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WEEKLY BULLETIN – August 30-31, 2025

Season of the Glorious Pentecost

الأحد الثالث عشر من زمن العنصرة – 13th Sunday of Pentecost

READINGS: 1 Corinthians 3:1-11 | Luke 8:1-15

DIVINE LITURGIES

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.

Saturday, September 6, @ 4:00PM,

liturgy is offered for the repose of the soul of Wazira Oweil. May her soul rest in peace.

Sunday, September 7, @ 11:00AM,

liturgy is offered in memory of Jason Ballan. May his soul rest in peace.

SANCTUARY CANDLE

This week's sanctuary candle burns for all workers, especially the members of our parish family.

Lord Jesus, You worked with human hands and sanctified labor through Your life in Nazareth. On this Labor Day, we ask You to bless all who labor in fields, factories, offices, schools and homes. Protect the unemployed, the underpaid and those who face unsafe conditions. Grant dignity and strength to every worker, justice in every workplace and peace in every heart. May this candle remind us that our work, offered in love, becomes a path to holiness. We ask this through the intercession of Saint Joseph the Worker, and in Your Holy Name, who live and reign forever and ever. Amen.



IN OUR PRAYERS

Robert Haddad, 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 23-24, 2025

Sunday Collection	\$ 675.00
Online Giving	\$ 500.00

Other Collections

Coffee Hour	\$ 25.00
Eparchial Assessment	\$ 0.00
Insurance	\$ 0.00
Fuel	\$ 0.00
Feast: Assumption	\$ 0.00
Holy Cross	\$ 0.00
Matching Grant	\$ 100.00
Donation	\$ 0.00
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

October 19

World Mission Sunday

November 9

Maronite Patriarchal Charities

second collections should be submitted to the chancery within 2 weeks of the collection except for the Christmas and Easter 2nd 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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MYA Eparchial Conference 2025

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Sunday, October 5, 2025

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BENEFIT DINNER

*To Support the Mission of the
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SATURDAY OCTOBER 4, 2025 | 5:30PM - 9:00PM

SAINT ANTHONY OF THE DESERT CHURCH HALL
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- Special Guest Bishop Gregory J. Mansour
- Gourmet Dinner | Cash Bar
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All proceeds will assist the Sisters to continue their mission and outreach in the community.
Maroniteservants.org | Ph. 508-996-1753

16th Annual Benefit Dinner Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn



Wednesday, October 22, 2025

The Metropolitan Club
One East 60th Street, New York City

Register now:

www.stmaron.org/eparchial-benefit

Proceeds will support
Seminarians, Parishes and Missions,
Retired Priests, and the Church in the
Middel East.

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



September 21, 2025

Liturgies

10:00AM – Parish
11:00AM – MYA

Religious Education
No Classes

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**

"WHERE THERE IS NO GUIDANCE, A PEOPLE FALLS, BUT IN AN ABUNDANCE OF COUNSELORS THERE IS SAFETY." *Proverbs 11:14*

NEW ENGLAND
SEPTEMBER 27
SATURDAY | 10AM - 6PM
ST. THERESA CHURCH
BROCKTON, MA

MID-ATLANTIC
NOVEMBER 15
SATURDAY | 10AM - 6PM
ST. MARON CHURCH
PHILADELPHIA, PA

\$50 PER LEADER

REGISTRATION IS OPEN
[myoeparchystmaron.org](https://www.myoeparchystmaron.org)

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.

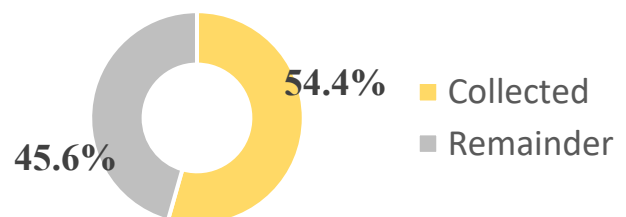
The purpose of this grant is to establish an endowment fund for maintenance and repairs for our church.

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	<u>\$ 2,720.00</u>
Remainder	\$ 2,280.00



First Reading

1 Corinthians 3:1-11

A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians. Your blessing father...

Brothers and Sisters:

I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarrelling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, 'I belong to Paul', and another, 'I belong to Apollos', are you not merely human? What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ.

Praise be to God always.

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الأولى إلى أهل قورنثوس

يَا إِخْوَتِي، أَنَا، لَمْ أَسْتَطِعْ أَنْ أَكَلِّمَكُم كَأَناسٍ رُوحَانِيِّينَ بَلْ كَأَناسٍ جَسَدِيِّينَ، كَأَطْفَالٍ فِي الْمَسِيحِ. قَدْ غَذَوْتُكُمْ بِالْحَلِيبِ لَا بِالطَّعَامِ، لِأَنَّكُمْ لَمْ تَكُونُوا بَعْدُ قَادِرِينَ، وَلَا حَتَّى الْآنَ أَنْتُمْ قَادِرُونَ. فَأَنْتُمْ لَا تَزَالُونَ أَنَاسًا جَسَدِيِّينَ: فَمَا دَامَ بَيْنَكُمْ حَسَدٌ وَخِصَامٌ، أَفَلَا تَكُونُونَ جَسَدِيِّينَ، وَسُلُوكًا جَسَدِيًّا تَسْلُكُونَ؟ فَإِذَا كَانَ أَحَدُكُمْ يَقُولُ: أَنَا لِبُولُسَ! وَآخَرُ: أَنَا لِأَبْلُوسَ! أَفَلَا تَكُونُونَ جَسَدِيِّينَ؟ فَمَا هُوَ أَبْلُوسُ؟ وَمَا هُوَ بُولُسُ؟ هُمَا خَادِمَانِ أَمَنْتُمْ عَلَى أَيْدِيهِمَا، عَلَى قَدَرٍ مَا أَعْطَى الرَّبُّ كُلًّا مِنْهُمَا. أَنَا غَرَسْتُ، وَأَبْلُوسُ سَقَى، وَلَكِنَّ اللَّهَ هُوَ الَّذِي كَانَ يُنْمِي. فَلَا الْغَارِسُ بِشَيْءٍ وَلَا السَّاقِي، بَلِ اللَّهُ الَّذِي يُنْمِي! لَكِنَّ الْغَارِسَ وَالسَّاقِي وَاحِدٌ، وَكُلُّ مِنْهُمَا يَأْخُذُ أَجْرَهُ عَلَى قَدَرِ تَعَبِهِ. فَتَحْنُ مُعَاوِنَاتِ لِلَّهِ، وَأَنْتُمْ حَقْلُ اللَّهِ وَبِنَاءُ اللَّهِ. وَأَنَا بِنِعْمَةِ اللَّهِ الَّتِي وَهَبْتُ لِي، وَضَعْتُ الْآسَاسَ كِبْنَاءَ حَكِيمٍ، لَكِنَّ آخَرَ يَبْنِي عَلَيْهِ: فَلْيَنْظُرْ كُلُّ وَاحِدٍ كَيْفَ يَبْنِي عَلَيْهِ! فَمَا مِنْ أَحَدٍ يُمَكِّنُهُ أَنْ يَضَعَ آسَاسًا آخَرَ غَيْرَ الْآسَاسِ الْمَوْضُوعِ، وَهُوَ يَسُوعُ الْمَسِيحُ.

والتسبيح لله دائماً.

2025 Eparchial MYO Retreat

Registration is Open!

To register and for more info:

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



2025 EPARCHIAL MYO RETREAT

NEW ENGLAND
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MID-ATLANTIC WEST

\$249
PER PERSON

MARIST CENTER
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Gospel Reading

Saint Luke 8:1-15

The Apostle Writes:

Jesus went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. The twelve were with him, as well as some women who had been cured of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, and Joanna, the wife of Herod's steward Chuza, and Susanna, and many others, who provided for them out of their resources. When a great crowd gathered and people from town after town came to him, he said in a parable: 'A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell on the path and was trampled on, and the birds of the air ate it up. Some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered for lack of moisture. Some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew with it and choked it. Some fell into good soil, and when it grew, it produced a hundredfold.' As he said this, he called out, 'Let anyone with ears to hear listen!' Then his disciples asked him what this parable meant. He said, 'To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but to others I speak in parables, so that "looking they may not perceive, and listening they may not understand." Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones on the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. The ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe only for a while and in a time of testing fall away. As for what fell among the thorns, these are the ones who hear; but as they go on their way, they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. But as for that in the good soil, these are the ones who, when they hear the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patient endurance.

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

مِنْ إِنْجِيلِ الْقَدِيسِ لَوْقَا

أَخَذَ يَسُوعُ يَطُوفُ الْمُدُنَ وَالْقُرَى، يُنَادِي وَيُبَشِّرُ بِمَلَكُوتِ اللَّهِ، وَمَعَهُ اثْنَا عَشَرَ، وَبَعْضُ النِّسَاءِ اللَّوَاتِي شَفَاهُنَّ مِنْ أَرْوَاحٍ شَرِيرَةٍ وَأَمْرَاضٍ، هُنَّ: مَرْيَمُ الْمَدْعُوءَةُ بِالْمَجْدَلِيَّةِ، الَّتِي كَانَ قَدْ خَرَجَ مِنْهَا سَبْعَةُ شَيَاطِينٍ، وَحَنَّةُ امْرَأَةِ خُوزَى وَكِيلِ هِيرُودُسَ، وَسُوسَنَةَ، وَغَيْرُهُنَّ كَثِيرَاتٌ كُنَّ يَبْذُلْنَ مِنْ أَمْوَالِهِنَّ فِي خِدْمَتِهِمْ. وَلَمَّا أَحْتَشَدَ جَمْعٌ كَثِيرٌ، وَأَقْبَلَ النَّاسُ إِلَيْهِ مِنْ كُلِّ مَدِينَةٍ، خَاطَبَهُمْ بِمَثَلٍ: خَرَجَ الزَّارِعُ لِيَزْرَعَ زَرْعَهُ. وَفِيمَا هُوَ يَزْرَعُ، وَقَعَ بَعْضُ الْحَبِّ عَلَى جَانِبِ الطَّرِيقِ، فَدَاسَتْهُ الْأَقْدَامُ، وَأَكَلَتْهُ طُيُورُ السَّمَاءِ. وَوَقَعَ بَعْضُهُ الْآخَرَ عَلَى الصَّخْرَةِ، وَمَا إِنَّ نَبَتَ حَتَّى يَبْسَ، لِأَنَّهُ لَمْ يَكُنْ لَهُ رُطُوبَةٌ. وَوَقَعَ بَعْضُهُ الْآخَرَ فِي وَسْطِ الشُّوكِ، وَنَبَتَ الشُّوكُ مَعَهُ فَخَنَقَهُ. وَوَقَعَ بَعْضُهُ الْآخَرَ فِي الْأَرْضِ الصَّالِحَةِ، وَنَبَتَ فَأَثْمَرَ مِئَةَ ضِعْفٍ. قَالَ يَسُوعُ هَذَا، وَنَادَى: «مَنْ لَهُ أُذُنَانِ سَامِعَتَانِ فَلْيَسْمَعْ.» وَسَأَلَهُ تَلَامِيذُهُ: «مَا تَرَاهُ يَعْنِي هَذَا الْمَثَلُ؟» فَقَالَ: «قَدْ أُعْطِيَ لَكُمْ أَنْتُمْ أَنْ تَعْرِفُوا أَسْرَارَ مَلَكُوتِ اللَّهِ. أَمَّا الْبَاقُونَ فَأَكْلَمُهُمْ بِالْأَمْثَالِ، لِكَيْ يَنْظُرُوا فَلَا يُبْصِرُوا، وَيَسْمَعُوا فَلَا يَفْهَمُوا. وَهَذَا هُوَ مَعْنَى الْمَثَلِ: أَلَزَّرُ هُوَ كَلِمَةُ اللَّهِ. وَالَّذِينَ عَلَى جَانِبِ الطَّرِيقِ هُمُ الَّذِينَ يَسْمَعُونَ، ثُمَّ يَأْتِي إبْلِيسُ فَيَنْتَزِعُ الْكَلِمَةَ مِنْ قُلُوبِهِمْ، لِئَلَّا يُؤْمِنُوا فَيَخْلُصُوا. وَالَّذِينَ عَلَى الصَّخْرَةِ هُمُ الَّذِينَ يَسْمَعُونَ الْكَلِمَةَ وَيَقْبَلُونَهَا بِفَرَحٍ، هُوَ لَا أَصْلَ لَهُمْ، فَهُمْ يُؤْمِنُونَ إِلَى حِينٍ، وَفِي وَقْتِ التَّجَرُّبَةِ يَتَزَاجَعُونَ. وَالَّذِي وَقَعَ فِي الشُّوكِ هُمُ الَّذِينَ يَسْمَعُونَ وَيَمْنُصُونَ، فَتَخَنُقُهُمُ الْهُمُومُ وَالْغِنَى وَمَلَذَاتُ الْحَيَاةِ، فَلَا يَنْصَحُ لَهُمْ ثَمَرٌ. أَمَّا الَّذِي وَقَعَ فِي الْأَرْضِ الْجَيِّدَةِ فَهُمْ الَّذِينَ يَسْمَعُونَ الْكَلِمَةَ بِقَلْبٍ جَيِّدٍ صَالِحٍ فَيَحْفَظُونَهَا، وَيَثْبُتُونَ فَيُثْمِرُونَ. حَقًّا وَالْأَمَانُ لِكُلِّكُمْ.



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September 30 to October 9



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