



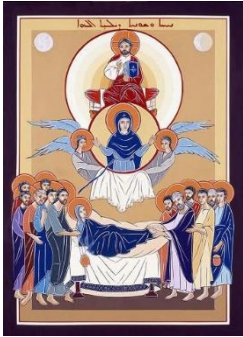
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## WEEKLY BULLETIN – August 16-17, 2025

### Season of the Glorious Pentecost

**11<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost – الأحد الحادي عشر من زمن العنصرة**

### The Assumption of the Virgin Mary

**READINGS:** Ephesians 2:17-22 | Luke 19:1-10

#### DIVINE LITURGIES

**Saturday, August 16, @ 4:00PM,**

liturgy is offered in loving memory of honorary consul Ibrahim Hanna.

May his soul rest in peace.

**Sunday, August 17, @ 11:00AM,**

liturgy is offered in loving memory of honorary consul Ibrahim Hanna.

May his soul rest in peace.

**Saturday, August 23, @ 4:00PM,**

liturgy is offered in memory of Fidelia Tavani requested by family.

May her soul rest in peace.

**Sunday, August 24, @ 11:00AM,**

liturgy is offered for the safety and well-being of Lee Esposito and family.

And we remember in a special way Tanios and Alice Abi Salloum. May their souls rest in peace.

#### SANCTUARY CANDLE

*"He will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." (Revelation 21:4)*

This week's sanctuary candle burns in loving memory of Tanios and Alice Abi Salloum.

Merciful Father, we offer this sanctuary candle this week for the repose of souls of Tanios and Alice. In Your mercy, receive them and all our faithful departed into Your Heavenly Kingdom where the Light of Christ shines without end. Grant them rest and do not take their faults into account. Through our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ, who is without sin, we hope to find mercy and forgiveness for our sins and for theirs.

In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

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**August 9-10, 2025**

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|--------------------------|-------------|
| <b>Sunday Collection</b> | \$ 1,647.00 |
| <b>Online Giving</b>     | \$ 200.00   |

## Other Collections

|                                   |          |
|-----------------------------------|----------|
| <b>Coffee Hour</b>                | \$ 30.00 |
| <b>Eparchial Assessment</b>       | \$ 0.00  |
| <b>Insurance</b>                  | \$ 0.00  |
| <b>Fuel</b>                       | \$ 0.00  |
| <b>Matching Grant</b>             | \$ 0.00  |
| <b>Donation</b>                   | \$ 0.00  |
| <b>MYA Conference Sponsorship</b> | \$ 0.00  |

## BIBLE STUDY

With Fr. David  
Every Thursday  
At 10 am

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84726749798?pwd=2IbuLdNgd2XVMYk18QhTnScVcXdFGw.1>

Meeting ID: 847 2674 9798  
Passcode: 166641

## Maronite Voice

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## October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 Case Update

**Commonwealth of Pennsylvania**

**V.**

**The Defendant**

Dear Parishioners,

On August 14, 2025 the case was announced closed after the defendant plead guilty to the charges. A Stay-Away Order was issued by the court on the same day. This order prohibits the defendant from contacting or intimidating the church (pastor and parishioners) whether directly or through a third party. I express my gratitude to all who worked on the case, from the police department to all the ADAs, for their assistance and commitment throughout this process.

And of course, a special word of thanks to everyone who has accompanied me throughout this time especially General Deb and Bassem and Neena Karam. Your unwavering support have been a true blessing.

Thank you all for your love and care and please remember all involved in your prayers.

Fr. Andrawos



## IN OUR PRAYERS

**Please keep in your prayers**

Margaret R. George Shemaly, Francis Donnelly, Stephanie Dejesse, Ed and Theresa Gussin, Barbara Impriano, Paige Moderski, Rita Fortina, Joann Fontana, Jay O'Donnell, Allison Auld, Carmen Sansweet, 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.

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# Summer Events

*Our Lady Star of the East Church*

## LEBANESE FESTIVAL 2025

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**SEPT. 2025**

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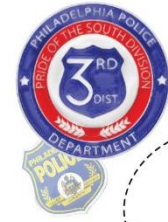
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September 19-21, 2025

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## Youth Leader Workshop 2025

Mid-Atlantic Region  
Saturday, November 15, 2025  
10AM – 6PM

at

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**Registration is open:**

<https://www.myoeaparchystmaron.org/events-1>

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# Capital Campaigns

## Seminary Renovation Project

Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Seminary is in need of several renovations. The costs to repair the roof, exterior brick work, chapel and second and third floor add up to \$130,000. The kitchen and other parts of the building will cost another \$170,000.

The goal is to raise \$300,000 to complete the renovations.

Donations can be made either by visiting  
<http://www.stmaron.org/seminary>  
or by check payable to  
“The Eparchy of Saint Maron”



## Church Endowment Fund

At the request of Most Rev. Bishop Gregory J. Mansour, we have received a grant in the amount of \$5,000.00 from the Anthony R. Abraham Foundation.

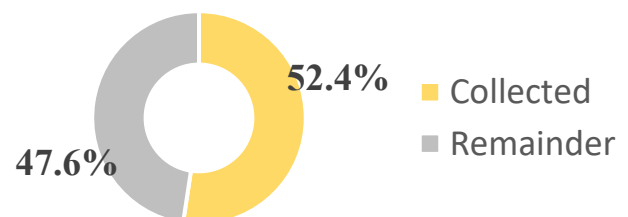
The purpose of this grant is to establish an endowment fund for maintenance and repairs for our church.

So far, we have collected \$ 2,620.00 and hopefully we will collect the Remainder \$ 2,380.00 by the end of 2025.

The total amount \$10,000 will be put in a separate bank account as a restricted account. A CD will be opened to help build this fund which we hope that someday it will reach at least \$100,000.

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

|           |             |
|-----------|-------------|
| Goal      | \$ 5,000.00 |
| Collected | \$ 2,620.00 |
| Remainder | \$ 2,380.00 |



## First Reading Ephesians 2:17-22

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

Brothers and Sisters:

Jesus came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then, you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

**Praise be to God always.**

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل أفسس

يا إِخْوَتِي، لَمَّا جَاءَ الْمَسِيحُ بِشَرِّكُمْ بِالسَّلَامِ أَنْتُمْ الْبَعِيدِينَ، وَبَشَّرَ بِالسَّلَامِ الْقَرِيبِينَ، لَأَنَّنَا بِهِ نَلْنَا نَحْنُ الْاِثْنَيْنِ فِي رُوحٍ وَاحِدٍ الْوُصُولَ إِلَى الْآبِ. إِذَا فَلَسْتُمْ بَعْدُ غُرَبَاءَ وَلَا نُزَلَاءَ، بَلْ أَنْتُمْ أَهْلُ مَدِينَةِ الْقَدِيسِينَ وَأَهْلُ بَيْتِ اللَّهِ، بُنِيتُمْ عَلَى أَسَاسِ الرُّسُلِ وَالْأَنْبِيَاءِ، وَالْمَسِيحُ يَسُوعُ نَفْسُهُ هُوَ حَجَرُ الزَّائِيَةِ. فِيهِ يَتَمَاسَكُ الْبِنَاءُ كُلُّهُ، فَيَرْتَفِعُ هَيْكَلًا مُقَدَّسًا فِي الرَّبِّ، وَفِيهِ أَنْتُمْ أَيْضًا تُبْنَوْنَ مَعًا مَسْكِنًا لِلَّهِ فِي الرُّوحِ .  
والتسبيح لله دائماً.

## 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Benefit Dinner Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn Wednesday, October 22, 2025



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and the Church in the Middel East.



## Gospel Reading Saint Luke 19:1-10

### The Apostle Writes:

He entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax-collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, 'Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today.' So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, 'He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.' Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, 'Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.' Then Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.'

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

### مِنْ إِنْجِيلِ الْقَدِّيسِ لَوْقَا

دَخَلَ يَسُوعُ أَرِيحَا وَبَدَأَ يَجْتَازُهَا، وَإِذَا رَجُلٌ أَسْمُهُ زَكََّا، كَانَ رَئِيسًا لِلْعَشَّارِينَ وَغَنِيًّا. وَكَانَ يَسْعَى لِيَرَى مَنْ هُوَ يَسُوعُ، فَلَمْ يَقْدِرْ بِسَبَبِ الْجَمْعِ لِأَنَّهُ كَانَ قَصِيرَ الْقَامَةِ. فَتَقَدَّمَ مُسْرِعًا وَتَسَلَّقَ جُمُيزَةً لِكَيْ يَرَاهُ، لِأَنَّ يَسُوعَ كَانَ مُزْمِعًا أَنْ يَمُرَّ بِهَا. وَلَمَّا وَصَلَ يَسُوعُ إِلَى الْمَكَانِ، رَفَعَ نَظْرَهُ إِلَيْهِ وَقَالَ لَهُ: "يَا زَكََّا، أَسْرِعْ وَانْزِلْ، فَعَلَيَّ أَنْ أَقِيمَ الْيَوْمَ فِي بَيْتِكَ". فَأَسْرَعَ وَنَزَلَ وَاسْتَقْبَلَهُ فِي بَيْتِهِ مَسْرُورًا. وَرَأَى الْجَمِيعُ ذَلِكَ فَأَخَذُوا يَتَدَمَّرُونَ قَائِلِينَ: «دَخَلَ لِيَبِيتَ عِنْدَ رَجُلٍ خَاطِيٍّ». «أَمَّا زَكََّا فَوَقَفَ وَقَالَ لِلرَّبِّ: "يَا رَبِّ، هَا أَنَا أُعْطِي نِصْفَ مُقْتَنِيَّاتِي لِلْفُقَرَاءِ، وَإِنْ كُنْتُ قَدْ ظَلَمْتُ أَحَدًا بِشَيْءٍ، فَإِنِّي أَرُدُّ لَهُ أَرْبَعَةَ أَضْعَافٍ". فَقَالَ لَهُ يَسُوعُ: "الْيَوْمَ صَارَ الْخَلَاصُ لِهَذَا الْبَيْتِ، لِأَنَّ هَذَا الرَّجُلَ هُوَ أَيْضًا ابْنٌ لِإِبْرَاهِيمَ. فَإِنَّ ابْنَ الْإِنْسَانِ جَاءَ لِيَبْحَثَ عَنِ الضَّالِّينَ وَيُخَلِّصَهُ".

**حَقًّا وَالْأَمَانُ لِكُلِّكُمْ.**

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