



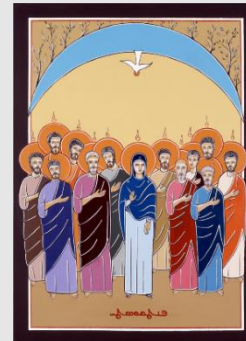
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WEEKLY BULLETIN – 08/04/2024

Season of 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

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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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

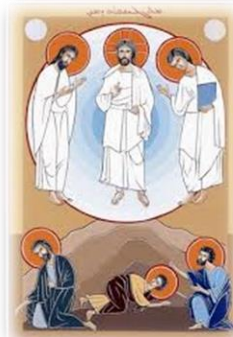
MYA

Coordinators: Nahi Rai, Roger Jebara, Frankie Piacentini

Men's Club

The election for the roles of president, vice president and treasurer is currently ongoing.

12th Sunday of Pentecost The Transfiguration of Our Lord



The Transfiguration of the Lord Jesus Christ is a profound event detailed in the Gospels of Matthew (17:1-8), Mark (9:2-8) and Luke (9:28-36). Jesus took Peter, James, and John up a high mountain, where He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as light. Suddenly, Moses and Elijah appeared, talking with Jesus.

This extraordinary moment reveals Jesus' divine nature and His fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets, represented by Moses and Elijah. Peter, overwhelmed by the vision, suggested building three shelters for Jesus, Moses, and Elijah. While he was still speaking, a bright cloud enveloped them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him" (Matthew 17:5). The disciples fell facedown, terrified, but Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and do not be afraid" (Matthew 17:7).

The Transfiguration offers deep spiritual lessons. It reminds us that Jesus, in His glory, is always with us, even in our darkest times. The voice from the cloud emphasizes the importance of listening to Jesus, who is the fulfillment of God's promise of salvation. This event encourages us to trust in His divine plan and presence in our lives.

Celebrated on August 6th, the Feast of the Transfiguration invites us to contemplate Christ's glory and our own future transformation in Him. As we reflect on this biblical event, let us pray for the grace to see Jesus' divine presence in our daily lives and to be transformed by His love, becoming beacons of His light and hope in the world.

SUNDAY READINGS

1st Reading – 2 Corinthians 3:7-17

Gospel Reading – Mark 9:1-7

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The lost souls, that they may find their way back to Jeuss and experience His loving and guiding presence in their lives.

BIBLE STUDY

Every Thursday at 7PM

In Person:
Church Hall

Via Zoom:
Link provided by
email

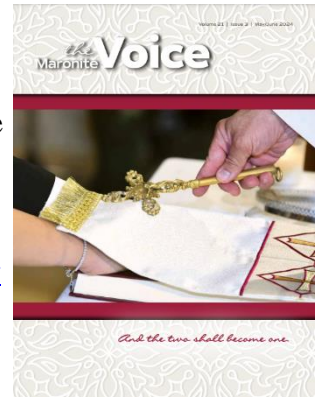


the **Voice**
Maronite

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, August 3, @ 4:00PM, liturgy is offered for the repose of soul of Peter Koway requested by Terri Koway. May his soul rest in peace.

Sunday, August 4, @ 11:00AM liturgy is offered for the repose of soul of Msgr. Sharbel Lischaa requested by family. May his soul rest in peace.

Saturday, August 10, @ 4:00PM, liturgy is offered for Heart Transplant Patients.

Sunday, August 11, @ 11:00AM liturgy is offered for the repose of soul of the Honorary Counselor Ibrahim Hanna.

Also, liturgy is offered for the repose of soul of Aziza Souf requested by family.

May their souls rest in peace.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

July 27-28, 2024

Collection	\$ 1,241.00
Online	\$ 0.00
Total	\$ 1,241.00
Coffee Hour	\$ 25.00
Bishop's Appeal	\$ 0.00
Assessment	\$ 0.00
Insurance	\$ 0.00
Fuel	\$ 0.00

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.

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



From the Bishop's Desk

Click on the link below to read the full reflection on the **Paris Olympics Opening Ceremonies 2024** by Bishop Gregory J. Mansour.

<https://saintmaron.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/Paris-Olympics-Opening.pdf>

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 Bevelhymer, 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.

MYO Corner

2024 Eparchial MYO Retreat

Regions: New England, Mid-Atlantic East, Mid-Atlantic West

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!



Time

Retreat Check-In: Friday, October 25 at 4pm
Retreat Check-Out: Sunday, October 27 at 3pm

Location

America's Keswick Christian Retreat Ctr,
601 County Rd 530, Whiting, NJ 08759

To register click on the following link:

<https://www.myoeparchystmaron.org/event-details/2024-eparchial-myo-retreat/form>

Registration closes on:

September 30, 2024 @ 11:59 PM



MID-ATLANTIC	25-27 OCT 2024	EPARCHIAL NORTH RETREAT America's Keswick Whiting, NJ
	5 APR 2025	LENTE DAY RETREAT (TBD)
	23-28 JUN 2025	NATIONAL MYO CONFERENCE (TBD)
	11-13 OCT 2025	EPARCHIAL NORTH RETREAT Marist Brothers Center Esopus, NY

4th Annual MYA Eparchial Conference

September 27th-29th
at the Georgia Tech Hotel
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www.myaeparchystmaron.org

If you have any questions, reach out to
MYA Eparchial President, Marla Saikali at
mya.eparchystmaron@gmail.com

Early bird registration is now open,
and late registration begins August 1st.





3rd District Police Department Philadelphia, PS



First Responders Appreciation Day



Monday, September 30, 2024

11:00 AM - 7:00 PM



11:00 AM

Divine Liturgy

12:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Appreciation Buffet

Join us as we honor and celebrate the bravery and dedication of our first responders!



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SOUTH POLICE DIVISION

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 6TH 2024

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15th Annual Benefit Dinner

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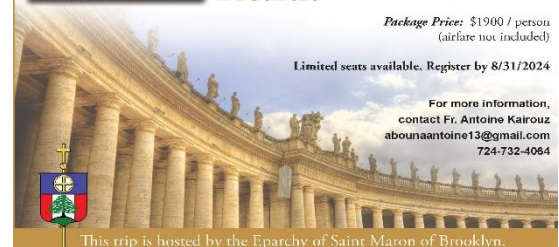
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August
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August 30
August 31
September 1

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LABOR DAY WEEKEND

Friday **08/30** 6 PM - 1AM
Saturday **08/31** 5 PM - 2AM
SOFT OPENING AT 3PM
Sunday **09/01** 12 PM - 12AM

First Reading

2 Corinthians 3:7-17

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

Brothers and Sisters:

If the ministry of death, chiselled in letters on stone tablets, came in glory so that the people of Israel could not gaze at Moses' face because of the glory of his face, a glory now set aside, how much more will the ministry of the Spirit come in glory? For if there was glory in the ministry of condemnation, much more does the ministry of justification abound in glory! Indeed, what once had glory has lost its glory because of the greater glory; for if what was set aside came through glory, much more has the permanent come in glory! Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

Praise be to God always.

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الثانية إلى أهل كورنثوس

يا إِخْوَتِي، إِذَا كَانَتْ خِدْمَةُ الْمَوْتِ، الَّتِي نُقِشَتْ حُرُوفُهَا فِي أَلْوَحٍ مِنْ حَجَرٍ، قَدْ ظَهَرَتْ فِي الْمَجْدِ، حَتَّى إِنَّ بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ لَمْ يَقْدِرُوا أَنْ يَنْظُرُوا إِلَى وَجْهِ مُوسَى، بِسَبَبِ مَجْدِ وَجْهِهِ، مَعَ أَنَّهُ مَجْدٌ زَائِلٌ، فَكَيْفَ لَا تَكُونُ خِدْمَةُ الرُّوحِ أَكْثَرَ مَجْدًا؟ فَإِذَا كَانَ لِخِدْمَةِ الدِّيُونَةِ مَجْدٌ، فَكَمْ بِالْأُخْرَى تَقُوفُهَا خِدْمَةُ الْبِرِّ مَجْدًا؟ لِأَنَّ مَا كَانَ ذَا مَجْدٍ فِي الْمَاضِي، زَالَ مَجْدُهُ، بِالْقِيَاسِ إِلَى هَذَا الْمَجْدِ الْفَائِقِ! فَإِذَا كَانَ مِنْ مَجْدٍ لِمَا يَزُولُ، فَأَيُّ مَجْدٍ يَكُونُ بِالْأُخْرَى لِمَا يَدُومُ؟ إِذَا، بِمَا أَنَّ لَنَا مِثْلَ هَذَا الرَّجَاءِ، فَنَحْنُ نَتَّصِرَفُ بِكَثِيرٍ مِنَ الْجُرْأَةِ، وَلَسْنَا كَمُوسَى الَّذِي كَانَ يَصْعُقُ بَرْقُعًا عَلَى وَجْهِهِ، لِئَلَّا يَنْظُرَ بَنُو إِسْرَائِيلَ إِلَى نِهَائِيَّةِ مَجْدٍ يَزُولُ. وَلَكِنْ أَعْمَيْتُ بِصَائِرِهِمْ؛ فَإِنَّ ذَلِكَ الْبَرْقُعَ نَفْسَهُ بَاقٍ إِلَى هَذَا الْيَوْمِ، عِنْدَمَا يَفْرَأُونَ الْعَهْدَ الْقَدِيمَ؛ وَلَا يُكشَفُ عَنْ بَصَائِرِهِمْ، لِأَنَّهُ لَا يَزُولُ إِلَّا بِالْمَسِيحِ! أَجَلٌ، إِنَّ ذَلِكَ الْبَرْقُعَ لَا يَزَالُ حَتَّى الْيَوْمِ مَوْضُوعًا عَلَى قُلُوبِهِمْ، عِنْدَمَا يَفْرَأُونَ كِتَابَ مُوسَى. وَلَكِنْ عِنْدَمَا يَرْجِعُونَ إِلَى الرَّبِّ، يُنْزَعُ الْبَرْقُعُ عَنْ قُلُوبِهِمْ. فَإِنَّ الرَّبَّ هُوَ الرُّوحُ، وَحَيْثُ يَكُونُ رُوحُ الرَّبِّ تَكُونُ الْحُرِّيَّةُ.

والتسبيح لله دائماً.

You are invited to our Annual Appreciation Lunch,

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU

for all your hard work and dedication throughout the year.

Your tireless efforts and selfless contributions
make our community stronger and more vibrant.



VOLUNTEERS
Appreciation Lunch

Sunday, September 29, 2024



TOWN HALL MEETING

Sunday, October 20, 2024

Following Divine Liturgy

Church Hall

Join us for a town hall meeting to discuss the church's finances.
Your input and participation are essential for our community's
growth and transparency.

Gospel Reading

Saint Mark 9:1-7

The Apostle Writes:

And he said to them, 'Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see that the kingdom of God has come with power.' Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!'

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

مِنْ إِنْجِيلِ الْقَدِيسِ مَرْقَس

قال الرب يسوع: "الْحَقُّ أَقُولُ لَكُمْ: إِنَّ بَعْضًا مِنَ الْقَائِمِينَ هُنَا لَنْ يَذُوقُوا الْمَوْتَ، حَتَّى يَرَوْا مَلَكَوتَ اللَّهِ وَقَدْ أَتَى بِقُوَّةٍ". وَبَعْدَ سِتَّةِ أَيَّامٍ أَحَدًا يَسُوعُ بَطْرُسَ وَيَعْقُوبَ وَيُوحَنَّا، وَصَعِدَ بِهِمْ وَحَدَّهُمْ إِلَى جَبَلٍ عَالٍ عَلَى أَنْفَرَادٍ، وَتَجَلَّى أَمَامَهُمْ. وَصَارَتْ ثِيَابُهُ بَيَضَاءً نَاصِعَةً، حَتَّى لَيَعْجُزُ أَيُّ قِصَارٍ عَلَى الْأَرْضِ أَنْ يَبِيضَ مِثْلَهَا. وَتَرَأَى لَهُمْ إِيْلِيَّا مَعَ مُوسَى، وَكَانَا يَتَكَلَّمَانِ مَعَ يَسُوعٍ. فَقَالَ بَطْرُسُ لِيَسُوعَ: "رَبِّي، حَسَنٌ لَنَا أَنْ نَكُونَ هُنَا! فَلْنُنْصِبْ ثَلَاثَ مَظَالٍ، لَكَ وَاحِدَةً، وَلِمُوسَى وَاحِدَةً، وَإِلِيَّا وَاحِدَةً". وَلَمْ يَكُنْ يَدْرِي مَا يَقُولُ، لِأَنَّ الْخَوْفَ أَعْتَرَاهُمْ. وَظَهَرَتْ غَمَامَةٌ تَظَلِّلُهُمْ، وَجَاءَ صَوْتُ مِنَ الْغَمَامَةِ يَقُولُ: "هَذَا هُوَ ابْنِي الْحَبِيبِ، فَلَهُ أَسْمَعُوا!".
حَقًّا وَالْأَمَانُ لِكُلِّكُمْ.

September 2024 At a glance

SAT – Aug 31		16th Sunday of Pentecost
SUN - Sept 1		
MON – Sep 2	Labor Day	
SAT – Sep 7		Exaltation of the Holy Cross
SUN – Sep 8	Religious Education Parents' Meeting	
MON – Sep 9		Block Party Preps
TUE – Sep 10		
WED – Sep 11		
THU – Sep 12	5:00 PM – Kafta preps	
FRI – Sep 13	4:00 PM – Grape leaves	
SAT – Sep 14		1st Sunday after Holy Cross
SUN – Sep 15	Religious Education Classes Start	
MON – Sep 16	2:00 PM Maamoul and Cookies	Block Party Preps
TUE – Sep 17		
WED – Sep 18	6:00 PM Shawarma	
THU – Sep 19	6:00 PM Beef and Chicken	
FRI – Sep 20	3:00 PM preps (babghanouj, garlic, tahini,...)	
SAT – Sep 21	Block Party Check Rain Day	2nd Sunday after Holy Cross
SUN – Sep 22		
SAT – Sep 28		3rd Sunday after Holy Cross
SUN – Sep 29	Saint Michael's feast day: Volunteers Appreciation Lunch	
MON – Sep 30	1st Responders Appreciation Day	

Feast: Sunday, September 8, 2024: Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sunday, September 8, 2024: Celebration of the Exaltation of The Holy Cross

2ND Collection: September 8, 2024 – Catholic University of America and Maronite Seminary



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