### **Saint Maron Maronite Catholic Church**

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## WEEKLY BULLETIN – July 5-6, 2025 Season of the Glorious Pentecost

الأحد الخامس من زمن العنصرة – Sth Sunday of Pentecost

"For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another." (Galatians 5:13)

**READINGS 1st Reading:** Philippians 3:7-14 | Gospel Reading: Matthew 10:1-7

**SANCTUARY CANDLE:** This week's sanctuary candle burns for our nation in thanksgiving for the gift of freedom, in remembrance of all who sacrificed their lives for liberty, and in prayer that the United States may always remain a land of peace, justice and faith under God.

Lord of love mercy and compassion, bless our leaders with wisdom and integrity, unite our people across every division and make us ever faithful to our calling as citizens and as Your children to serve the common good, to protect the vulnerable and promote peace and justice. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen



### **DIVINE LITURGIES**

Saturday, July 5, @ 4:00PM, liturgy is offered for a special intention. Sunday, July 6, @ 11:00AM, liturgy is offered in memory of Sami Melhem El Khoury requested by family. May his soul rest in peace.

Saturday, July 12, @ 4:00PM, liturgy is offered for a special intention. Sunday, July 13, @ 11:00AM, liturgy is offered in memory of Azizeh, Daoud, and Sabat Soof requested by family. May their souls rest in peace.

> Office Closed on Friday, July 4, 2025

### **Matching Grant** Anthony Abraham Foundation

Goal	\$ 5,000.00
Collected	<u>\$ 1,170.00</u>
Balance	\$ 3,830.00

This matching Grant is a special donation made towards the **Church's endowment fund.** 

June - Aug 2025 at a glance				
June 23 - 28	June 23 - 28 National MYO Conference (MON 23 - SAT 28)			
FRI June 27	Sacred Heart of Jesus: Eucharistic Adoration			
SUN June 29	Ss. Peter and Paul Feast			
FRI July 4	Independence Day			
SUN July 20	Saint Sharbel Feast			
WED Aug 6	Feast of the Transfiguration			
FRI Aug 15	Feast of the Assumption			
2 <sup>ND</sup> Collection: June 29, 2025 – Peter's Pence				
WEEKLY COLLECTION IN OUR PRAYERS				
	June 28-29, 2025	Please keep in your prayers		
Sunday Colle		Katherine "Taffy" McKenna, Francis		
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	•	DeViney, Ed and Theresa Gussin, Barbara		
		Impriano, Paige Moderski, Rita Fortina,		
Ot	her Collections	Jason Gushue, Lily Gushue, Joann Fontana,		
Coffee Hour	\$ 31.00	Jay O'Donnell, Allison Auld, Carmen		
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Insurance	\$ 0.00	Devinney, Debbie Freedenberg, Allan Emilio		
Fuel	\$ 0.00	Domingez, Rev. Subdeacon Dr. Mallard T.		
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	n Peter Pence \$ 198.00	Michael Thomas, Mary McKinney, Jessica		
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		Peter Labaki, Nancy Murphy, Marentha Young-Heart, Allison Tretina, Stephanie		
BIBLE STUD	<u>https://us06web.zoom.us/j/8472</u>	Devinney, Angela Scorza Anderson,		
With Fr. David	0747770:pwd 210uLdivgd271V	Raymond Fitzpatrick, Linda Yeckes, Frankie		
Every Thursday		Olivieri, Marie Eddis, Mia Andrilla, Ashley		
At 10 am	Meeting ID: 84/26/49/98	Iaconelli, Elissar Ayoub, Joanne Simon-		
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		Joan Speck, Dennis Strelchuk, Gladys		
Maronite Voi		Dalcourt, Denise Furey, Mirta Ruiz, Rita		
Volume 22   Issu		Impo, Jade Kellam, Marion Thomas Branca,		
May / June 202	5 <b>Page: 31</b>	Francesca Impo, Lucy DiLuce, Laurent		
		Chidiac, Tom Hart, John Hart, Fadi Jaber,		
		Joseph Realdine, Lisa Alestra, John Nader, Joey Gdowick, Francis Joseph Kerns, Samer		
Al Bustan See		Chokeir, Kathy Newman, Rita Arrigale,		
Article about	g/news/stmaronlebanesefesti	Maryann Bratton, Renee Sahar, James		
2025 Festival	val-c4lc7-a2j3l-3t32k-27lyh	Cordisio, Stacey Fuentes, Noel Andjuhar, and		
		Angel Salerno.		
To Support St. Maron Church				
Click on the following link:				
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# Upcoming Festivals





# Thank you to all our Festival Sponsors

Dear Beloved Sponsors,

With heartfelt gratitude, we thank each of you for your generous support of our annual festival. Your contributions have been a true blessing, making this event a tremendous success and providing vital support for our church.

Your generosity allowed us to create a joyous and memorable festival filled with engaging activities and enriching experiences that brought our community together. Your support plays a crucial role in sustaining our church and its ministries, keeping our doors open and our mission thriving.

Thank you for believing in our vision and for being an integral part of this celebration. Your kindness and commitment have touched many hearts and made a lasting impact on our community and our church.

With deep appreciation and blessings,

Fr. Andrawos Pastor

# Thank you to all the Festival Volunteers

Dear Beloved Volunteers,

With heartfelt gratitude, I thank you all for your time, love and effort you have offered to make this year's festival a success. Not only during the three-day event, but also for the weeks of preparation leading to the festival, many have worked tirelessly behind the scenes with dedication and joy.

Year after year, because of your hard work and generosity, the festival continues to grow making it one of the most successful events in the area. Today, this cultural tradition not only attracts those who are near but also visitors from different states; more than seven states in this year's case.

Through the intercession of Saint Maron, our patron Saint, may the Lord God bless you abundantly.

Fr. Andrawos Pastor



# Thank You to Our Beloved Neighbors

Dear beloved neighbors,

I hope this letter finds you well and in good spirits.

On behalf of the entire community of Saint Maron Church, I extend our heartfelt thanks to each of you for your continued support to the church especially Our Annual Festival. We are grateful for your generosity and willingness to share your neighborhood with us. Because of you, we are able to carry this tradition that brings joy not only to our parish but to the wider community as well.

In order for us to host the festival we rely on your approval and patience, not only to block off the street for four days, but also during the Thursday's setup as well as the full weekend of festivities. We know that four days of tents, music and crowds right outside your doors can be a lot to handle but your spirit of hospitality was a key success to this year's festival.

Please know how much we appreciate your support, With deep gratitude and warm wishes,

Father Andrawos (Fadi) El Tabchi Pastor

# Youth Leader Workshop 2025

**Mid-Atlantic Region** Saturday, November 15, 2025

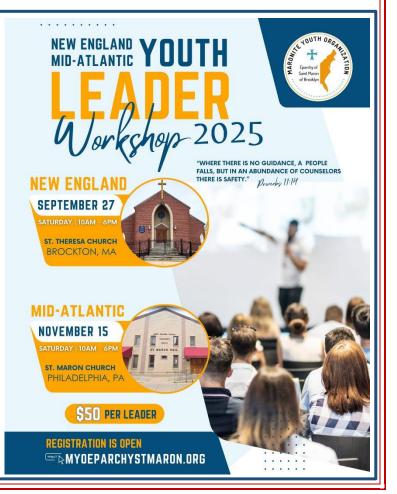
10AM - 6PM

at

## **St. Maron Church** Philadelphia, PA

## **Registration is open:**

https://www.myoeparchystmar on.org/events-1



## **First Reading** Philippians 3:7-14

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

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Praise be to God always.

### **Gospel Reading** Saint Matthew 10:1-7

#### The Apostle Writes:

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax-collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: 'Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, "The kingdom of heaven has come near." **This is the truth. Peace be with you.** 



## فصل من رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل فيلبّي

يا إِخْوَتِي، إِنَّ كُلَّ هذِهِ الأُمُورِ الَّتي كَانَتْ لِي رِبْحًا، حَسِنْتُهَا مِن أَجْلِ المَسيحِ خُسْرَانًا. بَلْ إِنِّي أَحْسَبُ كُلَّ شَيءٍ أَيْضًا خُسْرَانًا، إِزاءَ الرِّبْحِ الأَعْظَمِ وهو مَعْرِفَةُ المَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ رَبِّي، الَّذي مِنْ أَجْلِهِ خَسِرْتُ كُلَّ شَيء، وأَحْسَبُهُ نُفَايَةً لأَرْبَحَ المَسِيح، وأُوجَدَ فيهِ مُبَرَّرًا لا بالبِرِ الَّذي مِنَ الشَّرِيعَة، بَلْ بالبِرِ الَّذي منَ الإِيْمَانِ بالمَسِيح، والَّذي هُوَ مِنَ الله، والقَائِمِ على الإِيْمان. وذلكَ لِكَي أَعْرِفَهُ وأَعْرِفَ قُوَّةَ قِيَامَتِهِ، وأَشتَرِكَ في آلامهِ، مُتَشَبِّهًا بِهِ في مَوتِهِ، لَعَلِي أَبْلُغُ القِيَامَةَ مِن بَيْنِ الأَمْوَات. ولا وذلكَ لِكَي أَعْرِفَهُ وأَعْرِفَ قُوَّة قِيَامَتِهِ، وأَشتَرِكَ في آلامهِ، مُتَشَبِّهًا بِهِ في مَوتِهِ، لَعَلِي أَبْلُغُ القِيَامَة مِن بَيْنِ الأَمْوَات. ولا أَدَّعِي أَعْرِفَهُ وأَعْرِفَ قُوَّة قِيَامَتِهِ، وأَشتَرِكَ في آلامهِ، مُتَشَبِّهًا بِهِ في مَوتِهِ، لَعَلِي أَبْلُغُ القِيَامَة مِن بَيْنِ الأَمْوَات. ولا أَدَّعِي أَنْ لِكَم الله، والقَائِم على الإِنْمَان. الإَنْعَ قَدْ حَصَلْتُ على ذلكَ، أَو أَنِي بَلَعْتُ إلى الكَمَال، لكَذِي أَسْعَى لَعَلِي أَنْلُغُ القِيَامَة مِن بَيْنِ الأَمْوَات. ولا أَدَّعِي أَنَا لا أَظُنُ أَنِي أَدْرَكْتُ، ولكِنْ يَهُمُنِي أَمْرَ وَاحِد، وهُوَ أَنْ أَسْعَى لَعَلِي أُذْرِكُهُ، لأَنَ المَسِيحَ يَسُوعَ أَذْرَكَنِي! أَيُّهَا الهَدَو لا أُقُوزَ بالجَائِزَةِ العُلْيَا الَّتي يَدُعُونَا اللَهُ إِلَيْهَا في المَسِيحِ يَسُوع.

## مِنْ إِنْجِيلِ القِدِّيسِ متّى

دَعَا يَسُوعُ تَلامِيْذَهُ الأَنْنَي عَشَر، فَأَعْطَاهُم سُلْطَانًا يَظْرُدُونَ بِهِ الأَرْوَاحَ النَّجِسَة، ويَشْفُونَ الشَّعْبَ مِنْ كُلِّ مَرَضٍ وكُلِّ عِلَّه. وهذِهِ أَسْمَاءُ الرُسُلِ الاَثْنَيْ عَشَر: أَلأَوَّلُ سِمْعَانُ الَّذي يُدْعَى بُظْرُس، وأَنْدرَاوُسُ أَخُوه، ويَعْقُوبُ بنُ زَبَدَى، ويُوحَنَّا أَخُوه، وفِيْلِبُسُ وبَرْتُلْمَاوُس، وتُومَا ومَتَّى العَشَّار، ويَعْقُوبُ بنُ حَلْفَى وتَدَّاوُس، وسِمْعَانُ الغَيُورُ ويَهُوذَا الإِسْخَرْيُوطِيُّ الَّذي أَسُوه، وفِيْلِبُسُ وبَرْتُلْمَاوُس، وتُومَا ومَتَّى العَشَّار، ويَعْقُوبُ بنُ حَلْفَى وتَدَاوُس، وسِمْعَانُ الغَيُورُ ويَهُوذَا الإِسْخَرْيُوطِيُّ الَّذي أَسُلَمَ يَسُوع. هؤلاءِ الاَثْنَا عَشَرَ أَرْسَلَهُم يَسُوع، وقَدْ أَوْصَاهُم قَائِلاً: «لا تَسْلُكُوا طَرِيقًا إلى الوَتَنِيِين، ولا تَدْخُلُوا مَدِيْنَةً السَامَ يَسُوع. هؤلاءِ الاَثْنَا عَشَرَ أَرْسَلَهُم يَسُوع، وقَدْ أَوْصَاهُم قَائِلاً: «لا تَسْلُكُوا طَرِيقًا إلى الوَتَنِيِين، ولا تَدْخُلُوا مَدِيْنَة السَامَ يَسُوع. هؤلاءِ الاَثْنَا عَشَرَ أَرْسَلَهُم يَسُوع، وقَدْ أَوْصَاهُم قَائِلاً: «لا تَسْلُكُوا طَرِيقًا إلى الوَتَنِيِين، ولا تَدْخُلُوا مَدِيْنَة

حقًّا والأمان لجميعكم.

## **Matching Grant Progress** Anthony Abraham Foundation

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Goal	\$ 5,000.00	
Collected	\$ 1,170.00	23%
Remainder	\$ 3,830.00	77%

