



# Saint Maron Maronite Catholic Church

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## WEEKLY BULLETIN – 10/13/2024

### 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Holy Cross



#### 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

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Billy Tayoun, Tony Frangie

#### Saint Jude

Denise Eddis, Theresa Barry

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**CCD & MYO Director:** Janah Szewczyk

**CCD Advisor:** Rosemarie Marrone

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

**MYO Advisors:** Zeina Topalina, Anne Tayoun, Summer Dib, Diego Jorge

#### MYA

**Coordinators:** Summer Dib, DebbieAnna Semaan

#### Men's Club

**President:** John Azzi

**Vice-President:** Nickolas Dawlabani

**Treasurer:** Christian Sadaka

#### SUNDAY READINGS

##### 1<sup>st</sup> Reading:

Philippians 2:12-18

##### Gospel Reading:

Matthew 25:1-13

#### JOIN THE ORDER OF ST. SHARBEL

Help us Educate Men to Serve our Altars in the Future

The Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn has designated the Second Sunday of October as "Order of Saint Sharbel Sunday".

This order is vitally important in providing financial and spiritual support for our seminarians, who are crucial for the future of our Maronite Church.

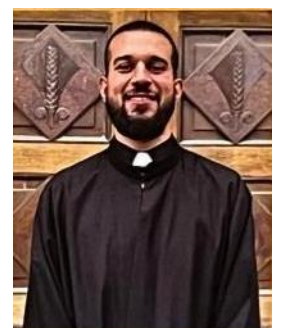
This year, we have three men preparing for the priesthood for our eparchy.

To join the Order of Saint Sharbel, visit [www.orderstsharbel.org](http://www.orderstsharbel.org)  
<https://www.orderstsharbel.org/membership-and-enrollment>

#### MEET THE SEMINARIANS

<https://maroniteseminary.org/meet-the-seminarians/>

From Left to Right: Subdeacon Jacob Wyder – Subdeacon Nadim Khalid – Seminarian Mark Farah



**SANCTUARY CANDLE:** This week's sanctuary candle is lit for the lost soul who attacked the rectory. In the spirit of Christ's call to forgiveness and mercy, we offer our prayers that he may experience God's healing grace, find forgiveness and be guided toward the help he needs.

Heavenly Father, we ask for Your grace to touch the heart of the lost soul who attacked the rectory, that he may find healing, forgiveness and the path to redemption. May we also be strengthened by Your love, extending mercy and compassion as Your Son taught us. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

## BIBLE STUDY

### Every Thursday at 7PM

In Person:  
Church Hall

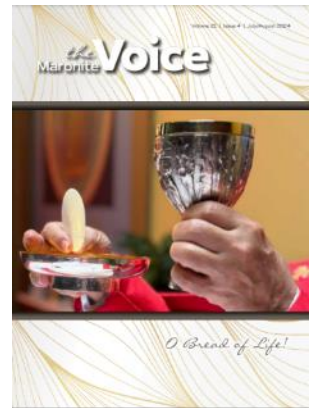
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*the* **Voice**  
Maronite

The new issue of the Maronite Voice (Volume 21, Issue 4, July/Aug 2024) is now available online at:  
<https://www.maronitevoice.org/blog/2024/08/10/2024-iv>

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## DIVINE LITURGIES

**Saturday, October 12, @ 4:00PM**, liturgy is offered for a special intention.

**Sunday, October 13, @ 11:00AM** liturgy is offered for the repose of soul of Maurice Al-Shouli requested by family. May his soul rest in peace.

**Saturday, October 19, @ 4:00PM**, liturgy is offered for a special intention.

**Sunday, October 20, @ 11:00AM** liturgy is offered for a special intention.

## WEEKLY COLLECTION

October 5-6, 2024

Collection	\$ 1,871.00
Online	\$ 150.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,021.00</b>

Coffee Hour	\$ 32.00
Bishop's Appeal	\$ 0.00
Assessment	\$ 0.00
Insurance	\$ 0.00
Fuel	\$ 0.00

### Special Donation

Thank you for the generous donation of **\$250.00** toward the repair of the rectory door. Your kindness and support are deeply appreciated as we work together to care for our parish.

## Town Hall Meeting: Parish Finances

On behalf of the Finance Committee, I invite you to join us for an important Town Hall Meeting on Sunday, October 20, 2024, immediately following the Divine Liturgy.

At this meeting, we will review and discuss the financial state of our parish. It is essential for all parishioners to attend as we provide a transparent update on our financial situation, including both challenges and opportunities. This is your chance to ask questions, share insights, and be a part of ensuring the financial health of our parish community.

Your presence and participation are key to making informed decisions that will shape the future of our church. We look forward to seeing you there.

Fr Andrawos (Fadi) El Tabchi  
Pastor



## IN OUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers

Joann Fontana, 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.

# CCD & MYO Corner

## MYO Corner

### 2024 Eparchial MYO Retreat

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



#### 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

**Reminder: If you have already registered your child, make sure to submit your payment by Sunday, October 6, 2024**  
For payment made by check. Please write in the memo: "MYO Retreat".

## CCD Corner

### Register your Children

Registration form sent by email

### Classes Started

**"Registration is still open"**

# Saint Jude Novena



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*Saint Jude Novena*  
*October 20 - 28, 2024*

This year's Reflections:  
**Be Merciful as Your Father is Merciful**  
THE CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

We are not only to receive the mercy of God, but to use it by being merciful to others through our actions, our words, and our prayers; in other words, we are to practice the Corporal and Spiritual Works (Acts) of Mercy. The Lord wants us to do these works of mercy, because even the strongest faith is of no use without works.

Performing the Works of Mercy enables disciples of Jesus to show love and compassion to those who are suffering in any way, whether in mind, body, heart, or soul. All Christians have a responsibility entrusted to them by Jesus Christ to perform the works of mercy and will be judged on these merciful acts at the end of time.

Day	Prayer	Topic	Intention
6:00 PM - Sunday October 20, 2024	Divine Liturgy (M)	Introduction	Safety and Well-being of the parishioners
6:00 PM - Monday October 21, 2024	Divine Liturgy (M)	Feed the Hungry	Heart transplant patients
6:00 PM - Tuesday October 22, 2024	Evening Prayer	Give Drink to the thirsty	Missionaries
6:00 PM - Wednesday October 23, 2024	Divine Liturgy (L)	Clothe the naked	Cancer patients
6:00 PM - Thursday October 24, 2024	Evening Prayer	Shelter the homeless	Foster children and foster parents
6:00 PM - Friday October 25, 2024	Divine Liturgy (M)	Visit the sick	Our Youth - MYA
4:00 PM, Saturday October 26, 2024	Divine Liturgy (M) (Healing Mass)	Visit the imprisoned	Our beloved elderly especially the home bound
6:00 PM - Sunday October 27, 2024	Divine Liturgy (L)	Bury the Dead	All our deceased
6:00 PM - Monday October 28, 2024	Evening Prayer	Summary	In Memory Of: Michael, Chubby and Chuckie Simon

(M): Maronite (L): Latin

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## October 2024 At a glance

SAT - Oct 5	Block Party   Rain Day	4th Sunday after Holy Cross		
SUN - Oct 6	Holy Rosary Sunday			
SAT - Oct 12	MYO Social Night - Cancelled	5th Sunday after Holy Cross		
SUN - Oct 13	Tele Lumiere & Caritas Coffee Hour 2nd Sunday of October: Order of Saint Sharbel Sunday			
MON - Oct 14	Columbus Day	6th Sunday after Holy Cross		
SAT - Oct 19	MYA Movie Night			
SUN - Oct 20	Saint Jude Novena			
MON - Oct 21	Saint Jude Novena	Town Hall Meeting		
TUE - Oct 22	Saint Jude Novena			
WED - Oct 23	Saint Jude Novena			
THU - Oct 24	Saint Jude Novena			
FRI - Oct 25	Saint Jude Novena			
SAT - Oct 26	Saint Jude Novena			
SUN - Oct 27	Saint Jude Novena			
MON - Oct 28	Saint Jude Novena			
			MYO EPARCHIAL RETREAT	Sunday of Christ the King
			PASTA NIGHT	

**Saint Jude Novena: October 20 -28, 2024 | October 28: Saint Jude Pasta Night**  
Saturday Liturgies at 4:00 PM

**MYO EPARCHIAL RETREAT: Friday, October 25 - Sunday, October 27, 2024**

**2<sup>ND</sup> Collection: October 20, 2024 - World Mission Sunday**



## Consulate General of Lebanon in New York

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Email: [info@nylebcons.org](mailto:info@nylebcons.org)

# Urgent Appeal for Medications & Medical Supplies for Lebanon With Support From UNICEF

Dear members of the Lebanese community and friends of Lebanon,

Following up on our appeal of 24 September 2024, to meet the growing demands on the healthcare system in Lebanon in terms of urgently needed medications and medical supplies identified by the Ministry of Public Health of Lebanon, you can kindly help in two ways.

Financially, by supporting a fundraising campaign that the Consulate is launching through the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) USA. With your contributions, UNICEF and partners will procure and deliver medications and medical supplies to Lebanon.

UNICEF has been working in Lebanon for over seven decades, providing life-saving support to children, protecting their rights and helping them achieve their potential. Your tax-deductible donation can be made on the following link:

UNICEF Support for Lebanon:

<https://www.unicefusa.org/stories/unicef-aids-children-uprooted-conflict-lebanon?form=FUNGFYRLYWU>

Separately, **donations in kind**, by sending **needed medications and medical supplies** to a storage location in preparation for shipping them to Lebanon. The location was kindly provided by Cappelli New York on the following address: **3 Empire Blvd., South Hackensack, NJ 07696.**

*The items can be dropped off at the location on weekdays anytime between 9am and 6pm. They can also be shipped to the location at any time.*

For any needed assistance you can reach out to Mr. Imad Hassan on (917)754-8666.

The two lists of medications and medical supplies that are urgently needed are available on the following links:

Medications: <https://nylebcons.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/List-of-medications-needed.pdf>

Medical Supplies: <https://nylebcons.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/List-of-medical-supplies-needed.pdf>

Kindly reach out to us at [info@nylebcons.org](mailto:info@nylebcons.org) for any questions you might have.

# MYA Corner

## MYA Upcoming Events

### Pumkin Painting Movie Night

Saturday, October 19, 2024 @ 8:00 PM

The MYA is excited to host a fun-filled Pumpkin Painting and Movie Night on Saturday, October 19th at 8 PM! Come for the creativity, stay for the movie! Don't miss out on this awesome evening. For more details, reach out to Summer Dib or DebbieAnna Semaan.

### St. Jude Novena

Friday, October 25, 2024 @ 5:30 PM

SAINT MARON CHURCH PRESENTS

## Saint Jude Novena



Friday, October 25th at 5:30 pm

Join us for a night of service led by our MYA

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# Pumpkin Painting Movie night

SATURDAY OCTOBER 19th

Activities start at 8pm	Bring candy or chocolate for our candy salad!
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SAINT MARON CHURCH HALL  
1013 Ellsworth St, Philadelphia, PA



## Follow our MYA on Instagram



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### Reminder!

Are you between the ages of 18 and 39? Interested in joining the MYA family? We'd love to have you! For more info on how to become a member, contact our coordinators Summer Dib or DebbieAnna Semaan today!

## First Reading Philippians 2:12-18

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

Brothers and Sisters:

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure. Do all things without murmuring and arguing, so that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, in which you shine like stars in the world. It is by your holding fast to the word of life that I can boast on the day of Christ that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. But even if I am being poured out as a libation over the sacrifice and the offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you and in the same way you also must be glad and rejoice with me.

**Praise be to God always.**

## Gospel Reading Saint Matthew 25:1-13

**The Apostle Writes:**

‘Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

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

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Family Life



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### UPCOMING SESSION FOR POTENTIAL STUDY FACILITATORS

Discover what it takes to help bring a new women's study to your parish! The Eparchy of St. Maron of Brooklyn supports the Women of Grace® Foundational Study, Full of Grace: Women and the Abundant Life, to start in the parishes throughout the Eparchy. Women who participate in this study will learn about their gift of authentic femininity, Church teaching, Holy Scripture and the lives of great women saints!

Study facilitators serve an important role in organizing study group logistics, creating a welcoming environment for participants, and guiding group discussions. Join us to learn more!

POTENTIAL FACILITATORS  
ZOOM INFORMATION



Thursday  
October 17, 2024



ZOOM FROM  
7:00-9:00 pm est.

REGISTRATION



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## مِنْ إِنْجِيلِ الْقَدِيسِ مَتَّى

قال الربُّ يسوع: «يُسْبِهُ مَلَكُوثُ السَّمَاوَاتِ عَشْرَ عَذَارَى أَخَذْنَ مَصَابِيحَهُنَّ وَخَرَجْنَ إِلَى لِقَاءِ الْعَرِيسِ، خَمْسٌ مِنْهُنَّ جَاهِلَاتٌ، وَخَمْسٌ حَكِيمَاتٌ. فَالْجَاهِلَاتُ أَخَذْنَ مَصَابِيحَهُنَّ وَلَمْ يَأْخُذْنَ مَعَهُنَّ زَيْتًا. أَمَّا الْحَكِيمَاتُ فَأَخَذْنَ زَيْتًا فِي آنِيَةِ مَعَ مَصَابِيحِهِنَّ. وَأَبْطَأَ الْعَرِيسُ فَتَنَعَسْنَ جَمِيعُهُنَّ، وَرَقَدْنَ. وَفِي مُنْتَصَفِ اللَّيْلِ، صَارَتِ الصَّيْحَةُ: هُوَذَا الْعَرِيسُ! أَخْرُجُوا إِلَى لِقَائِهِ! حِينَئِذٍ قَامَتْ أَوْلِيكَ الْعَذَارَى كُلُّهُنَّ، وَزَيَّنَّ مَصَابِيحَهُنَّ. فَقَالَتِ الْجَاهِلَاتُ لِلْحَكِيمَاتِ: أَعْطِينَا مِنْ زَيْتِكُنَّ، لِأَنَّ مَصَابِيحَنَا تَنْطَفِئُ. فَأَجَابَتِ الْحَكِيمَاتُ وَقُلْنَ: قَدْ لَا يَكْفِينَا وَيَكْفِيكُنَّ. إِذْهَبْنَ بِالْأُخْرَى إِلَى الْبَاعَةِ وَابْتَغْنَ لَكُنَّ. وَلَمَّا ذَهَبْنَ لِيَبْتَغْنَ، جَاءَ الْعَرِيسُ، وَدَخَلَتِ الْمُسْتَعِدَّاتُ إِلَى الْعُرْسِ، وَأَغْلَقَ الْبَابَ. وَأخِيرًا جَاءَتِ الْعَذَارَى الْبَاقِيَاتُ وَقُلْنَ: يَا رَبُّ، يَا رَبُّ، افْتَحْ لَنَا! فَأَجَابَ وَقَالَ: الْحَقُّ أَقُولُ لَكُنَّ، إِنِّي لَا أَعْرِفُكُنَّ! إِسْهَرُوا إِذَا، لِأَنَّكُمْ لَا تَعْلَمُونَ الْيَوْمَ وَلَا السَّاعَةَ. حَقًّا وَالْأَمَانُ لَجَمِيعِكُمْ.

## فصل من رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل فيلبتي

يا إِخْوَتِي، إِعْمَلُوا لِخَلَاصِكُمْ بِخَوْفٍ وَرِعْدَةٍ، كَمَا أَطَعْتُمْ دَائِمًا، لَا فِي حُضُورِي فَحَسَبَ، بَلْ بِالْأُخْرَى وَبِالْأَكْثَرِ الْآنَ فِي غِيَابِي. فَاللَّهُ هُوَ الَّذِي يَجْعَلُكُمْ تُرِيدُونَ وَتَعْمَلُونَ بِحَسَبِ مَرْضَاتِهِ. إِفْعَلُوا كُلَّ شَيْءٍ بِغَيْرِ تَدْمُرٍ وَجِدَالٍ، لِكِي تَصِيرُوا بُسْطَاءَ لَا لَوْمَ عَلَيْكُمْ، وَأَبْنَاءَ اللَّهِ لَا عَيْبَ فِيكُمْ، وَسَطَ جِيلٍ مُعَوَّجٍ وَمُنْحَرَفٍ، تُضَيِّئُونَ فِيهِ كَالنَّيِّرَاتِ فِي الْعَالَمِ، مُتَمَسِّكِينَ بِكَلِمَةِ الْحَيَاةِ، لِأَفْتِخَارِي فِي يَوْمِ الْمَسِيحِ، بِأَنِّي مَا سَعَيْتُ وَلَا تَعِبْتُ بَاطِلًا. لَوْ أَنَّ دَمِي يُرَاقُ عَلَى ذَبِيحَةِ إِيمَانِكُمْ وَخِدْمَتِهِ، لَكُنْتُ أَفْرَحُ وَأَبْتَهِّجُ مَعَكُمْ جَمِيعًا. فَأَفْرَحُوا أَنْتُمْ أَيْضًا وَأَبْتَهِّجُوا مَعِي. وَالتسبيح لله دائماً.

15th Annual Benefit Dinner for  
The Eparchy of Saint Maron

**Thursday, October 24, 2024**

The Union League Club  
New York City

2024 Honorees:

**Bassam and Mirna Ayoub**

**Doctor Charbel Ishak and  
Doctor Maria Ajaimy**

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