# **Saint Maron Maronite Catholic Church**

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# WEEKLY BULLETIN – January 25-26, 2025



3rd Sunday After Epiphany الأحد الثالث بعد الدنح

READINGS

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Galatians 3:23-29

Gospel Reading: John 3:1-16

SANCTUARY CANDLE: This week, the sanctuary candle burns for the Wassel family who have recently lost a child. We entrust them to the loving care of God the Father. May the light of this candle fill their hearts with the hope of resurrection and may it be a reminder for all that God is the true consolation of the brokenhearted. Heavenly Father, strengthen them by the power of Your Holy Spirit that they may find serenity and courage in this difficult time. May they be surrounded by Your Grace and the loving support of family and friends. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen

### **DIVINE LITURGIES**

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 Nahi & Sulaiman Raie and Labibe Sholy requested by Khalil Raie and family. May their souls rest in peace.

### Saturday, February 1, @ 4:00PM,

liturgy is offered in memory of Mike Guttersen. Requested by Jeannie & Michael O'niel. May his soul rest in peace.

### Sunday, February 2, @ 11:00AM,

Liturgy is offered in memory of Melhem Elhajal. Requested by Manal and Claudine Elhajal. May his soul rest in peace.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection – January 26, 2025

United States Catholic Bishops' Worldwide Charities



This collection combines the four USCCB collections: Central and Eastern Europe, the Church in Latin America, the Church in Africa, and Catholic Relief Services. The total is divided accordingly.

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
- 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) and MYA Religious Education Program 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 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	
SUN – Jan 5	CCD & MYO Classes Resume	Lord in the Temple	
MON – Jan 6	Feast of the Glorious Epiphany	Holy Day of Obligation	
SAT – Jan 11	MYO Get Together	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday after	
SUN – Jan 12	MITO Get Togetilei	Epiphany	
SAT – Jan 18	MYA Game Night	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after	
SUN – Jan 19		- Epiphany	
MON – Jan 20	MLK Jr Day: CCD & MYO Service Project		
SAT – Jan 25		3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday after	
SUN – Jan 26		Epiphany	
Feast: Wednesday, January 1, 2025: The Circumcision of Jesus			

Monday, January 6, 2025: Epiphany

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# WEEKLY COLLECTION

<u>January 10-19, 2025</u>	
Sunday Collection	\$ 999.00
Feast of the Glorious Epiphany	\$ 10.00
Online Giving	\$ 0.00

### **Other Collections**

Coffee Hour	\$ 36.00
Eparchial Assessment	\$ 0.00
Insurance	\$ 55.00
Fuel	\$ 0.00
Bishop's Appeal	\$ 150.00
Memorial – Estephan El Tabchi	\$ 250.00

### BIBLE STUDY With Fr. David



Every Thursday At 10 am Via Google meet: <u>https://meet.google.co</u> <u>m/eit-bfvm-jit</u>

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### IN OUR PRAYERS Please keep in your prayers

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Support Saint Maron Church by donating via this link: <u>https://saintmaron.org/donate/</u>



ARKITECT 2025 NATIONAL MYO CONFERENCE

\$549

PRICES

\$600

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Register now at

https://www.maroniteyouth.org/2025nationals/

JUNE 23

5 DAYS

JUNE 28

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Registration: \$40/participant

Community Service MLK DAY 01/20/2025





Once again, our beloved children decided to partner with "Caring For Friends" and cook meals for the hungry.

On Monday, January 20, 2025, our CCD and MYO prepared more than 90 meals.

We, as a Church, are incredibly proud of our children for their unwavering commitment and dedication to remembering and thinking of the underprivileged.

Donating their time and effort to supporting charities is a sign of their deep understanding of our Lord's call to love and serve others.

May they always continue to grow in the virtues of faith, charity and hope reflecting Christ's love and presence among us in all they do.

# MYO GET TOGETHER JANUARY 11-12, 2025



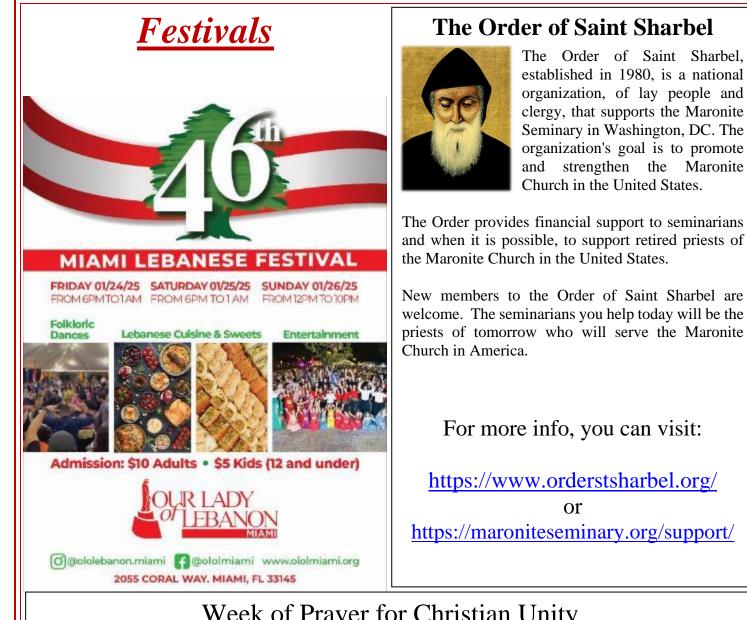
From a single day of fun and prayer, the event grew to a sleepover at the church. What was supposed to be a small gathering eventually became an event for 100 MYO members and advisors from different parishes.

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.

# **MYO Reflections**

- I loved it, I thought it was really nice getting to meet other people my age who wanted to have fun and grow in their faith. I really enjoyed ice skating, the dabke and adoration/confession. (*Maria Hawatmeh*)
- It was so fun meeting people there. The church and people were really nice and we had an amazing time. (*Rachel Sarkis*)
- I had a lot of fun especially ice skating and the food was delicious! (*Jenny*)
- This was an amazing get together. every moment was beautiful. I really enjoyed all the laughter and memories I shared with my beloved MYO. we bonded over gliding through the ice and prayer. Every aspect was lovely and it really is one for the books! (*Pia*)
- The weekend was a beautiful experience where I got to grow in my faith and friendship. Because it was a smaller group of people, I was really able to meet new faces and I enjoyed the sleep over as we all talked and laughed at night. I would love to do it again.

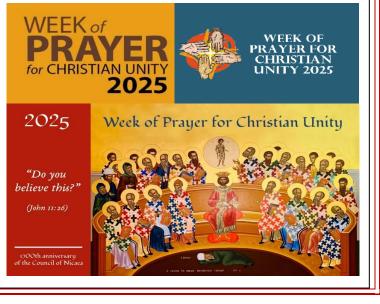


# Week of Prayer for Christian Unity JANUARY 18-25, 2025 "Do You Believe?"

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



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## First Reading - Galatians 3:23-29

### A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Galatians. Your blessing father... Brothers and Sisters:

Before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore, the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise. **Praise be to God always.** 

## **Gospel Reading -** Saint John 3:1-16

### The Apostle Writes:

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So, it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

**Maronite Liturgical Calendar 2025** 

We have received the 2025 Calendars. You can find them at the entrance of the church and the church hall.

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 القدّيس بولس إلى أهل غلاطية

يا إِخوَتِي، قَبْلَ أَنْ يَأْتِيَ الإِيْمَان، كُنَّا مُحْتَجَزِينَ مَحبُوسِينَ تَحْتَ الشَّرِيعَة، إلى أَنْ يُعْلَنَ الإِيْمَانُ المُنْتَظَر. إِذًا فَالشَّرِيعَةُ كَانَتْ لَنَا مُؤَدِّبًا يَقُودُنَا إلى المَسِيح، لِكَيْ نُبَرَّرَ بِالإِيْمَان. فَلَمَّا أَتَى الإِيْمَان، لَمْ نَعُدُ تَحْتَ مُؤَدِّب؛ لأَنَّكُم جَمِيعًا أَبْنَاءُ اللهِ بَالإِيْمَان، في المَسِيح يَسُوع. فأَنْتُم جَمِيعَ الَّذِينَ آعْتَمَدْتُم في المَسِيح قَدْ لَسِسْتُمُ ٱلمَسِيح. فلا يَهُودِيُّ بَعْدُ ولا يُونَانِيّ، لا عَبْدٌ ولا حُرّ، لاَ ذَبَلَ أَنْ يَأْتَى، فإِنْتُمُ جَمِيعًا وَاحِدٌ في المَسِيح، في المَسِيح قَدْ لَسِسْتُمُ ٱلمَسِيح. فلا يَهُودِيُّ بَعْدُ ولا يُونَانِي، لا عَبْدٌ ولا حُرّ، لاَ ذَكَرً ولا أُنْتَى، فإِنَّامُ جَمِيعًا وَاحِدٌ في المَسِيحِ يَسُوع. فَإِنْ كُنْتُم المَسِيح، فأَنْتُم بَعُدُ والا يُونَانِيّ، ووَا

### مِنْ إِنْجِيلِ القديس يوحنّا

كانَ إِنْسَانٌ مِنَ الفَرِّيسِيِّينَ آسُمُهُ نِيقُودِيْمُوس، رَئِيسٌ لِليَهُود. هذا جَاءَ لَيْلاً إلى يَسُوعَ وقَالَ لَهُ: "رَابِّي، نَحْنُ نَعْلَمُ أَنَّكَ حِنْتَ مَمْتَمًا مَا لَمْ يَكُنِ اللَّهُ مَعَهُ". أَجَابَ يَسُوعُ وقَالَ لَهُ: "أَلْحَقَ ٱلْحَقَّ أَقُولُ لَكَ: لا أَحَدَ يَقْدِرُ أَنْ يَصْنَعَ اللَهِ مَا لَمْ يُولَدُ مِنْ جَدِيد". قَالَ لَهُ نِيقُودِيْمُوس: "كَيْفَ يَقْدِرُ إِنْسَانٌ أَنْ يُولَدَ وهُوَ كَبِيرٌ في السِّنَ؟ هل لا أَحَدَ يَقْدِرُ أَنْ يَصْنَعَ اللَهِ مَا لَمْ يُولَدُ مِنْ جَدِيد". قَالَ لَهُ نِيقُودِيْمُوس: "كَيْفَ يَقْدِرُ إِنْسَانٌ أَنْ يُولَدَ وهُوَ كَبِيرٌ في السِّنَ؟ هل لا أَحَدَ يَقْدِرُ أَنْ يَرَى مَلَحُوتَ اللهِ مَا لَمْ يُولَدُ مِنْ جَدِيد". قَالَ لَهُ نيقُودِيْمُوس: "كَيْفَ يَقْدِرُ أَنْ يَدُخُلَ مَا لَمْ يُولَدُ هِي السِّنَ؟ هل يقدرُ أَنْ يَدْخُلُ تَانِيَةَ حَشَا أُمِّهِ، ويُولَد؟". أَجَابَ يَسُوع: "أَلْحَقَ ٱلْحَقَ أَقُولُ لَكَ، لا أَحَدَ يَقْدِرُ أَنْ يَدْخُلَ مَا لَمْ يُولَدُ مِنَ يَعْذِرُ أَنْ يَدْخُلُ مَا لَمْ يُولَدُ مِنَ اللَهِ مَا لَمْ يُولَدُ مِنَ اللَهِ مَا لَمْ يُولَدُ مِنَ اللَهِ مَو يُولَد إِنْ يَنْدِحُلُ أَنْ يَدْخُلُ مَالَهُ مَا لَمْ يُولَدُ مِنَ اللَهِ مَا لَمْ يُولَدُ مِنَ اللَّهُ مَعْنَ اللَّهِ مَا لَمْ يُولَدُ مِنَ اللَّهِ مَا لَمْ يُولَدُ مَنْ يَتْحَلَى مَعْذُلُ مَنْ يَعْذَى مَعْذَى مَعْذَى مَعْذَى مَعْذَى مَنْ يَعْمَ مَا مَالَهُ يولا مَ يَعْذَى مَوْلُولِ مِنْ اللَهُ مَنْ يَعْذَى مَنْ يَعْفَى مَعْذَى مَعْسَانَ أَنْ يَصَعِرُ وَاللَّهِ مَنْ يَعْنَى مَا مَعْتَى الْحَدَى مَعْذَى مِنْ اللَهُ مَنْ مَالَهُ يَعْذَى مَنْ عَنْ يَعْذَى مَنْ يَعْذَى مَعْذَى مَعْ يَعْذَى مَعْذَى مَعْنَى مَا يَعْذَى مَوْنُ اللَّذِي مَنْ مَنْ عَلَى مَعْذَى مَعْذَى مَنْ يَعْدَى مَا عَوْنَ الْعَنْتَى مَا مَا مَنْ مَنْ يَعْذَى مَا مَنْ يَعْذَى مَعْنَى مَنْ عَنْ مَنْ يَنْ يَنْ يَحْذَى مَالْهُ مَا مَا مَنْ يَنْ يَعْذَى مَنْ يَعْذَى مَنْ يَنْ يَعْمَى مَالَهُ مَ مَنْ يَعْذَى مَا يَعْنَ مَا يَعْنَقُ مَا مَنْ مَا يَعْنَى مَا مَا مَ يَعْنُ مَا يَعْذَى مَنْ يَعْمَ مَنْ يَعْمَ مَا يَعْ يَعْنَى مَا يَعْ يَعْنَ مَا يَعْ يَعْذَى مَا يَعْنَى مَا مَ مَنْ يَعْنَ مَنْ يَعْنَ مَنْ يَعْنَ مَا يَعْنَ مَا يَعْ مَ

#### 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









