



## Saint Maron Maronite Catholic Church

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## WEEKLY BULLETIN – September 27-28, 2025

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Holy Cross – الأحد الثاني بعد عيد الصليب**

### DIVINE LITURGIES

### SANCTUARY CANDLE

**Saturday, September 27, @ 4:00PM,**  
liturgy is offered for the safety and well-being of Father David Fisher.

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

**Saturday, October 4, @ 4:00PM,**  
liturgy is offered for the safety and well-being of Father Jebrael Moussallem.

**Sunday, October 5, @ 11:00AM,**  
liturgy is offered in memory of Helen Abdalla requested by Mary Hardy.  
May her soul rest in peace.

This week's sanctuary candle burns for the safety and well-being of Matteo Giordano III.

May the gentle flame of this candle be a sign of our hope, a light in the darkness and a silent prayer rising to heaven.

Heavenly Father, You are our refuge and strength, our ever-present help in times of need. As this candle glows before Your Holy Altar, we lift up Matteo into Your loving care. Guard him with Your angels, shield him from harm and grant him peace in body, mind and spirit.

May the light of Christ shine upon his path. And may the Blessed Virgin Mary wrap him in her mantle of protection. Through the intercession of all the saints, May Matteo be surrounded by grace, courage and divine favor.

We entrust him to Your mercy, O Lord, confident that You watch over those whom You love.

In Jesus' Name we pray

Amen.

<b>Sunday Readings</b> <b>1 Corinthians 15:19-34</b> <b>Matthew 24:1-14</b>	<b>MYO Social Night</b> <b><u>Friday, September 26</u></b> At the Church Hall.	<b>MYA Kick-off Dinner</b> <b><u>Saturday, October 4</u></b> At the Church Hall.
<b>Saint Jude Novena</b> <b>October 20 – 28, 2025</b> Topic: 7 Capital Sins	<b><u>First Responders Appreciation Day</u></b> <b>Monday, September 29, 2025</b>	

### 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 20-21, 2025

Sunday Collection (10 AM)	\$ 1,369.00
MYA Liturgy (11 AM)	\$ 282.00
Online Giving	\$ 0.00

### Other Collections

Coffee Hour	\$ 0.00
Eparchial Assessment	\$ 50.00
Insurance	\$ 60.00
Fuel	\$ 0.00
Bishop's Appeal	\$ 110.00
Feast: Holy Cross	\$ 40.00
Matching Grant	\$ 590.00
Donation	\$ 0.00
MYA Conference Sponsorship	\$ 200.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> 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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## 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)

## October 2025

SAT – Oct 4	MYA Kick-off Dinner		3rd Sunday after Holy Cross
SUN – Oct 5	MYA Board Meeting	Holy Rosary Sunday	
SAT – Oct 11		MYO EPARCHIAL RETREAT	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Holy Cross
SUN – Oct 12	No MYO Class		
MON – Oct 13	Columbus Day		
SAT – Oct 18			5th Sunday after Holy Cross
SUN – Oct 19	MYO setup table – Saint Jude		
MON - Oct 20	Saint Jude Novena – Day 1		
TUE – Oct 21	Saint Jude Novena – Day 2		
WED – Oct 22	Saint Jude Novena – Day 3		
THU – Oct 23	Saint Jude Novena – Day 4		
FRI – Oct 24	Saint Jude Novena – Day 5		
SAT – Oct 25	Saint Jude Novena – Day 6		Sunday of Christ the King
SUN – Oct 26	Saint Jude Novena – Day 7		
	Thanksgiving Food Drive Announcement		
MON – Oct 27	Saint Jude Novena – Day 8		
TUE – Oct 28	Saint Jude Novena – Day 9		
	Pasta Night		
MYO Eparchial Retreat: October 11-13, 2025 - October 10-12, 2026			
Saint Jude Novena: October 20-28, 2025			
Pasta Night October 28, 2025 following Divine Liturgy			
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection: Sunday, October 19, 2025: World Mission			

## MYA Eparchial Conference 2025



Last weekend we had the joy of welcoming over 150 young adults from across our eparchy, as well as the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon Eparchy, to St. Maron Church for Divine Liturgy, followed by a beautiful brunch generously sponsored and provided by our devoted Philly MYA parents and many nearby businesses.

We offer our heartfelt gratitude to Summer Dib and the entire MYA Board for their tireless work, countless hours and steadfast commitment in planning, organizing and ensuring that this conference was not only successful but truly transformative for all who attended.

And to our cherished MYA Parents, and of course Terri Koway, General Debra Mosier, Raji Jebara, Roger Jebara, Richy Koway, Annie Tayoun, Billy Tayoun and Rita Frangie, thank you for the love and care you pour into this ministry. Your presence and support continue to be a blessing to our young adults and to the entire community. God Bless You and Keep You Safe.

## MYA Eparchial Conference 2025 Sponsors

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# 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 30<sup>TH</sup>**

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. 9<sup>th</sup> Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19148



## 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Benefit Dinner Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn



Wednesday, October 22, 2025

The Metropolitan Club  
One East 60<sup>th</sup> Street, New York City

For more info and to Register:  
[www.stmaron.org/eparchial-benefit](http://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:

### **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](http://www.orderstsharbel.org)

Contact the office: [www.office@saintmaron.org](mailto: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

## Benefit Dinners



**25<sup>th</sup>**  
**St. Cyprian**  
**Anniversary Gala**  
2000-2025  
**YOU ARE INVITED**  
**27 SEPT 2025**  
**1PM - 5PM**  
**I.A.T.S.E BALLROOM**  
2401 Swanson St.  
Cocktail Attire  
**TICKETS \$50** (Children under 12) **TICKETS \$90**

## **BENEFIT CONCERT & DINNER**

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

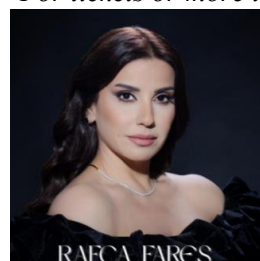
**on Saturday, October 4th at 8:00 PM.**

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, Jrbata**



*For tickets or more information please contact:*



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## First Reading

### 1 Corinthians 15:19-34

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

Brothers and Sisters:

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. For 'God has put all things in subjection under his feet.' But when it says, 'All things are put in subjection', it is plain that this does not include the one who put all things in subjection under him. When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to the one who put all things in subjection under him, so that God may be all in all. Otherwise, what will those people do who receive baptism on behalf of the dead? If the dead are not raised at all, why are people baptized on their behalf? And why are we putting ourselves in danger every hour? I die every day! That is as certain, brothers and sisters, as my boasting of you a boast that I make in Christ Jesus our Lord. If with merely human hopes I fought with wild animals at Ephesus, what would I have gained by it? If the dead are not raised, 'Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.' Do not be deceived: 'Bad company ruins good morals.' Come to a sober and right mind, and sin no more; for some people have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame. **Praise be to God always.**

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الأولى إلى أهل كورنثوس

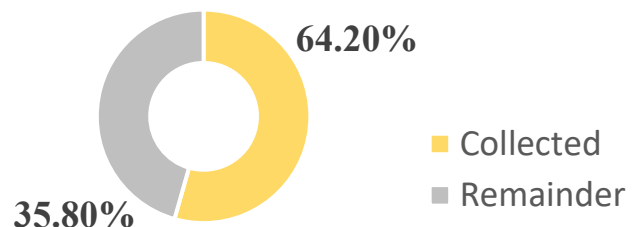
يَا إِخْوَتِي، إِنَّ كُنَّا نَرْجُو الْمَسِيحَ فِي هَذِهِ الْحَيَاةِ وَحَسَبُ، فَحَنُ أَشَقَى النَّاسِ أَجْمَعِينَ! وَالْحَالُ أَنَّ الْمَسِيحَ قَامَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، وَهُوَ بَاكُورَةُ الرَّاقِدِينَ. فِيمَا أَنَّ الْمَوْتَ كَانَ بِوَاسِطَةِ إِنْسَانٍ، فَبِوَاسِطَةِ إِنْسَانٍ أَيْضًا تَكُونُ قِيَامَةُ الْأَمْوَاتِ. فَكَمَا أَنَّ فِي آدَمَ يَمُوتُ الْجَمِيعُ، كَذَلِكَ فِي الْمَسِيحِ سَيَحْيَا الْجَمِيعُ، كُلٌّ وَاحِدٍ فِي رُتْبَتِهِ: الْمَسِيحُ أَوَّلًا، لِأَنَّهُ الْبَاكُورَةُ، ثُمَّ الَّذِينَ هُمْ لِلْمَسِيحِ، عِنْدَ مَجِيئِهِ. وَبَعْدَ ذَلِكَ تَكُونُ النِّهَائِيَّةُ، حِينَ يُسَلِّمُ الْمَلِكُ إِلَى اللَّهِ الْآبِ، بَعْدَ أَنْ يَكُونَ قَدْ أَبْطَلَ كُلَّ رِبَاسَةٍ وَكُلَّ سُلْطَانٍ وَقُوَّةٍ، لِأَنَّهُ لَا بُدَّ لِلْمَسِيحِ أَنْ يَمْلِكَ، إِلَى أَنْ يَجْعَلَ اللَّهُ جَمِيعَ أَعْدَائِهِ تَحْتَ قَدَمَيْهِ. وَآخِرَ عَدُوٍّ يُبْطَلُ هُوَ الْمَوْتُ. لَقَدْ أَخْضَعَ اللَّهُ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ تَحْتَ قَدَمَيْهِ. وَحِينَ يَقُولُ الْكِتَابُ: «أَخْضَعَ لَهُ كُلُّ شَيْءٍ»، فَمِنْ الْوَاضِحِ أَنَّهُ يَسْتَنْتِي اللَّهُ الَّذِي أَخْضَعَ لَهُ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ. وَمَتَى أَخْضَعَ لِلْآبِ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ، فَحِينَئِذٍ يَخْضَعُ الْآبُ نَفْسَهُ لِلَّذِي أَخْضَعَ لَهُ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ، حَتَّى يَكُونَ اللَّهُ الْكُلُّ فِي الْكُلِّ. وَإِلَّا فَمَاذَا يَفْعَلُ الَّذِينَ يَتَعَمَّدُونَ مِنْ أَجْلِ الْأَمْوَاتِ؟ إِنْ كَانَ الْأَمْوَاتُ لَا يَقُومُونَ أَبَدًا، فَلِمَاذَا يَتَعَمَّدُونَ مِنْ أَجْلِهِمْ؟ وَحَنُ، فَلِمَاذَا نَعْرِضُ أَنْفُسَنَا كُلَّ سَاعَةٍ لِلْخَطَرِ؟ أَقْسِمُ، أَيُّهَا الْإِخْوَةُ، بِمَا لِي مِنْ فَخْرٍ بِكُمْ فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ رَبِّنَا، أَنِّي أَوَاجُهُ الْمَوْتَ كُلَّ يَوْمٍ. إِنْ كُنْتُ صَارَعْتُ الْوُحُوشَ فِي أَفَسُسَ، لِغَايَةِ بَشَرِيَّةٍ، فَأَيُّ نَفْعٍ لِي؟ وَإِنْ كَانَ الْأَمْوَاتُ لَا يَقُومُونَ، فَلِنَأْكُلْ وَنَشْرَبْ، لِأَنَّنَا غَدًا سَنَمُوتُ! لَا تَضَلُّوا! إِنَّ الْمُعَاشَرَاتِ السَّيِّئَةَ تُفْسِدُ الْأَخْلَاقَ السَّالِمَةَ! أَتَقِطُّوا قُلُوبَكُمْ بِالنَّقْوَى، وَلَا تَخْطُأُوا، فَإِنَّ بَعْضًا مِنْكُمْ يَجْهَلُونَ اللَّهَ! أَقُولُ هَذَا لِإِخْوَالِكُمْ! وَالتَّسْبِيحُ لِلَّهِ دَائِمًا.

## Church Endowment Fund

### Matching Grant

Anthony Abraham Foundation

Goal	\$5,000.00	
Collected	\$3,210.00	64.20%
Remainder	\$1,790.00	35.80%



## Gospel Reading

### Saint Matthew 24:1-14

#### The Apostle Writes:

As Jesus came out of the temple and was going away, his disciples came to point out to him the buildings of the temple. Then he asked them, 'You see all these, do you not? Truly I tell you, not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.' When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, 'Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?' Jesus answered them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray. For many will come in my name, saying, "I am the Messiah!" and they will lead many astray. And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars; see that you are not alarmed; for this must take place, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places: all this is but the beginning of the birth pangs. 'Then they will hand you over to be tortured and will put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of my name. Then many will fall away, and they will betray one another and hate one another. And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. And because of the increase of lawlessness, the love of many will grow cold. But anyone who endures to the end will be saved. And this good news of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the world, as a testimony to all the nations; and then the end will come.

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

#### مِنْ إِنْجِيلِ الْقَدِيسِ مَتَّى

خَرَجَ يَسُوعُ مِنَ الْهَيْكَلِ وَمَضَى. فَدَنَا مِنْهُ تَلَامِيذُهُ يُلْفِتُونَ نَظْرَهُ إِلَى أُنْبِيَةِ الْهَيْكَلِ. فَأَجَابَ وَقَالَ لَهُمْ: "أَلَا تَنْتَظِرُونَ هَذَا كُلَّهُ؟ الْحَقُّ أَقُولُ لَكُمْ: لَنْ يُتْرَكَ هُنَا حَجَرٌ عَلَى حَجَرٍ إِلَّا وَيُنْقَضُ". وَفِيمَا هُوَ جَالِسٌ عَلَى جَبَلِ الزَّيْتُونِ، دَنَا مِنْهُ التَّلَامِيذُ عَلَى أَنْفِرَادٍ قَائِلِينَ: "قُلْ لَنَا مَتَى يَكُونُ هَذَا، وَمَا هِيَ عَلَامَةُ مَجِيئِكَ وَنَهَايَةِ الْعَالَمِ؟". فَأَجَابَ يَسُوعُ وَقَالَ لَهُمْ: "إِحْذَرُوا أَنْ يُضِلَّكُمْ أَحَدٌ! فَكَثِيرُونَ سَيَأْتُونَ بِأَسْمِي قَائِلِينَ: "أَنَا هُوَ الْمَسِيحُ! وَيُضِلُّونَ الْكَثِيرِينَ. وَسَوْفَ تَسْمَعُونَ بِحُرُوبٍ وَبِأَخْبَارِ حُرُوبٍ، أَنْظُرُوا، لَا تَرْتَعِبُوا! فَلَإِنَّ هَذَا أَنْ يَحْدُثَ هَذَا. وَلَكِنْ لَيْسَتْ النِّهَايَةُ بَعْدَ! سَنَقُومُ أُمَّةً عَلَى أُمَّةٍ، وَمَمْلَكَةٌ عَلَى مَمْلَكَةٍ، وَتَكُونُ مَجَاعَاتٌ وَزَلَزَلٌ فِي أَمَاكِنَ شَتَّى، وَهَذَا كُلُّهُ أَوَّلُ الْمَخَاضِ. حِينَئِذٍ يُسَلِّمُونَكُمْ إِلَى الضِّيقِ، وَيَقْتُلُونَكُمْ، وَيُبَغِضُكُمْ جَمِيعُ الْأُمَمِ مِنْ أَجْلِ أَسْمِي. وَحِينَئِذٍ يَرْتَدُّ الْكَثِيرُونَ عَنِ الْإِيمَانِ، وَيُسَلِّمُ بَعْضُهُمْ بَعْضًا، وَيُبَغِضُ بَعْضُهُمْ بَعْضًا. وَيَقُومُ أَنْبِيَاءُ كَذِبَةٌ كَثِيرُونَ وَيُضِلُّونَ الْكَثِيرِينَ. وَلِكثَرَةِ الْإِثْمِ تَقْصُرُ مَحَبَّةُ الْكَثِيرِينَ. وَمَنْ يَصْبِرْ إِلَى النِّهَايَةِ يَخْلُصُ. وَيُكْرَزُ بِإِنْجِيلِ الْمَلَكُوتِ هَذَا فِي الْمَسْكُونَةِ كُلِّهَا شَهَادَةً لِّجَمِيعِ الْأُمَمِ، وَحِينَئِذٍ تَأْتِي النِّهَايَةُ". حَقًّا وَالْأَمَانُ لِّجَمِيعِكُمْ.

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Envisioning the Manichaean Elect Against the Backdrop of Early Syriac Asceticism



**Alex Lopez**  
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"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 Tanous**

#### 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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