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WEEKLY BULLETIN - 09/17/2023

Season of The Holy Cross



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MONDAY OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY – FRIDAY 10:30AM – 4:00PM

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1st Sunday After Holy Cross



St Sophia and her three Daughters

Faith (Age 12),

Hope (Age 10),

& Love (Age 9)

Celebrated September 17

Patron saint of widows

St. Sophia is a wonderful example to parents raising children in the Catholic faith. She was widowed and raised her daughters to openly profess and live their Christian faith, at a time when Christians were being persecuted.

After it was reported that Saint Sophia and her daughters were Christians, the Emperor Hadrian ordered that they be brought to Rome. They refused to deny their Christian faith and the Emperor ordered them to be tortured. St. Sophia was forced to watch the torture and the three girls were beheaded. The daughters joyfully endured the suffering and were martyred. To add to her suffering, the emperor did not kill St. Sophia, but gave her the bodies of her daughters to bury. She sat by their graves for three days and then died herself.

At a time when rape and violence is being used against women and children as a weapon of war, we pray for the intercession of St Sophia and her three daughters for all those women and children suffering in war zones that peace may come into their lives. Amen

To Read More About Saint Sophia, click on the link below:

<https://www.saintsfeastfamily.com/copy-of-st-robert-bellarmino-9-17-1>

THE PRIESTLY ORDINATION OF DEACON CHRISTIAN HBAITER

Saturday 09/16/2023



“I was made a minister of the Church, with the commission given to me by God to make fully known to you the word of God.”

(Col 1:25)

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading

2 Timothy 2:1-10

Gospel Reading

Mark 10:35-45

Sanctuary Candle

Deacon Christian Hbaiter.



DIVINE LITURGIES

For your intentions please

call the office at 215.389.2000

Saturday, September 16, @ 6:00PM, liturgy is offered for Abouna Christian Hbaiter. Newly ordained priest in Our Eparchy.

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.

Saturday, September 23, @ 6:00PM, liturgy is offered for Philip & Dr. Mabel Howard (45th Wedding Anniversary). Plenty more.

Sunday, September 24, @ 11:00AM liturgy is offered in memory of Robert Cherfane requested by family. May his soul rest in peace.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

September 9-10, 2023

| | | |
|--------------|-----------|-----------------|
| Collection | \$ | 1,791.00 |
| PayPal | \$ | 300.00 |
| Insurance | \$ | 20.00 |
| Assessment | \$ | 60.00 |
| Coffee Hour | \$ | 9.00 |
| Total | \$ | 2,180.00 |

2nd Collection \$ 134.00

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

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

END OF SUMMER Block-Party
1 PM - 10 PM
SEPTEMBER 23, 2023 | SATURDAY

Saint Maron Church
1013 Ellsworth Street
Philadelphia, PA 19147

JOIN US
Friday, September 29, 2023

St. Jude Novena 2023
October
20 - 28, 2023

*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

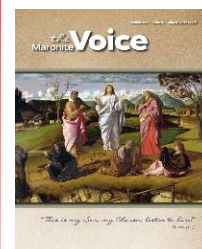
IN OUR PRAYERS

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 Chokeir, Kathy Newman, Rita Arrigale, Maryann Bratton, Renee Sahar, Sister Nahida Al-Sawa, James Cordisio, Stacey Fuentes, Noel Andjuhar, and Angel Salerno.

The Maronite Voice

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CCD & MYO CORNER

Registration is still open. Please see the weekly announcement email for the registration form.
Classes Started on Sunday, September 10, 2023

Registrations so far

| Class | # of Participants |
|---------|-------------------|
| CCD | 16 |
| Jr. MYO | 6 |
| MYO | 3 |
| TOTAL | 25 |

MYA Fall Conference



For more info:

<https://www.stmaron.org/eparchial-news/mya-fall-2023-eparchial-conference>

To Register:

<https://www.myaeparchystmaron.org/book-online>

BIBLE STUDY

with Abouna David

Every Thursday at 10AM

Via Zoom

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87347439104?pwd=eUJRRVpFUyt5NVpTVXR5bCtBdGpGdz09>



Bible Study

Order of Saint Sharbel

The Order provides financial support to seminarians of the Maronite Church in the United States. While we trust in Divine Providence to provide for our needs, we realize that the financial support for our seminarians comes from the generosity of our laity. We ask that you prayerfully consider supporting our seminarians by becoming a member of the Order of Saint Sharbel.

To enroll and become a member, click on the link below:

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St. Nick's Italian Festival

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2023
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14th Annual Benefit Dinner
 Eparchy of St. Maron of Brooklyn

SAVE THE DATE

OCTOBER 5, 2023



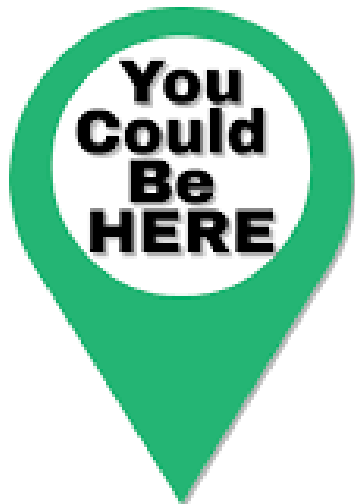
Eparchy of Saint Maron

14th Annual Benefit Dinner in New York

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Details to follow

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you

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September 16-17, 2023

First Reading

2 Timothy 2:1-10

A reading from the Second Letter of Saint Paul to the Timothy. Your blessing father...

Brothers and Sisters:

Be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus; and what you have heard from me through many witnesses entrust to faithful people who will be able to teach others as well. Share in suffering like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No one serving in the army gets entangled in everyday affairs; the soldier's aim is to please the enlisting officer. And in the case of an athlete, no one is crowned without competing according to the rules. It is the farmer who does the work who ought to have the first share of the crops. Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in all things. Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory.

Praise be to God always.

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الثانية إلى طيموتاوس

يا إِخْوَتِي، وَأَنْتِ، يا ابْنِي، تَشَدَّدْ بِالنِّعْمَةِ الَّتِي فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ. وَمَا سَمِعْتَهُ مِنِّي بِحُضُورِ شُهَدَاءٍ كَثِيرِينَ، اسْتَوْدِعْهُ
أُنَاسًا أَمْنَاءَ، جَدِيرِينَ هُمْ أَيْضًا بِأَنْ يُعَلِّمُوا غَيْرَهُمْ. شَارِكْنِي فِي أَحْتِمَالِ الْمَشَقَّاتِ كَجُنْدِيٍّ صَالِحٍ لِلْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ. وَمَا
مِنْ جُنْدِيٍّ يَنْهَمِكُ فِي الْأُمُورِ الْمَعِيشِيَّةِ، إِذَا أَرَادَ أَنْ يُرْضِيَ مَنْ جَنْدَهُ. وَمَنْ يُصَارِعُ لَا يَنَالُ إِكْلِيلًا إِلَّا إِذَا صَارَعَ
بِحَسَبِ الْأُصُولِ. وَالْحَارِثُ الَّذِي يَنْعَبُ لَهُ الْحَقُّ بِالنَّصِيبِ الْأَوَّلِ مِنَ الثَّمَرِ. تَأَمَّلْ فِي مَا أَقُولُ: وَالرَّبُّ سَيُعْطِيكَ
فَهْمًا فِي كُلِّ شَيْءٍ! تَذَكَّرْ يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحَ الَّذِي قَامَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، وَهُوَ مِنْ نَسْلِ دَاوُدَ، بِحَسَبِ إِنْجِيلِي، الَّذِي فِيهِ
أَحْتَمَلُ الْمَشَقَّاتِ حَتَّى الْفُيُودَ كَمُجْرِمٍ، لَكِنَّ كَلِمَةَ اللَّهِ لَا نَقْيَدُ. لِذَلِكَ أَصْبِرُ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ مِنْ أَجْلِ الْمُخْتَارِينَ،
لِيَحْصَلُوا هُمْ أَيْضًا عَلَى الْخَلَاصِ فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ مَعَ الْمَجْدِ الْأَبَدِيِّ.

والتسبيح لله دائماً.

Gospel Reading

Saint Mark 10:35-45

The Apostle Writes:

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus and said to him, 'Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.' And he said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' And they said to him, 'Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.' But Jesus said to them, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?' They replied, 'We are able.' Then Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.' When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, 'You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

مِنْ إِنْجِيلِ الْقَدِيسِ مَرْقَسِ

دَنَا مِنْ يَسُوعَ يَعْقُوبُ وَيُوحَنَّا، ابْنَا رَبَّنَا، وَقَالَا لَهُ: «يَا مُعَلِّمَ، نُرِيدُ أَنْ تَصْنَعَ لَنَا كُلَّ مَا نَسْأَلُكَ». فَقَالَ لَهُمَا: «مَاذَا تُرِيدَانِ أَنْ أَصْنَعَ لَكُمَا؟». قَالَا لَهُ: «أَعْطِنَا أَنْ نَجْلِسَ فِي مَجْدِكَ، وَاحِدٌ عَنِ يَمِينِكَ، وَوَاحِدٌ عَنِ يَسَارِكَ». فَقَالَ لَهُمَا يَسُوعُ: «إِنَّكُمَا لَا تَعْلَمَانِ مَا تَطْلُبَانِ: هَلْ تَسْتَطِيعَانِ أَنْ تَشْرَبَا الْكَأْسَ الَّتِي أَشْرَبُهَا أَنَا؟ أَوْ أَنْ تَتَّعَمَّدَا بِالْمَعْمُودِيَّةِ الَّتِي أَتَّعَمَّدُ بِهَا أَنَا؟». قَالَا لَهُ: «نَسْتَطِيعُ». فَقَالَ لَهُمَا يَسُوعُ: «الْكَأْسُ الَّتِي أَنَا أَشْرَبُهَا سَتَشْرَبَانِيهَا، وَالْمَعْمُودِيَّةُ الَّتِي أَنَا أَتَّعَمَّدُ بِهَا سَتَتَّعَمَّدَانِ بِهَا. أَمَّا الْجُلُوسُ عَنِ يَمِينِي أَوْ عَنِ يَسَارِي، فَلَيْسَ لِي أَنْ أَمْنَحَهُ إِلَّا لِلَّذِينَ أَعَدَّ لَهُمْ». وَلَمَّا سَمِعَ الْعَشْرَةُ الْآخَرُونَ، بَدَأُوا يَغْتَاظُونَ مِنْ يَعْقُوبَ وَيُوحَنَّا. فَدَعَاهُمْ يَسُوعُ إِلَيْهِ وَقَالَ لَهُمْ: «تَعْلَمُونَ أَنَّ الَّذِينَ يُعْتَبَرُونَ رُؤَسَاءَ الْأُمَّمِ يَسُودُونَهُمْ، وَعُظَمَاءَهُمْ يَسَلْطُونَ عَلَيْهِمْ. أَمَّا أَنْتُمْ فَلَيْسَ الْأَمْرُ بَيْنَكُمْ هَكَذَا، بَلْ مَنْ أَرَادَ أَنْ يَكُونَ فِيكُمْ عَظِيمًا، فَلْيَكُنْ لَكُمْ خَادِمًا. وَمَنْ أَرَادَ أَنْ يَكُونَ الْأَوَّلَ بَيْنَكُمْ، فَلْيَكُنْ عَبْدًا لِلْجَمِيعِ؛ لِأَنَّ ابْنَ الْإِنْسَانِ أَيْضًا لَمْ يَأْتْ لِيُخْدَمَ، بَلْ لِيَخْدُمَ، وَيَبْدُلَ نَفْسَهُ فِدَاءً عَنِ كَثِيرِينَ».

حَقًّا وَالْأَمَانَ لْجَمِيعِكُمْ.