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WEEKLY BULLETIN - 01/14/2024 *Season of the Glorious Epiphany*



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2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Cheers to Your Incredible Support at the Shawarma Fundraiser!

Dear Amazing Saint Maron Family,

I hope this message finds you all beaming with joy and good vibes!

I'm thrilled to share some love and express our heartfelt thanks for turning our Beef Shawarma Fundraiser into an absolute triumph!

A gigantic thank you to each of you who nibbled, munched, and devoured those delightful shawarma sandwiches.

Your generosity has not only filled our bellies but has also fueled the spirit of community that makes our Saint Maron family so extraordinary.

A special shout-out to our fabulous volunteers! Your energy, smiles, and hard work transformed the fundraiser into a feast of fun and camaraderie. You rock, and we're beyond grateful for your incredible dedication.

This success isn't just about the dollars raised; it's a testament to the warmth and kindness that radiate within our community. Your willingness to come together, share laughs, and support our church's endeavors speaks volumes about the beautiful bonds we share.

Let's savor this victory together and bask in the glow of what we can achieve when we join forces for a good cause. Your participation has not only filled our funds but also our hearts with gratitude.

Once again, a massive thank you for making the Beef Shawarma Fundraiser a dazzling success! Looking forward to more delightful moments and shared adventures with our fantastic Saint Maron family.

Warmest wishes,
Fr. Andrawos

MYO FUNDRAISER PANCAKE

Sunday, January 28, 2024

Don't hesitate to show your support for our amazing MYO in their fundraiser; your encouragement means the world to them!

2ND COLLECTION

Sunday,
January 28, 2024

USCCB

SUNDAY READINGS

1st Reading
2 Cor 4:5-15

Gospel Reading
John 1:35-42

Sanctuary Candle

Well-being of Deacon Anthony Koury
(Our Lady of Lebanon Church – Easton, PA)

DIVINE LITURGIES

Saturday, January 13, @ 4:00PM, liturgy is offered for a special intention.

Sunday, January 14, @ 11:00AM liturgy is offered in memory of Margerette Dakwar, Sulaiman & Nahi Raie, and Morris Al-Shouly. Requested by Khalil and Madeline Raie. May their souls rest in peace.

Saturday, January 20, @ 4:00PM, liturgy is offered for a special intention.

Sunday, January 21, @ 11:00AM liturgy is offered in memory of the deceased Priests who served the Altar of St. Maron Church. May their souls rest in peace.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

January 6-7, 2024

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| Collection | \$ 1,909.00 |
| Fuel | \$ 90.00 |
| PayPal | \$ 100.00 |
| Coffee Hour | \$ 37.00 |
| Total | \$ 2,136.00 |

DONATION TO COVER THE EXPENSES OF COLLECTION ENVELOPES \$55.00

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We have received the Liturgical Calendars (Maronite and Roman Catholic). You can find them at the entrance of the church and the hall.



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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.

BREAD ORDERS

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

BIBLE STUDY

with Abouna David
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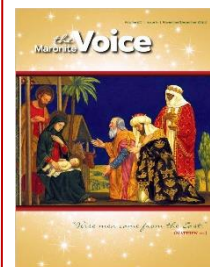
IN OUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers

Deacon Anthony Koury, 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.

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E-BIKE SAINT MARON CHURCH RAFFLE

VELOTRIC DISCOVER 1

Dear Beloved Parishioners and Friends,

I hope this message finds you well.

As we embark on a new year, I am excited to share an opportunity for all of us to come together and support our church community.

We are hosting a fundraiser to raise funds for essential maintenance work in our church. The heart of this initiative is to ensure our sacred space remains a welcoming and nourishing place for everyone.

We've decided to make it not only impactful but also exciting! We are raffling off two electric bikes (E-Bikes) by Velotric, and I invite each one of you to participate by purchasing tickets. Each E-Bike raffle ticket is priced at \$20, and our goal is to sell 1,000 tickets.

The drawing for our E-bike raffle will take place on Sunday, March 24th during our Palm Sunday brunch. An important note, the winner does not have to be present to win.

Another exciting aspect of our E-Bike raffle, we will have two winners and each Velotric E-Bike will be shipped for FREE to any of the contiguous 48 United States (including the District of Columbia).

To purchase a ticket, you can call the office at 215-389-2000 or send us an email at office@saintmaron.org. Additionally, for more information, you can visit our website at www.saintmaron.org.

I also ask you to promote our E-Bike Raffle to friends and family. Encourage as many people as possible to purchase tickets so we can reach our goal and make a lasting impact on our church community.

Let's join hands and make this fundraiser a success. Your support is invaluable, and together we can ensure our church continues to be a beacon of light for everyone. Purchase your tickets today, spread the word, and let's make a difference in our community.

In Christ's Boundless Blessings,
Fr. Andrawos (Fadi) El Tabchi

E-Bike Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Phone: _____ Email: _____

I would like to purchase _____ tickets x \$20 = _____

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E-BIKE SAINT MARON CHURCH RAFFLE
VELOTRIC DISCOVER 1

2 Winners
1 E-Bike per winner

\$20.00 per Ticket

DRAWING:
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January 13-14, 2024

First Reading

2 Corinthians 4:5-15

A reading from the Second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians. Your blessing father...
Brothers and Sisters:

For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you. But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture 'I believed, and so I spoke' we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

Praise be to God always.

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الثانية إلى أهل قورنتس

يا إِخْوَتِي، نَحْنُ لَا نُبَشِّرُ بِأَنْفُسِنَا، بَلْ نُبَشِّرُ بِيَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ رَبًّا، وَبِأَنْفُسِنَا عَبِيدًا لَكُمْ مِنْ أَجْلِ يَسُوعَ؛ لِأَنَّ اللَّهَ الَّذِي قَالَ: «لِيُشْرِقَ مِنَ الظُّلْمَةِ نُورٌ!»، هُوَ الَّذِي أَشْرَقَ فِي قُلُوبِنَا، لِنَسْتَنِيرَ فَنَعْرِفَ مَجْدَ اللَّهِ الْمُتَجَلِّي فِي وَجْهِ الْمَسِيحِ. وَلَكِنَّا نَحْمِلُ هَذَا الْكَنْزَ فِي آنِيَةٍ مِنْ خَرْفٍ، لِيُظْهَرَ أَنَّ تِلْكَ الْقُدْرَةَ الْفَائِقَةَ هِيَ مِنَ اللَّهِ لَا مِنَّا. يُضَيِّقُ عَلَيْنَا مِنْ كُلِّ جِهَةٍ وَلَكِنَّا لَا نُسْحَقُ، نَحْتَارُ فِي أَمْرِنَا وَلَكِنَّا لَا نَيَّاسُ، نُضْطَهُدُ وَلَكِنَّا لَا نُهْمَلُ، نُنبُدُّ وَلَكِنَّا لَا نَهْلِكُ، وَنَحْمِلُ فِي جَسَدِنَا كُلَّ حِينٍ مَوْتَ يَسُوعَ، لِكَيْ تَظْهَرَ حَيَاةُ يَسُوعَ أَيْضًا فِي جَسَدِنَا؛ فَإِنَّا نَحْنُ الْأَحْيَاءُ نُسَلِّمُ دَوْمًا إِلَى الْمَوْتِ، مِنْ أَجْلِ يَسُوعَ، لِكَيْ تَظْهَرَ حَيَاةُ يَسُوعَ أَيْضًا فِي جَسَدِنَا الْمَائِتِ. فَالْمَوْتُ يَعْمَلُ فِيْنَا، وَالْحَيَاةُ تَعْمَلُ فِيكُمْ. وَلَكِنْ بِمَا أَنَّ لَنَا رُوحَ الْإِيمَانِ عَيْنُهُ، كَمَا هُوَ مَكْتُوبٌ: «أَمَنْتُ، وَلِذَلِكَ تَكَلَّمْتُ»، فَنَحْنُ أَيْضًا نُؤْمِنُ، وَلِذَلِكَ نَتَكَلَّمُ. وَنَحْنُ نَعْلَمُ أَنَّ ذَلِكَ الَّذِي أَقَامَ الرَّبَّ يَسُوعَ، سَيَقِيمُنَا نَحْنُ أَيْضًا مَعَ يَسُوعَ، وَيَجْعَلُنَا وَإِيَّاكُمْ فِي حَضْرَتِهِ. فَكُلُّ شَيْءٍ هُوَ مِنْ أَجْلِكُمْ، لِكَيْ تَكْثُرَ النِّعْمَةُ، فَيَفِيضَ الشُّكْرُ فِي قُلُوبِ الْكَثِيرِينَ لِمَجْدِ اللَّهِ.

والتسبيح لله دائماً.

Gospel Reading

Saint John 1:35-42

The Apostle Writes:

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

مِنْ إِنْجِيلِ الْقَدِيسِ يُوْحَنَّا

فِي الْعَدِ أَيْضًا كَانَ يُوْحَنَّا وَاقِفًا هُوَ وَاثْنَانِ مِنْ تَلَامِيذِهِ. وَرَأَى يَسُوعَ مَرًّا فَحَدَّقَ إِلَيْهِ وَقَالَ: "هَا هُوَ حَمَلُ اللَّهِ". وَسَمِعَ التَّلْمِيذَانِ كَلَامَهُ، فَتَبِعَا يَسُوعَ. وَالنَّتَقَتَ يَسُوعَ، فَرَاهُمَا يَتَّبِعَانِيهِ، فَقَالَ لَهُمَا: "مَاذَا تَطْلُبَانِ؟" قَالَ لَهُ: "رَبِّي، أَي يَا مُعَلِّمَ، أَيَّن تَقِيمُ؟". قَالَ لَهُمَا: "تَعَالِيَا وَانظُرَا". فَذَهَبَا وَنَظَرَا أَيَّن يُقِيمُ. وَأَقَامَا عِنْدَهُ ذَلِكَ الْيَوْمَ، وَكَانَتِ السَّاعَةُ نَحْوَ الرَّابِعَةِ بَعْدَ الظُّهْرِ. وَكَانَ أَنْدْرَاوُسُ أَخُو سِمَعَانَ بُطْرُسَ أَحَدَ التَّلْمِيذَيْنِ، الَّذِينَ سَمِعَا كَلَامَ يُوْحَنَّا وَتَبِعَا يَسُوعَ. وَلَقِيَ أَوْلَى أَخَاهُ سِمَعَانَ، فَقَالَ لَهُ: "وَجَدْنَا مَشِيحًا، أَي الْمَسِيحَ". وَجَاءَ بِهِ إِلَى يَسُوعَ، فَحَدَّقَ يَسُوعُ إِلَيْهِ وَقَالَ: "أَنْتَ هُوَ سِمَعَانُ بَنُ يُونَا، أَنْتَ سَتُدْعَى كَيْفَا، أَي بُطْرُسَ الصَّخْرَةَ".
حَقًّا وَالْأَمَانُ لِكُلِّكُمْ.