

## Saint Maron Maronite Catholic Church

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## WEEKLY BULLETIN – 10/20/2024

# 6th Sunday after Holy Cross



#### **OFFICE HOURS**

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

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Fr. Andrawos (Fadi) El Tabchi

#### Advisor / Consultant

Fr. David Fisher

#### Administrative Assistant

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#### MYA

Coordinators: Summer Dib, DebbieAnna Semaan

#### Men's Club

President: John Azzi

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## SUNDAY READINGS, Massabki Brothers

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Hebrews 12: 1-9 Gospel Reading: Luke 12:6-10

#### SECOND COLLECTION

October 19-20: World Mission Sunday

## Reminder: Parish Town Hall Meeting Sunday, October 20, 2024

Dear Parishioners.

Join us immediately following the Divine Liturgy for our upcoming Town Hall Meeting in the church hall. We will present a detailed financial report on the years 2020-2024, followed by a Q&A session. Your participation is vital as we come together to discuss our parish's future and review our financial standing.

## With blessings,

Fr. Andrawos (Fadi) El Tabchi - Pastor

## **UPCOMING EVENT**

Dear Parishioners

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to remind you of our upcoming Town Hall meeting Sunday, October 20, 2024 immediately following the Divine Liturgy. The meeting will take place in the church hall.

I will be presenting a detailed report on our parish's finances, covering the years 2020 through 2024. Following the presentation, there will be a Q&A session where you will have the opportunity to ask any questions and discuss matters further.

It is important that all parishioners attend this meeting, as it will provide a clear picture of our financial situation and allow us to come together as a community to discuss the future of our parish. Your presence and input are crucial as we review where we stand financially and consider the necessary steps going forward.

I deeply value your involvement and support. Your participation in this discussion will help ensure that we continue to serve our community faithfully, minister to those in need and keep our doors open for generations to come. Let us approach this time together in a spirit of openness and prayer trusting that God will guide us in our decisions.

I look forward to seeing you all.

With every blessing

Fr. Andrawos (Fadi) El Tabchi Pastor TOWN HALL MEETING

Sunday, October 20, 2024
Following Divine Liturgy
Church Hall

SANCTUARY CANDLE: This week's sanctuary candle is lit for the safety and protection of our law enforcement officers and for the strength and unity of our community. May we work together as one, supporting those who serve us, and may God guide our hearts to be vigilant and caring toward one another. We pray that through our collective efforts, we can help keep our neighberhoods safe and our families secure.

## **BIBLE STUDY**

## **Every Thursday at 7PM**

In Person: Church Hall

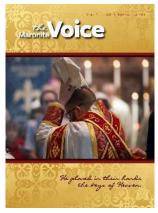
Via Google Meet:

https://meet.google.com/nnu-xvey-nvd?pli=1





The new issue of the Maronite Voice (Volume 21, Issue 5, Sep/Oct 2024) is now available online at: <a href="https://www.maronitevoice.org/blog/2024/10/15/202">https://www.maronitevoice.org/blog/2024/10/15/202</a>
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## **DIVINE LITURGIES**

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

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

#### SAINT JUDE NOVENA

**Saturday, October 26,** @ **4:00PM,** *St. Jude Novena* liturgy is offered for our beloved elderly specially the home bound.

Sunday, October 27, @ 11:00AM liturgy is offered for the repose of soul of Mary Scotti (40-Day) requested by Terri Koway. May her soul rest in peace.

## **WEEKLY COLLECTION**

## October 12-13, 2024

Collection	<b>\$</b> 1	1,938.00
Online	\$	250.00
Total	\$ 2	2,188.00
Coffee Hour	\$	45.00
Bishop's Appeal	\$	30.00
Assessment	\$	30.00
Insurance	\$	30.00
Fuel	\$	0.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection	\$	25.00

## **Fifteenth Annual Benefit Dinner**

Thursday, October 24, 2024 at the Union League Club, 38 East 37th Street, New York, NY 10016.

Proceeds will support Seminarians, Parishes and Missions, Retired Priests, provide help to our Church in the Middle East, and our newly acquired Saint Sharbel Spiritual Life Center.

To support and donate to the cause, click on the following link:

https://www.stmaron.org/eparchial-benefit

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

To purchase tickets or for more information please visit: stmaron.org/eparchial-benefit

## SECOND COLLECTION

October 19-20 World Mission Sunday

As per the norms established by the USCCB, 91% of this collection goes to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, and 9% to the Catholic Near East Welfare Association [CNEWA]

# 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 Bevelhymer, Mary (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

Thank you to all MYO members who registered for the retreat. We are so proud of you. You represent the entire Saint Maron Community and we are grateful for your commitment. May God Bless You and Keep You Safe.

## **Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive**



## Saint Jude Novena

Saint Maron Church



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 olderly 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 Chucky Simon	

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October 2024 At a glance

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

**MYO Thanksgiving Food Drive: Starts October 20** 

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



# 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: <a href="https://nylebcons.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/List-of-medications-needed.pdf">https://nylebcons.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/List-of-medications-needed.pdf</a>

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 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





# 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 Hebrews 12:1-9

## A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews. Your blessing father...

**Brothers and Sisters:** 

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you may not grow weary or lose heart. In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. And you have forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as children 'My child, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, or lose heart when you are punished by him; for the Lord disciplines those whom he loves, and chastises every child whom he accepts.' Endure trials for the sake of discipline. God is treating you as children; for what child is there whom a parent does not discipline? If you do not have that discipline in which all children share, then you are illegitimate and not his children. Moreover, we had human parents to discipline us, and we respected them. Should we not be even more willing to be subject to the Father of spirits and live? Praise be to God always.

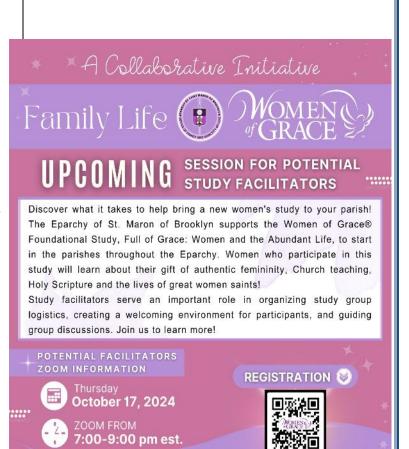
## **Gospel Reading**

## **Saint Luke 12:6-10**

## The Apostle Writes:

Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten in God's sight. But even the hairs of your head are all counted. Do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. 'And I tell you, everyone who acknowledges me before others, the Son of Man also will acknowledge before the angels of God; but whoever denies me before others will be denied before the angels of God. And everyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven.

This is the truth. Peace be with you.



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## مِنْ إنْجيل القِدِّيس لوقا

قالَ الربُّ يَسوعُ: "أَلا تُبَاعُ خَمْسَةُ عَصَافِيرَ بِفَلْسَين، ووَاحِدٌ مِنْهَا لا يُنْسَى أَمَامَ الله؟ إِنَّ شَعْرَ رَأْسِكُم كُلَّهُ مَعْدُودٍ، فَلا تَخَافُوا! إِنَّكُم أَفْضَلُ مِنْ عَصَافِيرَ كَثِيرَة. وَأَقُولُ لَكُم: كُلُّ مَن آعْتَرَفَ بِي أَمَامَ النَّاس، يَعْتَرفُ بِهِ ٱبْنُ الإِنْسان أَمَامَ مَلائِكَةِ الله. وَمَنْ أَنْكَرَني أَمَامَ النَّاس، يُنْكَرُ أَمَامَ مَلائِكَةِ الله. وَكُلُّ مَنْ يَقُولُ كَلِمَةً عَلَى آبْنِ الإِنْسانِ يُغْفَرُ لَهُ، أَمَّا مَنْ جَدَّفَ عَلَى الرُّوحِ

حقًا والأمان لجميعكم.

القُدُس فَلَنْ يُغْفَرَ لَهُ.

## فصل من الرسالة إلى العبرانيين

يا إخوَتى، نَحْنُ أَيْضًا، الَّذِينَ لنَا مِثْلُ تِلْكَ السَّحَابَةِ مِنَ الشُّهُودِ المُحِيطَةِ بِنَا، فَلْنُلْقِ عَنَّا كُلَّ عِبْءٍ، والخَطِيئَة الَّتِي تُحَاصِرُنَا، وَلْنُبَادِرْ تَابِتِينَ إِلَى الجِهَادِ المُعَدِّ لَنَا. فَلْنَنْظُرْ إلى رَائِدِ إِيْمَانِنَا ومُكَمِّلِهِ يَسُوع، الَّذي ٱحْتَمَلَ الصَّلِيبَ بَدَلَ الفَرَحِ المُعَدِّ لَهُ، وٱسْتَخَفَّ بالعَارِ ، وجَلَسَ عَن يَمِين عَرْشِ الله. فتَأَمَّلُوا مَلِيًّا في ذلِكَ الَّذي ٱحْتَمَلَ مِثْلَ تِلْكَ المُقَاوَمَةِ لِشَخْصِهِ مِن قِبَلِ الخَطَأَة، لِئَلاَّ تَضْعَفُوا في نُفُوسِكُم وتِنْهَارُوا. فَإِنَّكُم لَمْ ثُقَاوِمُوا بَعْدُ حَتَّى الدَّم في جِهَادِكُم ضِدَّ الخَطِيئَة. ونَسِيتُم كَلامَ التَّشْجِيعِ الَّذي يُخَاطِبُكُم كَمَا يُخَاطِبُ الأَبْنَاء: "يَا بُنَيّ، لا تَرِذُلْ تَأْدِيبَ الرَّب، ولا تَسْأَمْ تَوبِيخَهُ. فَإِنَّ الَّذِي يُحِبُّهُ الرَّبُّ يُؤَدِّبُهُ، ويَجْلِدُ كُلَّ ٱبْنِ يَرْتَضِيه". إِذًا فَٱحْتَمِلُوا تَأْدِيبَ الرَّبّ، فهوَ يُعامِلُكُم مُعَامَلَةَ الأَبْنَاء: وأَيُّ آبن لا يُؤَدِّبُهُ أَبُوه؟ ثُمَّ إِنَّ آباءَنَا في الجَسَدِ كَانُوا يُؤَدِّبُونَنَا، فَنَخْجَلُ مِنْهُم. أَفَلا نَخْضَعُ بِالأَحْرَى لأَبِي الأَرْوَاحِ فَنَحْيَا؟ أَمَّا إِذَا كُنتُم لا تَقْبَلُونَ التَّأْدِيب، الَّذي يَشْتَركُ فيهِ الجَمِيع، فَتَكُونُونَ دُخَلاءَ لا أَنْنَاء.

والتسبيح لله دائمًا.



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