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WEEKLY BULLETIN – September 6-7, 2025

Season of the Glorious Pentecost

14th Sunday of Pentecost – الأحد الرابع عشر من زمن العنصرة

READINGS: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-13 | Luke 10:38-42

DIVINE LITURGIES

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.

Saturday, September 13, @ 4:00PM,

liturgy is offered for a special intention.

Sunday, September 14, @ 11:00AM,

liturgy is offered in memory of Helen Abdalla requested by Salema and Barbara Dahdah. May her soul rest in peace.

SANCTUARY CANDLE

This week's sanctuary candle burns for the safety and well-being of Dolly Khalil Saikali.

Lord of love, mercy and compassion, we entrust Dolly to your loving tender care. Guard her from all harm, grant her peace of heart and strengthen her in faith each day.

Surround her with Your love and with the care of family and friends who reflect Your goodness. May this light in Your sanctuary remind us that You are her constant protector and guide, walking with her always.

In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

Sunday

09/14/2025

First Day of Religious Education Classes

Sunday

09/21/2025

Liturgies

Parish

10:00AM

MYA

11:00AM

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 30-31, 2025

Sunday Collection	\$ 710.00
Online Giving	\$ 200.00

Other Collections

Coffee Hour	\$ 40.00
Eparchial Assessment	\$ 0.00
Insurance	\$ 0.00
Fuel	\$ 0.00
Feast: Assumption	\$ 0.00
Holy Cross	\$ 0.00
Matching Grant	\$ 0.00
Donation	\$ 0.00
MYA Conference Sponsorship	\$ 250.00
2 nd Collection	\$ 272.00

2nd Collections (2025)

September 7

Catholic University of America
and Maronite Seminary

25%: University - 75% Seminary

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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St. Nicholas Of Tolentine Italian festival

Sunday, October 5, 2025

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St. Nick's
Italian Festival

16th Annual Benefit Dinner **Eparchy of Saint Maron** **of Brooklyn**



Wednesday, October 22, 2025

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

For more info and to Register:

www.stmaron.org/eparchial-benefit

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TICKETS OR FOR
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OPPORTUNITIES:



BENEFIT DINNER

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

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Sunday
11/09/2025
5-9PM

**Ballroom at the Ben Dinner,
Basket Auction, 50/50 Raffle,
Live Auction, and Dancing!**

For more info and tickets:

<https://www.stpaulphillyblast.com/>

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



MYO 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>



Faith & Blue 2025 Kick off
a day of gratitude, prayer, and fellowship



First Responders Appreciation Day

On behalf of all parishioners of
Saint Maron Church
in collaboration with
Philadelphia Police Department
3rd District & South Division



you are invited

**Monday,
September 29, 2025**

Divine Liturgy
11 am

1013 Ellsworth St,
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Open Buffet
12 pm – 7 pm

THANK YOU

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Juan.delgado@phila.gov | 215.686.3033

2025 Eparchial MYO Retreat

**REGISTRATION CLOSES ON
SEPTEMBER 30TH**

To register and for more info:
<https://www.myoeparchystmaron.org/event-details/2025-eparchial-myo-retreat-north>



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.

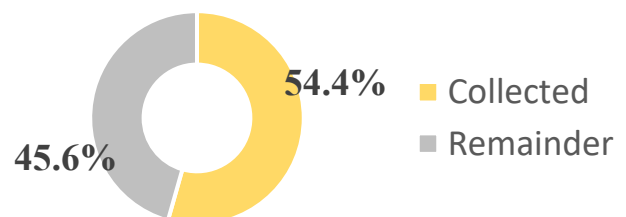
The purpose of this grant is to establish an endowment fund for maintenance and repairs for our church.

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 Thessalonians 2:1-13

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

Brothers and Sisters:

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully maltreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us. You remember our labor and toil, brothers and sisters; we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. You are witnesses, and God also, how pure, upright, and blameless our conduct was towards you believers. As you know, we dealt with each one of you like a father with his children, urging and encouraging you and pleading that you should lead a life worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory. We also constantly give thanks to God for this, that when you received the word of God that you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word but as what it really is, God's word, which is also at work in you believers.

Praise be to God always.

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الأولى إلى أهل تسالونيقي

يا إخوتي، أنتم أنفسكم تعلمون، أيها الإخوة، أن دخولنا إليكم لم يكن باطلاً. ولكن، كما تعلمون، بعد أن تألمنا وشئنا في فيليبي، تجرأنا باليهنا أن نكلمكم بإنجيل الله، في جهادٍ كثير. ولم يكن وغطنا عن ضلال، ولا عن نجاسة، ولا بمكر، بل كما اخترنا الله فأمنا على الإنجيل، هكذا نتكلم، لا إرضاء للناس بل لله الذي يختبر قلوبنا. فإنا ولا مرة أتيناكم بكلمة تملق، كما تعلمون، ولا بدافع طمع، والله شاهد، ولا طلبنا مجداً من بشر، لا منكم ولا من غيركم، مع أننا قادرين أن نكون ذوي وقار، كرسل للمسيح، لكننا صرنا بينكم ذوي لطف، كمرضع تحضن أولادها. وهكذا فإنا من شدة الحنين إليكم، نرتضي أن نعطيك لا إنجيل الله وحسب، بل أنفسنا أيضاً، لأنكم صرتم لنا أحبباء. وإنكم تتذكرون، أيها الإخوة، تعبنا وكذا: فقد بشرناكم بإنجيل الله، ونحن نعمل ليل نهار، لئلا نثقل على أحد منكم. أنتم شهود، والله شاهد، كيف كنا معكم، أنتم المؤمنين، في نقاوة وبر وبغير لوم، نعامل كل منكم، كما تعلمون، معاملة الأب لأولاده. وكنا نناشدكم، ونشجعكم، ونحثكم على أن تسلكوا مسلكاً يليق بالله، الذي يدعوكم إلى ملكوته ومجده. لذلك نحن أيضاً نشكر الله بغير انقطاع، لأنكم لما تلقيتكم كلمة الله التي سمعتموها منا، قبلتموها لا بأنها كلمة بشر، بل بأنها حقاً كلمة الله. وإنها لفاعلة فيكم، أيها المؤمنون.

والتسبيح لله دائماً.



Pilgrimage To Lebanon
September 30 to October 9

Gospel Reading

Saint Luke 10:38-42

The Apostle Writes:

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

مِنْ إِنْجِيلِ الْقَدِّيسِ لَوْقَا

فِيمَا (كَانَ يَسُوعُ وَتِلَامِيذُهُ) سَائِرِينَ، دَخَلَ يَسُوعُ إِحْدَى الْقُرَى، فَاسْتَقْبَلَتْهُ فِي بَيْتِهَا أَمْرَأَةٌ أَسْمُهَا مَرْثَا. وَكَانَ لِمَرْثَا أُخْتُ تُدْعَى مَرْيَمَ. فَجَلَسَتْ عِنْدَ قَدَمَيِ الرَّبِّ تَسْمَعُ كَلَامَهُ. أَمَّا مَرْثَا فَكَانَتْ مُنْهَمَكَةً بِكَثْرَةِ الْخِدْمَةِ، فَجَاءَتْ وَقَالَتْ: "يَا رَبِّ، أَمَا تُبَالِي بِأَنَّ أُخْتِي تَرَكَتْنِي أَخْدُمُ وَحْدِي؟ فَقُلْ لَهَا أَنْ تُسَاعِدَنِي!". فَأَجَابَ الرَّبُّ وَقَالَ لَهَا: "مَرْثَا، مَرْثَا، إِنَّكَ تَهْتَمِينَ بِأُمُورٍ كَثِيرَةٍ، وَتَضْطَرِّبِينَ! إِنَّمَا الْمَطْلُوبُ وَاحِدٌ! فَمَرْيَمُ اخْتَارَتْ النَّصِيبَ الْأَفْضَلَ، وَلَنْ يُنْزَعَ مِنْهَا".
حَقًّا وَالْأَمَانُ لَجَمِيعِكُمْ.

THE PÈRE PAUL SYMPOSIUM

In-Person & Online Event

Friday, September 19, 2025
2:00pm-7:30pm

Caldwell Auditorium
The Catholic University of America

Guest Speakers



Elizabeth Anderson
Time: 2:00pm-2:35pm
Envisioning the Manichaean Elect Against the Backdrop of Early Syriac Asceticism



Alex Lopez
Time: 2:40pm-3:15pm
"The Poets also Construct Fables":
Conceptions of Poetry in Ephrem



Andrew Litke
Time: 3:20pm-4:00pm
Redeeming a Flawed Hero in Narsai's "On Samson"



Lev Weitz
Time: 4:05pm-4:40pm
Christian Sharia: Ibn al-Tayyib on East Syrian Law

Main speaker



Jack Tannous
Time: 5:00pm-6:15pm
Abstract: This lecture will survey the enormous destruction and loss that Syriac literature has experienced over the past 1800 years and argue that the history of Syriac literature can be seen as a proxy for the history of the archives and collectors that have preserved the portion of it that has survived. Understanding what has been lost from Syriac literature will not only help us understand better what remains but also give us a better grasp of the history of the communities that have transmitted the Syriac heritage to the present.

Scholarship Award

Time: 6:15pm-6:30pm
Announcement of the recipient of the Père Paul Scholarship for Eastern Christian Studies

Light Dinner

Time: 6:30pm-7:30pm

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Saint Jude Novena

October 20 – 28, 2025

This Year's Reflections:

THE SEVEN
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Tuesday, October 28

Healing Mass
Pasta Night

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