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WEEKLY BULLETIN – January 11-12, 2025



1st Sunday After Epiphany

الأحد الأول بعد الدنح

READINGS

1st Reading: 2 Corinthians 10:1-11

Gospel Reading: John 1:29-34

DIVINE LITURGIES

Saturday, January 11, @ 4:00PM, liturgy is offered for a Special Intention.

Sunday, January 12, @ 11:00AM, liturgy is offered in memory of Helen Abdalla requested by Philip and Vivian Rai. May her soul rest in peace.

SANCTUARY CANDLE: This week, the sanctuary candle burns in memory of Helen Abdalla. May the Lord welcome her into His Eternal Kingdom and embrace her with mercy and the fullness of His peace. May her family and loved ones find comfort and strength in their faith trusting in Christ's victory over death. May they be consoled by the support of this community and the assurance that she now rests in God's eternal care. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

Saturday, January 18, @ 4:00PM, liturgy is offered in memory of Mary Scotti requested by Patty Impo. May her soul rest in peace.

Sunday, January 19, @ 11:00AM, 40-Day mass for Estephan El Tabchi requested by his family. May his soul rest in peace.



Family of Saint Sharbel USA

The FSS-USA hosts its weekly prayers every Tuesday (via zoom) at 8:00 PM.

If you wish to join them every week, don't hesitate to contact them via email at:

communications@familyofsaintsharbel.org

For more info, you can visit: <https://www.familyofsaintsharbel.org/>

Please note that the FSS is a distinct organization separate from the Order of Saint Sharbel (Refer to page 4 for details)

Administrative Assistant: Claudine ElHajal

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- **Parish Council:** Costa J. Mansour, Michael Marrone, Anne Tayoun, Manal ElHajal, Rosemarie Marrone, Barbara Dahdah, Tony Frangie, Khalil Raie, Nahi Rai, Roger Jebara
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Religious Education Program Director: Janah Szewczyk

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MYO Coordinator: Summer Dib

MYA Coordinators: Summer Dib, DebbieAnna Semaan

- **Men's Club: President:** John Azzi | **Vice-President:** Nickolas Dawlabani | **Treasurer:** Christian Sadaka

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	
SAT – Jan 11	MYO Get Together	
SUN – Jan 12		
SAT – Jan 18	MYA Game Night	
SUN – Jan 19	2 nd Sunday after Epiphany	
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 Monday, January 6, 2025: Epiphany 2ND Collection: January 26, 2025 - USCCB		

WEEKLY COLLECTION

January 4-5, 2025

Sunday Collection	\$ 1,420.00
New Year – Circumcision of Jesus	\$ 165.00
Feast of the Glorious Epiphany	\$ 130.00
Online Giving	\$ 100.00

Other Collections

Coffee Hour	\$ 94.00
Eparchial Assessment	\$ 130.00
Insurance	\$ 40.00
Fuel	\$ 30.00
Initial Offering	\$ 235.00
Memorial: Helen Abdalla	\$ 600.00

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, Skylia 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.

BIBLE STUDY

With Fr. David



Every Thursday
At 10 am

Via Google meet:

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

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MYO JANUARY EVENT GET TOGETHER

We are excited to welcome 80 MYO members from different sister parishes this weekend.

Let's warmly welcome our visitors and join together in making it a memorable and enriching experience for everyone.

MYA JANUARY EVENT

*GAME NIGHT
JANUARY 18, 2024*

@8:00 PM

Have Fun With Friends

Bring Your Favorite Game With You



POLICE & COMMUNITY UNITED FOR ACTION THURSDAY JANUARY 16, 2025 6PM-8PM

JOIN POLICE COMMISSIONER KEVIN BETHEL AND HIS TEAM AS THEY WORK WITHIN THE COMMUNITIES OF PHILADELPHIA TO IMPLEMENT AN ACTIONABLE PLAN THAT ADDRESSES QUALITY OF LIFE ISSUES AND CONCERNS!

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Philadelphia Police Department 3rd District



The PPD invites us to participate in two important events this January

Town Hall Meeting

With Police Commissioner Kevin Bethel
Thursday, January 16, 2025
At 6th and Carpenter from 6 – 8 PM

MLK Service Day Streets Clean Up

January 20, 2025

9th and Cantrell
10 AM – 12 PM



MARCH FOR LIFE 2025
Life: WHY WE MARCH

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

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



Life: WHY WE MARCH
THE 2025 MARCH FOR LIFE

March For Life 2025




MARCH FOR LIFE 2025
Life: WHY WE MARCH

JAN 23 - 26 WASHINGTON, D.C.

Thursday January 23
5:00 PM Evening vigil at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception
TBD Social Outing

Friday January 24
11:00 AM Meet at Starbucks for the March
5:00 PM Dinner and Talk with Father Rudolph at the Seminary Library
TBD Social Outing

Saturday January 25
10:30 AM Maronite Mass in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception
TBD Social Outing

Sunday January 26
11:00 AM Divine Liturgy at Our Lady of Lebanon
12:30 PM Brunch at the Parish Hall
2:00 PM Tour Monuments

Questions? Contact mys.eparohystmaron@gmail.com or the Eparchy Family and Sanctity of Life Office (540)520-1679
Hotel block information can be found at myeparohystmaron.org/events

*Schedule is subject to change

Letter From Bishop Gregory: March for Life (Cir 25-02)

Dear Brother Priests, Deacons, Subdeacons, Consecrated Men and Women, and Lay Faithful:

We invite you once again to consider joining our group as we prayerfully gather with fellow Maronites from across the United States to march for the unborn, and to witness the sanctity and dignity of human life from the womb to the tomb. The 2025 March for Life will take place on **Friday, January 24th in Washington, DC.**

To encourage more of our people to attend we have reserved a block of rooms at a discounted rate at the Yours Truly Hotel in Washington, DC. Please see the information below. More details and a schedule for the weekend have been attached to this email along with a sign-up sheet if you're interested in attending with our Maronite group.

I hope you can share this information in the coming weeks so that a good number of our youth, young adults, children, and families can join us as we march together as "Maronites for Life".

Hotel Details:

Yours Truly DC
1143 New Hampshire Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20037
202-775-0800

Please let us know you will be attending by filling out this Google Form <https://forms.gle/8y66J4ZocTk67qUi6>, we will contact everyone attending a week or so before the March with any updates. Contact information can be found below for any additional questions.

Contact Information:

Marla Saikali (MYA Eparchy of St. Maron President) 904-327-1909
Linda Dinardo George 540-520-1679
Email: familyandsanctityoflife777@gmail.com

Thank you for your support, especially for the unborn.

+Gregory

Festivals



MIAMI LEBANESE FESTIVAL

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

Folkloric
Dances

Lebanese Cuisine & Sweets

Entertainment



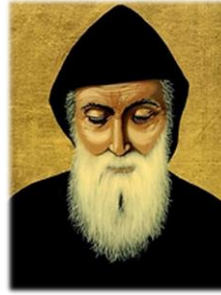
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The Order of Saint Sharbel



The Order of Saint Sharbel, established in 1980, is a national organization, of lay people and clergy, that supports the Maronite Seminary in Washington, DC. The organization's goal is to promote and strengthen the Maronite Church in the United States.

The Order provides financial support to seminarians and when it is possible, to support retired priests of the Maronite Church in the United States.

New members to the Order of Saint Sharbel are welcome. The seminarians you help today will be the priests of tomorrow who will serve the Maronite Church in America.

For more info, you can visit:

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

or

<https://maroniteseminary.org/support/>

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

JANUARY 18–25, 2025

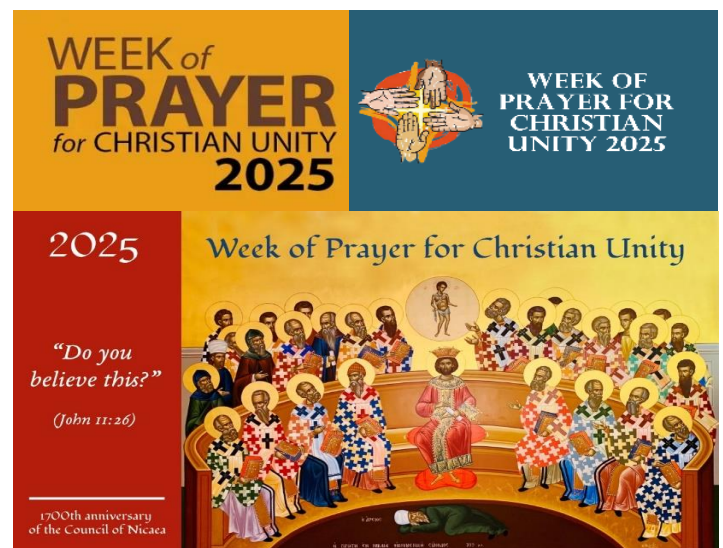
“Do You Believe?”

Every year, Christian communities and churches join together to pray for the visible unity of the Church, faithfully abiding by the will of Christ, who prayed “that all may be one” (John 17:21), during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

This year's theme was chosen in recognition of the 1700th anniversary of the First Council of Nicaea (325), at which the words “I believe” were chosen to anchor the Creed as an instrument of universal Christian unity.

For more info, you can visit:

<http://www.christianunity.va/content/unitacristiani/en/news/2024/2024-05-20-wpcu-2025.html>



First Reading - 2 Corinthians 10: 1-10

A reading from the Second Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians. Your blessing father...

Brothers and Sisters:

Now I myself, Paul, urge you through the gentleness and clemency of Christ, I who am humble when face to face with you, but brave toward you when absent, I beg you that, when present, I may not have to be brave with that confidence with which I intend to act boldly against some who consider us as acting according to the flesh. For, although we are in the flesh, we do not battle according to the flesh, for the weapons of our battle are not of flesh but are enormously powerful, capable of destroying fortresses. We destroy arguments and every pretension raising itself against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive in obedience to Christ, and we are ready to punish every disobedience, once your obedience is complete. Look at what confronts you. Whoever is confident of belonging to Christ should consider that as he belongs to Christ, so do we. And even if I should boast a little too much of our authority, which the Lord gave for building you up and not for tearing you down, I shall not be put to shame. May I not seem as one frightening you through letters. For someone will say, "His letters are severe and forceful, but his bodily presence is weak, and his speech contemptible."

Praise be to God always.

Gospel Reading - Saint John 1: 29-34

The Apostle Writes:

"The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.'"

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

Maronite Liturgical Calendar 2025

To download the 2025 Eparchial Desk Calendar, Click on the link below:

<https://saintmaron.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/2025-Eparchial-Desk-Calendar.pdf>

2024 Contribution Tax Letter

**If you wish to receive your tax contribution letter for 2024,
contact the office via email: office@saintmaron.org**

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الثانية إلى أهل كورنثوس

يا إخوتي، أنا بولس نفسي أناشدكم بوداعة المسيح وحلمه، أنا المتواضع بينكم عندما أكون حاضراً، والجريء عليكم عندما أكون غائبا. وأرجو ألا أجبر عند حضورى أن أكون جريئاً، بالثقة التي لي بكم، والتي أنوي أن أجرو بها على الذين يحسبون أننا نسلك كأنا جسديين. أجل، إننا نحيا في الجسد، ولكننا لا نحارب كأنا جسديين؛ لأن أسلحة جهادنا ليست جسدية، بل هي قادرة بالله على هدم الحصون المنيعة؛ فإننا نهدم الأفكار الخاطئة، وكل شموخ يرتفع ضد معرفة الله، ونأسر كل فكر لطاعة المسيح. نحن مستعدون أن نعاقب كل عصيان، متى كملت طاعتكم. إنكم تحكمون على المظاهر! إن كان أحد وثاقاً بنفسه أنه للمسيح، فليفكر في نفسه أنه كما هو للمسيح كذلك نحن أيضاً. فأنا لا أحجل إن بالغت بعض المبالغة في الافتخار بالسُلطان الذي وهبه الرب لنا لبنيانكم لا لهدمكم. ولا أريد أن أظهر كأني أخوفكم برسائلي؛ لأن بعضاً منكم يقولون: "رسائله شديدة اللهجة وقوية، أما حضوره الشخصي فهزيل، وكلامه سخيّف!". فليعلم مثل هذا القائل أننا كما نحن بالكلام في الرسائل، عندما نكون غائبين، كذلك نحن أيضاً بالفعل، عندما نكون حاضرين. والتسبيح لله دائماً.

من إنجيل القديس يوحنا

في الغد (بعد شهادة المعمدان) رأى يوحنا يسوع مقبلاً إليه فقال: "ها هو حمل الله الذي يرفع خطيئة العالم. هذا هو الذي قلت فيه: يأتي ورائي رجل قد صار قدامي، لأنه كان قبلي. وأنا ما كنت أعرفه، لكني جنثت أعمد بالماء لكي يظهر هو لإسرائيل". وشهد يوحنا قائلاً: "رأيت الروح نازلاً كحمامة من السماء، ثم استقر عليه. وأنا ما كنت أعرفه، لكن الذي أرسلني أعمد بالماء هو قال لي: من ترى الروح ينزل ويستقر عليه، هو الذي يعمد بالروح القدس. وأنا رأيت وشهدت أن هذا هو ابن الله". حقاً والأمان لجميعكم.

Help us Prepare for a Successful Festival

Dear Parishioners,

As we approach this year's Festival (Friday, May 30, 2025 – Sunday, June 1, 2025), I once again reach out for your continued support. Each year, a list of items needed for the bar is shared with you and your generosity has never failed us.

This year, in addition to the bar items, I humbly ask that you assist with providing other vital items like burghul, rice, paper towels, rose water, and other items. A full list will be shared with you once finalized.

Your contribution will help not only reduce the expenses but also to save time and make sure we have everything to make the festival a success.

Thank You in advance for your generosity and dedication to our parish community.

May we together make this year's festival a wonderful celebration.

In Christ,

Father Andrawos (Fadi) El Tabchi

Pastor





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