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WEEKLY BULLETIN – January 18-19, 2025



2nd Sunday After Epiphany

الأحد الثاني بعد الدنح

READINGS

1st Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:5-15

Gospel Reading: John 1:35-42

“In Your Light, we see Light” (Psalm 36:9)

SANCTUARY CANDLE: This week, the sanctuary candle burns in memory of sister Nahida Al Sawa. May the light of this candle that shines in our sanctuary be a reminder for us of the hope and peace of eternal life promised to all who place their trust in the Lord. May the soul of sister Nahida and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in God’s Eternal Peace. In Jesus’ Name we pray.

DIVINE LITURGIES

Saturday, January 18, @ 4:00PM, liturgy is offered for a Special Intention.

Sunday, January 19, @ 11:00AM, 40-Day mass for Estephan El Tabchi and Helen Abdalla. Requested by their families. May their souls rest in peace.

Saturday, January 25, @ 4:00PM, liturgy is offered in memory of Mary Scotti requested by Patty Impo. May her soul rest in peace.

Sunday, January 26, @ 11:00AM, liturgy is offered in memory of Helen Abdalla requested by Philip and Vivian Rai. May her soul rest in peace.

2025 Maronite Calendars

We have received the 2025 Maronite Calendars.

You can find them at the entrance of the church as well as the entrance of the hall.

Thank you to Monti-Rago Funeral Home for covering the printing expenses like every year.



Administrative Assistant: Claudine ElHajal

Parish Committees

- **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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MYO Coordinator: Summer Dib
MYA Coordinators: Summer Dib, DebbieAnna Semaan
- **Men’s Club: President:** John Azzi
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SAINT MARON FEAST DAY

Saj & Foul Brunch

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2025
Following Divine Liturgy

		
Cheese Manoushi \$10.00	Zaatar Manoushi \$8.00	Foul Platter \$10.00
		
Saj Add-Ons: Veggies \$2.00	Saj Add-Ons: Labneh \$2.00	

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		
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 11-12, 2025

Sunday Collection	\$ 1,338.00
New Year – Circumcision of Jesus	\$ 85.00
Feast of the Glorious Epiphany	\$ 120.00
Online Giving	\$ 0.00

Other Collections

Coffee Hour	\$ 22.00
Eparchial Assessment	\$ 150.00
Insurance	\$ 240.00
Fuel	\$ 50.00
Bishop's Appeal	\$ 30.00
Initial Offering	\$ 85.00

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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Life: WHY WE MARCH



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

March For Life 2025



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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 mya.eparchy@stmaron.org or the Eparchy Family and Sanctity of Life Office (349)320-1079. Total Mass information can be found at myeparchy@stmaron.org/events

*Schedule is subject to change

MYA JANUARY EVENT

GAME NIGHT - JANUARY 18, 2024

Jan 18th, 2025

MYA Game Night

\$10 Entry

Hosted by: **MYA**

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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



MYO GET TOGETHER JANUARY 11-12, 2025



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Participating Parishes

1. Our Lady Star of the East – Pleasantville NJ
2. Saint Sharbel – Somerset NJ
3. Our Lady of Lebanon Cathedral – Brooklyn NY
4. Saints Joachim and Ann – Allentown PA
5. Our Lady of Lebanon – Easton PA
6. Saint Sharbel – Newtown Square PA
7. Saint Maron – Philadelphia PA



From a single day of fun and prayer, the event grew to a sleepover at the church. What was supposed to be a small gathering eventually became an event for 100 MYO members and advisors from different parishes.

Thank you to all who worked hard for making this event successful and memorable. From all who sponsored the Get Together to all who graciously took care of the kitchen and logistics.

A special thank you goes to Summer Dib for coordinating this amazing event.

And of course, we cannot forget the priests and advisors who supported us. May we always be united as one church – one body.



MARONITE YOUTH ORGANIZATION



Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn

Thank you to the MYO eparchial board for their continuous support.

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



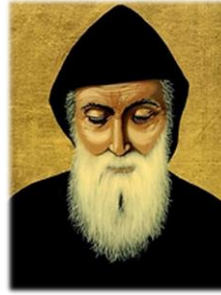
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The Order provides financial support to seminarians and when it is possible, to support retired priests of the Maronite Church in the United States.

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

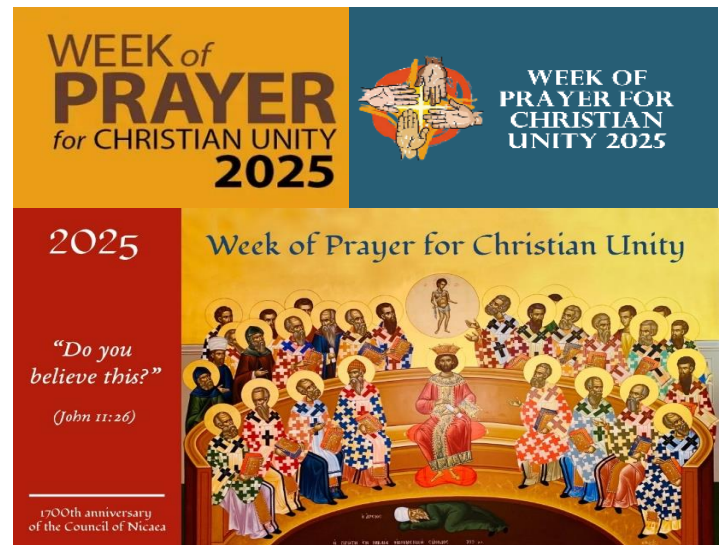
“Do You Believe?”

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 4:5-15

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

Brothers and Sisters:

For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you. But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture 'I believed, and so I spoke' we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

Praise be to God always.

Gospel Reading - Saint John 1:35-42

The Apostle Writes:

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

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>

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فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الثانية إلى أهل قورنتس

يا إخوتي، نحن لا نبشّر بأنفسنا، بل نبشّر بيسوع المسيح ربنا، وبأنفسنا عبداً لكم من أجل يسوع؛ لأن الله الذي قال: «ليشرق من الظلمة نور!»، هو الذي أشرق في قلوبنا، لنستنير فنعرف مجد الله المتجلي في وجه المسيح. ولكننا نحمل هذا الكنز في آنية من خرف، ليظهر أن تلك القدره الفائقة هي من الله لا منا. يضيّق علينا من كل جهة ولكننا لا نُسحق، نختار في أمرنا ولكننا لا نياس، نُضطهد ولكننا لا نهمل، نُنبذ ولكننا لا نهلك، ونحمل في جسدنا كل حين موت يسوع، لكي تظهر حياة يسوع أيضاً في جسدنا؛ فإننا نحن الأحياء نسلم دوماً إلى الموت، من أجل يسوع، لكي تظهر حياة يسوع أيضاً في جسدنا المائت. فالموت يعمل فينا، والحياة تعمل فيكم. ولكن بما أن لنا روح الإيمان عينه، كما هو مكتوب: «أمنت، ولذلك تكلمت»، فنحن أيضاً نُؤمن، ولذلك نتكلم. ونحن نعلم أن ذلك الذي أقام الرب يسوع، سيقيمنا نحن أيضاً مع يسوع، ويجعلنا وإياكم في حضرته. فكل شيء هو من أجلكم، لكي تكثر النعمة، فيفيض الشكر في قلوب الكثيرين لمجد الله. والتسبيح لله دائماً.

من إنجيل القديس يوحنا

في الغد أيضاً كان يوحنا واقفاً هو وأثنان من تلاميذه. ورأى يسوع ماراً فحدّق إليه وقال: "ها هو حمل الله". وسمع التلميذان كلامه، فتبعوا يسوع. وألقت يسوع، فرأهما يتبعانه، فقال لهما: "ماذا تطلبان؟" قالا له: "رابي، أي يا معلم، أين نقيم؟". قال لهما: "تعاليا وأنظرا". فذهبا ونظرا أين يقيم. وأقاما عنده ذلك اليوم، وكانت الساعة نحو الرابعة بعد الظهر. وكان أندراؤس أخو سمعان بطرس أحد التلميذين، اللذين سمعا كلام يوحنا وتبعوا يسوع. ولقي أولاً أخاه سمعان، فقال له: "وجدنا مשיحا، أي المسيح". وجاء به إلى يسوع، فحدّق يسوع إليه وقال: "أنت هو سمعان بن يونا، أنت ستدعى كيفا، أي بطرس الصخرة". 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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