

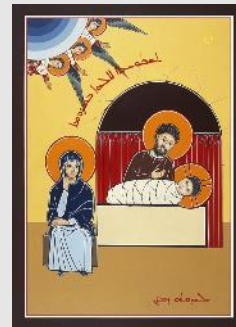


Saint Maron Maronite Catholic Church

1013 Ellsworth Street, Philadelphia, PA 19147
215.389.2000 | 215.334.1884 | office@saintmaron.org

WEEKLY BULLETIN – 12/29/2024

1st Sunday After Glorious Birth of Our Lord The Flight into Egypt



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 & First Responders

Denise Eddis, Theresa Barry

Religious Education Program

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 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

1st Reading: Hebrews 11:23-31

Gospel Reading: Matthew 2:13-18

MERRY
CHRISTMAS

&

Happy New Year

Follow us on Social Media



<https://linktr.ee/saintmaronphilly>

SANCTUARY CANDLE: This week, the sanctuary candle burns for peace in the world. The Glorious Birth of Our Lord brought Divine peace into the world. May the light of this candle be a reminder for us of this heavenly gift. May our hearts be filled with peace and joy so we can be transformed into agents of love and reconciliation in our families, communities and the world. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

BIBLE STUDY

Every Thursday at 10AM

Via Google Meet:



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

Maronite Voice

Volume 21 | Issue 6

Nov/Dec 2024

You can find the article about Saint Maron Church Philadelphia on page 36.

VISIT:

<https://www.maronitevoice.org/>

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 28, @ 4:00PM, liturgy is offered for a Special Intention.

Sunday, December 29, @ 11:00AM liturgy is offered in memory of Peter Koway requested by Terri Koway. May his soul rest in peace.

Saturday, January 4, @ 4:00PM, liturgy is offered in memory of Mike Guttersen requested by Jeannie and Michael O'Neil. May his soul rest in peace.

Sunday, January 5, @ 11:00AM
Finding of the Lord in the Temple. liturgy is offered for a special intention.

Holy Days of Obligation

Tuesday, December 31, 2024

New Year's Eve

Liturgy @ 6pm.

Monday, January 6, 2025

Feast of the Glorious Epiphany

Liturgy @ 4pm.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

December 21-22, 2024

Collection	\$ 1,049.00
Online	\$ 250.00
Total	\$ 1,299.00

Coffee Hour \$ 63.00

Christmas Collection
\$ 2,509.00

COFFEE HOUR

Special Collection to support:
Tele Lumière and Caritas.

October Collection

\$ 45

December Collection

\$ 63

Pastor's Message

“For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.”
(Luke 2:11)

This Christmas, as in all previous years, we celebrate “Immanuel” (God with us). Without Christ's presence among us we would be lost. Through God's presence working within us we are being healed, transformed, reconciled and made whole.

I would like to take a moment to wish you a very Merry Christmas. During this season, we celebrate:

Hope, Peace
Love & Joy

I pray that all four of these would fill your life in every way this Christmas and beyond.

Merry Christmas
Fr. Andrewos

IN OUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers

Ed and Theresa Gussin, Barbara Impriano, Paige Moderski, Rita Fortina, Jason Gushue, Lily Gushue, Joann Fontana, Jay O'Donnell, Allison Auld, Carmen Sansweet, 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 Chokeur, Kathy Newman, Rita Arrigale, Maryann Bratton, Renee Sahar, Sister Nahida Al-Sawa, James Cordisio, Stacey Fuentes, Noel Andjuhar, and Angel Salerno.

MYO GET TOGETHER

11-12 JANUARY

1013 ELLSWORTH ST. PHILA, PA 19145



MYO
GET
TOGETHER

\$20 Fee



ACTIVITIES

ICE SKATING, LITURGIES, DABKE, AND MUCH MORE!
ARRIVALS BETWEEN 10A-NOON

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN



SCAN OR CODE TO RSVP
& BRING YOUR OWN SLEEPING BAGS!

MYO JANUARY EVENT GET TOGETHER

We are blessed to have more than 60 MYOs registered for this event from different parishes.

I extend a heartfelt thanks to all the pastors of our sister parishes who have encouraged their MYOs to join us on January 11-12, 2025 for a special weekend.

*A special Thank you goes to
Janah - the Religious Education Coordinator
And Summer – MYO/MYA Coordinator*

for planning such an amazing event that will bring all our kids together for a weekend filled with fun activities and delicious food.

MYA JANUARY EVENT

GAME NIGHT
JANUARY 18, 2024

@8:00 PM

Have Fun With Friends

*Bring Your Favorite
Game With You*



Jan
18th,
2025

MYA
Game
Night

\$10
Entry

Hosted by:
MYA

RSVP HERE



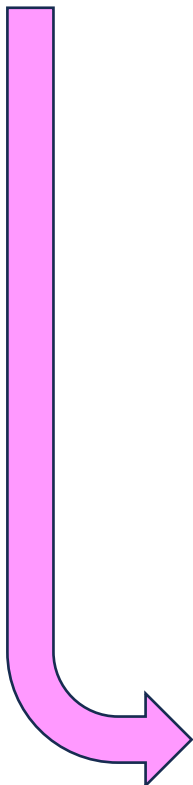
Saint Maron Hall | 1013 Ellsworth St



January 2025 at a Glance

WED – Jan 1	New Year's Day The Circumcision of Jesus	
SAT – Jan 4		The Finding of our Lord in the Temple
SUN – Jan 5	CCD & MYO Classes Resume	
MON – Jan 6	Feast of the Glorious Epiphany	Holy Day of Obligation
SAT – Jan 11	MYO Get Together	
SUN – Jan 12		
SAT – Jan 18	MYA Game Night	
SUN – Jan 19		
MON – Jan 20	MLK Jr Day: CCD & MYO Service Project	
SAT – Jan 25		3 rd Sunday after Epiphany
SUN – Jan 26		
Feast: Wednesday, January 1, 2025: The Circumcision of Jesus Sunday, January 5, 2025: Epiphany 2ND Collection: January 26, 2025 - USCCB		

March For Life 2025



JANUARY 23-26, 2025
 WASHINGTON, D.C.

For more info visit
<https://www.stmaron.org/eparchial-news/2024-march-for-life-announcement-amp-details>

Saint Maron Church

Christmas Novena

12.20.24

Led by CCD & MYO



Christmas Caroling



On Friday, December 20, 2024 our beautiful amazing CCD and MYO lead the Christmas Novena Prayers. Following the Christmas evening prayers, with hearts filled with joy and love, we visited the houses of some parishioners and friends. As we dashed from house to another, Christmas cheers and songs filled the streets of South Philadelphia. Thank You to all who organized and planned this joyous caroling. May God Bless You and Keep You Safe.
Fr. Andrewos

نقدّم لك لا ذهبًا ومرا ولبانًا
بل إيمانًا ورجاءً وحبًا



First Reading

Hebrews 11:23-31

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

Brothers and Sisters:

By faith Moses was hidden by his parents for three months after his birth, because they saw that the child was beautiful; and they were not afraid of the king's edict. By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called a son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He considered abuse suffered for the Christ to be greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking ahead to the reward. By faith he left Egypt, unafraid of the king's anger; for he persevered as though he saw him who is invisible. By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not touch the firstborn of Israel. By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

Praise be to God always.

Gospel Reading

Saint Matthew 2:13-18

The Apostle Writes:

Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.' Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, 'Out of Egypt I have called my son.' When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: 'A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.'

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

مِنْ إِنْجِيلِ الْقَدِيسِ مَتَّى

بَعْدَمَا أَنْصَرَفَ الْمَجُوسُ، تَرَأَى مَلَائِكَةُ الرَّبِّ فِي الْحُلْمِ لِيُوسُفَ، وَقَالَ لَهُ: «قُمْ، خُذِ الصَّبِيَّ وَأُمَّهُ، وَاهْرُبْ إِلَى مِصْرَ، وَابْقَ هُنَاكَ إِلَى أَنْ أَقُولَ لَكَ، لِأَنَّ هِيرُودُسَ مُرْمِعٌ أَنْ يَبْحَثَ عَنِ الصَّبِيِّ لِيُهْلِكَهُ.» فَقَامَ يُوسُفُ وَأَخَذَ الصَّبِيَّ وَأُمَّهُ لَيْلًا، وَلَجَأَ إِلَى مِصْرَ. وَبَقِيَ هُنَاكَ حَتَّى مَاتَ هِيرُودُسُ، لِيَتِمَّ مَا قَالَهُ الرَّبُّ بِالنَّبِيِّ: «مِنْ مِصْرَ دَعَوْتُ أَبْنِي.» وَلَمَّا رَأَى هِيرُودُسُ أَنَّ الْمَجُوسَ سَخَرُوا مِنْهُ غَضِبَ جِدًّا. وَأَرْسَلَ فَقَتَلَ جَمِيعَ الصَّبِيَّانِ فِي بَيْتِ لَحْمٍ وَضَوَاحِيهَا، مِنْ أَبْنِ سَنَيْنِ فَمَا دُونَ، بِحَسَبِ الزَّمَنِ الَّذِي تَحَقَّقَهُ مِنَ الْمَجُوسِ. حِينَنَذَا تَمَّ مَا قِيلَ بِالنَّبِيِّ إِرْمِيَا: صَوْتُ سَمْعَ فِي الرَّامَةِ، بُكَاءٌ وَنَحِيبٌ كَثِيرٌ. رَاحِلُ تَبْكِي أَوْلَادِهَا، وَقَدْ أَبَتْ أَنْ تَتَعَزَّى، لِأَنَّهُمْ زَالُوا مِنَ الْوُجُودِ. حَقًّا وَالْأَمَانُ لَجَمِيعِكُمْ.

فصل من الرسالة إلى العبرانيين

يا إِخْوَتِي، بِالْإِيمَانِ مُوسَى، لَمَّا وُلِدَ، أَخْفَاهُ أَبَوَاهُ ثَلَاثَةَ أَشْهُرٍ، لِأَنَّهُمَا رَأَيَا الصَّبِيَّ جَمِيلًا، وَلَمْ يَرْهَبَا أَمْرَ الْمَلِكِ. بِالْإِيمَانِ مُوسَى، لَمَّا كَبُرَ، أَبِي أَنْ يُدْعَى ابْنًا لِابْنَةِ فِرْعَوْنَ، وَأَخْتَارَ الْمَشَقَّةَ مَعَ شَعْبِ اللَّهِ عَلَى التَّمَتُّعِ الْوَقْتِيِّ بِالْخَطِيئَةِ، حَاسِبًا عَارَ الْمَسِيحِ غِنَى أَعْظَمَ مِنْ كُنُوزِ مِصْرَ، لِأَنَّهُ كَانَ يَتَطَلَّعُ إِلَى الْمُكَافَأَةِ. بِالْإِيمَانِ تَرَكَ مِصْرَ، وَلَمْ يَخْشَ غَضَبَ الْمَلِكِ، وَثَبَّتَ عَلَى عَزْمِهِ، كَأَنَّهُ يَرَى مَا لَا يَرَى. بِالْإِيمَانِ صَنَعَ الْفِصْحَ وَرَشَّ الدَّمَ، لِيَلْأَ يَمَسَّهُمْ مُهْلِكُ الْأَبْكَارِ. بِالْإِيمَانِ عَبَّرَ بَنُو إِسْرَائِيلَ الْبَحْرَ الْأَحْمَرَ، كَمَا عَلَى أَرْضِ يَابَسَةَ، وَلَمَّا حَاوَلَ الْمِصْرِيُّونَ عُبُورَهُ غَرِقُوا. بِالْإِيمَانِ سَقَطَتْ أَسْوَارُ أَرِيحَا، بَعْدَ الطَّوَافِ حَوْلَهَا سَبْعَةَ أَيَّامٍ. بِالْإِيمَانِ رَاحَبُ الْبَغْيِ لَمْ تَهْلِكْ مَعَ الَّذِينَ عَصَوْا، لِأَنَّهَا قَبِلَتْ الْجَاسُوسِينَ بِسَلَامٍ.

والتسبيح لله دائماً.



MIAMI LEBANESE FESTIVAL

FRIDAY 01/24/25 SATURDAY 01/25/25 SUNDAY 01/26/25
FROM 6PM TO 1AM FROM 6PM TO 1AM FROM 12PM TO 10PM

Folkloric
Dances



Lebanese Cuisine & Sweets



Entertainment



Admission: \$10 Adults • \$5 Kids (12 and under)



@ololebanon.miami @ololmiami www.ololmiami.org

2055 CORAL WAY, MIAMI, FL 33145



Together We Can Donate More to St. Maron's Church

For every real estate transaction that we complete with you, you will receive a rebate from our commission, so that you can donate it to St. Maron's Church, Philadelphia PA, if you wish.

www.LebaneseRealEstateTeam.com

Tony & Leen Salloum
Serving PA, NJ, DE
Call 215-285-6435

COMPASS
Compass RE - PA, 610.822.3356
Compass RE - NJ, 856.214.2639
Compass RE - DE, 302.202.9855

George's Painting

Interior & Exterior

(267) 570 7077



Quinn's Flowers

Flowers For All Occasions



Serving The Philadelphia Area For Over 75 Years

215-468-2881

QuinnFlowers@yahoo.com

2008 S. 3rd St.
Phila., PA 19148



COSMETIC · RESTORATIVE
IMPLANT · ORTHODONTICS

DR. FRED HADDAD, D.M.D.

(856) 589-7789 | sewelldentaldesigns.com
477 Greentree Road, Suite C, Sewell, NJ 08080

If you would like to be one of our bulletin's sponsors, please contact the church office. (215) 389-2000 | office@saintmaron.org

JANO FRANGIE جانو
VICE PRESIDENT | NMLS 1757433 | NOTARY PUBLIC

TD BANK, America's Most Convenient Bank
NJ5-270-000 / 101 SOUTH BROADWAY GLOUCESTER CITY NJ
08030

Office: 856-456-0105 / Fax: 856-456-0696 | Cell: 856-689-7197



kw PHILLY
KELLERWILLIAMS.
728 S. BROAD ST PHILA. PA 19146
Carol Boulos
REALTOR®
Office | 215.607.6007
Cell | 267.978.0563
carolboulos@kw.com

*Proudly Serving The St. Maron Church
And The Lebanese People*



Ronald Rex Piselli, Supervisor, President
Richard G. Piselli, Vice President
Harry J. Hoch, Office Manager



Ronald Rex Piselli
"The Funeral Chapel"

215-271-0950

email: ronrex@comcast.net

CASKET SHOWROOM - OFFICES
1213 S. Broad Street
Philadelphia, PA 19147

MONTI RAGO

FUNERAL HOME, INC.

2531-35 South Broad Street • Philadelphia, PA 19148 • Phone: 215-462-0992 • Fax: 215-462-4699
www.monti-ragofuneralhome.com

Mark J. Rago - Supervisor • Dominic J. Rago - Funeral Director • Samuel J. Monti - 1926 - 2022



"A face you can recognize with a reputation for excellence"



Brian W. Donnelly
Supervisor
2237-41 S 3rd St,
Philadelphia, PA 19148
www.murphyruffenachfuneralhomeinc.com
215-334-1578



John R. Deady
FUNERAL HOME, INC.

FRANK R. LAMANTIA, Supervisor
www.deadyfuneralhome.com
2501 S. Camac St. • 215.468.1200