



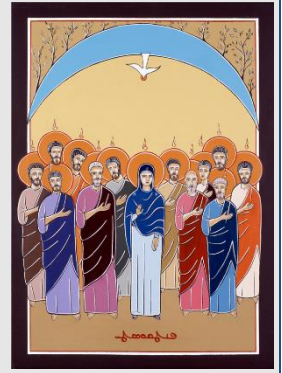
# Saint Maron Maronite Catholic Church

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## WEEKLY BULLETIN – 07/14/2024

### *Season of the Glorious Pentecost*



#### OFFICE HOURS:

**MONDAY OFFICE CLOSED**

**TUESDAY – FRIDAY 10:30AM - 4:00PM**

#### **Pastor**

Fr. Andrewos (Fadi) El Tabchi

#### **Advisor / Consultant**

Fr. David Fisher

#### **Administrative Assistant**

Claudine ElHajal

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Costa J. Mansour, Michael Marrone, Anne Tayoun, Manal ElHajal, Rosemarie Marrone, Barbara Dahdah, Tony Frangie, Khalil Raie, Nahi Rai, Roger Jebara

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Denise Eddis, Theresa Barry

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**Advisor:** Rosemarie Marrone

**Teachers:** Rania Sukkarieh, Maha Labbad, Samar Dawlabani, Reine Ghazaly, Janah Szewczyk, Sanaa Rizk, Samer Hourani.

#### **MYO**

#### **Director: Zeina Topalian**

**Advisors:** Anne Tayoun, Jocelyne Habib, Fadia Salloum, Maha Labbad

#### **MYA**

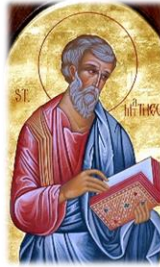
**Coordinators:** Nahi Rai, Roger Jebara, Frankie Piacentini

#### **Men's Club**

**President:** Amin Al Soueidy

**Vice-President:** Samer Hourani

## 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost



Saint Matthew, one of the twelve apostles of Jesus and the author of the Gospel of Matthew, was originally a tax collector named Levi before being called by Jesus to follow Him.

He is often depicted in Christian art with a winged man or angel, symbolizing his role as an evangelist and his emphasis on Jesus' human lineage and fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies.

The Gospel of Matthew is one of the four canonical gospels in the New Testament, presenting the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

#### **Key Themes:**

1. Jesus as the Messiah: Matthew emphasizes Jesus as the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies, establishing Him as the long-awaited Messiah and King of the Jews.
2. Kingdom of Heaven: A central theme is the Kingdom of Heaven, with many parables and teachings explaining its nature and how to live as its citizens.
3. Jesus' Teachings: The gospel includes the Sermon on the Mount (Chapters 5-7), which outlines key aspects of Christian ethics, the Beatitudes and the Lord's Prayer.
4. Authority of Jesus: Matthew highlights Jesus' authority over nature, illness, sin, and even death through various miracles and teachings.

#### **Structure:**

1. Infancy Narrative (Chapters 1-2)
2. Public Ministry (Chapters 3-25)
3. Passion and Resurrection (Chapters 26-28)

#### **Purpose:**

Matthew's gospel aims to confirm to Jewish Christians that Jesus is the promised Messiah and to provide a comprehensive account of His life and teachings, encouraging them to live out their faith in accordance with His teachings.

## SUNDAY READINGS

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading – 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:10**

**Gospel Reading – Luke 4:14-21**

## SANCTUARY CANDLE

dedicated to Fr. Elie Mikhael for a blessed and fruitful new assignment as the Apostolic Administrator of the Maronite Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon in Mexico City.

## BIBLE STUDY

### Every Thursday AT 7PM

In Person:  
Church Hall

Via Zoom:  
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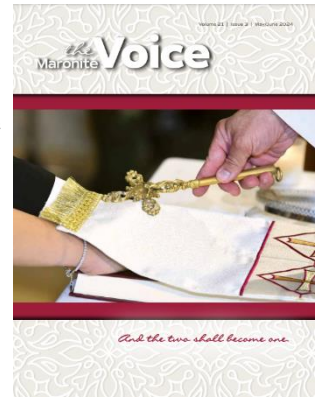


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The new issue of the Maronite  
Voice (Volume 21, Issue 3,  
May/June 2024)

is now available online at:  
<https://www.maronitevoice.org/blog/2024/06/07/2024-iii>

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### DIVINE LITURGIES

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

**Sunday, July 14, @ 11:00AM**  
Liturgy is offered for Fr. Elie  
Mikhael (Pastor of Saint  
Anthony Church, Lawrence  
MA), praying for a blessed and  
fruitful new assignment as the  
Apostolic Administrator of the  
Maronite Eparchy of Our Lady  
of Lebanon in Mexico City.  
May the Lord bless him with  
wisdom, strength and abundant  
grace as he embarks on this new  
journey.

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

**Sunday, July 21, @ 11:00AM**  
liturgy is offered for a special  
intention.

### WEEKLY COLLECTION

July 6-7, 2024

Collection	\$ 792.00
Sts. Peter & Paul	\$ 40.00
Online	\$ 660.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,492.00</b>

Coffee Hour	\$ 14.00
Bishop's Appeal	\$ 0.00
Assessment	\$ 0.00
Insurance	\$ 0.00
Fuel	\$ 0.00

### "Important Notice: Email System Update"

Dear parishioners and friends,

We've encountered issues with our  
email system lately, leading to  
some of you not receiving church  
emails. If you notice you're not  
getting our emails, please let the  
office know and remember to  
check your junk or spam folders.

If you've changed your email  
address or prefer to receive church  
emails at a different address,  
please inform the office  
accordingly.

Thank you for your attention to  
this matter.

Best regards,  
Fr. Andrewos

### Block Party Fall 2024

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

I am pleased to inform you that we  
have applied for the Block Party  
Permit for the end of summer.

I will keep you all updated with all  
the details regarding the date and  
time of the Block Party as soon as  
we receive confirmation.

Let us continue to pray and  
prepare, trusting in God's guidance  
as we anticipate a blessed and  
joyful gathering that strengthens  
our community bonds.

Fr. Andrewos

### 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  
Bevelhmyer, 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,  
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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 thoughts

### Nai

This year's MYO national was one I won't forget. I got to reconnect with my friends and become closer to God. I will never forget this MYO retreat and I will keep everything I got from it in my heart.

### Anthony

As usual, the national retreat was a one-of-a-kind experience. It's always amazing to see such a huge amount of Maronites gathered in one spot. Being around so many fellow members of the body of Christ really rejuvenated my faith, and the unmatched energy of the entire group really lifted my spirit. Overall, I had a great time and I'm looking forward to regionals.

### Maria

The theme for this 2024 nationals was to level up and that's exactly what I did and what I intend on continuing. These retreats are moments that you can only experience there, and I am grateful that I did. I had such a great time with some of my closest friends. Adoration and confession were incredible and I felt so connected to God. I am so happy that I went and got to make memories of a lifetime. WE ARE THRIVING!!

### Sara

I thought the retreat was a nice break from home and I really improved spiritually and got closer to my friends and to God.

### Christina

I thought that this retreat was super fun and I definitely would go again. I made friends and got so much closer to God and overall, it was so much fun.

### Reese

This retreat was so much fun and I was able to connect closer with God as well as make so many friends and memories!



## 2023-2024 Graduates



**Congratulations!** As a church community, we are incredibly proud of all our graduates from 8<sup>th</sup> grade, high school and college. Your hard work and achievements are a testament to your dedication and the support of your families.

**We celebrate this significant milestone with you. Best wishes for the journey ahead. May God's guidance and blessings accompany you as you embark on new endeavors.**

### 8TH GRADE GRADUATES

#### Isabella Chedrawy

Graduate from Garnet Valley Middle school and attending Garnet Valley High School

#### Joseph Chaaya

Graduated from Our Lady of Good Council school and attending Saint Joe Prep in Philadelphia

#### Nai Topalian

Graduated from Voorhees Middle School attending Eastern Regional High School Voorhees

#### Pia Maria Hourani

Graduated from Thomas E. Harrington Middle school and attending Lenape High School

### HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

#### Andie Awaida

Graduated from Cherry Hill East Public High School and attending Rutgers - New Brunswick – Finance

#### Samira Akkari

Graduated from Haddon Heights High School and attending Saint Joseph's University

#### Paulien Donnelly

Graduated from Philadelphia High School for Girls and attending University of Pittsburgh

#### Gracy Zeinoun

Graduated from SS Neumann & Gorette High School

### COLLEGE GRADUATES

#### Jamie Zakharia

Graduated from Drexel University Biomedical Engineering and Mechanical Engineering

#### Ryan Cherfane

Graduated from West Virginia University Business Marketing

#### Jimmy Jebara

Graduated from Temple University Masters of science in Civil engineering

# 4<sup>th</sup> Annual MYA Eparchial Conference

**September 27th-29th  
at the Georgia Tech Hotel  
in Atlanta, GA.**

Are you a young adult between the ages of 18 and 39? Are you looking to grow deeping in your faith and connect with other like-minded young adults from your culture and faith?

To learn more or  
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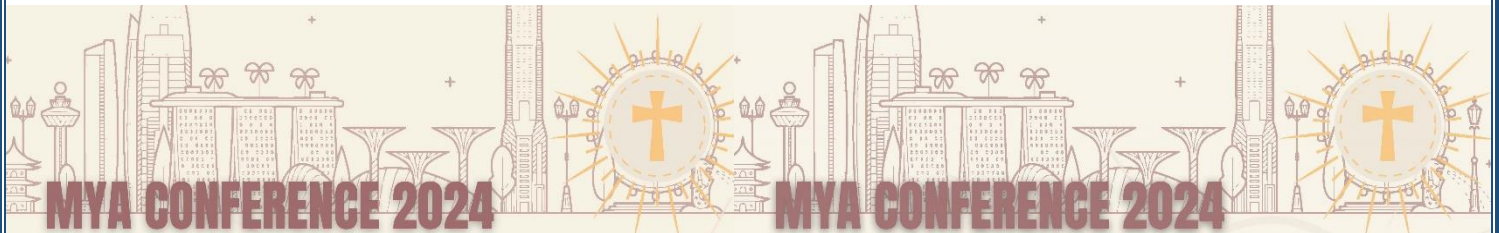
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“Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

— Psalm 34:9

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## SEPTEMBER 27 - 29 - ATLANTA, GA

### Friday September 27

5:00 PM	Guest Check-In
6:00 PM	Ramsho
6:30 PM	Dinner
7:30 PM	Bishop's Talk
8:00 PM	Panel Discussion
8:30 PM	Break
8:45 PM	Adoration
9:15 PM	Trivia Night + Ice Cream Bar

### Saturday September 28

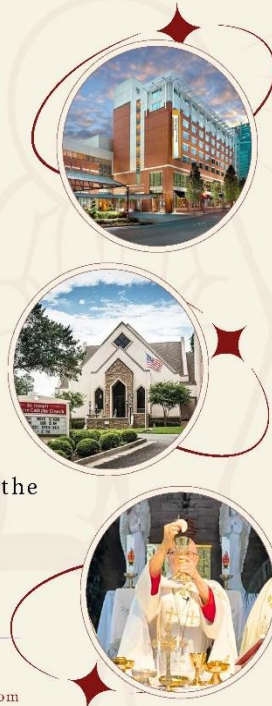
9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy
10:00 AM	Breakfast
10:45 AM	Speaker Intro + Talk 1 with Fr. Mitch Pacwa
11:30 AM	Breakout Session 1
12:15 PM	Lunch
1:15 PM	Talk 2 + Q&A with Fr. Mitch Pacwa
2:00 PM	Breakout Session 2
2:45 PM	Break
3:00 PM	Adoration and Confession
5:00 PM	Closing Remarks + Q&A
5:50 PM	Break
8:00 PM	Dinner + Hafli

### Sunday September 29

10:30 AM	Rosary
11:00 AM	Divine Liturgy
12:30 PM	Parish Luncheon

\*Schedule is subject to change

This is a Church sponsored event. Please be mindful to dress modestly for all liturgical events and activities. Register now at [myaeparchystmaron.org/book-online](http://myaeparchystmaron.org/book-online)



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July 20  
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July 26  
July 27  
July 28

August 3  
August 4

## Our Lady Of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church EASTON, PA

### 2024 LEBANESE HERITAGE DAYS

Enjoy Two Days of Family Fun

## First Reading

### 2 Corinthians 5:20-21, 6:1-10

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

Brothers and Sisters:

We are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake, he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, 'At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.' See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

**Praise be to God always.**

#### فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الثانية إلى أهل كورنثوس

يا إخوتي، نحن سفراء المسيح، وكأن الله نفسه يدعوكم بواسطةنا. فنسألكم باسم المسيح: تصالخوا مع الله! إن الذي ما عرف الخطيئة، جعله الله خطيئة من أجلنا، لنصير نحن فيه بر الله. وبما أننا معاونون لله، نناشدكم ألا يكون قبولكم لنعمة الله بغير فائدة؛ لأنه يقول: «في وقت الرضى استجبنا، وفي يوم الخلاص أعنتك». فها هو الآن وقت الرضى، وها هو الآن يوم الخلاص. فإننا لا نجعل لأحد سبب زلة، لئلا يلحق خدمتنا أي لوم. بل نظهر أنفسنا في كل شيء أننا خدام الله، بتبابتنا العظيم في الضيق والشدائد والمشقات، في الضررات، والسجون، والفتن، والتعب، والسهر، والصوم، وبالنزاهة، والمعرفة، والأناة، واللطف، والروح القدس، والمحبة بلا رياء، في كلمة الحق، وقوة الله، بسلاح البر في اليدين اليمنى واليسرى، في المجد والهوان، بالصيت الرديء والصيت الحسن. نحسب كأننا مصلون ونحن صادقون! كأننا مجهولون ونحن معروفون! كأننا مائتون وها نحن أحياء! كأننا معاقبون ونحن لا نموت؛ كأننا محزونون ونحن دائماً فرحون! كأننا فقراء ونحن نغني الكثيرين! كأننا لا شيء عندنا، ونحن نملك كل شيء!

والتسبيح لله دائماً.

## Gospel Reading

### Saint Luke 4:14-21

#### The Apostle Writes:

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.' And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

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

#### مِنْ إِنْجِيلِ الْقَدِّيسِ لَوْقَا

عَادَ يَسُوعُ بِقُوَّةِ الرُّوحِ إِلَى الْجَلِيلِ، وَذَاعَ خَبْرُهُ فِي كُلِّ الْجَوَارِ. وَكَانَ يُعَلِّمُ فِي مَجَامِعِهِمْ، وَالْجَمِيعُ يُمَجِّدُونَهُ. وَجَاءَ يَسُوعُ إِلَى النَّاصِرَةِ، حَيْثُ نَشَأَ، وَدَخَلَ إِلَى الْمَجْمَعِ كَعَادَتِهِ يَوْمَ السَّبْتِ، وَقَامَ لِيَقْرَأَ. وَدَفَعَ إِلَيْهِ كِتَابَ النَّبِيِّ اشْعِيَا. وَفَتَحَ يَسُوعُ الْكِتَابَ، فَوَجَدَ الْمَوْضِعَ الْمَكْتُوبَ فِيهِ: "رُوحُ الرَّبِّ عَلَيَّ، وَلِهَذَا مَسَحَنِي لِأُبَشِّرَ الْمَسَاكِينَ، وَأَرْسَلَنِي لِأُنَادِيَ بِإِطْلَاقِ الْأَسْرَى وَعَوْدَةِ الْبَصَرِ إِلَى الْعُمَيَانَ، وَأُطْلِقَ الْمُقْهُورِينَ أَحْرَارًا، وَأُنَادِيَ بِسَنَةِ مَقْبُولَةٍ لَدَى الرَّبِّ." ثُمَّ طَوَى الْكِتَابَ، وَأَعَادَهُ إِلَى الْخَادِمِ، وَجَلَسَ. وَكَانَتْ عِيُونَ جَمِيعِ الَّذِينَ فِي الْمَجْمَعِ شَاخِصَةً إِلَيْهِ. فَبَدَأَ يَقُولُ لَهُمْ: "الْيَوْمَ تَمَّتْ هَذِهِ الْكِتَابَةُ الَّتِي تَلَيْتُ عَلَى مَسَامِعِكُمْ".

**حَقًّا وَالْأَمَانَ لْجَمِيعِكُمْ.**



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