### Saint Maron Maronite Catholic Church

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# **WEEKLY BULLETIN – 08/11/2024**

Season of the Glorious Pentecost



#### **OFFICE HOURS:**

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

**Pastor** Fr. Andrawos (Fadi) El Tabchi

Advisor / Consultant Fr. David Fisher

Administrative Assistant Claudine ElHajal

#### **Parish Council**

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

#### **Finance Committee**

Philip Rai, Deebeanne Tavani, Terri Koway, Fred Haddad, Paul Kouyoumdji, Denise Eddis, Jimmy Jebara, Jano Frangie

> **Festival Chairmen** Billy Tayoun, Tony Frangie

Saint Jude Denise Eddis, Theresa Barry

Religious Education Program CCD Director: Janah Szewczyk 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

<u>Men's Club</u> The election for the roles of president, vice president and treasurer is currently ongoing.

SUNDAY READINGS

# **13<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost** Blessed Estephan El Douaihy "A Beacon of Hope for Lebanon Amid Crisis"

Blessed Estephan El Douaihy was a prominent Maronite patriarch and scholar who played a significant role in shaping the Maronite Church and preserving its history. Born in 1629 in Ehden, Lebanon, he studied for 14 years in Rome, where he gathered valuable documents about the Maronites before returning to Lebanon. Upon his return, he dedicated his life to education, founding schools, and promoting the Maronite heritage.



He was ordained a priest in 1656 and later became the bishop of Cyprus before being elected Patriarch of the Maronite Church in 1670. His tenure as Patriarch was marked by efforts to defend the Maronite Church from Latinization while fostering its unique identity. He authored more than 30 books, including historical works, liturgical guides, and theological writings, solidifying his legacy as the "Father of Maronite History."

Patriarch Estephan was also instrumental in renewing monastic life within the Maronite community and played a key role in the conversion of non-Catholic Christians to Catholicism. His beatification is seen as a testament to his enduring impact on the Maronite Church and the broader Christian community.

On Friday, August 2, 2024 at the Maronite Patriarchate in Bkerke, the beatification of Patriarch Stephane Douaihy was officially proclaimed. During a mass celebrated by Maronite Patriarch Bechara Rai, the beatification was declared by Cardinal Marcello Semeraro, representing Pope Francis, to the sound of Bkerke's bells and the cheers of the faithful and an impressive assembly of dignitaries.

To learn more about Patriarch Douaihy, Click on the link below: <u>https://patriarchdouaihy.com/his-life/</u>

1<sup>st</sup> Reading – 1 Corinthians 3:1-11 Gospel Reading – Luke 8:1-15

SANCTUARY CANDLE May those preparing for surgery be enveloped in peace and strength, trusting in the healing hands of God and the skill of their caregiver.

# **BIBLE STUDY** Every Thursday at 7PM

In Person: Church Hall

Via Zoom: Link provided by email



# the Voice

The new issue of the Maronite Voice (Volume 21, Issue 3, May/June 2024) is now available online at: <u>https://www.maronitevoice.or</u> g/blog/2024/06/07/2024-iii



# Maronita Voisa

#### **DIVINE LITURGIES**

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.

Saturday, August 17, @ 4:00PM, liturgy is offered for a special intention.

Sunday, August 18, @ 11:00AM liturgy is offered for the repose of soul of Jason Ballan. May his soul rest in peace.

#### WEEKLY COLLECTION August 3-4, 2024

Collection Online Total	\$ 1,029.00 0.00 1,029.00
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	\$ 52.00
<b>Bishop's Appeal</b>	\$ 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. Andrawos



# 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.

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

#### IN OUR PRAYERS Please keep in your prayers

O'Donnell, Allison Auld, Jay 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.



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

## <u>Registration closes on:</u> <u>September 30, 2024 @ 11:59 PM</u>



# 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 to register for the conference visit: <u>www.myaeparchystmaron.org</u>

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





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# Town Hall

3<sup>rd</sup> Police District inviting all concerned citizens

Tuesday August 13, 2024

7 PM

11<sup>th</sup> & Wharton Street

(3<sup>rd</sup> Police District)

To voice your concerns about crime prevention, community issues and quality life issues, community resources.

Please reach out to Policing Team at 215 686-3040 with any questions or concerns: CRO, VAO, CPO, AVO Officers

PSA 1 Meeting	8-1-24	6PM	709 S. 5 <sup>th</sup> Street		
PSA 2 Meeting	8-14-24	6PM	300 W. Shunk Street		
PSA 3 Meeting	8-15-24	8PM	1300 S. 11 <sup>th</sup> Street		
Follow us on Twitter @PPD03Dist					



#### 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 TUE - Sep 10 **Block Party** WED-Sep 11 Preps THU – Sep 12 5:00 PM – Kafta preps FRI – Sep 13 4:00 PM – Grape leaves SAT – Sep 14 1st Sunday after SUN – Sep 15 **Religious Education Classes Start Holy Cross** MON - Sep 16 2:00 PM Maamoul and Cookies TUE – Sep 17 **Block Party** 6:00 PM Shawarma WED-Sep 18 Preps THU - Sep 19 6:00 PM Beef and Chicken 3:00 PM preps (babghanouj, garlic, tahini,...) FRI – Sep 20 SAT – Sep 21 **Block Party** | Check Rain Day 2nd Sunday after SUN – Sep 22 **Holy Cross** SAT – Sep 28 **3rd Sunday after** SUN – Sep 29 Saint Michael's feast day: Volunteers Appreciation Lunch **Holy Cross** 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 2<sup>ND</sup> Collection: September 8, 2024 – Catholic University of America and Maronite Seminary

#### September 2024 At a glance



# **First Reading** 1 Corinthians 3:1-11

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

I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarrelling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, 'I belong to Paul', and another, 'I belong to Apollos', are you not merely human? What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ.

#### Praise be to God always.

#### فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الأولى إلى أهل قورنتس

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.

يا إخوَتِي، أَنَا، لَمْ أَسْتَطِعْ أَنْ أُكَلِّمَكُم كَأْنَاسٍ رُوحَانيِّينَ بَلْ كَأْنَاسٍ جَسَدِيِّين، كَأَطْفَالٍ في المَسِيح. قَدْ غَذَوْتُكُم بِالحَليبِ لا بِالطَّعَام، لأَنَّكُم لَمْ تَكُونُوا بَعْدُ قَادِرِين، ولا حَتَّى الآنَ أَنْتُم قَادِرُون. فَأَنْتُم لا تَزَالُونَ أُنَاسًا جَسَدِيِّين: فَمَا دَامَ بَيْنَكُم حَسَدٌ وَخِصَام، أَفَلا تَكُونُونَ جَسَدِيِّين، وسُلُوكَا جَسُدُقَا بَعْدُ قَادِرِين، ولا حَتَّى الآنَ أَنْتُم قَادِرُون. فَأَنْتُم لا تَزَالُونَ أُنَاسًا جَسَدِيِّين: فَمَا دَامَ بَيْنَكُم حَسَدٌ وَخِصَام، أَفَلا تَكُونُونَ جَسَدِيِّين، وسُلُوكَا جَسَدِيًا تَسْلُكُون؟ فإذَا كَانَ أَحَدُكُم يَقُول: أَنَا لِبُولُس! وَآخَر: أَنَا لأَبُلُوس! أَفَلا تَكُونُونَ جَسَدِيِّين؟ فما هوَ أَبُلُوس؟ هُمَا جَسَدِيًا تَسْلُكُون؟ فإذَا كَانَ أَحَدُكُم يَقُول: أَنَا لِبُولُس! وَآخَر: أَنَا لأَبُلُوس! أَفَلا تَكُونُونَ جَسَدِيِّين؟ فما هوَ أَبُلُوس؟ هُمَا حَادِمَانِ آمَنْتُم عَلى أَيْدِيهِمَا، على قَدْرِ مَا أَعْطَى الرَّبُ كُلاً مَنْهُمَا. أَنَا عَرَسْتُ، ولْبُلُوسُ المَاقِي، ولا السَّاقِي، بَلِ الله الَّذي يُنْمِي! لكَنَ ينْمِي ولا العَارِسُ والسَّاقِي وَاحِد، وكُلٌ مِنْهُمَا يَأْخُذُ أَجْرَهُ على قَدْرِ تَعْدِه. فَذَكُ مُعَاوِنَانِ لله، وأَنتُم حَقْلُ سُمَا عَنْ وَلا السَّاقِي، بَلِ الله الَّذي يُنْمِي! لا يَعْارِسَ والسَّاقِي وَاحِد، وكُلٌ مِنْهُمَا يَأْخُذُ أَجْرَهُ عَلَى قَدْرِ تَعْبَه. فَنَ مَا يَحْمَ أَنْنُ مَعْوَنَانِ للله، وأَنتُم حَقْلُ سَعَي ولا السَّاقِي، بَلِ الله الَّذي يُنْمِي! لاي القارِسُ والسَّاقِي وَاحَدَ مُعَاوِنَانَ لالله وأَنتُم حَقْلُ عَمَا وَا مَ عَنْعُمُ واللله وَنِنا مُ مَا قَدَر عَذَى مُعَاوِنَانَ لا عَالَا مُ مَنْ عَنْ وَلا اللله فَوْ اللهُ فَكَرُ مَا مَعْونَا فَا عَنْ عَلَى وَاللَا فَا لا مَا مَا مُنْتُلُ عَلَى فَلَ عَنَامَ وَقَدْ فَوَ وَبَعُوسَ عَمَا فَا عَنْ فَالَا مَعْ فَنُونُ مَا مَا عَدَى فَعَانَ فَا عَانَهُ مَنْ أَنْتُ مَنْ مَا عَانَهُ مَا فَلا تكو مِنْ يَحْرُونُ اللَاسَاقِي، بَلْ الله الَذي ينْهُ مَا عَانِ مَنْ مَا مَا اللَه مَا عَلَى مَا مَا عَوْ مَا هو أَن الله وَالا وَعَامَ مَا عَنْ مَا مَا مَا أَنْ مَا أَنْ أَنْنُ مَا مَا مَا مَاللله وَا أَنْ مَا مَا مَا مَ عَا مُ وا مَا ع

ou 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.



Sunday, September 29, 2024

# **Gospel Reading** Saint Luke 8:1-15

#### The Apostle Writes:

Jesus went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. The twelve were with him, as well as some women who had been cured of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, and Joanna, the wife of Herod's steward Chuza, and Susanna, and many others, who provided for them out of their resources. When a great crowd gathered and people from town after town came to him, he said in a parable: 'A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell on the path and was trampled on, and the birds of the air ate it up. Some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered for lack of moisture. Some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew with it and choked it. Some fell into good soil, and when it grew, it produced a hundredfold.' As he said this, he called out, 'Let anyone with ears to hear listen!' Then his disciples asked him what this parable meant. He said, 'To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but to others I speak in parables, so that "looking they may not perceive, and listening they may not understand." 'Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones on the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. The ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe only for a while and in a time of testing fall away. As for what fell among the thorns, these are the ones who hear; but as they go on their way, they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. But as for that in the good soil, these are the ones who, when they hear the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patient endurance.

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

مِنْ إِنْجِبِلِ القَذِيسِ لِقَا أَخَذَ يَسُوعُ يَطُوفُ المُدُنَ وَالقُرَى، يُنَادي وَيُبَثَّرُ بِمَلَكُوتِ الله، وَمَعَهُ الأَثْنَا عَشَر، وَبَعْضُ النِّسَاءِ اللَّوَاتِي شَفَاهُنَّ مِنْ أَرْوَاحٍ شِرِيرَةٍ وَأَمْرَاض، هُنَّ: مَزْيَمُ المَدُعُوَّةُ بِالمَجْذَلِيَّة، الَّتِي كانَ قَدْ خَرَجَ مِنْها سَبْعَةُ شَيَاطِين، وَحَنَّةُ أَمْرَأَهُ خُورَى وَكِيلِ هِيرُودُس، وسُوسَنَّة، وَغَيرُهُنَّ كَثِيرات كُنَّ هُنَّ: مَزْيَمُ المَدُعُوَّةُ بِالمَجْذَلِيَّة، الَّتِي كانَ قَدْ خَرَجَ مِنْها سَبْعَةُ شَيَاطِين، وَحَنَّةُ أَمْرَأَهُ خُورَى وَكِيلِ هِيرُودُس، وسُوسَنَّة، وَغَيرُهُنَّ كَثِيرات كُنَّ هُوَ يَزْرَع، وَقَعَ بَعْضُ الحَبِّ على جَانِبِ الطَّرِيق، فَدَاسَتُهُ الأَقْدَام، وَأَكْنَتُهُ طُيُورُ السَّمَاء. وَوَقَعَ بَعْضُهُ الآخَرُ على الصَخْرَة، وَمَا إِنْ نَبَتَ مُو يَزْرَع، وَقَعَ بَعْضُ الحَبِّ على جَانِبِ الطَّرِيق، فَدَاسَتُهُ الأَقْدَام، وَأَكَنَّهُ طُيُورُ السَّمَاء. وَوَقَعَ بَعْضُهُ الآخَرُ على الصَخْرَة، وَمَا إِنْ نَبَتَ الصَّالِحَة، وَنَتِعَ عَنْ الْحَدُ على الصَحْرِ على الطَّرِيق، فَدَاسَتُهُ الأَقُدَام، وَأَكْنَتُ الشَّوكُ مَعَهُ فَقَدَقَهُ. وَوَقَعَ بَعْضُهُ الآخَرُ في الأَرْضِ الصَّالِحَة، وَنَبَتَ فَائَشُ المَدَّعُقُولَ المَحْرُ على إِنَّهُ الْأَنْ عَنْيَ مَنْ الْمَاتِ الْعَنْ الصَّالِحَة، وَنَبَتَ فَائَشُونُ مَعْنَى المَعْنَ المَعْنَ قَدْ عَنْ قَالَ سَعْرَةُ هُوا أَسْرارَ مَلَكُوتِ الله. أَنْ أَنْ عَنِيسَ الصَّالِحَة، وَنَبَتَ فَائْمَرُهُ فَعَنِي لَكُمُ أَنْتُمُ أَنْ تَعْرِفُوا أُولَانِي عَنْتُكَ مُوالاً اللَّذِي عَنْ عَدْ عَنْ عَنْهُ الْعَنْ فَيَنْتَرُعُولَ الْعَرْنُ عَنْهُ فَيْنَونُ وَعَنْ عَلْهُولُ الْعَنْ المَعْلَوبُ فَعَنْتَيْنَ مَنْ أَنْعَابِ فَعْنَا الللَّذِي عَنْ عَنْ الْعَنْ فَنْ عَنْتَنْ الْحَانَ عَنْ عَنْعَا هُوَ الْعَنْ عَنْهُ وَ الْعَنْ الْقَوْقَ عَيْظُمُوا فَيْخَرُ الْمَا عَنْ أَعْرَا أَنْ تَعْرَفُوا أَعْذَى عَنْ عَنْ عَنْ أَنْوا عَالِيا الْعَنْ الْمَنْ الْعَنْ عَامَ الْحَانَ عَامَا الْعَنْ عَنْ عَالَتْ أَنْهُ أَنْعَ عَنْ عُولُ الْحَلُ الْعَرْونَ الْعَالَا عُنْ عَالَكُونُ فَعْذَى الْعَنْ الْعَنْ عَنْ عَالَكُونُ فَعْنُولُ الْعَاقِي فَعْتَ الْحَدُ عَامَ عُنْ عَا الْحَدُونُ فَ

