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WEEKLY BULLETIN – September 20-21, 2025

1st Sunday after Holy Cross – الأحد الأول بعد عيد الصليب

DIVINE LITURGIES

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.

Saturday, September 27, @ 4:00PM, liturgy is offered for a special intention.

Sunday, September 28, @ 11:00AM, liturgy is offered for the safety and well-being of Matteo Giordano III.

SANCTUARY CANDLE

This week's sanctuary candle burns for the MYA members in both Maronite Eparchies in the USA (Eparchy of Los Angeles and Eparchy of Brooklyn).

May this candle be a symbol of Christ's Light that dwells within each member of the MYA, guiding them in faith, strengthening them in hope and igniting in them a deeper love for the Church and for one another.

We lift up in a special way the MYA Eparchial Board, whose dedication and leadership serve as a beacon of service and communion. May the Holy Spirit continue to inspire their discernment, renew their zeal and bless their efforts to build up the Body of Christ among the youth of our Maronite Church. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

Sunday Readings:

2 Timothy 2:1-10

Mark 10:35-45

Sunday 9/21/2025

Liturgies 10:00 AM Parish – 11:00 AM MYA

First Responders Appreciation Day

Monday, September 29, 2025

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

September 13-14, 2025

| | |
|----------------------------|-------------|
| Sunday Collection | \$ 1,173.00 |
| Online Giving | \$ 0.00 |
| Other Collections | |
| Coffee Hour | \$ 15.00 |
| Eparchial Assessment | \$ 30.00 |
| Insurance | \$ 50.00 |
| Fuel | \$ 0.00 |
| Feast: Holy Cross | \$ 110.00 |
| Matching Grant | \$ 0.00 |
| Donation | \$ 0.00 |
| MYA Conference Sponsorship | \$ 200.00 |
| 2 nd Collection | \$ 0.00 |

BIBLE STUDY WITH FR. DAVID

Every Thursday - At 10 am

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/8472749798?pwd=2IbuLdNgd2XVMYk18QhTnScVcXdFGw.1>

Meeting ID: 847 2674 9798

Passcode: 166641

MARONITE VOICE

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FESTIVAL 2025

FINANCIAL REPORT

| | |
|---------------|---------------|
| Total Income | \$ 152,170.31 |
| Total Expense | \$ 41,513.30 |
| Net Income | \$ 110,657.01 |

MATCHING GRANT ENDOWMENT FUND

Goal \$5,000.00

| | | |
|-----------|------------|--------|
| Collected | \$3,210.00 | 64.20% |
| Remainder | \$1,790.00 | 35.80% |

2nd Collection

Sunday 10/19/2025

World Mission Sunday

91% propagation of faith

9% CNEWA

(Catholic Near East
Welfare Association)



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

Open Buffet
12 pm - 7 pm

1013 Ellsworth St,
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THANK YOU

**For Your
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BENEFIT CONCERT & DINNER

Our Lady of Lebanon Church in Easton, PA
is hosting a benefit concert and Dinner

on Saturday, October 4th at 8:00 PM.

Tickets are \$75.00 per person
(Ticket includes dinner and reception)

**All proceeds will support St. Joseph Monastery
and the Tomb of St. Rafqa in Lebanon, Jرابلس**



Saint Joseph Monastery
Tomb of Saint Rafqa

For tickets or more information please contact:



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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 CLOSES 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
Philadelphia, PA 19148



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



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.

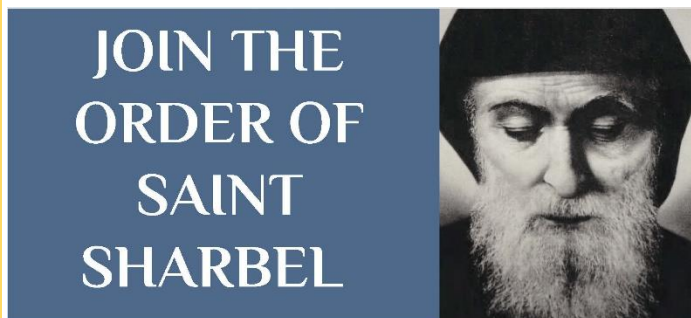
Donations can be made either by visiting
<http://www.stmaron.org/seminary>
or by check payable to
“The Eparchy of Saint Maron”



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

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

3. Moral and Emotional Support

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

<https://maroniteseminary.org/>

First Reading

2 Timothy 2:1-10

A reading from the Second Letter of Saint Paul to the Timothy. Your blessing father...

Brothers and Sisters:

Be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus; and what you have heard from me through many witnesses entrust to faithful people who will be able to teach others as well. Share in suffering like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No one serving in the army gets entangled in everyday affairs; the soldier's aim is to please the enlisting officer. And in the case of an athlete, no one is crowned without competing according to the rules. It is the farmer who does the work who ought to have the first share of the crops. Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in all things. Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory.

Praise be to God always.

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الثانية إلى تيموثاوس

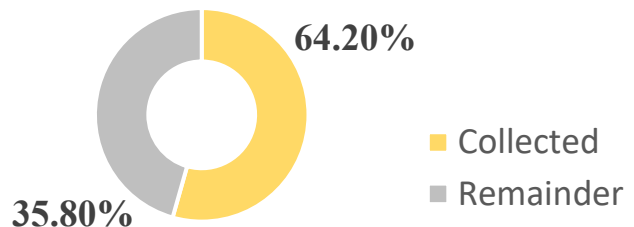
يا إخواني، وأنت، يا أبنائي، تشدد بالنعمة التي في المسيح يسوع. وما سمعته مني بحضور شهود كثيرين، استودعه أنا أسامنا، جديرين هم أيضا بأن يعلموا غيرهم. شاركني في احتمالات المشقات كجندٍ صالح للمسيح يسوع. وما من جندٍ ينهمك في الأمور المعيشية، إذا أراد أن يرضي من جنده. ومن يصارع لا ينال إكليلًا إلا إذا صارع بحسب الأصول. والحارث الذي يتعب له الحق بالنصيب الأول من الثمر. تأمل في ما أقول: والرب سيعطيك فهما في كل شيء! تذكر يسوع المسيح الذي قام من بين الأموات، وهو من نسل داود، بحسب إنجيلي، الذي فيه احتملت المشقات حتى القيود كمجرم، لكن كلمة الله لا تقيد. لذلك أضرب على كل شيء من أجل المختارين، ليخلصوا هم أيضًا على الخلاص في المسيح يسوع مع المجد الأبدي. والتسبيح لله دائماً.

Church Endowment Fund

Matching Grant

Anthony Abraham Foundation

| <u>Goal</u> | <u>\$5,000.00</u> | |
|-------------|-------------------|--------|
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Gospel Reading

Saint Mark 10:35-45

The Apostle Writes:

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus and said to him, 'Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.' And he said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' And they said to him, 'Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.' But Jesus said to them, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?' They replied, 'We are able.' Then Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.' When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, 'You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

مِنْ إِنْجِيلِ الْقَدِيسِ مَرْقَسَ

دَنَا مِنْ يَسُوعَ يَعْقُوبُ وَيُوحَنَّا، ابْنَا زَبْدَى ، وَقَالَا لَهُ: «يَا مُعَلِّمَ، نُرِيدُ أَنْ تَصْنَعَ لَنَا كُلَّ مَا نَسْأَلُكَ». فَقَالَ لَهُمَا: «مَاذَا تُرِيدَانِ أَنْ أَصْنَعَ لَكُمَا؟». قَالَا لَهُ: «أَعْطِنَا أَنْ نَجْلِسَ فِي مَجْدِكَ، وَاحِدٌ عَنْ يَمِينِكَ، وَوَاحِدٌ عَنْ يَسَارِكَ». فَقَالَ لَهُمَا يَسُوعُ: «إِنَّكُمَا لَا تَعْلَمَانِ مَا تَطْلُبَانِ: هَلْ تَسْتَطِيعَانِ أَنْ تَشْرَبَا الْكَأْسَ الَّتِي أَشْرَبُهَا أَنَا؟ أَوْ أَنْ تَتَّعَمَدَا بِالْمَعْمُودِيَّةِ الَّتِي أَتَّعَمَدُ بِهَا أَنَا؟». قَالَا لَهُ: «نَسْتَطِيعُ». فَقَالَ لَهُمَا يَسُوعُ: «الْكَأْسُ الَّتِي أَنَا أَشْرَبُهَا سَتَشْرَبَانِيهَا، وَالْمَعْمُودِيَّةُ الَّتِي أَنَا أَتَّعَمَدُ بِهَا سَتَتَّعَمَدَانِ بِهَا. أَمَّا الْجُلُوسُ عَنْ يَمِينِي أَوْ عَنْ يَسَارِي، فَلَيْسَ لِي أَنْ أَمْنَحَهُ إِلَّا لِلَّذِينَ أَعَدُّ لَهُمْ». وَلَمَّا سَمِعَ الْعَشْرَةُ الْآخَرُونَ، بَدَأُوا يَغْتَاطُونَ مِنْ يَعْقُوبَ وَيُوحَنَّا. فَدَعَاهُمُ يَسُوعُ إِلَيْهِ وَقَالَ لَهُمْ: «تَعْلَمُونَ أَنَّ الَّذِينَ يُعْتَزَّبُونَ رُؤَسَاءَ الْأُمَمِ يَسُودُونَهُمْ، وَعُظَمَاءُ هُمْ يَتَسَلَطُونَ عَلَيْهِمْ. أَمَّا أَنْتُمْ فَلَيْسَ الْأَمْرُ بَيْنَكُمْ هكَذَا، بَلْ مَنْ أَرَادَ أَنْ يَكُونَ فِيكُمْ عَظِيمًا، فَلْيَكُنْ لَكُمْ خَادِمًا. وَمَنْ أَرَادَ أَنْ يَكُونَ الْأَوَّلَ بَيْنَكُمْ، فَلْيَكُنْ عَبْدًا لِلْجَمِيعِ؛ لِأَنَّ ابْنَ الْإِنْسَانِ أَيْضًا لَمْ يَأْتِ لِيُخْدَمَ، بَلْ لِيُخْدَمَ، وَيَبْدُلَ نَفْسَهُ فِدَاءً عَنْ كَثِيرِينَ». 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

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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