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WEEKLY BULLETIN – September 13-14, 2025

Season of the Holy Cross

Exaltation of the Holy Cross – عيد الصليب

DIVINE LITURGIES

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.

Saturday, September 20, @ 4:00PM,

liturgy is offered for a special intention.

Sunday, September 21,

Parish Mass @ 10:00AM, liturgy is offered for a special intention.

MYA Mass @ 11:00AM, liturgy is offered for all MYA Members and their families.

READINGS

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

John 12:20-32

SANCTUARY CANDLE

This week's sanctuary candle burns for the repose of the soul of Katherine (Taffy) McKenna.

O Lord, in the sweetness of Your compassion, receive the soul of Taffy and all our departed brothers and sisters. May the Mystery of Your Body and Blood be a pledge of life for them, a fire that consumes sins and destroys transgressions. In Your mercy, grant them rest in the dwellings of light and joy in the heavenly Jerusalem. O lover of all people, grant us life, abundant blessings and mercy and forgive our sins and theirs. In Jesus' Name we pray. 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 Impos, Jade Kellam, Marion Thomas Branca, Francesca Impos, Lucy DiLuce, Laurent Chidiac, Tom Hart, John Hart, Fadi Jaber, Joseph Realdine, Lisa Alestra, John Nader, Joey Gdowick, Francis Joseph Kerns, Samer Choekir, Kathy Newman, Rita Arrigale, Maryann Bratton, Renee Sahar, James Cordisio, Stacey Fuentes, Noel Andjuhar, and Angel Salerno.

Sunday 9/14/2025

First Day of Religious Education Classes

Sunday 9/21/2025



Liturgies

10:00 AM Parish

11:00 AM MYA

WEEKLY COLLECTION

September 6-7, 2025

Sunday Collection	\$ 1,228.00
Online Giving	\$ 350.00

Other Collections

Coffee Hour	\$ 18.00
Eparchial Assessment	\$ 30.00
Insurance	\$ 50.00
Fuel	\$ 0.00
Feast: Assumption	\$ 25.00
Holy Cross	\$ 0.00
Matching Grant	\$ 0.00
Donation	\$ 0.00
MYA Conference Sponsorship	\$ 100.00
2 nd Collection	\$ 105.00

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

MYA Conference 2025

Dear MYAs

Don't forget to register for the
MYA Eparchial Conference

Philadelphia

September 19-21, 2025

For more info,
or to lend a hand in the preps,
please contact

Summer Dib and DebbieAnna Semaan



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FRI, May 30
5pm - 11pm
SAT, May 31
3pm - 11pm
SUN, June 1
1pm - 9pm

Festival 2025 Financial Report

Income

Souvenir Shop	\$ 3,041.76
Bar Sales	\$ 25,444.22
Coffee Stand	\$ 240.33
Dessert Sales	\$ 12,766.77
Donations	\$ 4,407.40
Food Sales	\$ 77,787.42
Hookah	\$ 1,846.30
Kids Stand	\$ 1,956.00
50/50 Raffle	\$ 1,845.05
Sponsorships	\$ 22,835.06

Total Income \$ 152,170.31

Expense

Night Security	\$ 945.00
City Permits	\$ 290.00
Dumpster Extra pick up	\$ 313.91
Bar Expense	\$ 4,032.90
Festival Advertisement	\$ 2,082.29
Entertainment -Band	\$ 5,736.90
Equipment	\$ 749.96
Food Expense	\$ 11,047.26
Food for Volunteers	\$ 89.20
Hookah Stand	\$ 340.60
Janitorial Services	\$ 2,500.00
Mailing	\$ 256.72
50/50 Raffle	\$ 995.00
Rentals: Chairs, Tables, Tents...	\$ 8,760.37
Supplies	\$ 3,373.19

Total Expense \$ 41,513.30

Net Income \$ 110,657.01



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

Saint Jude Novena



October 20 – 28, 2025

This Year's Reflections:

**THE SEVEN
CAPITAL SINS**

Tuesday, October 28

**Healing Mass
Pasta Night**

Keep an eye on your mailbox.

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>

2025 Eparchial MYO Retreat

**REGISTRATION CLOSING ON
SEPTEMBER 30TH**

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



St. Nicholas Of Tolentine Italian festival

Sunday, October 5, 2025
1700 S. 9th Street
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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:
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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/>

Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Seminary

Building 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.

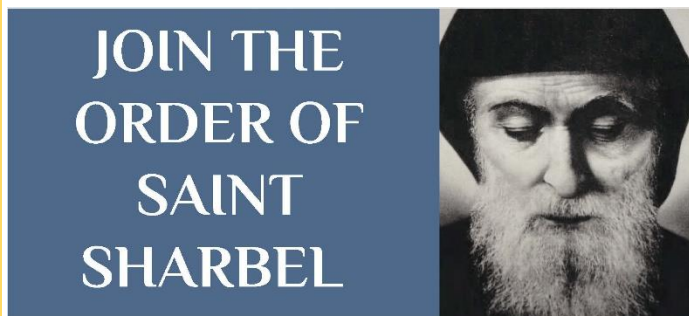
Donations can be made either by visiting
<http://www.stmaron.org/seminary>
or by check payable to
“The Eparchy of Saint Maron”



Support the Seminarians

Seminarians need to know that they are prayed for, loved and remembered not just as future priests, but as sons of the Church Family.
Let us show our love and support.

Here are some ways we can support them on their journey towards priesthood:



Support Maronite Seminarians and Retired Priests



and Help Build the Future of the Maronite Church



1. Financial Support

a. Making a Donation to the Seminary

Make Check Payable to:
“Our Lady of Lebanon Seminary”

b. Supporting the second collection

(Catholic University of America & Maronite Seminary)

We have collected last Sunday \$105.

c. Join the order of Saint Sharbel

Enroll online: www.orderstsharbel.org

Contact the office: www.office@saintmaron.org

2. Spiritual Support

- a. Remember them in your prayers (Liturgy intention, rosary...)
- b. Light a candle for them
- c. Pray for Vocations

3. Moral and Emotional Support

- a. Writing letters and cards of encouragement
- b. Remember them on their birthdays and feast days
- c. Adopt a seminarian

<https://maroniteseminary.org/>

First Reading

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

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

Brothers and Sisters:

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.' Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Praise be to God always.

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الأولى إلى أهل كورنثوس

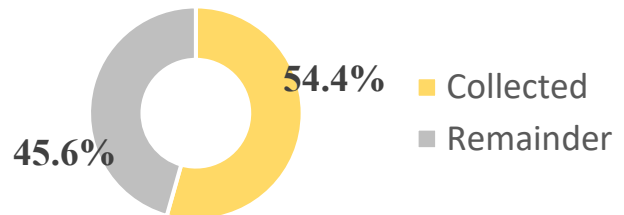
يَا إِخْوَتِي، إِنَّ كَلِمَةَ الصَّلِيبِ عِنْدَ الْهَالِكِينَ حَمَاقَةٌ، أَمَّا عِنْدَنَا نَحْنُ الْمُخَلَّصِينَ فَهِيَ قُوَّةُ اللَّهِ؛ لِأَنَّهُ مَكْتُوبٌ: «سَأُبِيدُ حِكْمَةَ الْحُكَمَاءِ، وَأَرْذُلُ فَهْمَ الْفُهَمَاءِ!». فَأَيْنَ الْحَكِيم؟ وَأَيْنَ عَالِمُ الشَّرِيعَةِ؟ وَأَيْنَ الْبَاحِثُ فِي أُمُورِ هَذَا الدَّهْرِ؟ أَمَّا جَعَلَ اللَّهُ حِكْمَةَ هَذَا الْعَالَمِ حَمَاقَةً؟ فَبِمَا أَنَّ الْعَالَمَ بِحِكْمَتِهِ مَا عَرَفَ اللَّهَ بِحَسَبِ حِكْمَةِ اللَّهِ، رَضِيَ اللَّهُ أَنْ يُخَلِّصَ بِحَمَاقَةِ الْبِشَارَةِ الَّذِينَ يُؤْمِنُونَ؛ لِأَنَّ الْيَهُودَ يَطْلُبُونَ الْآيَاتِ، وَالْيُونَانِيِّينَ يَلْتَمِسُونَ الْحِكْمَةَ. أَمَّا نَحْنُ فَتُنَادِي بِمَسِيحٍ مَصْلُوبٍ، هُوَ عِتَارٌ لِلْيَهُودِ وَحَمَاقَةٌ لِلْأُمَمِ. وَأَمَّا لِلْمَدْعُوعِينَ أَنْفُسِهِمْ، مِنَ الْيَهُودِ وَالْيُونَانِيِّينَ، فَهُوَ مَسِيحٌ، قُوَّةُ اللَّهِ وَحِكْمَةُ اللَّهِ؛ فَمَا يَبْدُو أَنَّهُ حَمَاقَةٌ مِنَ اللَّهِ هُوَ أَحْكَمُ مِنَ النَّاسِ، وَمَا يَبْدُو أَنَّهُ ضَعْفٌ مِنَ اللَّهِ هُوَ أَقْوَى مِنَ النَّاسِ. وَالتَّسْبِيحُ لِلَّهِ دَائِمًا.

Church Endowment Fund

Matching Grant

Anthony Abraham Foundation

Goal	\$ 5,000.00
Collected	\$ 2,720.00
Remainder	\$ 2,280.00



Gospel Reading

Saint John 12:20-32

The Apostle Writes:

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. 'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say "Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.'

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

من إنجيل القديس يوحنا

كَانَ بَيْنَ الصَّاعِدِينَ لِيَسْجُدُوا فِي الْعِيدِ، بَعْضُ الْيُونَانِيِّينَ. فَدَنَا هَؤُلَاءِ مِنْ فِيلِبُّسَ الَّذِي مِنْ بَيْتِ صَيْدَا الْجَلِيلِ، وَسَأَلُوهُ قَائِلِينَ: «يَا سَيِّدَ، نُرِيدُ أَنْ نَرَى يَسُوعَ». فَجَاءَ فِيلِبُّسُ وَقَالَ لَأَنْدَرَاوُسَ، وَجَاءَ أَنْدَرَاوُسُ وَفِيلِبُّسُ وَقَالَا لِيَسُوعَ. فَأَجَابَهُمَا يَسُوعُ قَائِلًا: «لَقَدْ حَانَتْ السَّاعَةُ لِكَيْ يُمَجَّدَ ابْنُ الْإِنْسَانِ. الْحَقُّ الْحَقُّ أَقُولُ لَكُمْ: إِنَّ حَبَّةَ الْحِنْطَةِ، إِنْ لَمْ تَقَعْ فِي الْأَرْضِ وَتَمُتْ، تَبْقَى وَاحِدَةً. وَإِنْ مَاتَتْ تَأْتِي بِثَمَرٍ كَثِيرٍ. مَنْ يُحِبُّ نَفْسَهُ يَفْقِدُهَا، وَمَنْ يُبْغِضُهَا فِي هَذَا الْعَالَمِ يَحْفَظُهَا لِحَيَاةٍ أَبَدِيَّةٍ. مَنْ يَخْدُمُنِي فَلْيَتَّبِعْنِي. وَحَيْثُ أَكُونُ أَنَا، فَهَنَّاكَ يَكُونُ أَيْضًا خَادِمِي. مَنْ يَخْدُمُنِي يُكْرِمُهُ الْآبُ. نَفْسِي الْآنَ مُضْطَرِبَّةٌ، فَمَاذَا أَقُولُ؟ يَا ابْنَتِ، نَجِّنِي مِنْ هَذِهِ السَّاعَةِ؟ وَلَكِنْ مِنْ أَجْلِ هَذَا بَلَغْتُ إِلَى هَذِهِ السَّاعَةِ! يَا ابْنَتِ، مَجِّدِ أَسْمَكِ». فَجَاءَ صَوْتُ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ يَقُولُ: «قَدْ مَجَّدْتُ، وَسَأَمَجِّدُ». وَسَمِعَ الْجَمْعُ الْحَاضِرُ فَقَالُوا: «إِنَّهُ رَعَدٌ». وَقَالَ آخَرُونَ: «إِنَّ مَلَكَاً خَاطَبَهُ». أَجَابَ يَسُوعُ وَقَالَ: «مَا كَانَ هَذَا الصَّوْتُ مِنْ أَجْلِي، بَلْ مِنْ أَجْلِكُمْ. هِيَ الْآنَ دَيْثُونَةُ هَذَا الْعَالَمِ. الْآنَ يُطْرَدُ سُلْطَانُ هَذَا الْعَالَمِ خَارِجًا. وَأَنَا إِذَا رُفِعْتُ عَنِ الْأَرْضِ، جَذَبْتُ إِلَيَّ الْجَمِيعَ». حَقًّا وَالْأَمَانُ لِكُلِّكُمْ.

THE PÈRE PAUL SYMPOSIUM

In-Person & Online Event

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


Caldwell Auditorium
The Catholic University of America

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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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

The Lost History of Syriac

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.



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