



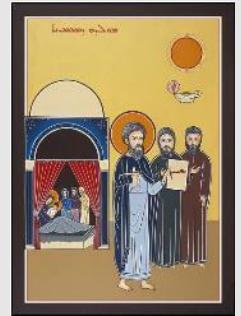
# Saint Maron Maronite Catholic Church

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## WEEKLY BULLETIN – 12/08/2024

*Season of the Glorious Birth of Our Lord*



### 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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**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 Topalian, 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:**

Galatians 4:21-5:1

**Gospel Reading:**

Luke 1:57-66

*4<sup>th</sup> Sunday*

*Birth of John the Baptist*

If you missed **GIVING TUESDAY**, here are three ways you can participate and support the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn:

GIVING



TUESDAY

#### 1- Support the seminarians

by becoming a member of Saint Sharbel Order:

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**SANCTUARY CANDLE:** This week, the sanctuary candle burns for the safety and well-being of Samantha Perlleshi. May God's protective hand watch over her, keeping her safe from all harm, and may His grace bring her peace and strength in every moment. Let us entrust her to the loving care of our Heavenly Father, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

## BIBLE STUDY

### Every Thursday at 10AM

Via Google Meet:



<https://meet.google.com/eit-bfvm-jit>



## CHURCH ENVELOPES ARE NOW AVAILABLE

You can find the Church Envelopes  
**at the entrance of the hall.**

If you don't have envelopes  
and wish to receive them,  
please contact the Office.

### DIVINE LITURGIES

**Saturday, December 7, @ 4:00PM**, liturgy is offered for the repose of souls of Yvonne and Tony Impo requested by Patty Impo. May their souls rest in peace.

**Sunday, December 8, @ 11:00AM** liturgy is offered for the repose of soul of Carol Fuschino requested by Terri Koway and Deb Mosier. May her soul rest in peace.

**Saturday, December 14, @ 4:00PM**, liturgy is offered for the living and deceased members of the Thomas family requested Linda Thomas.

**Sunday, December 15, @ 11:00AM** liturgy is offered for the repose of souls of Salim Mikhael and deceased members of the Mikhael family requested by Philip and Vivian Rai. May their souls rest in peace.

### WEEKLY COLLECTION

Nov. 30-Dec. 1, 2024

Collection	\$ 1,286.00
Online	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,286.00</b>

Coffee Hour	\$ 26.00
Bishop's Appeal	\$ 0.00
Assessment	\$ 0.00
Insurance	\$ 0.00
Fuel	\$ 100.00
Initial Offering	\$ 100.00

## ANNUAL CHRISTMAS POTLUCK

**Sunday, December 15**

**What dish are you bringing?  
Contact the office by phone  
or email.**

## CHRISTMAS NOVENA

**Sunday, December 15, 2024**

To

**Monday, December 23,  
2024**

## CHRISTMAS EVE LITURGY

**Tuesday, December 24,  
2024**

@ 4:00 PM

## CHRISTMAS DAY LITURGY

**Wednesday, December 25,  
2024**

@ 11:00 AM

## FELICITATION TO MARY

**Thursday, December 26,  
2024**

### IN OUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers

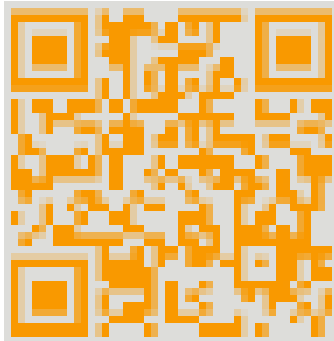
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# CCD & MYO Corner

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## CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

Please return  
the Gifts **WRAPPED**  
with the Tag  
by Sunday, December 8, 2024

*Christmas  
Giving Tree*  
Starts on  
Sunday  
November 24, 2024

Please Return the Gifts  
**WRAPPED**  
with the name tag  
by  
Sunday, December 8, 2024

## MYA Corner – Christmas Decorations

Some  
pictures



## December 2024 At a Glance

SAT – Nov 30			<b>Visitation to Elizabeth</b>
SUN – Dec 1	Visitation to Elizabeth		
SAT – Dec 7			<b>Birth of John the Baptist</b>
SUN – Dec 8	Birth of John the Baptist <b>The Immaculate Conception</b>		
SAT – Dec 14	MYA Theology on Tap with Bishop Gregory		<b>Revelation to Joseph</b>
SUN – Dec 15	Christmas Novena Begins	Christmas Potluck and kids' concert Bishop's Pastoral Visit	
MON – Dec 16	Christmas Novena	Christmas Giving Tree Gifts pickup	
TUE – Dec 17	Christmas Novena		
WED – Dec 18	Christmas Novena		
THU – Dec 19	Christmas Novena		
FRI – Dec 20	Christmas Novena	CCD & MYO Christmas Novena and Caroling	
SAT – Dec 21	Christmas Novena		<b>Genealogy Sunday</b>
SUN – Dec 22	Christmas Novena	<b>Tele Lumiere &amp; Caritas Coffee Hour</b>	
MON – Dec 23	Christmas Novena		
TUE – Dec 24	Christmas Eve		<b>Christmas</b>
WED – Dec 25	The Glorious Birth of Our Lord		
THU – Dec 26	Felicitation to Mary		
SAT – Dec 28			<b>The Finding of Our Lord in the Temple</b>
SUN – Dec 29	The Finding of Our Lord in the Temple		
<p><b>Christmas Novena: December 15 – 23, 2024</b></p> <p><b>Feast: Sunday, December 8, 2024: The Immaculate Conception</b>  <b>Wednesday, December 25: The Glorious Birth of Our Lord</b></p> <p><b>Sunday Coffee Hour: December 22, 2024: Tele Lumiere and Caritas</b></p>			

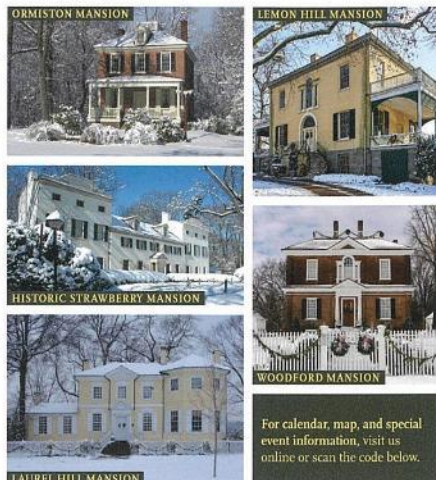
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## Christmas Novena Schedule

**Sunday, December 15, 2024 @ 11:00 AM**  
Divine Liturgy and Christmas Novena

**Monday, December 16, 2024 @ 6:30 PM**  
Evening Prayer and Christmas Novena

**Tuesday, December 17, 2024 @ 6:30 PM**  
Divine Liturgy and Christmas Novena

**Wednesday, December 18, 2024 @ 6:30 PM**  
Evening Prayer and Christmas Novena

**Tuesday, December 19, 2024 @ 6:30 PM**  
Divine Liturgy and Christmas Novena

**Friday, December 20, 2024 @ 6:30 PM**  
Evening Prayer and Christmas Novena

**Saturday, December 21, 2024 @ 4:00 PM**  
Divine Liturgy and Christmas Novena

**Sunday, December 22, 2024 @ 11:00 AM**  
Divine Liturgy and Christmas Novena

**Monday, December 23, 2024 @ 6:30 PM**  
Evening Prayer and Christmas Novena

# Merry Christmas

### Donations to Lebanon Collected: \$325.00

Thank You to everyone who made a donation to Lebanon. The collected money was sent to an elderly home.

With this donation, we were able to prepare meals and provide medication to the elderly.

May God abundantly reward your generous act of kindness.



## First Reading Galatians 4:21-31; 5:1

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

Brothers and Sisters:

Tell me, you who desire to be subject to the law, will you not listen to the law? For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by a slave woman and the other by a free woman. One, the child of the slave, was born according to the flesh; the other, the child of the free woman, was born through the promise. Now this is an allegory: these women are two covenants. One woman, in fact, is Hagar, from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery. Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia and corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. But the other woman corresponds to the Jerusalem above; she is free, and she is our mother. For it is written, 'Rejoice, you childless one, you who bear no children, burst into song and shout, you who endure no birth pangs; for the children of the desolate woman are more numerous than the children of the one who is married.' Now you, my friends, are children of the promise, like Isaac. But just as at that time the child who was born according to the flesh persecuted the child who was born according to the Spirit, so it is now also. But what does the scripture say? 'Drive out the slave and her child; for the child of the slave will not share the inheritance with the child of the free woman.' So then, friends, we are children, not of the slave but of the free woman. For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

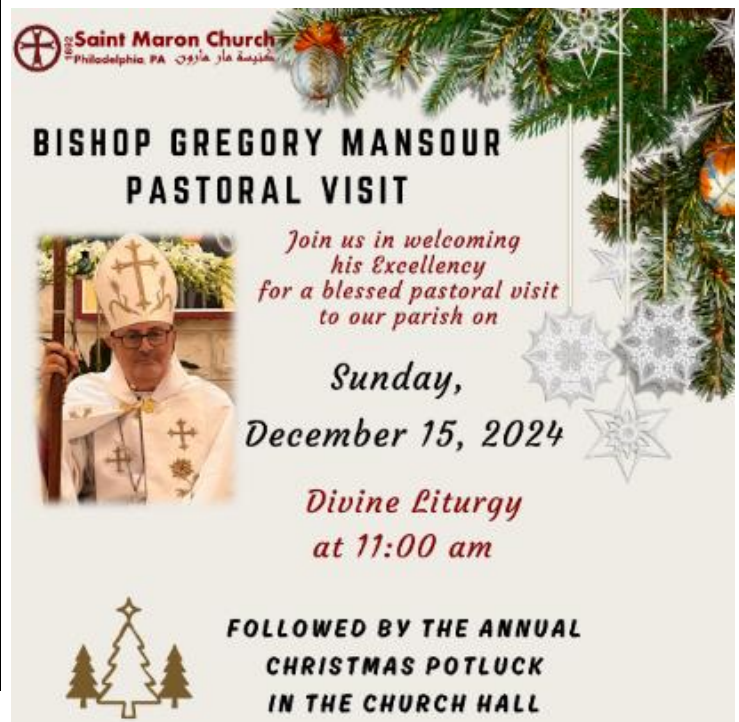
**Praise be to God always.**


## Gospel Reading Saint Luke 1:57-66

**The Apostle Writes:**

Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. But his mother said, 'No; he is to be called John.' They said to her, 'None of your relatives has this name.' Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. He asked for a writing-tablet and wrote, 'His name is John.' And all of them were amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God. Fear came over all their neighbors, and all these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea. All who heard them pondered them and said, 'What then will this child become?' For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him.

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



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**BISHOP GREGORY MANSOUR  
PASTORAL VISIT**

*Join us in welcoming  
his Excellency  
for a blessed pastoral visit  
to our parish on*

*Sunday,  
December 15, 2024*

*Divine Liturgy  
at 11:00 am*

**FOLLOWED BY THE ANNUAL  
CHRISTMAS POTLUCK  
IN THE CHURCH HALL**

مِنْ إِنْجِيلِ الْقَدِيسِ لَوْقَا

تَمَّ رَمَانُ الْيَصَابَاتِ لِتَلِدَ، فَوَلَدَتْ أَبْنًا. وَسَمِعَ جِيرَانُهَا وَأَقَارِبُهَا أَنَّ الرَّبَّ قَدْ عَظَّمَ رَحْمَتَهُ لَهَا، فَفَرِحُوا مَعَهَا. وَفِي الْيَوْمِ الثَّامِنِ جَاءُوا لِيَحْتَنُوا الصَّبِيَّ، وَسَمَّوْهُ بِاسْمِ أَبِيهِ زَكَرِيَّا. فَأَجَابَتْ أُمُّهُ وَقَالَتْ: "لَا! بَلْ يُسَمَّى يُوحَنَّا!". فَقَالُوا لَهَا: "لَا أَحَدَ فِي قَرَابَتِكَ يُدْعَى بِهَذَا الْاسْمِ". وَأَشَارُوا إِلَى أَبِيهِ مَاذَا يُرِيدُ أَنْ يُسَمِّيَهُ. فَطَلَبَ لَوْحًا وَكَتَبَ: "إِسْمُهُ يُوحَنَّا!". فَتَعَجَّبُوا جَمِيعُهُمْ. وَأَنْفَتَحَ فَجَاءَهُ فَمَّ زَكَرِيَّا، وَأَنْطَلَقَ لِسَانُهُ، وَجَعَلَ يَتَكَلَّمُ وَيُبَارِكُ اللَّهَ، فَاسْتَوْلَى الْخَوْفُ عَلَى جَمِيعِ جِيرَانِهِمْ، وَتَحَدَّثَ النَّاسُ بِكُلِّ هَذِهِ الْأُمُورِ فِي كُلِّ جَبَلِ الْيَهُودِيَّةِ. وَكَانَ كُلُّ مَنْ سَمِعَ بِذَلِكَ يَحْفَظُهُ فِي قَلْبِهِ قَائِلًا: "مَا عَسَى هَذَا الطِّفْلُ أَنْ يَكُونَ؟". وَكَانَتْ يَدُ الرَّبِّ حَقًّا مَعَهُ. حَقًّا وَالْأَمَانُ لَجَمِيعِكُمْ.

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل غلاطية

يا إِخْوَتِي، قُولُوا لِي، أَنْتُمْ الَّذِينَ تُرِيدُونَ أَنْ تَكُونُوا فِي حُكْمِ الشَّرِيعَةِ، أَمَا تَسْمَعُونَ الشَّرِيعَةَ؟ فَإِنَّهُ مَكْتُوبٌ: كَانَ لِإِبْرَاهِيمَ أَبْنَانٌ، وَاحِدٌ مِنَ الْجَارِيَةِ، وَوَاحِدٌ مِنَ الْحُرَّةِ. أَمَّا الَّذِي مِنَ الْجَارِيَةِ فَقَدْ وُلِدَ بِحَسَبِ الْجَسَدِ، وَأَمَّا الَّذِي مِنَ الْحُرَّةِ فَبِقُوَّةِ الْوَعْدِ. وَفِي ذَلِكَ رَمَزٌ: فَسَارَةُ وَهَاجِرُ تُمَثِّلَانِ عَهْدَيْنِ، عَهْدًا مِنْ جَبَلِ سِينَاءَ يُلِدُ لِلْعُبُودِيَّةِ، وَهُوَ هَاجِرٌ؛ لِأَنَّ هَاجِرَ هِيَ جَبَلُ سِينَاءَ الَّذِي فِي بِلَادِ الْعَرَبِ، وَتُؤَافِقُ أُورُشَلِيمَ الْحَالِيَّةَ، لِأَنَّهَا فِي الْعُبُودِيَّةِ هِيَ وَأَوْلَادُهَا. أَمَّا أُورُشَلِيمُ الْعُلْيَا فَهِيَ حُرَّةٌ، وَهِيَ أُمْنَا؛ لِأَنَّهُ مَكْتُوبٌ: "إِفْرَحِي، أَيَّتُهَا الْعَاقِرُ الَّتِي لَمْ تَلِدْ؛ إِنْدَفِعِي بِالْتَرْنِيمِ وَ اصْرُخِي، أَيَّتُهَا الَّتِي لَمْ تَتَمَحَّضْ؛ لِأَنَّ أَوْلَادَ الْمَهْجُورَةِ أَكْثَرُ مِنْ أَوْلَادِ الْمُتَزَوِّجَةِ". أَمَّا أَنْتُمْ، أَيُّهَا الْإِخْوَةَ، فَإِنَّكُمْ أَوْلَادُ الْوَعْدِ مِثْلُ إِسْحَقِ. وَلَكِنْ، كَمَا كَانَ حِينَئِذٍ الْمَوْلُودُ بِحَسَبِ الْجَسَدِ يَضْطَهُدُ الْمَوْلُودَ بِحَسَبِ الرُّوحِ، فَكَذَلِكَ الْآنَ أَيْضًا. وَلَكِنْ مَاذَا يَقُولُ الْكِتَابُ؟ "أَطْرُدِ الْجَارِيَةَ وَأَبْنَهَا، لِأَنَّ ابْنَ الْجَارِيَةِ لَا يَرِثُ مَعَ ابْنِ الْحُرَّةِ". إِذَا، أَيُّهَا الْإِخْوَةَ، لَسْنَا أَوْلَادَ جَارِيَةٍ، بَلْ أَوْلَادُ الْحُرَّةِ. إِنَّ الْمَسِيحَ قَدْ حَرَّرَنَا لِنَبْقَى أَحْرَارًا. فَاتَّبِعُوا إِذَا وَلَا تَعُودُوا تَخْضَعُونَ لِنَبِيرِ الْعُبُودِيَّةِ.

والتسبيح لله دائماً.

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**Christmas Giving Tree**

**Ends Sunday, December 8**

(Return gifts wrapped)

**CCD Christmas Concert**

**Sunday, December 15**

Rehearsals:

Sunday Dec 1 and Dec 8

in the Church

***All Kids are welcome to join.***

**CCD Christmas Novena**

**Friday, December 20 @6:30PM**

**CCD Christmas Caroling**

**Friday, December 20**

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