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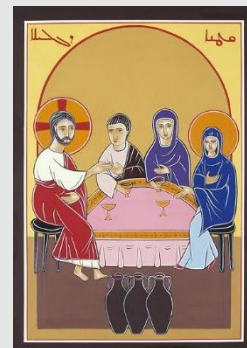
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WEEKLY BULLETIN - 02/11/2024

Sunday of the Entrance into Lent

Miracle at Cana in Galilee



OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY – FRIDAY 10:30AM – 4:00PM

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Saint Maron Feast

We will celebrate the Feast of Saint Maron
our Patron Saint on

Saturday February 10, 2024 @ 4pm

&

Sunday, February 11, 2024 @ 11 am.

Season of Great Lent

During Lent, we embark on a journey of self-reflection and spiritual growth, preparing our hearts to receive the abundant grace of Easter. It is a time of deepening our connection with God and one another through prayer, fasting, and acts of charity.

Just as Jesus performed the miracle at the wedding feast in Cana, transforming water into wine, Lent invites us to experience a similar transformation in our own lives.

Through the discipline of Lenten practices, we open ourselves to the miraculous power of God's love, allowing it to renew and nourish our souls, and to overflow into the lives of those around us. As we journey through Lent, let us remember the miracle at Cana as a sign of God's abundant blessings and grace, inviting us to trust in His transformative power in our lives.

May the Grace of God, carried by the intercession of Saint Maron, bless and guide us on this sacred journey of Great Lent.



*Heavenly Father,
Grant us the grace to be instruments
of Your Divine Love and Mercy
in this world overshadowed by darkness.
May our actions reflect Your light,
bringing hope and healing to those in need,
and glorifying Your Name.
Amen*

Rice Bowl

*Your Lenten Alms
change lives Globally*

To ways to participate:

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SUNDAY READINGS

1st Reading
Romans 14:14-23

Gospel Reading
John 2:1-11

Sanctuary Candle
Heart Transplant Patients

DIVINE LITURGIES

Saturday, February 10, @ 4:00PM, liturgy is offered in memory of Carmina Lombardi requested by Theresa and Amelia Lombardi. May her soul rest in peace.

Sunday, February 11, @ 11:00AM liturgy is offered for the repose of soul of Rizk Frangie requested by family May his soul rest in peace.

Monday, February 12, @ 6:00 PM
Ash Monday Divine Liturgy, Blessing and Distribution of Ashes.

Wednesday, February 14, @ 6:00PM Divine Liturgy and Distribution of Ashes.

Friday, February 16, @ 6:00PM
STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Saturday, February 17, @ 4:00PM, liturgy is offered in memory of Tom Baxter requested by his wife. May his soul rest in peace.

Sunday, February 18, @ 11:00AM liturgy is offered for the repose of soul of Michael Assaf requested by family. May his soul rest in peace.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

February 3-4, 2024

Collection	\$ 1,314.00
Fuel	\$ 135.00
PayPal	\$ 0.00
Coffee Hour	\$ 48.00
Total	\$ 1,497.00

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LITURGICAL CALENDARS

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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Ash Monday

Divine Liturgy
Blessing & Distribution of Ashes
Monday, February 12, 2024
6:00PM

Ash Wednesday

Divine Liturgy
Distribution of Ashes
Wednesday, February 14, 2024
6:00PM

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SEASON OF THE GREAT LENT

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday
6:00PM
Starting Friday, February, 16, 2024

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FALAFEL SANDWICHES

Sunday, March 10, 2024
following Divine Liturgy

SANDWICH \$10.00
PLATTER \$15.00
(4 Falafel, Tahini Sauce, Vegetables, & Bread)
FRIES \$3.00
SODA \$2.00
WATER \$1.00

WARNING CONTAINS Sesame

IN OUR PRAYERS

“So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”

(Isaiah 41:10)

May the healing touch of God bring comfort and restoration to the sick. In praying for them, we extend an act of mercy, expressing compassion and love. Amen.

Please keep in your prayers

Carmen Sansweet, Deacon Anthony Koury, 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, Mary McKinney, Jessica McKinney, Angela McKinney, Skyla Simon, Peter Labaki, Nancy Murphy, Marentha Young-Heart, Allison Tretina, Stephanie Devinney, Angela Scorza Anderson, Raymond Fitzpatrick, Linda Yeckes, Frankie Olivieri, Marie Eddis, Mia Andrilla, Ashley Iaconelli, 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.

MYO CORNER

Saint Maron Church

MYO FUNDRAISER

Sunday, February 25, 2024
following Divine Liturgy

FOUL BREAKFAST



More details
to be announced

2024 REGIONAL EPARCHIAL LENTEN RETREATS



SATURDAY
MARCH 2
10 AM - 7 PM

NEW ENGLAND

SAINT ANTHONY OF THE
DESERT - FALL RIVER MA

SATURDAY
MARCH 9
10 AM - 7 PM

MID-ATLANTIC

SAINT SHARBEL CHURCH
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REGISTRATION IS OPEN

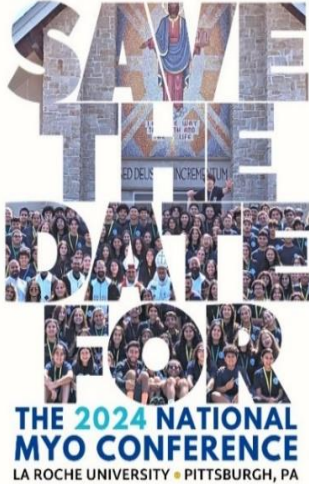
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24-29
MON - SAT



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CCD CORNER

Important Dates

Feb 12, 2024
Ash Monday Liturgy
6pm

Feb 18, 2024
No Classes

March 2, 2024
Lenten Retreat
Grades 3rd - 6th
10:30AM - 3pm

March 3, 2024
First Confession
2nd Grade

March 10, 2024
First Communion
Parent Meeting

March 15, 2024
Stations of the Cross
6pm

March 22, 2024
Service Project
Grades 5th - 12th

April 13, 2024
First Communion
Retreat

April 14, 2024
First Communion
Divine Liturgy

NEW ENGLAND MID-ATLANTIC YOUTH LEADER Workshop



APRIL 19-21, 2024

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<https://maroniteseminary.org/news-events/seminary-events/about/>

Bishop's Appeal 2024

To be collected during Lent

\$3,500.00

The 2024 Bishop's Appeal assessment for your parish will be \$3,500.00. This appeal is to be made during Lent, and the total amount is due at the Chancery after Easter.

Tax Contribution Letter 2023

To obtain your 2023 church donation letter for tax purposes, please reach out to the office at 215-389-2000 or contact us via email at office@saintmaron.org

Thank
you




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Saint Maron

Maronite Catholic Church



February 10-11, 2024

First Reading

Romans 14:14-23

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

Brothers and Sisters:

I know and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself; but it is unclean for anyone who thinks it unclean. If your brother or sister is being injured by what you eat, you are no longer walking in love. Do not let what you eat cause the ruin of one for whom Christ died. So do not let your good be spoken of as evil. For the kingdom of God is not food and drink but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. The one who thus serves Christ is acceptable to God and has human approval. Let us then pursue what makes for peace and for mutual edification. Do not, for the sake of food, destroy the work of God. Everything is indeed clean, but it is wrong for you to make others fall by what you eat; it is good not to eat meat or drink wine or do anything that makes your brother or sister stumble. The faith that you have, have as your own conviction before God. Blessed are those who have no reason to condemn themselves because of what they approve. But those who have doubts are condemned if they eat, because they do not act from faith; for whatever does not proceed from faith is sin.

Praise be to God always.

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل رومة

يا إخواني، إني عالمٌ وواثقٌ، في الرب يسوع، أن لا شيء نجسٌ في ذاته، إلا لمن يحسبه نجسًا، فله يكون نجسًا. فإن كنت من أجل الطعام تحزن أخاك، فلا تكون سالكًا في المحبة. فلا تهلك بطعامك ذلك الذي مات المسيح من أجله! إذا فلا تسمحوا بأن يصير الخير فيكم سببًا للتجديف. فلنيس ملكوت الله أكلاً وشربًا، بل برٌّ وسلامٌ وفرحٌ في الروح القدس. فمن يخدم المسيح هكذا فهو مرضيٌ لدى الله، ومقبولٌ لدى الناس. فلنسع إذا إلى ما هو للسلام، وما هو لبنيانٍ بعضنا بعضًا. فلا تنقض عمل الله من أجل الطعام؛ لأن كل شيء طاهر، ولكنه ينعقد شرًا على الإنسان الذي يأكل ويكون سبب عثرة لأخيه. فخير لك أن لا تأكل لحمًا، ولا تشرب حمزًا، ولا تتناول شيئًا يكون سبب عثرة لأخيك. واحتفظ برأيك لنفسك أمام الله. وطوبى لمن لا يدين نفسه في ما يفره! أما المرتاب في قراره، فإن أكل يدان، لأن عمله غير صادر عن يقين وإيمان. وكل عمل لا يصدُر عن يقين وإيمان فهو خطيئة.

والتسبيح لله دائمًا.

Gospel Reading

Saint John 2:1-11

The Apostle Writes:

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

مِنِ انْجِيلِ الْقَدِيسِ يُوْحَنَّا

فِي الْيَوْمِ الثَّلَاثِ، كَانَ عُرْسٌ فِي قَانَا الْجَلِيلِ، وَكَانَتْ أُمُّ يَسُوعَ هُنَاكَ. وَدُعِيَ أَيْضًا يَسُوعُ وَتَلَامِيذُهُ إِلَى الْعُرْسِ. وَنَفَدَ الْخَمْرُ، فَقَالَتْ لِيَسُوعَ أُمُّهُ: «لَيْسَ لَدَيْهِمْ خَمْرٌ». فَقَالَ لَهَا يَسُوعُ: «مَا لِي وَلكِ، يَا امْرَأَةٌ؟ لَمْ تَأْتِ سَاعَتِي بَعْدُ!». فَقَالَتْ أُمُّهُ لِلْخَدَمِ: «مَهْمَا يُقُلْ لَكُمْ فَافْعَلُوهُ!». وَكَانَ هُنَاكَ سِتَّةُ أَجْرَانِ مِنْ حَجَرٍ، مُعَدَّةٌ لِتَطْهِيرِ الْيَهُودِ، يَسَعُ كُلُّ مِنْهَا مِنْ ثَمَانِينَ إِلَى مِئَةِ وَعِشْرِينَ لِيْتْرًا، فَقَالَ يَسُوعُ لِلْخَدَمِ: «إِمْلَأُوا الْأَجْرَانَ مَاءً». فَمَلَأُوهَا إِلَى فَوْقِ. قَالَ لَهُمْ: «اسْتَقُوا الْآنَ، وَقَدِّمُوا لِرَبِّيسِ الْوَلِيمَةِ». فَقَدَّمُوا. وَذَاقَ الرَّبِّيسُ الْمَاءَ، الَّذِي صَارَ خَمْرًا - وَكَانَ لَا يَعْلَمُ مِنْ أَيْنَ هُوَ، وَالْخَدَمُ الَّذِينَ اسْتَقُوا يَعْلَمُونَ - فَدَعَا إِلَيْهِ الْعَرِيسَ وَقَالَ لَهُ: «كُلُّ إِنْسَانٍ يُقَدِّمُ الْخَمْرَ الْجَيِّدَ أَوَّلًا، حَتَّى إِذَا سَكِرَ الْمَدْعُوُونَ، قَدَّمَ الْأَقْلَّ جُودَةً، أَمَا أَنْتَ فَقَدْ أَبْقَيْتَ الْخَمْرَ الْجَيِّدَ إِلَى الْآنَ!». تِلْكَ كَانَتْ أَوْلَى آيَاتِ يَسُوعَ، صَنَعَهَا فِي قَانَا الْجَلِيلِ، فَأَظْهَرَ مَجْدَهُ، وَآمَنَ بِهِ تَلَامِيذُهُ. حَقًّا وَالْأَمَانُ لَجَمِيعِكُمْ.