

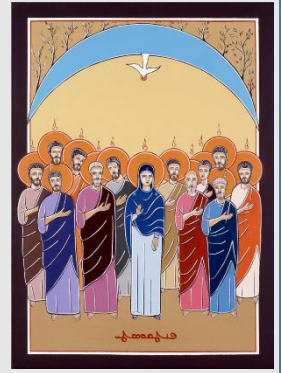


# Saint Maron Maronite Catholic Church

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## WEEKLY BULLETIN – 05/19/2024

### *The Glorious Pentecost*



#### OFFICE HOURS:

**MONDAY OFFICE CLOSED**  
**TUESDAY – FRIDAY 10:30AM - 4:00PM**

#### **Pastor**

Fr. Andrawos (Fadi) El Tabchi

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Fr. David Fisher

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## **Pentecost Sunday**

Pentecost Sunday is a profound celebration in our faith, marking the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles. This sacred day reminds us of the transformative power of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

On this Blessed Sunday, we celebrate the beautiful Rite of Adoration, where we surrender our lives completely to God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

In this solemn rite, we kneel in adoration before the Most High God, humbly asking for the pardon of our faults. Through our sincere repentance, we are embraced by God's boundless mercy and grace. As we rise from our knees, we are lifted by the power of God, standing triumphant in His love. Pentecost Sunday, therefore, renews our commitment to live as faithful disciples, guided and empowered by the Holy Spirit.

May the Holy Spirit fill your hearts with Divine Love and guide you in every step you take. On this blessed Pentecost Sunday, may we be renewed in faith, strengthened in Spirit and showered with God's abundant grace.

Fr. Andrawos

### **PASTOR'S MESSAGE**

Dear Parishioners,

I will be away this week as I am going to Massachusetts to pick up supplies for the festival.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Rev. David Fisher for covering for me this weekend.

If you need anything, please don't hesitate to contact the office at **215-389-2000** or email [office@saintmaron.org](mailto:office@saintmaron.org).

You can also reach me directly at **978-241-2977**.

Fr. Andrawos

### **SUNDAY READINGS**

### **SANCTUARY CANDLE**

### **2<sup>nd</sup> COLLECTION**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Acts 2:1-21**

**Gospel Reading – John 14:15-20**

Children in foster care and adoptive parents

Catholic Communications Campaign

## Important Notice: Email Communication Update

It has come to my attention that some parishioners might not be receiving our church emails due to a potential glitch in the system.

If you're encountering this problem, please don't hesitate to contact the office at **215-389-2000** or email [office@saintmaron.org](mailto:office@saintmaron.org). You can reach me directly at **978-241-2977** or [pastor@saintmaron.org](mailto:pastor@saintmaron.org) if you suspect you're missing any emails from the church.

Your input is crucial to keeping everyone connected.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Fr. Andrawos

### DIVINE LITURGIES

**Saturday, May 18, @ 4:00PM,** liturgy is offered in memory of Al Cavallaro requested by Elaine Cavallaro. May his soul rest in peace.

**Sunday, May 19, @ 11:00AM** liturgy is offered in memory of the deceased members of the Dahdah, Anderson, Zadié families requested by Salema and Barbara Dahdah. May their souls rest in peace.

**Saturday, May 25, @ 4:00PM,** liturgy is offered in memory of Demetria Tovar requested by family. May her soul rest in peace.

**Sunday, May 26, @ 11:00AM** liturgy is offered in memory of Denise Cook requested by Tony and Priscilla Frangie. May her souls rest in peace.

### WEEKLY COLLECTION

May 4-5, 2024

Collection	\$ 1,075.00
Ascension	\$ 135.00
Online	\$ 160.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,370.00</b>
Coffee Hour	\$ 13.00
Bishop's Appeal	\$ 530.00
Assessment	\$ 0.00
Insurance	\$ 0.00
Fuel	\$ 70.00

### Bishop's Appeal 2024

Collected during Lent

Collected	\$ 3,040.00
Amount Due	\$ 3,500.00
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$ 460.00</b>

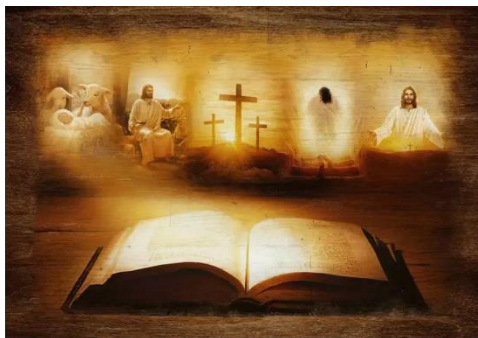
### BIBLE STUDY

Every Thursday

AT 7PM

In Person:  
Church Hall

Via Zoom:  
Link provided by email



### 2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION

**May 18-19, 2024**

*Catholic  
Communications  
Campaign*

Following the norms established by the USCCB, 50% of this collection is sent to them for national Catholic television, radio and other media, and 50% is retained by our Eparchy for the *Maronite Voice* and any other communication needs we may have.

### IN OUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers

Jay O'Donnell, Allison Auld, Carmen Sansweet, 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, 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.



*thank you volunteers*

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

As we approach this year's festival, I once again turn to your generous hearts for support. Your kindness and generosity have always been the cornerstone of our celebrations, and I am deeply grateful for your continued contributions. Below, you will find a list outlining the items we need for this year's festivities. Your donations will ensure that our festival is a joyous and memorable occasion for all. Thank you in advance for your unwavering support and generosity.

Fr. Andrawos

### FESTIVAL REMINDERS

- Sponsorships:** The sponsorship form has been sent out via mail. If you feel called to offer financial support to the church, kindly complete the form and return it to the church office. Your generosity is deeply appreciated and will help sustain our mission and ministry. Thank you for your consideration and support.
- Advertise & Promote:** Remember to spread the word about the festival by sharing the flyer with your friends and family. The more exposure we receive, the more people we can reach. The festival plays a vital role in providing financial support for our church, especially during the summer months. Your help in promoting the event is greatly appreciated and will contribute to its success.
- Volunteer Sign-up Sheet:** Please remember to complete the volunteer sign-up sheet to ensure we have sufficient volunteers at each station. Your participation is crucial in helping our event run smoothly and successfully.
- Festival Preps:** Your assistance in the food preps is greatly appreciated. Check the schedule and mark your calendars.
- Setup:** Thursday, May 30, 2024 @9AM.
- Breakdown:** Sunday, June 02, 2024 @ 9PM.
- Please Note:** at all times, volunteers are needed to help in the food preps when needed (vegetable washing and cutting, salads preps, grape leaves...)
- Items Needed for The Festival:** If you wish to donate any of the items listed on the right, please don't hesitate to contact the office at 215-389-2000 or office@saintmaron.org

### ITEMS NEEDED FOR THE FESTIVAL BAR

2	½ gal.	Dewars Scotch
2	½ gal.	Woodford Bourbon
3	1.75L	Jack Daniels
2	750ml	Jameson's Irish Whiskey
5	750ml	Tequila
4	750ml	Vodka
2	1.5L	Tanqueray Gin
2	750ml	Bacardi Rum (white)
2	750ml	Dark Rum
2	750ml	Coconut Malibu Rum
2	750ml	Anisette
9	1.5L	Peach Schnapps
3	750ml	Sambuca
2	750ml	Seagram's
6	1.5L	Red Wine
3	1.5L	Rosé Wine
15	cs.	Corona Beer in Bottles
4	Btls.	Grapefruit Juice
4	Btls.	Pineapple Juice
2	lg.	Btls. Grenadine
20	cs.	Coke
6	cs.	Diet Coke
6	cs.	Sprite
8	Btls.	Tonic Water
8	Btls.	Seltzer
4	1L	Sprite
6	1L.	Gingerale
10	gal.	Orange Juice
6	Btls.	Cranberry Juice
4	128oz	Maraschino Cherries



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# 2024 ANNUAL LEBANESE FESTIVAL

**Friday, May 31**  
5pm - 11pm

**Saturday, June 1**  
3pm - 11pm

**Sunday, June 2**  
1pm - 9pm

Delicious Food - Drinks - Desserts - Live Entertainment - Dancing  
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## Festival PREPS

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

DATE	START TIME	PREPS
Friday, May 17	3:00 PM	Grape Leaves
Tuesday, May 28	6:30 PM	Shawarma and other preps
Wednesday, May 29	4:00 PM	Chicken Kabob
Thursday, May 30	9:00AM	Setup and kitchen preps
	10:00 AM	Festival Preps
	6:30 PM	Chicken Skewers
	6:30 PM	Meat Kabob
Friday, May 31	9:00 AM	Festival Preps
		Meat Skewers

The **VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP SHEET** for the 3-day festival was mailed along with the **festival package**. Please take a moment to review the information and fill out the form, then send it back to the office. Your prompt response will ensure that all stations are adequately staffed with volunteers and that will guarantee a smooth flow of work in the festival.

Fr. Andrawos

### 3-Day Festival

The form outlines the festival dates, detail the stations requiring assistance and provide slots for you to indicate your availability, specify when and where you can lend a hand and for what duration. Thank you for your love and commitment to the Church.

## Join Our Sister Parishes – Summer Festivals

**June 7 - June 9**

St. Sharbel Church  
Somerset, NJ

**June 21 - June 23**

Our Lady of Lebanon  
Waterbury, CT

**July 26 - July 28**

Our Lady Star of the East  
Pleasantville, NJ

**August 3 - August 4**

Our Lady of Lebanon Church  
Easton, PA



**Our Spirituality  
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**Thursday, October 24, 2024**

*15th Annual Benefit Dinner for  
Eparchy of Saint Maron*

*The Union League Club  
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*Invitation to Follow*



Proceeds will support the  
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Missions, Retired Priests, help to  
our Church in the Middle East, and  
our newly acquired St. Sharbel  
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### NAM CONVENTION

For more info you can click on the link:

<https://rb.gy/hy4cwa>



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Join the National Shrine of Saint Rita of Cascia on  
Wednesday, May 22, 2024 for the Solemn Feast of  
Saint Rita of Cascia

**Mass Times:**

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7:00pm**



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# First Reading

## Acts of the Apostles 2:1-21

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. Your blessing father...**

Brothers and Sisters:

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.' But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

**Praise be to God always.**

### فصل من سفر أعمال الرسل

يا إخوتي، في تمام اليوم الخمسين، كان الرسل معاً في مكان واحد. فحدث بغتة دوي من السماء كأنه دوي ریح عاصفة، وملاً كلّ النبيّ حيث كانوا جالسين. وظهرت لهم السنّة منقسمة كأنها من نار، واستقرّ على كلّ واحد منهم لسان. وأمّتلوا كلّهم من الروح القدس، وبدأوا يتكلّمون بالسنّة أخرى، كما كان الروح يؤتيمهم أن ينطقوا. وكان يُقيم في أورشليم يهود، رجال أتقياء من كلّ أمّة تحت السماء. فلما حدث ذلك الصوت، احتشد الجمع وأخذتهم الحيرة، لأنّ كلّ واحد منهم كان يسمّعهم يتكلّمون بلغته. فدهشوا وتعجبوا وقالوا: "أليس هؤلاء المتكلّمون جميعهم جليليين؟ فكيف يسمّعهم كلّ واحد منا باللغة التي ولد فيها؟ ونحن فرثيون، وماديون، وعيلاميون، وسكان ما بين النهرين، واليهودية، وكبذوكية، وببسطس، وآسيا، وفرجية، وبمغليّة، ومصر، ونواحي لبيّة القرية من قبروان، ورومانيون نزلاء، يهود ومهندون، وكريتيون، وعرب، نسمّعهم يتكلّمون بالسنّة عن أعمال الله العظيمة". وكانوا كلّهم مذهوشين حائرين يقول بعضهم لبعض: "ما معنى هذا؟". لكنّ آخرين كانوا يقولون ساخرين: "إنّهم قد أمّتلوا سلاقة!". فوقف بطرس مع الأحد عشر، ورفع صوته وخاطبهم قائلاً: "أيها الرجال اليهود، ويا جميع المقيمين في أورشليم، ليكن هذا معلوماً عنكم، وأصغوا إلى كلامي. لا، ليس هؤلاء بسكاري، كما تظنون. فالساعة هي التاسعة صباحاً. بل هذا هو ما قيل ببؤنيل النبيّ: ويكون في الأيام الأخيرة، يقول الله، أيّ أفيض من روجي على كلّ بشر، فيتنبأ بئوكم وبنائكم، ويرى شبانكم رؤى، ويحلّم شيوخكم أحلاماً. وعلى عبيدي وإمائي أيضاً أفيض من روجي في تلك الأيام فيتنبأون. وأعمل عجائب في السماء من فوق، وآيات على الأرض من أسفل، دماً وناراً وأعمدة من دخان. وتقلّب الشمس ظلاماً والقمر دماً قبل أن يأتي يوم الربّ، اليوم العظيم المجيد. فيكون أنّ كلّ من يدعو باسم الربّ يخلص.

والتسبيح لله دائماً.

## Gospel Reading

Saint John 14:15-20

### The Apostle Writes:

‘If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. You know Him, because He abides with you, and He will be in you. ‘I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.

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

مِنْ إِنْجِيلِ الْقَدِيسِ يُوْحَنَّا

قَالَ الرَّبُّ يَسُوعُ لِتَلَامِيذِهِ: «إِنْ تُحِبُّونِي تَحْفَظُوا وَصَايَايَ. وَأَنَا أَسْأَلُ الْآبَ فَيُعْطِيكُمْ بَرَقْلِيطًا آخَرَ مُؤَيَّدًا يَكُونُ مَعَكُمْ إِلَى الْأَبَدِ. هُوَ رُوحَ الْحَقِّ الَّذِي لَا يَقْدِرُ الْعَالَمُ أَنْ يَقْبَلَهُ، لِأَنَّهُ لَا يَرَاهُ، وَلَا يَعْرِفُهُ. أَمَّا أَنْتُمْ فَتَعْرِفُونَهُ، لِأَنَّهُ مُقِيمٌ عِنْدَكُمْ، وَهُوَ فِيكُمْ. لَنْ أَتْرُكَكُمْ يَتَامَى. إِنِّي آتِي إِلَيْكُمْ. عَمَّا قَلِيلٍ لَنْ يَرَانِي الْعَالَمُ، أَمَّا أَنْتُمْ فَتَرَوْنِي، لِأَنِّي أَنَا حَيٌّ وَأَنْتُمْ سَتَحْيَوْنَ. فِي ذَلِكَ الْيَوْمِ تَعْرِفُونَ أَنِّي أَنَا فِي أَبِي، وَأَنْتُمْ فِيَّ، وَأَنَا فِيكُمْ. حَقًّا وَالْأَمَانُ لِكُلِّكُمْ.



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