and the West. In Lebanon especially is celebrated by building fires, on the eve of this feast, on the high elevations to symbolize the elimination of the darkness that was brought by Christ on the Cross. May the blessing of the Cross be with us.

Source: The Maronite Synaxarion – According to the Rite of The Antiochian Maronite Church.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Classes Start on Sunday, September 10, 2023



Heavenly Father, we give you our hopes, worries and fears as our lovely children start school. We pray that you would fill their hearts with excitement and calm their worries with your love.

Please go before them, help them make friends, enjoy the activities and build relationships with their teachers and carers. May we learn to entrust them each day into your care, and as we do may they grow in confidence and independence. Father, may joy abound in their hearts as they enter this new exciting season of their lives. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

2nd COLLECTION

Sunday,
September 10, 2023

Catholic University of America
and Maronite Seminary

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Gospel Reading

John 12:20-32

Sanctuary Candle

Religious Education Students and Teachers

DIVINE LITURGIES

For your intentions please
call the office at 215.389.2000

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.

Saturday, September 16, @ 6:00PM,
liturgy is offered for a special
intention.

Sunday, September 17, @ 11:00AM
liturgy is offered in memory of
Suzanne Abdalla requested by
Rosemarie Marrone and family. May
her soul rest in peace.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

September 2-3, 2023

Collection	\$ 1,293.00
PayPal	\$ 100.00
Insurance	\$ 30.00
Assessment	\$ 60.00
Bishop's Appeal	\$ 30.00
Coffee Hour	\$ 16.00
Total	\$ 1,529.00

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.

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.

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:

*Pascal Akkari (215) 668-6475,
or Tony Baroudi (856) 981-5028.*

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Feast of
Saint
Michael



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Friday, September 29, 2023



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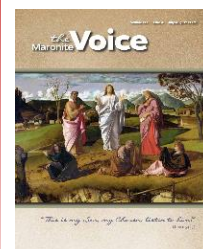
IN OUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers

Mary Louise Scotti, Janet Labar,
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Mgrdichian, Carol Bevelhymmer,
Mary V. (Nelson) Scotti, Mike
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Allan Emilio Domingez, Rev.
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Jessica McKinney, Angela
McKinney, Skyla Simon, Peter
Labaki, Nancy Murphy, Marentha
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Fitzpatrick, Linda Yeckes,
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Mia Andrilla, Natalie Ciancaglini,
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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</small>		Religious Education Registration form 2023-2024			
		<input 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?		<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	Date of Birth		
Has this child been confirmed?		<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	Grade		
Has this child been communed at baptism?		<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	Select		
Has this child received first communion?		<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<i>FIRST COMMUNION Class (2nd grade): please provide a BAPTISMAL certificate</i>		
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		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		
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 _____		<table border="1" style="width: 100%; text-align: center;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Junior MYO and MYO: \$25 for each child</td> <td style="width: 50%;">CCD: \$25 for first child \$15 for each additional child</td> </tr> </table>		Junior MYO and MYO: \$25 for each child	CCD: \$25 for first child \$15 for each additional child
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Date _____					

Upcoming Festivals Newtown Square, PA

Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church
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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

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

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 @ Haffi
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 myaparchystmaron.org/boac-online

Saint Maron Church
Philadelphia, PA كنيسة مار مارون

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



Saint Maron

Maronite Catholic Church



September 9-10, 2023

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 كورنتس

يا إِخْوَتِي، إِنَّ كَلِمَةَ الصَّلِيبِ عِنْدَ الْهَالِكِينَ حَمَاقَةٌ، أَمَّا عِنْدَنَا نَحْنُ الْمُخَلَّصِينَ فَهِيَ قُوَّةُ اللَّهِ؛ لِأَنَّهُ مَكْتُوبٌ: «سَأَبِيدُ حِكْمَةَ الْحُكَمَاءِ، وَأَرْدُلُ فَهْمَ الْفُهَمَاءِ!». فَأَيْنَ الْحَكِيمِ؟ وَأَيْنَ عَالِمِ الشَّرِيعَةِ؟ وَأَيْنَ الْبَاحِثِ 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 الْبِشَارَةِ الَّذِينَ يُؤْمِنُونَ؛ لِأَنَّ الْيَهُودَ يَطْلُبُونَ الْآيَاتِ، وَالْيُونَانِيِّينَ يَلْتَمِسُونَ الْحِكْمَةَ. أَمَّا نَحْنُ فَنُنَادِي بِمَسِيحٍ مَّضْلُوبٍ، هُوَ عِتَارٌ لِلْيَهُودِ وَحَمَاقَةٌ لِلْأُمَّمِ. 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.

من إنجيل القديس 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 لَأَنْدْرَاوُسَ، وَجَاءَ أَنْدْرَاوُسُ وَفِيلِبُّسُ وَقَالَا لِيَسُوعَ. فَأَجَابَهُمَا يَسُوعُ قَائِلًا: «لَقَدْ حَانَتِ السَّاعَةُ لِكَيْ يُمَجَّدَ ابْنُ الْإِنْسَانِ. الْحَقُّ الْحَقُّ أَقُولُ لَكُمْ: إِنَّ حَبَّةَ 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 يَخْدُمُنِي فَلْيَتَّبِعْنِي. وَحَيْثُ أَكُونُ أَنَا، فَهُنَاكَ يَكُونُ أَيْضًا خَادِمِي. مَنْ يَخْدُمُنِي يُكْرِمُهُ الْآبُ. نَفْسِي الْآنَ مُضْطَرِبَةٌ، فَمَاذَا أَقُولُ؟ يَا أَبَتِ، نَجِّنِي مِنْ هَذِهِ السَّاعَةِ؟ وَلَكِنْ مِنْ أَجْلِ هَذَا بَلَغْتُ إِلَى هَذِهِ السَّاعَةِ! يَا أَبَتِ، مَجِّدْ اسْمَكَ». فَجَاءَ صَوْتُ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ يَقُولُ: «قَدْ مَجَّدْتُ، وَسَأَمَجِّدُ». وَسَمِعَ الْجَمْعُ الْحَاضِرُ فَقَالُوا: «إِنَّهُ رَعَدٌ». وَقَالَ آخَرُونَ: «إِنَّ مَلَكًَا خَاطَبَهُ». أَجَابَ يَسُوعُ وَقَالَ: «مَا كَانَ هَذَا الصَّوْتُ مِنْ أَجْلِي، بَلْ مِنْ أَجْلِكُمْ. هِيَ الْآنَ دَيْتُونَةٌ هَذَا الْعَالَمِ. الْآنَ يُطْرَدُ سُلْطَانُ هَذَا الْعَالَمِ خَارِجًا. وَأَنَا إِذَا رُفِعْتُ عَنِ الْأَرْضِ، جَذَبْتُ إِلَيَّ الْجَمِيعَ».

حقًا والأمان لجميعكم.

Thank
you




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