



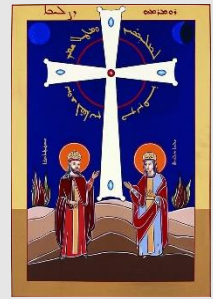
# Saint Maron Maronite Catholic Church

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## WEEKLY BULLETIN - 10/29/2023

### Season of The Holy Cross



#### OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY – FRIDAY 10:30AM – 4:00PM

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#### Saint Jude

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#### MYO

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#### MYA

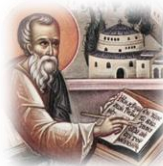
**Coordinators:** Nahi Rai, Roger Jebara, Frankie Piacentini

#### Men's Club

**President:** Amin Al Soueid

**Vice-President:** Samer Hourani

## Sunday of Christ the King 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Holy Cross



Nicholas Cabasilas (c.1320-1363)

Greek lay theologian,

Saint of the Orthodox Churches

Life in Jesus Christ, IV, 93-97, 102 (SC 355, p.343f.)

**"Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world"**

"When he had accomplished purification from sins, he took his seat at the right hand of the Majesty on high" (Heb 1:3). Thus, it was to serve us that he came into the world from his Father's side. And this exceeds all else: it wasn't only for the time he appeared on earth clad in human weakness that he manifested himself under the form of a slave and concealed his position as lord, but later, too, on the day he comes in all his power and appears in all the glory of the Father at his manifestation. It is with reference to his rule that it is said: "He will gird himself, invite his servants to recline at table, and proceed to wait on each of them in turn" (Lk 12:37). This indeed is he through whom monarchs reign and princes govern!

This is how he will exercise his true and blameless royalty...; this is how he carries with him those he has subjected to his power: more loving than a friend, more just than a prince, more tender than a father, more intimate than one's limbs, more indispensable than the heart. He does not impose himself through fear, he does not subject with a wage. He finds the strength of his might within himself alone; by himself alone he binds his subjects. Since to reign through fear or with the aim of payment is not to govern in one's own right but through hope of gain or by means of threat...

Christ must reign in the full sense of the word; any other form of authority is unworthy of him. He knew well how to achieve this by an unusual means...: in order to become truly Master he embraced the condition of a slave and made himself the servant of slaves even to the cross and to death. Thus, he seized hold of the souls of slaves and gained direct possession of their wills. Knowing that this was where the secret of this royalty lies, Paul wrote: "He humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross. Because of this God greatly exalted him" (Phil 2:8-9). Through the first creation Christ is lord of nature; through the new creation he has been made lord of our will... That is why he said: "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me" (Mt 28:18).

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection

Sunday, November 5, 2023

Maronite Patriarchal Charities

All the Proceeds from this collection are sent directly to our Patriarch for his charitable works.

### SUNDAY READINGS

**First Reading**

Romans 12:9-21

**Gospel Reading**

Matthew 25:31-46

### Sanctuary Candle

For persons with disabilities

## **SATURDAY LITURGIES**

Starting

**Saturday, October 7, 2023**

Liturgy @ 4:00 PM

except Holy Days of Obligation,  
Feast Days and Novenas.

## **DIVINE LITURGIES**

For your intentions please  
call the office at 215.389.2000

**Saturday, October 28, @ 6:00PM,**  
**ST. JUDE NOVENA** liturgy is offered for the souls of Chubby, Chucky and Michael Simon requested by family. May their souls rest in peace.

**Sunday, October 29, @ 11:00AM** liturgy is offered in memory of Maurice Al-Shouli requested by family. May his soul rest in peace.

**Thursday, November 2, @ 6:00PM,**  
**All Saints & All Souls** liturgy is offered for the faithful departed.

**Saturday, November 4, @ 4:00PM,** liturgy is offered for the souls of Alex BonavitaCola requested by Yasmine Alice. May his soul rest in peace.

**Sunday, November 5, @ 11:00AM** liturgy is offered for the safety and well-being of our children.

## **WEEKLY COLLECTION**

**October 21-22, 2023**

Collection	\$	1,417.00
PayPal	\$	500.00
Coffee Hour	\$	43.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,960.00</b>

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection** \$ 354.00

## **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.

## **Saint Jude**

## **Novena Intentions**

**Saint Jude Novena starts on  
Friday, October 20, 2023.**



**Saturday  
October 28, 2023  
(Healing Mass)**

*IMO Chubby, Chucky and Michael Simon*

## **Pasta Night**

**Saturday, October 28, 2023  
at 7:00 PM**

## **Soumaya Bakery Orders Orders are placed each Friday.**

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

## **First Communion Update**

**Saturday, April 13, 2024**

Retreat & Rehearsal

**Sunday, April 14, 2024**

First Holy Communion Liturgy

## **BIBLE STUDY**

**with Abouna David**

**Every Thursday at 10AM**

Via Zoom

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

## **Saint Sharbel**

**Spiritual Life Center**

(820 Crane Ave. Pittsburgh, PA 15216)

[www.saintsharbelcenter.org](http://www.saintsharbelcenter.org)

## **SUPPORT THE DREAM**

We seek your help. Would you be open to a donation? Do you also know someone whom you or we can approach?

For online donations please visit:

[www.stmaron.org](http://www.stmaron.org)

You can also make a donation by check to the Eparchy of St. Maron (109 REMSEN STREET, BROOKLYN, NY, 11201).

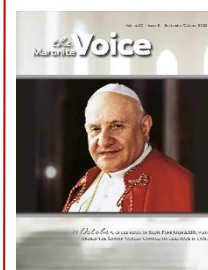
## **IN OUR PRAYERS**

Please keep in your prayers

Larry Cook, Mary Louise Scotti, Janet Labar, Krystal Valianti, Anne Mgrdichian, Carol Bevelhymer, 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**

[www.maronitevoice.org](http://www.maronitevoice.org)



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Issue 5  
Sep - Oct  
2023**

## 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	18
Jr. MYO	8
MYO	5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>31</b>



**Annual MYO Thanksgiving Food Drive**  
October 22 to November 12

Let's be thankful and give back to the community

BE THANKFUL  
BE GRATEFUL  
BE BLESSED

Our MYO will deliver the donated food on  
Sunday  
November 12, 2023

**ITEMS NEEDED**

- Turkey (frozen)
- Stove Top Stuffing
- Yams (can)
- Macaroni
- Corn (can)
- Gravy
- Cranberry Sauce
- String Beans (can)
- Mashed Potato (box)
- Cornbread mix
- Fruit (can)
- Cookies and/or Candy

## MYO REGIONAL RETREAT



Please keep our Youth in your prayers.

*“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law”.*  
(Galatians 5:22-23)

We wish you all a blessed retreat. May God surround you with His loving presence and protect you from all harm.

## Annual Bishop's Appeal 2023

The contributions are divided as follows

- 40% education of seminarians
- 20% outreach ministries
- 10% retired priests
- 10% Christians in Lebanon and the Middle East
- 10% Eparchy's Endowment Fund

Yearly Amount Due	\$ 3,500.00
<u>Total Collected</u>	<u>\$ 2,600.00</u>
<b>Balance</b>	<b>- \$ 900.00</b>

## My Offering Envelopes 2024



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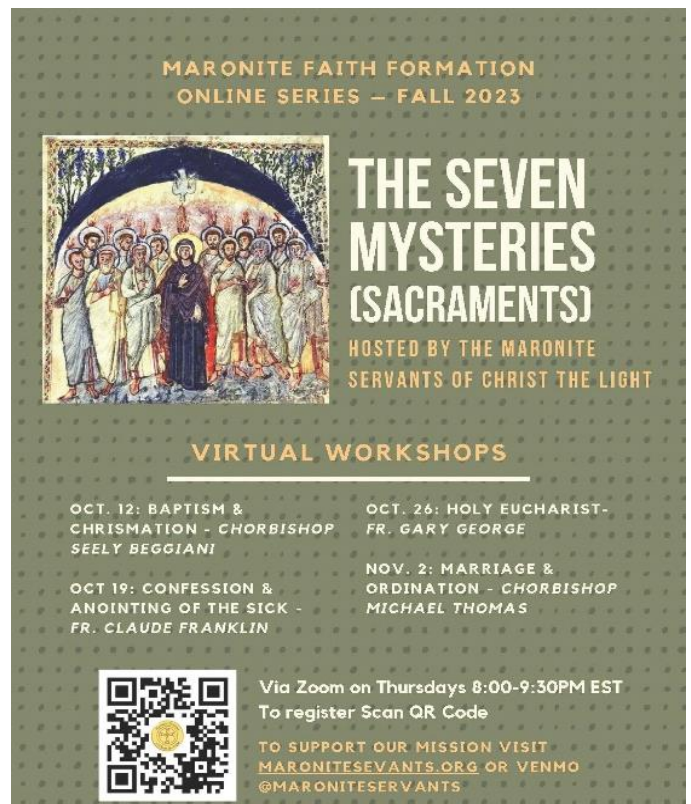
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The Offering Envelopes for 2024 will be ready in **November**. The Envelopes serve a dual purpose:

1. A reminder of our commitment and obligation toward our church.
2. Accurately record your contributions so we can provide you with a “Donation Letter” for your taxes.

## Maronite Faith Formation



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OCT. 26: HOLY EUCHARIST - FR. GARY GEORGE

OCT. 19: CONFESSION & ANOINTING OF THE SICK - FR. CLAUDE FRANKLIN

NOV. 2: MARRIAGE & ORDINATION - CHORBISHOP MICHAEL THOMAS

Via Zoom on Thursdays 8:00-9:30PM EST  
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you




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# Saint Maron

## Maronite Catholic Church



October 28-29, 2023

### First Reading

#### Romans 12:9-21

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

Brothers and Sisters:

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

**Praise be to God always.**

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل رومة

يا إِخْوَتِي، لِنَكُنْ مَحَبَّتُكُمْ بِلا رِياءَ: تَجَنَّبُوا الشَّرَّ، ولازِمُوا الخَيْرَ. أَحِبُّوا بَعْضُكُمْ بَعْضًا مَحَبَّةً أَحْوِيَّةً، وبادِرُوا بَعْضُكُمْ بَعْضًا بِالإِكْرَامِ. كُونُوا في الأَجْتِهَادِ غَيْرِ مُتْكَاسِلِينَ، وبالرُّوحِ حَارِّينَ، ولِلرَّبِّ عَابِدِينَ، وبالرَّجاءِ فَرِحِينَ، وفي الضِّيقِ ثابِتِينَ، وعلى الصَّلَاةِ مُواظِبِينَ، وفي حَاجاتِ القَدِيسِينَ مُشارِكِينَ، وإلى ضِيافَةِ الغُرَباءِ ساعِينَ. بارِكُوا الَّذِينَ يَضْطَهُدُونَكُمْ، بارِكُوا ولا تَلْعَنُوا. إِفْرَحُوا مَعَ الفَرِحِينَ، وَابْكُوا مَعَ الباكِينَ. كُونُوا مُتَفَقِّهِينَ بَعْضُكُمْ مَعَ بَعْضٍ، مُتَواضِعِينَ لا مُتَكَبِّرِينَ. لا تَكُونُوا حُكَماءَ في عِيونِ أَنْفُسِكُمْ. ولا تُبَدِّلُوا أَحَدًا شَرًّا بِشَرٍّ، وَأَعْتَنُوا بِعَمَلِ الخَيْرِ أَمامَ جَمِيعِ النَّاسِ. سَالِمُوا جَمِيعِ النَّاسِ، إِنْ أَمَكْنَ، على قَدْرِ طاقَتِكُمْ. لا تَنْتَقِمُوا لأنْفُسِكُمْ، أَيُّها الأَحِبَّاءُ، بَلِ انْزَكُوا مَكَانًا لِغَضَبِ اللهِ، لِأَنَّهُ مَكْتُوبٌ: "لِي الأَنْتِقَامُ، يَقُولُ الرَّبُّ، وَأنا أَجازِي". وَلَكِنْ "إِنْ جاعَ عَدُوُّكَ فَاطْعِمْهُ، وَإِنْ عطِشَ فَاسْقِهِ، فَإِنَّكَ بِفِعْلِكَ هَذَا تَزَكُّمُ على رَأْسِهِ جَمْرَ نارٍ". لا تَدْعُ الشَّرَّ يَغْلِبُكَ، بَلِ اغْلِبِ الشَّرَّ بِالخَيْرِ.

والتسبيح لله دائماً.

## Gospel Reading

### Saint Matthew 25:31-46

#### The Apostle Writes:

‘When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.’

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

#### مِنْ إِنْجِيلِ الْقَدِيسِ مَتَّى

قال الرب يسوع: "متى جاء ابن الإنسان في مجده، وجميع الملائكة معه، يجلس على عرش مجده. وتجمع لديه جميع الأمم، فيميز بعضهم من بعض، كما يميز الراعي الخراف من الجداء. ويقيم الخراف عن يمينه والجداء عن شماله. حينئذ يقول الملك للذين عن يمينه: تعالوا، يا مباركي أبي، رثوا الملكوت المعد لكم منذ إنشاء العالم؛ لأني جعت فأطعمتموني، وعطشت فسقيتموني، وكنت غريباً فأويتموني، وعزياً فأكسوتموني، ومريضاً فرزتموني، ومحبوساً فأتيتم إلي. حينئذ يجيبه الأبرار قائلين: يا رب، متى رأيناك جائعاً فأطعمناك، أو عطشاناً فسقيناك؟ ومتى رأيناك غريباً فأويتنا، أو عزياً فأكسوتنا؟ ومتى رأيناك مريضاً أو محبوساً فأتينا إليك؟ فيجيب الملك ويقول لهم: الحق أقول لكم: كل ما عملتموه لأحد إخوتي هؤلاء الصغار، فلي عملتموه! ثم يقول للذين عن شماله: اذهبوا عني، يا ملاعين، إلى النار الأبدية المعدة لإبليس وجنوده؛ لأني جعت فما أطعمتموني، وعطشت فما سقيتموني، وكنت غريباً فما أويتموني، وعزياً فما أكسوتموني، ومريضاً ومحبوساً فما رزتموني! حينئذ يجيبه هؤلاء أيضاً قائلين: يا رب، متى رأيناك جائعاً أو عطشاناً أو غريباً أو مريضاً أو محبوساً وما خدمناك؟ حينئذ يجيبهم قائلاً: الحق أقول لكم: كل ما لم تعملوه هؤلاء الصغار، فلي لم تعملوه. ويذهب هؤلاء إلى العذاب الأبدي، والأبرار إلى الحياة الأبدية".

**حقاً والأمان لجميعكم.**