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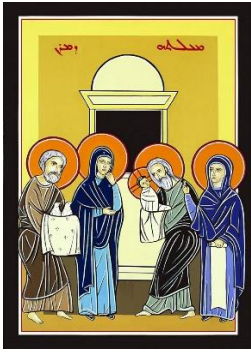
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WEEKLY BULLETIN – February 1-2, 2025



Presentation of Christ in the Temple

عيد دخول الرب يسوع إلى الهيكل

READINGS

1st Reading: Romans 9:30-10:04

Gospel Reading: Luke 2:22-35

DIVINE LITURGIES

Saturday, February 1, @ 4:00PM,

liturgy is offered in memory of Mike Gutteresen. 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.

SANCTUARY CANDLE: This week as the sanctuary candle burns for the safety and well-being of all our children, we lift our prayers to our Heavenly Father, entrusting them to His loving care. Lord, we present to You our children and we ask you to protect them from harm, guide them in Your Truth and surround them with Your love. Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Saint Joseph, may our children grow in wisdom and grace. And may they always reflect the light of Your only Son, Jesus Christ. In Jesus' name we pray.

Saturday, February 8, @ 4:00PM,

liturgy is offered for a special intention.

Sunday, February 9, @ 11:00AM,

Liturgy is offered in memory of Rizk Frangie. Requested by family. May his soul rest in peace.

Festival 2025 Dabkeh

All children (CCD-MYO) are encouraged to sign up for the Annual Lebanese Festival Dabke Troops! For more information, please contact the office.

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, Deebianne 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

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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	Labneh \$2.00	

February 2025 at a Glance

SAT – Feb 1		
SUN – Feb 2	Presentation of Jesus	
MON – Feb 3	Finance Committee Meeting	
FRI – Feb 7	Saint Maron Triduum Prayers led by MYA	Saint Maron Triduum
SAT – Feb 8	Saint Maron Triduum	
SUN – Feb 9	Sunday of the Priests Saint Maron Triduum Saint Maron Feast Day SAJ and FOUL Brunch	
SAT – Feb 15	MYO Event TBD	
SUN – Feb 16	Sunday of the Righteous and the Just	
Mon – Feb 17	Presidents' Day	
SAT – Feb 22		
SUN – Feb 23	Sunday of the Faithful Departed	
Saint Maron Weekend: February 7 - 9, 2024		

WEEKLY COLLECTION

January 25-26, 2025

Sunday Collection	\$ 1,835.00
Feast of the Glorious Epiphany	\$ 25.00
Circumcision – New Year	\$ 25.00
Online Giving	\$ 50.00

Other Collections

Coffee Hour	\$ 22.00
Eparchial Assessment	\$ 0.00
Insurance	\$ 25.00
Fuel	\$ 350.00
Bishop's Appeal	\$ 80.00
2nd Collection - USCCB	\$ 188.00

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, 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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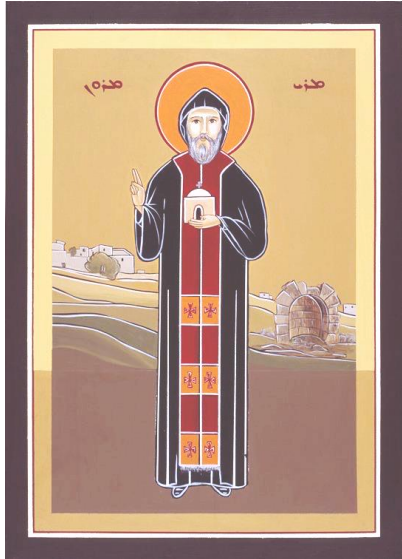
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Saint Maron Triduum

For the feast of Saint Maron, our patron Saint, we will celebrate a Triduum (three days prayer) from **Friday, February 7, to Sunday, February 9, 2025.**



Friday, February 7,
Evening Prayer @ 6 pm

Saturday, February 8,
Divine Liturgy @ 4pm

Sunday, February 9,
Divine Liturgy @ 11am
Followed by a Church Fundraiser

Prayer to Saint Maron

O God, You guided Your Saint Maron to the ascetic life, granted him divine virtues, and led him on the difficult path towards the Heavenly Kingdom. We ask You, through his intercession, to shower us with Your love so that we may walk in Your paths, learn thy commandments, and follow the footsteps of our father, St. Maron, so that his holy life may shine in our lives. O Lord, let us feel Your love, carry Your Gospel in this East and the whole world, so we may be guided to the glory of the Resurrection and eternal life. We thank and praise You, Your Blessed Father and Your Holy Spirit. Amen

Source: <https://www.mecc.org/mecc/2023/2/9/united-in-prayer-feast-of-st-maron-the-hermit-father-of-the-maronite-church>



Upcoming Fundraisers

Sunday, February 9, 2025
Saj & Foul Brunch

Saturday, March 1, 2025
Tea Party

Sunday, March 16, 2025
Falafel Sandwiches

Saturday, April 12, 2025
Annual Bake Sale

Sunday, April 13, 2025
Palm Sunday Brunch

Sunday, April 27, 2025
Knefeh Breakfast

2025 Annual Festival
Friday, May 30, 2025
Saturday, May 31, 2025
Sunday, June 1, 2025

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
Pastor



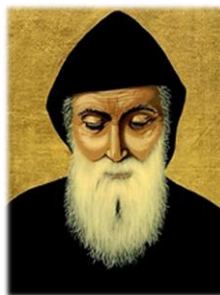
2025 National MYO Conference Registration is now open!



Register now at

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

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/>

English Transcribers Still Needed!



The Family of Saint Sharbel could still use additional volunteer transcribers who can help transcribe various video and audio files including homilies, talks, testimonials, and more to make their content accessible to a broader audience.

No experience in transcription is necessary (though it never hurts!), but we do ask that transcriber:

- 1) be capable of converting audio and video files into different formats as needed
- 2) be proficient writers who can edit a transcript with proper punctuation, formatting, and capitalization.

Transcribers for English content are needed at this time.

Please fill out the form below if you are interested in helping!

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First Reading - Romans 9:30-33, 10:1-4

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

What then are we to say? Gentiles, who did not strive for righteousness, have attained it, that is, righteousness through faith; but Israel, who did strive for the righteousness that is based on the law, did not succeed in fulfilling that law. Why not? Because they did not strive for it on the basis of faith, but as if it were based on works. They have stumbled over the stumbling-stone, as it is written, 'See, I am laying in Zion a stone that will make people stumble, a rock that will make them fall, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.' Brothers and sisters, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. I can testify that they have a zeal for God, but it is not enlightened. For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God, and seeking to establish their own, they have not submitted to God's righteousness. For Christ is the end of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.

Praise be to God always.

Gospel Reading - Saint Luke 2:22-35

The Apostle Writes:

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

2025 Annual Lenten Appeal / Bishop's Appeal

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Help for Lebanon and the Middle East: 10% of your contribution will support Christians in Lebanon and the Middle East.

Endowment: 10% of your contribution will be deposited into the Eparchy's Endowment.

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل رومة

يا إخواني، ماذا نقول؟ إن الأمم الذين لم يسعوا إلى البر قد أدركوا البر، أي البر الذي هو من الإيمان. أما إسرائيل الذي سعى إلى شريعة البر، فلم يبلغ شريعة البر. لماذا؟ لأنه لم يسع إلى البر بالإيمان بل بالأعمال. فعذروا بحجر العثرة، كما هو مكتوب: "ها إني أضع في صهيون حجر عثرة، وصخرة شك، فمن يؤمن به لا يخزي". أيها الإخوة، إن بغية قلبي وتضرعي إلى الله من أجل بني إسرائيل ليخلصوا. فأنا أشهد لهم أن فيهم غيرة لله، ولكن بدون معرفة صحيحة. فقد جهلوا بر الله، وحاولوا أن يثبتوا بر أنفسهم، فلم يخضعوا لبر الله؛ لأن غاية الشريعة إنما هي المسيح، لكي يتبرر به كل مؤمن.. والتسبيح لله دائماً.

من إنجيل القديس لوقا

ولما تمت أيام تطهير يوسف ومريم بحسب تورا موسى، صعدا به إلى اورشليم ليقدماه للرب، كما هو مكتوب في شريعة الرب: "كل ذكر فاتح رحم يدعى مقدسا للرب"، ولكي يقدموا ذبيحة، كما ورد في شريعة الرب: "زوجي يمام، أو فرخي حمام". وكان في اورشليم رجل اسمه سمعان. وكان هذا الرجل باراً تقياً، ينتظر عزاء إسرائيل، والروح القدس كان عليه. وكان الروح القدس قد أوحى إليه أنه لن يرى الموت قبل أن يرى مسيح الرب. فجاء بدافع من الروح إلى الهيكل. وعندما دخل بالصبي يسوع أبواه، ليقيموا بما تفرضه التوراة في شأنه، حملته سمعان على ذراعيه، وبارك الله وقال: "الآن تطلق عبدك بسلام، أيها السيد، بحسب قولك، لأن عيني قد أبصرتا خلاصك، الذي أعدته أمام الشعوب كلها، نوراً ينجلي للأمم، ومجداً لشعبك إسرائيل!". وكان أبوه وأمه يتعجبان مما يقال فيه. وباركهما سمعان، وقال لمريم أمه: "ها إن هذا الطفل قد جعل لسقوط ونهوض كثيرين في إسرائيل، وآية للخصام. وأنت أيضاً، سيجوز في نفسك سيف، فتنجلي خفايا قلوب كثيرة". حقاً والأمان لجميعكم.



Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn

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WOMEN'S RETREAT

Friday & Saturday

April 25 & 26, 2025

Saint Sharbel Spiritual Life Center, Pittsburgh, PA

For any questions regarding the Retreat, contact Mr. Paul Kengor, Program Coordinator,

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