



## Saint Maron Maronite Catholic Church

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## WEEKLY BULLETIN – August 23-24, 2025

### Season of the Glorious Pentecost

**12<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost – الأحد الثاني عشر من زمن العنصرة**

**READINGS: Ephesians 3:1-13 | Matthew 15:21-28**

### DIVINE LITURGIES

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

liturgy is offered in memory of Fidelia Tavanani 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.

**Saturday, August 30, @ 4:00PM,**

liturgy is offered for the safety and well-being of Angela Preston.

**Sunday, August 31, @ 11:00AM,**

liturgy is offered in memory of Suleiman and Nahi Rai requested by Philip and Vivian Rai. May their souls rest in peace.

### SANCTUARY CANDLE

*“Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be afraid, for I am your God; I will strengthen you; I will help you; I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.”  
(Isaiah 41:10)*

This week's sanctuary candle burns for the safety and well-being of Angela Preston.

Lord, we place Angela into your loving care and ask You to watch over her in every moment. Protect her from harm, strengthen her in times of difficulty and fill her heart with Your peace and joy.

Grant her good health, a calm spirit and the comfort of knowing that You are always near her. Surround her with loving family and friends, guide her steps each day and let Your light be a constant source of hope and direction in her life.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

### IN OUR PRAYERS

Angela Preston, 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.

## WEEKLY COLLECTION

**August 16-17, 2025**

Sunday Collection	\$ 930.00
Online Giving	\$ 0.00

### Other Collections

Coffee Hour	\$ 15.00
Eparchial Assessment	\$ 0.00
Insurance	\$ 0.00
Fuel	\$ 0.00
Feast: Assumption	\$ 125.00
Holy Cross	\$ 10.00
Matching Grant	\$ 0.00
Donation	\$ 40.00
MYA Conference Sponsorship	\$ 0.00

## 2nd Collections (2025)

**Sunday August 31**

Humanitarian Crisis in the Middle East  
*This collection supports Gaza and the  
surrounding regions (Holy Land,  
Lebanon and Syria)*

**September 7**

Catholic University of America  
and Maronite Seminary  
*25%: University - 75% Seminary*

**October 19**

World Mission Sunday  
*91% propagation of faith - 9% CNEWA  
Catholic Near East Welfare Association*

**November 9**

Maronite Patriarchal Charities  
*All proceeds are sent to our Patriarch for  
his charitable work*

*second collections should be submitted to the  
chancery within 2 weeks of the collection except for  
the Christmas and Easter 2<sup>nd</sup> collections which are  
for the pastor.*

## 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

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# Summer Events

*Our Lady Star of the East Church*

## LEBANESE FESTIVAL 2025

**AUGUST 22 | 23 | 24**

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**SATURDAY SEPT 6TH 12PM-11PM**  
**SUNDAY SEPT 7TH 1PM-9PM**

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Celebrating the 34th Anniversary of Ukraine's Independence

**Sunday, August 24, 2025 (12:00 - 8:00pm)**



Ukrainian American Sport Center, Horsham, PA



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**come to LB**  
 TRIPS TO LEBANON

**Pilgrimage To Lebanon**  
 September 30 to October 9



# MYA Conference 2025

Dear MYAs  
Don't forget to register for the  
MYA Eparchial Conference

Philadelphia  
September 19-21, 2025

**Early bird registration ends soon.**

For more info,  
or to lend a hand in the preps, please  
contact  
Summer Dib and DebbieAnna Semaan



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# BACK TO SCHOOL



## SUPPLY DRIVE

Collection runs August 3th-22ND

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Question: P/O "ACE" Delgado: 215-686-3033

## Youth Leader Workshop 2025

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

at

St. Maron Church  
Philadelphia, PA

**Registration is open:**

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

## NEW ENGLAND MID-ATLANTIC YOUTH LEADER Workshop 2025



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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.

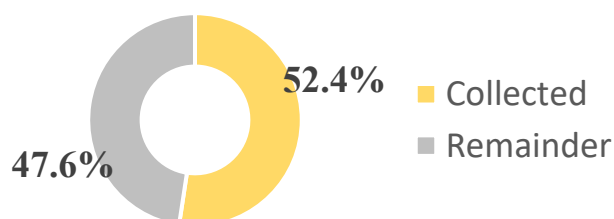
The purpose of this grant is to establish an endowment fund for maintenance and repairs for our church.

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 3:1-13

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

Brothers and Sisters:

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given to me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him. I pray therefore that you may not lose heart over my sufferings for you; they are your glory.

**Praise be to God always.**

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل أفسس

يا إِخْوَتِي، أَنَا بُولُسُ، أَسِيرُ الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ مِنْ أَجْلِكُمْ، أَيُّهَا الْأَمَمُ... إِنْ كُنْتُمْ قَدْ سَمِعْتُمْ بِتَدْبِيرِ نِعْمَةِ اللَّهِ الَّتِي وَهَبَتْ لِي مِنْ أَجْلِكُمْ، وَهُوَ أَنِّي بَوَّخِي أُطْلَعْتُ عَلَى السِّرِّ، كَمَا كَتَبْتُ إِلَيْكُمْ بِإِيجَازٍ مِنْ قَبْلُ، حِينَئِذٍ يُمَكِّنُكُمْ، إِذَا قَرَأْتُمْ ذَلِكَ، أَنْ تُدْرِكُوا فَهْمِي لِسِرِّ الْمَسِيحِ، هَذَا السِّرِّ الَّذِي لَمْ يُعْرَفْ عِنْدَ بَنِي النَّبَشْرِ فِي الْأَجْيَالِ الْغَابِرَةِ، كَمَا أُعْلِنُ الْآنَ بِالرُّوحِ لِرُسُلِهِ الْقَدِيسِينَ وَالْأَنْبِيَاءِ، وَهُوَ أَنَّ الْأَمَمَ هُمْ، فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ، شُرَكَاءُ لَنَا فِي الْمِيرَاثِ وَالْجَسَدِ وَالْوَعْدِ، بِوَاسِطَةِ الْإِنْجِيلِ، الَّذِي صِرْتُ خَادِمًا لَهُ، بِحَسَبِ هَبَةِ نِعْمَةِ اللَّهِ الَّتِي وَهَبَتْ لِي بِفِعْلِ قُدْرَتِهِ؛ لِي أَنَا، أَصْغَرُ الْقَدِيسِينَ جَمِيعًا، وَهَبَتْ هَذِهِ النِّعْمَةَ، وَهِيَ أَنَّ أُبَشِّرَ الْأَمَمَ بِغَنَى الْمَسِيحِ الَّذِي لَا يُسْتَقْصَى، وَأَنْ أَوْضِحَ لِلْجَمِيعِ مَا هُوَ تَدْبِيرُ السِّرِّ الْمَكْتُومِ مُنْذُ الدَّهْرِ فِي اللَّهِ الَّذِي خَلَقَ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ، لِكِي تُعْرِفَ الْآنَ مِنْ خِلَالِ الْكَنِيسَةِ، لَدَى الرِّئَاسَاتِ وَالسَّلَاطِينِ فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ، حِكْمَةَ اللَّهِ الْمُتَنَوِّعَةَ، بِحَسَبِ قَصْدِهِ الْأَزَلِيِّ الَّذِي حَقَّقَهُ فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ رَبِّنَا، الَّذِي لَنَا فِيهِ، أَيُّ بِالْإِيمَانِ بِهِ، الْوُصُولُ بِجَرَأَةٍ وَثَقَةٍ إِلَى اللَّهِ. لِذَلِكَ أَسْأَلُكُمْ أَنْ لَا تَضْعُفَ عَزِيمَتُكُمْ بِسَبَبِ الصِّيقَاتِ الَّتِي أَغَانِيهَا مِنْ أَجْلِكُمْ: إِنَّهَا مَجْدٌ لَكُمْ!

والتسبيح لله دائماً.

## 2025 Eparchial MYO Retreat

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To register and for more info:

<https://www.myoeparchystmar.org/event-details/2025-eparchial-my-retreat-north>



## 2025 EPARCHIAL MYO RETREAT

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## Gospel Reading

### Saint Matthew 15:21-28

#### The Apostle Writes:

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

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

مِنْ إِنْجِيلِ الْقَدِّيسِ مَتَّى

إِنْصَرَفَ يَسُوعُ إِلَى نَوَاجِي صُورَ وَصَيْدَا، وَإِذَا بَأْمْرَأَةٍ كَنْعَانِيَّةٍ مِنْ تِلْكَ النِّوَاحِي خَرَجَتْ تَصْرُخُ وَتَقُولُ: "إِرْحَمْنِي، يَا رَبِّ، يَا أَبْنَ دَاوُدَ! إِنَّ ابْنَتِي بِهَا شَيْطَانٌ يُعَذِّبُهَا جَدًّا". فَلَمْ يُجِبْهَا بِكَلِمَةٍ. وَدَنَا تَلَامِيذُهُ فَأَخَذُوا يَتَوَسَّلُونَ إِلَيْهِ قَائِلِينَ: "إِصْرِفْهَا، فَإِنَّهَا تَصْرُخُ فِي إِثْرِنَا!". فَأَجَابَ وَقَالَ: "لَمْ أُرْسَلْ إِلَّا إِلَى الْخِرَافِ الصَّالَّةِ مِنْ بَيْتِ إِسْرَائِيلَ". أَمَّا هِيَ فَاتَّتْ وَسَجَدَتْ لَهُ وَقَالَتْ: "سَاعِدْنِي، يَا رَبِّ!". فَأَجَابَ وَقَالَ: "لَا يَحْسُنُ أَنْ يُؤْخَذَ خُبْزُ الْبَنِينَ، وَيُلْقَى إِلَى جِرَاءِ الْكِلَابِ!". فَقَالَتْ: "نَعَمْ، يَا رَبِّ! وَجِرَاءُ الْكِلَابِ أَيْضًا تَأْكُلُ مِنَ الْفَتَاتِ الْمُنْسَاقِطِ عَنْ مَائِدَةِ أَرْبَابِهَا". حِينَئِذٍ أَجَابَ يَسُوعُ وَقَالَ لَهَا: "أَيُّهَا الْمَرْأَةُ، عَظِيمٌ إِيمَانُكَ! فَلْيَكُنْ لَكَ كَمَا تُرِيدِينَ". وَمِنْ تِلْكَ السَّاعَةِ شَفِيَتْ ابْنَتُهَا. **حَقًّا وَالْأَمَانُ لَجَمِيعِكُمْ.**

## 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Benefit Dinner

### Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn

Wednesday, October 22, 2025



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