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WEEKLY BULLETIN – February 15-16, 2025



Sunday of the Righteous and Just

أحد الأبرار والصدّيقين

READINGS

1st Reading: Hebrews 12:18-24

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:31-46

SANCTUARY CANDLE: This week's sanctuary candle burns for the sick and the suffering. We remember this week in a very special way all who are burdened by illness, pain or suffering whether in mind, body or spirit. We entrust them to the loving care of Jesus Christ, the Heavenly Physician. May He bring them peace, strength and healing. We also remember all those who care for them that they may be filled with compassion and wisdom. May the light of this candle be a reminder for us that God never abandons His children in their time of need. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen

Festival 2025 Dabkeh

The next Dabkeh practice
for MYO & CCD will be on

Friday, February 21, 2025 at 6:30 PM.

Parish Council Meeting

Monday, February 24, 2025 @6:30 PM

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
Vice-President: Nickolas Dawlabani | **Treasurer:** Christian Sadaka

SAINT MARON FEAST DAY

Saj & Foul Brunch

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2025

FINANCIAL REPORT

Income	\$ 3,462.60
Expense	\$ 368.16
Net Profit	\$ 3,094.44

Thank You to all the volunteers who worked hard to make this fundraiser a success.

Heartfelt thanks extend to all those who supported the fundraiser.

February 2025 at a Glance

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

WEEKLY COLLECTION

February 8-9, 2025

Sunday Collection	\$ 2,979.00
Feast of St. Maron	\$ 630.00
Online Giving	\$ 550.00

Other Collections

Coffee Hour	\$ 25.00
Eparchial Assessment	\$ 0.00
Insurance	\$ 0.00
Fuel	\$ 30.00
Bishop's Appeal	\$ 0.00
Donation	\$ 290.00

IN OUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers

Patricia DeViney, 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, 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 Zoom:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84726749798?pwd=2IbuLdNgd2XV MYk18QhTnScVcXdFGw.1>

Meeting ID: 847 2674 9798
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Upcoming Fundraisers

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

First Holy Communion *Important Dates*

1st Confession:

Sunday, March 2, 2025

Retreat:

Saturday, April 26, 2025

First Communion:

Sunday, May 4, 2025



Lent



Ash Monday

March 3, 2025 @ 6:00PM

*Divine Liturgy
and Distribution of Ashes*

Ash Wednesday

March 5, 2025 @ 6:00PM

*Divine Liturgy
and Distribution of Ashes*



**Stations and Adoration
of the Cross**

Every Friday

during the Season of Lent

March 7 to April 11 @ 6:00PM

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Saint Maron Church
 1892 Philadelphia, PA كنيسة مار مارون

Friday, May 30
5pm - 11pm

Saturday, May 31
3pm - 11pm

Sunday, June 1
1pm - 9pm



2025 ANNUAL LEBANESE FESTIVAL

Help us Prepare for a Successful Festival

As per the request of many parishioners, I am sharing with you a list of some items needed for the festival.

Please note: in order for us to make an inventory list, items are needed by May 1, 2025.

The Festival Preps Schedule as well as the Bar list will be shared once finalized.

Thank You in advance for your continuous support. May God Bless You abundantly.

In Christ,
 Father Andrawos
 Pastor



Festival Food Supplies Needed by May 1, 2025

- Semolina Coarse 40lbs
- Semolina Fine 20lbs
- Rose Water 10 Lg bottles
- Blossom Water 10 Lg bottles
- Sugar 50lbs
- All Purpose Flour 3 Lg bags
- Strawberry Jam 3 squeeze bottles
- Apricot Jam Preserve 4 Jars
- Mahlab 2 cont.
- Confectioners Sugar 3 Lg Bags
- Grape Leaves 3 tubs
- Burghul #1 100lbs
- Cucumber Pickles 3 tubs
- Vermicelli 10 bags
- Allspice 10 Lg cont.
- Cinnamon 1 Lg cont.
- Sumac 5 bags
- Sesame 4 bags
- Rice – Uncle Ben’s 200lbs
- White Vinegar 8 gal.
- Apple Cider Vinegar 3 gal.
- Paper Towels
- Kitchen Towels (Rags)
- Dishwashing Liquid Soap
- All Purpose Cleaners Spray (Lysol, Clorox...)

2025 National MYO Conference Registration is now open!

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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

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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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save the date

16th Annual Benefit Dinner for

The Eparchy of Saint Maron

Wednesday, October 22, 2025

The Metropolitan Club

New York

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First Reading - Hebrews 12:18-24

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews. Your blessing father...

Brothers and Sisters:

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, 'If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.' Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, 'I tremble with fear.')

But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

Praise be to God always.

Gospel Reading - Saint Matthew 25:31-46

The Apostle Writes:

'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

2025 Annual Lenten Appeal / Bishop's Appeal

Eparchy of Saint
Maron of Brooklyn

PRAYER FASTING ALMSGIVING
Lent

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فصل من الرسالة إلى العبرانيين

يا إِخْوَتِي، إِنَّكُمْ لَمْ فَتَرَبُوا إِلَى جَبَلِ مَلُوس، وَنَارِ مُنْقَدَّة، وَضَبَابٍ وَظَلَامٍ وَزَوْبَعَةٍ، وَهَتَافِ بُوقٍ، وَصَوْتِ كَلِمَاتٍ طَلَبَ الَّذِينَ سَمِعُوهَا أَلَّا يُزَادُوا مِنْهَا كَلِمَةً؛ لِأَنَّهَمْ لَمْ يُطِيقُوا تَحْمَلَ هَذَا الْأَمْرِ: "وَلَوْ أَنَّ بَهِيمَةً مَسَّتِ الْجَبَلَ تُرْجَمُ!". وَكَانَ الْمَنْظَرُ رَهيبًا حَتَّى إِنَّ مُوسَى قَالَ: "إِنِّي خَائِفٌ وَمُرْتَعِدٌ!". بَلِ اقْتَرَبْتُمْ إِلَى جَبَلِ صَهْيُون، وَإِلَى مَدِينَةِ اللَّهِ الْحَيِّ، أُورُشَلِيمَ السَّمَاوِيَّةِ، وَإِلَى عَشْرَاتِ الْأُلُوفِ مِنَ الْمَلَائِكَةِ، وَإِلَى عِيدِ حَافِلٍ، وَإِلَى كَنِيْسَةِ الْأَبْكَارِ الْمَكْتُوبِينَ فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ، وَإِلَى اللَّهِ دَيَّانِ الْجَمِيعِ، وَإِلَى أَرْوَاحِ الْأَبْرَارِ الَّذِينَ بَلَّغُوا الْكَمَالَ، وَإِلَى وَسِيْطِ الْعَهْدِ الْجَدِيدِ، يَسُوعَ، وَإِلَى دَمِ رَشٍ يَنْطِقُ بِكَلَامٍ أَفْضَلَ مِنْ دَمِ هَابِيلِ ! وَالتَّسْبِيحُ لِلَّهِ دَائِمًا.

مِنْ إِنْجِيلِ الْقَدِيسِ مَتَّى

قَالَ الرَّبُّ يَسُوعَ: "مَتَى جَاءَ أَبْنُ الْإِنْسَانِ فِي مَجْدِهِ، وَجَمِيعُ الْمَلَائِكَةِ مَعَهُ، يَجْلِسُ عَلَى عَرْشِ مَجْدِهِ. وَتُجْمَعُ لَدَيْهِ جَمِيعُ الْأُمَمِ، فَيَمَيِّزُ بَعْضَهُمْ مِنْ بَعْضٍ، كَمَا يَمَيِّزُ الرَّاعِي الْخِرَافَ مِنَ الْجِدَاءِ. وَيَقِيمُ الْخِرَافَ عَنْ يَمِينِهِ وَالْجِدَاءَ عَنْ شِمَالِهِ. حِينَئِذٍ يَقُولُ الْمَلِكُ لِلَّذِينَ عَنْ يَمِينِهِ: تَعَالَوْا، يَا مُبَارَكِي أَبِي، رِثُوا الْمَلَكُوتَ الْمُعَدَّ لَكُمْ مِنْذُ إِنْشَاءِ الْعَالَمِ؛ لِأَنِّي جُعْتُ فَمَا أَطْعَمْتُمُونِي، وَعَطِشْتُ فَسَقَيْتُمُونِي، وَكُنْتُ غَرِيبًا فَأَوْثَمْتُمُونِي، وَعُرْيَانًا فَكَسَوْتُمُونِي، وَمَرِيضًا فَرَزْتُمُونِي، وَمَحْبُوسًا فَأَنْتَمْتُمْ إِلَيَّ. حِينَئِذٍ يُجِيبُهُ الْأَبْرَارُ قَائِلِينَ: يَا رَبِّ، مَتَى رَأَيْنَاكَ جَائِعًا فَأَطْعَمْنَاكَ، أَوْ عَطِشَانًا فَسَقَيْنَاكَ؟ وَمَتَى رَأَيْنَاكَ غَرِيبًا فَأَوْثَمْنَاكَ، أَوْ عُرْيَانًا فَكَسَوْنَاكَ؟ وَمَتَى رَأَيْنَاكَ مَرِيضًا أَوْ مَحْبُوسًا فَأَتَيْنَا إِلَيْكَ؟ فَيُجِيبُ الْمَلِكُ وَيَقُولُ لَهُمْ: أَلْحَقْ أَقُولُ لَكُمْ: كُلُّ مَا عَمِلْتُمُوهُ لِأَحَدٍ إِخْوَتِي هؤُلاءِ الصِّغَارِ، فَلِي عَمِلْتُمُوهُ! ثُمَّ يَقُولُ لِلَّذِينَ عَنْ شِمَالِهِ: إِذْهَبُوا عَنِّي، يَا مَلَاعِينِ، إِلَى النَّارِ الْأَبَدِيَّةِ الْمُعَدَّةِ لِإِبْلِيسَ وَجُنُودِهِ؛ لِأَنِّي جُعْتُ فَمَا أَطْعَمْتُمُونِي، وَعَطِشْتُ فَمَا سَقَيْتُمُونِي، وَكُنْتُ غَرِيبًا فَمَا أَوْثَمْتُمُونِي، وَمَرِيضًا وَمَحْبُوسًا فَمَا رَزْتُمُونِي! حِينَئِذٍ يُجِيبُهُ هؤُلاءِ أَيْضًا قَائِلِينَ: يَا رَبِّ، مَتَى رَأَيْنَاكَ جَائِعًا أَوْ عَطِشَانًا أَوْ غَرِيبًا أَوْ مَرِيضًا أَوْ مَحْبُوسًا وَمَا خَدَمْنَاكَ؟ حِينَئِذٍ يُجِيبُهُمْ قَائِلًا: أَلْحَقْ أَقُولُ لَكُمْ: كُلُّ مَا لَمْ تَعْمَلُوهُ لِأَحَدٍ هؤُلاءِ الصِّغَارِ، فَلِي لَمْ تَعْمَلُوهُ. وَيَذْهَبُ هؤُلاءِ إِلَى الْعَذَابِ الْأَبَدِيِّ، وَالْأَبْرَارُ إِلَى الْحَيَاةِ الْأَبَدِيَّةِ". حَقًّا وَالْأَمَانُ لَجَمِيعِكُمْ.



Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn

Flourish

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Friday & Saturday

April 25 & 26, 2025

Saint Sharbel Spiritual Life Center, Pittsburgh, PA

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