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WEEKLY BULLETIN – October 4-5, 2025

3rd Sunday after Holy Cross – الأحد الثالث بعد عيد الصليب

Holy Rosary Sunday – أحد مسبحة الوردية

DIVINE LITURGIES

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.

Saturday, October 11, @ 4:00PM,

liturgy is offered a special intention.

Sunday, October 12, @ 11:00AM,

liturgy is offered in memory of Robert Cherfane requested by family. May his soul rest in peace.

We remember in a special way our MYO as they conclude their Regional Retreat.

SANCTUARY CANDLE

This week's sanctuary candle burns for Domestic Violence Survivors.

May its gentle flame be a sign of Christ's abiding presence, bringing comfort to those who suffer in silence and strength to those seeking safety. We pray for all who live in fear behind closed doors, for those whose voices have been silenced and for those who carry invisible wounds.

Loving and merciful God, draw near to those who are hurting, Shelter them in your love and grant them the courage step toward safety. Wrap them in the peace that only you can give, and help them to know they are not alone.

Through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Sorrows, may all who are wounded find hope and restoration.

In the Name of Jesus, our light and our hope, we pray. Amen.

Sunday Readings

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Matthew 24:23-31

MYA Kick-off Dinner

Saturday, October 4

At the Church Hall.

Kids Party

Saturday, November 1

At the Church Hall.

Saint Jude Novena

October 20 – 28, 2025

Topic: 7 Capital Sins



**This Sunday is the Holy Rosary Sunday,
Join us following the Divine Liturgy
to pray the Holy Rosary.**



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

October 4-5, 2025

Sunday Collection	\$ 1,055.00
Online Giving	\$ 265.00

Other Collections

Coffee Hour	\$ 16.00
Eparchial Assessment	\$ 0.00
Insurance	\$ 0.00
Fuel	\$ 0.00
Bishop's Appeal	\$ 30.00

Matching Grant	\$ 250.00
Donation	\$ 0.00
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

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MARONITE VOICE

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MATCHING GRANT ENDOWMENT FUND

Goal \$5,000.00

Collected \$3,560.00

Remainder \$1,440.00

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 (9:30 AM)	Holy Rosary Sunday	
SAT – Oct 11		MYO EPARCHIAL RETREAT	4 th 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

2nd Collection: Sunday, October 19, 2025: World Mission

1st Responders Appreciation Day

On Monday, September 29, our parish, in collaboration with PPD 3rd District, celebrated Faith & Blue 2025: First Responders Appreciation Day. Following the Divine Liturgy, all 1st responders were invited to a buffet sponsored and donated by many parishioners and neighboring businesses.

This day was a reminder for us that faith and service go hand in hand, and that our first responders truly embody selfless love for neighbor. God Bless our brothers and sisters who are sacrificing their lives for us.

Police Officer Ace Delgado on behalf of the 3rd district Captain (Captain Higginson) and fellow officers thanked Dennis Eddis, event coordinator, with flowers. They also presented Abouna Andrawos with a plaque in recognition of all the love and support St. Maron shows the first responders year after year. In addition, the Parol Officers handed about a shirt with their logo as a token of their appreciation and thanks for always inviting them to the event.

Thank You to all those who worked hard in preparing and serving the food. Thank you to all our friends, from businesses to churches, for your generous support and generous donations.



Terri Koway
Deb Mosier
Marrone Family
Ellen Linder



First Responders Committee



Rizingmount Zion Baptist Church
Pastor Iola Danzy



2025 Eparchial MYO Retreat

Wishing our beloved MYO members from our parish a spiritually enriching and transformative experience as you join the eparchial retreat.

May this time of prayer, reflection, and fellowship deepen your faith and strengthen your bond with Christ and one another.

God Bless You and Keep You Safe.
Abouna



St. Nicholas Of Tolentine Italian festival

Sunday, October 5, 2025

1700 S. 9th Street

Philadelphia, PA 19148



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.

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

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](https://www.myoeparchystmaron.org/events-1)



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

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

Benefit Dinners

BENEFIT CONCERT & DINNER

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

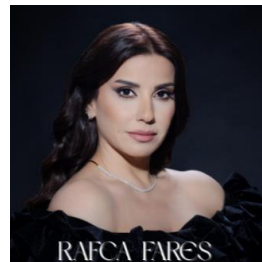
on Saturday, October 4th at 8:00 PM.

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, Jrabta**



For tickets or more information please contact:

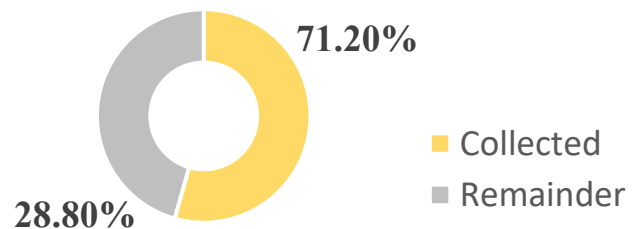


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Church Endowment Fund Matching Grant Anthony Abraham Foundation



Goal	\$5,000.00
Collected	\$3,560.00
Remainder	\$1,440.00

First Reading

Philippians 3:17 - 4:1

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

Brothers and Sisters:

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Praise be to God always.

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل فيلبّي

يا إخوتي، اِقْتَدُوا بِي، وَاَنْظُرُوا إِلَى الَّذِينَ يَسْلُكُونَ عَلَى مِثَالِنَا. فَكَثِيرٌ مِنْ أَوْلَئِكَ الَّذِينَ كُنْتُ أَكَلِّمُكُمْ عَنْهُمْ مِرَارًا، وَأَكَلِّمُكُمْ عَنْهُمْ الْآنَ بَاكِيًا، يَسْلُكُونَ كَأَعْدَاءٍ لِصَلِيبِ الْمَسِيحِ، أَوْلَئِكَ الَّذِينَ عَاقِبَتُهُمُ الْهَلَاكُ، أَوْلَئِكَ الَّذِينَ إِلَهُهُمْ بَطْنُهُمْ، وَمَجْدُهُمْ فِي عَارِهِمْ، وَفِي أُمُورِ الْأَرْضِ هُمُومُهُمْ. أَمَّا نَحْنُ فَمَدِينَتُنَا فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ، وَمِنْهَا نَنْتَظِرُ الرَّبَّ يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحَ مُخْلِصًا. وَهُوَ سَيَغَيِّرُ جَسَدَ هَوَانِنَا، فَيَجْعَلُهُ عَلَى صُورَةِ جَسَدِ مَجْدِهِ، وَفَقًا لِعَمَلِ قُدْرَتِهِ، الَّتِي بِهَا يُخْضَعُ لِنَفْسِهِ كُلُّ شَيْءٍ. إِذَا، يَا إِخْوَتِي، الَّذِينَ أَحْبَبُّهُمْ وَأَشْتَقُّ إِلَيْهِمْ، وَأَنْتُمْ فَرَحِي وَإِكْلِيلِي، أَثْبِتُوا هَكَذَا فِي الرَّبِّ، أَيُّهَا الْأَحِبَّاءُ.

والتسبيح لله دائماً.

Gospel Reading

Saint Matthew 24:23-31

The Apostle Writes:

If anyone says to you, "Look! Here is the Messiah!" or "There he is!" do not believe it. For false messiahs and false prophets will appear and produce great signs and omens, to lead astray, if possible, even the elect. Take note, I have told you beforehand. So, if they say to you, "Look! He is in the wilderness", do not go out. If they say, "Look! He is in the inner rooms", do not believe it. For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather. 'Immediately after the suffering of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of heaven will be shaken. Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see "the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven" with power and great glory. And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

مِنْ إِنْجِيلِ الْقَدِيسِ مَتَّى

قَالَ الرَّبُّ يَسُوعُ: «إِنْ قَالَ لَكُمْ أَحَدٌ: هُوَذَا الْمَسِيحُ هُنَا أَوْ هُنَاكَ! فَلَا تُصَدِّقُوا. فَسَوْفَ يَهْوِمُ مُسَحَاءٌ كَذِبَةً وَأَنْبِيَاءُ كَذِبَةً، وَيَأْتُونَ بِآيَاتٍ عَظِيمَةٍ وَخَوَارِقَ، لِيُضِلُّوا الْمُخْتَارِينَ أَنْفُسَهُمْ، لَوْ قَدَرُوا. هَا إِنِّي قَدْ أَنْبَأْتُكُمْ! فَإِنْ قَالُوا لَكُمْ: هَا هُوَ فِي الْبَرِّيَّةِ! فَلَا تَخْرُجُوا، أَوْ: هَا هُوَ فِي دَاخِلِ الْبَيْتِ! فَلَا تُصَدِّقُوا. فَكَمَا أَنَّ الْبَرْقَ يُومِضُ مِنَ الْمَشَارِقِ، وَيَسْطَعُ حَتَّى الْمَغَارِبِ، هَكَذَا يَكُونُ مَجِيءُ ابْنِ الْإِنْسَانِ. حَيْثُ تَكُونُ الْجَنَّةُ هُنَاكَ تَجْتَمِعُ النُّسُورُ. وَحَالًا بَعْدَ ضَيْقِ تِلْكَ الْأَيَّامِ، أَلْشَّمْسُ تَظْلِمُ، وَالْقَمَرُ لَا يُعْطِي ضَوْءَهُ، وَالنُّجُومُ تَتَسَاقَطُ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ، وَقَوَاتِ السَّمَاوَاتِ تَتَزَعْزَعُ. وَحِينَئِذٍ تَظْهَرُ فِي السَّمَاءِ عَلَامَةُ ابْنِ الْإِنْسَانِ، فَتَنْتَجِبُ قَبَائِلُ الْأَرْضِ كُلُّهَا، وَتَرَى ابْنَ الْإِنْسَانِ آتِيًا عَلَى سَحَابِ السَّمَاءِ بِقُدْرَةٍ وَمَجْدٍ عَظِيمٍ. وَيُرْسِلُ مَلَائِكَتَهُ يَنْفُخُونَ فِي بُوقٍ عَظِيمٍ، فَيَجْمَعُونَ مُخْتَارِيهِ مِنَ الرِّيحِ الْأَرْبَعِ، مِنْ أَقَاصِي السَّمَاوَاتِ إِلَى أَقَاصِيهَا. حَقًّا وَالْأَمَانُ لِكُلِّكُمْ.

UPDATES

2025
Bishop's Lenten Appeal \$3,500
Assessment \$8,400

2026
Bishop's Lenten Appeal \$3,500
Assessment \$9,400



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September 23, 2025

No. 454-2-25

Reverend Andrawos (Fadi) El Tabchi
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Dear Reverend Tabchi:

Each year after going over the Annual Financial Report, the Eparchial Compliance Officer Anthony Budway, with Bishop Gregory and myself, reassess the Annual Assessment and the Bishop's Appeal.

In determining the new assessment, each Parish/Mission's Net Profit or Loss as recorded on its 2025 Profit and Loss Statement as well as the Cash and Cash Equivalents as reported on its Balance Sheet, was considered.

In addition, the following factors were taken into consideration: 1) Missions need to be given special consideration. 2) Parishes with major projects which have been approved by the Bishop, or those that have large mortgages with relatively little savings in the bank, were given special consideration.

In light of the above, the 2026 Eparchial Assessment for Saint Maron Church will be **\$9400.00**. As usual, this amount will be broken up into ten payments for which the Chancery will email you an invoice from February to November.

The 2026 Bishop's Appeal assessment for our parish will be **\$3,500.00**. This appeal is to be made during Lent and the total amount is due at the Chancery after Easter.

In Christ I remain,

Monsignor James A. Root
Vicar General

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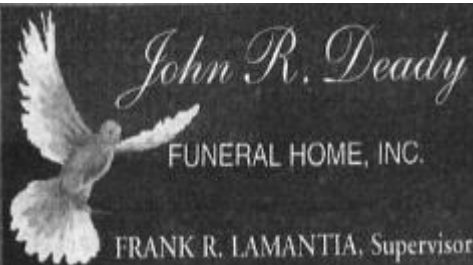
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