



# Saint Maron Maronite Catholic Church

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## WEEKLY BULLETIN – February 8-9, 2025



### Feast of Saint Maron

عيد القديس مارون

#### READINGS

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 2 Timothy 3:10-17

Gospel Reading: John 12:23-30

**SANCTUARY CANDLE:** This week's sanctuary candle burns in loving memory of John Joseph. As we light this candle may we always remember that our beloved deceased now rest in the Heavenly Kingdom in the presence of Christ and all saints and angels. As it shines, may it be a reminder for us of the hope of resurrection and the promise of eternal life. May John and all the faithful departed, rest in the eternal peace of our Lord Jesus Christ who Conquered death by His Cross and Resurrection. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

#### DIVINE LITURGIES

Friday, February 7, 2025, @6:30PM,  
**Saint Maron Evening Prayer.**

Intention: Safety and well-being of our MYA.

Saturday, February 8, @ 4:00PM,

**Feast of Saint Maron:** Liturgy is offered for a special intention.

Sunday, February 9, @ 11:00AM,

**Feast of Saint Maron:** Liturgy is offered in memory of Rizk Frangie. Requested by family. May his soul rest in peace.

Saturday, February 15, @ 4:00PM,

liturgy is offered in memory of Tom Baxtor. Requested by Patty Impo. May his soul rest in peace.

Sunday, February 16, @ 11:00AM,

Liturgy is offered in memory of Marie Scotti. Requested by Jean and Michael Marakowski. May her soul rest in peace.

## Festival 2025 Dabkeh

All children (CCD-MYO) are encouraged to sign up for the Annual Lebanese Festival Dabke Troops! Contact the office via email or phone. **PLEASE NOTE:** all practices will be at the Church Hall. Dates and time will be shared once finalized.

**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  
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**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  
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### SAINT MARON FEAST DAY

#### Saj & Foul Brunch

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2025  
Following Divine Liturgy

- Cheese Manoushi \$10.00
- Zaatar Manoushi with veggies \$8.00
- Foul Platter \$10.00
- Add-On Labneh \$2.00

## February 2025 at a Glance

SAT – Feb 1		Presentation of Jesus
SUN – Feb 2	Presentation of Jesus	of Jesus
<b>MON – Feb 3</b>	<b>Finance Committee Meeting   Church Hall @ 6:30 pm</b>	
FRI – Feb 7	Saint Maron Triduum   Prayers led by MYA	<b>Saint Maron Triduum</b>  Sunday of the Priests
SAT – Feb 8	Saint Maron Triduum	
SUN – Feb 9	Saint Maron Triduum   Saint Maron Feast Day <b>SAJ and FOUL Brunch</b>	
SAT – Feb 15		<b>Sunday of the Righteous and The Just</b>
SUN – Feb 16	Sunday of the Righteous and the Just	
Mon – Feb 17	Presidents' Day	
SAT – Feb 22		<b>Sunday of the Faithful Departed</b>
SUN – Feb 23	Sunday of the Faithful Departed	
<b>MON – Feb 24</b>	<b>Parish Council Meeting   Church Hall @ 6:30 pm</b>	
<b>Saint Maron Weekend: February 7 - 9, 2024</b>		

### WEEKLY COLLECTION

February 1-2, 2025

<b>Sunday Collection</b>	\$ 1,615.00
<b>Feast of St. Maron</b>	\$ 5.00
<b>Online Giving</b>	\$ 10.00

### Other Collections

<b>Coffee Hour</b>	\$ 23.00
<b>Eparchial Assessment</b>	\$ 0.00
<b>Insurance</b>	\$ 0.00
<b>Fuel</b>	\$ 95.00
<b>Bishop's Appeal</b>	\$ 0.00
<b>2nd Collection - USCCB</b>	\$ 40.00

### 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 Bevelhymer, 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 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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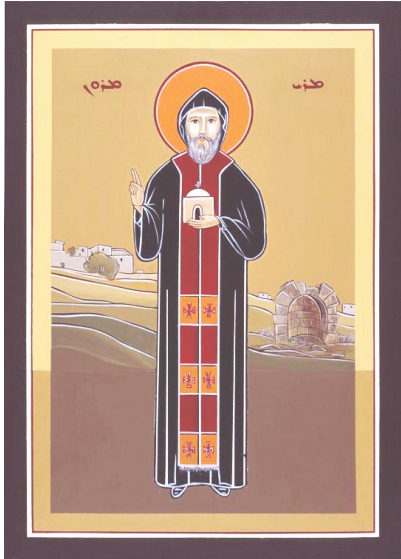
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# *Saint Maron Triduum*

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 @ 6:30pm

**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

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# *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/>

## Maronite Enrichment Days

Maronite Enrichment Days 2025

### St. Ephrem The Man and the Myth



April

30

**The Stories We Tell**  
10:00-11:30 am

We do terrible things to the saints. Instead of modeling ourselves on them, we recreate them in our own image. This session opens with an overview of how the Ephrem of history has been systematically erased and replaced by a caricature of someone who never existed. The reasons for this are as troubling as they are destructive.

**Ephrem's World**  
1:30-3:00 pm

Recovering the Ephrem of history begins by letting him speak for himself, from his own time and place. How did the circumstances of Ephrem's life shape him? How did Ephrem become Ephrem?

May

01

**The Work of Your Helper**  
10:00-11:30 am

How did Ephrem understand himself? He informs us that he has the anointing of heaven, that he speaks for God, that the power that animates and enlivens scripture flows into him, and through him, into his own time. But there are skeletons in his closet: Ephrem carries a dark secret from his past.

**Why Ephrem Matters**  
1:00-2:30 pm

Ephrem's vision offers a path that is simple but hard. It is not the path of orthodoxy (right doctrine) or orthopraxy (right morality) but of orthopathy (authentic spirituality), which is nothing less than an embrace of ROZO.

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## First Holy Communion Important Dates

1st Confession:  
Sunday, March 2, 2025

Retreat:  
Saturday, April 26, 2025

First Communion:  
Sunday, May 4, 2025



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PARTY



SATURDAY | 1 MARCH | AT 6 PM

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SCAN QR CODE TO RSVP

## **First Reading**

### **2 Timothy 3:10-17**

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

Brothers and Sisters:

You have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, and my suffering the things that happened to me in Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra. What persecutions I endured! Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them. Indeed, all who want to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. But wicked people and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving others and being deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

**Praise be to God always.**

## **Gospel Reading**

### **Saint John 12:23-30**

**The Apostle Writes:**

Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. 'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say "Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine.

**This is the truth. Peace be with you.**

## **2025 Annual Lenten Appeal / Bishop's Appeal**

Eparchy of Saint  
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**Lent**

**Your contributions support:**

**Seminarians:** 40% of your contribution will go for Seminarians.

**Ministries:** 20% of your contribution will go to support Charitable Ministries.

**Retired Priests:** 20% of your contribution will support Retired Priests.

**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 الثانية إلى طيموتاوس

يا إخوتي، لقد تَبِعْتَ تَعْلِيمِي، وَسِرِّي، وَقُضِي، وَإِيمَانِي، وَأَنَايَ، وَمَحَبَّتِي، وَشَبَاتِي، وَأَصْطِهَاذَاتِي، وَالْأَمِي، كَأَلْتِي أَصَابْتَنِي فِي أَنْطَاكِيَّةَ وَإِيُونِيَّةَ وَلِسْتَرَةَ، وَأَيَّ أَصْطِهَاذَاتٍ أَحْتَمَلْتُ! وَمِنْ جَمِيعِهَا نَجَانِي الرَّبُّ! فَجَمِيعُ الَّذِينَ يُرِيدُونَ أَنْ يَحْيُوا بِالنَّقْوَى فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ يُضْطَهُدُونَ. أَمَّا النَّاسُ الْأَشْرَارُ وَالْمَشْعُودُونَ فَإِنَّهُمْ يَتَمَادُونَ فِي الشَّرِّ، مُضَلِّينَ الْأَخْرَيْنَ وَهُمْ أَنْفُسُهُمْ مُضَلَّلُونَ. أَمَّا أَنْتَ فَأَنْبَتَ عَلَى مَا تَعَلَّمْتَهُ وَأَيَقَنْتَهُ، عَارِفًا مِمَّنْ تَعَلَّمْتَهُ، وَأَنَّكَ مُنْذُ الطُّفُولَةِ تَعْرِفُ الْكُتُبَ الْمُقَدَّسَةَ الْقَادِرَةَ أَنْ تُصَيِّرَكَ حَكِيمًا فِي سَبِيلِ الْخَلَاصِ بِالْإِيمَانِ فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ. فَالْكِتَابُ كُلُّهُ إِنَّمَا اللَّهُ أَلْهَمَهُ، وَهُوَ مُفِيدٌ لِلتَّعْلِيمِ، وَالتَّوْبِيخِ، وَالتَّقْوِيمِ، وَالتَّأْدِيبِ فِي الْبِرِّ، لِيَكُونَ رَجُلًا كَامِلًا، مُعَدًّا لِكُلِّ عَمَلٍ صَالِحٍ. وَالتَّسْبِيحِ لِلَّهِ دَائِمًا.

## من إنجيل القديس يوحنا

قال الرب يسوع: "لقد حانت الساعة لكي يمجد ابن الإنسان. الحق الحق أقول لكم: إن حبة الحنطة، إن لم تقع في الأرض وتمت، تبقى واحدة. وإن ماتت تأتي بثمر كثير. من يحب نفسه يفدها، ومن يبغضها في هذا العالم يحفظها لحياة أبدية. من يخدمني فليتبغني. وحيث أكون أنا، فهناك يكون أيضًا خادمي. من يخدمني يكرمه الأب. نفسي الآن مضطربة، فماذا أقول؟ يا أبت، نجي من هذه الساعة؟ ولكن من أجل هذا بلغت إلى هذه الساعة! يا أبت، مجد اسمك". فجاء صوت من السماء يقول: "قد مجدت، وسأجد". وسمع الجمع الحاضر فقالوا: "إنه رعد". وقال آخرون: "إن ملاكًا خاطبته". أجاب يسوع وقال: "ما كان هذا الصوت من أجلي، بل من أجليكم. حقًا والأمان لجميعكم."



# Flourish

## 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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