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Announcement To Marie أميرة بشارة العذراء مريم

DIVINE LITURGIES

SAT 11/22 IMO Antonio Lambardi
SUN 11/23 IMO Walter (Chip) Meixner
SAT 11/29 IMO Rita Diaz
SAT 11/30 IMO Deebi, George and Joseph Semaan

Sunday Readings

Galatians 3:15-22
Luke 1:26-38

SANCTUARY CANDLE

This week's sanctuary candle burns for all persecuted Christians around the world, especially those who are dying because of their faith.

Lord Jesus Christ, you who suffered for truth and love, look with mercy upon your children who endure hatred and violence for your name. Strengthen their hearts, grant them courage, and let their witness shine as a light in the darkness. May your Holy Spirit console their families and inspire the Church to stand in solidarity with them. Guide us also, Lord, to be faithful in our own trials, never wavering in hope. May our lives reflect your love so that others may be drawn to your saving grace. Protect your Church from fear and division, and unite us in one body of faith. May your kingdom of justice and mercy break through the darkness of this world. We pray to You O Lord.



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National Epilepsy Awareness Month (NEAM)

#Purple #Awareness
#Strength #Hope
#Pray #Remember

Bread Orders

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before Friday
each week.

Christmas Giving Tree

Starts
11/23/2025



IN OUR PRAYERS

Ethel Parsons, Rachel Horne, Aubree Springer, 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

November 15-16, 2025

Sunday Collection	\$	1,879.00
Online Giving - Paypal	\$	0.00
Online Giving - Zeffy	\$	310.00

Other Collections

Coffee Hour	\$	13.00
Eparchial Assessment	\$	50.00
Insurance	\$	30.00
Fuel	\$	0.00
Bishop's Appeal	\$	30.00
Donation	\$	00.00
Special Donation (Bingo Night)	\$	00.00
2 ND Collection (Patriarchal Charities)	\$	70.00

MARONITE VOICE

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<https://www.maronitevoice.org/>

BIBLE STUDY WITH FR. DAVID

Every Thursday - At 10 am

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/8472749798?pwd=2lbuLdNgd2XVMYk18QhTnScVeXdFGw.1>

Meeting ID: 847 2674 9798

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SAVE THE DATE

BINGO NIGHT



CHRISTMAS 2025

GIVING TREE

Be the hands of Christ this Christmas
choose a tag and bless a child with love.



STARTS ON

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2025

ENDS ON

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2025

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FRIENDSGIVING
Adoration +
Dinner

NOV | 22 | 3 PM

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Service Day

November 21, 2025

MYO
EVENT

6 PM

November 2025

SAT – Nov 1	All Saints Day kids Party		All Saints Day Commemoration of the Faithful Departed
SUN – Nov 2	Consecration of the Church: 1st Sunday of the Liturgical Year Children’s Liturgy: Consecration and Blessing (CCD Reads)		
SAT – Nov 8	MYA Bonfire		Renewal of the Church
SUN – Nov 9	Renewal of the Church Altar Cloths Procession (MYO Reads)		
SAT – Nov 15		Mid – Atlantic Youth Leader Enrichment Day	Announcement To Zechariah
SUN – Nov 16	Giving Tree Announcement		
FRI – Nov 21	Setup of Giving Tree Caring for friends Bake Sale Preps		
SAT – Nov 22	MYA EASTON Friendsgiving		Announcement To Mary
SUN – Nov 23	Giving Tree Ready Second Announcement CCD Bake Sale		
THU – Nov 27	Thanksgiving	OFFICE CLOSED	
FRI – Nov 28			
SAT – Nov 29			Visitation To Elizabeth
SUN – Nov 30	NO Classes		
2 nd Collection: November 9, 2025 - Maronite Patriarchal Charities			

Mid-Atlantic Youth Leader Workshop



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On Saturday, November 15, over 25 youth leaders from across from across The Mid-Atlantic Regions gathered at St. Maron Church in Philadelphia for the Eparchial MYO Office's Youth Leader Workshop!

Message from the MYO Eparchial Board:

"We are deeply grateful to Fr. Andrawos and the Parish of Saint Maron for their gracious hospitality. We also thank our Youth Leaders, whose steadfast dedication continues to strengthen and uplift our Youth Ministry."



Congratulations to Deacon Jakob Wyder and Subdeacon Mark Farah

On Sunday, November 16, 2025, through the imposition of hands by The Most Reverend Bishop Gregory Mansour, Mark Farah was elevated to the Order of Subdeacons and Jakob Wyder to the Order of Deacons.

We offer them our heartfelt congratulations and give thanks to God for calling them to serve His Church in this beautiful way. May the Holy Spirit strengthen and guide them in their new ministry, so that their lives may bear abundant fruit for the glory of God and the good of His people.

Thank You Saint Maron Parish



We extend our heartfelt thanks to all who generously donated clothing to help and support our brothers and sisters in the rural areas. Your compassion and willingness to share from your blessings reflect the true spirit of the Gospel and the heart of our Christian mission.

The clothing donations were distributed last week, and we pray that those who received them may experience the love of Christ through your kindness and generosity, finding comfort and hope in your thoughtful outreach. May God reward you generously for your unselfish acts of love, and may He continue to bless you with the grace to be instruments of His mercy in our world.

Saint Maron Outreach Committee

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Let us support our sister parish, “Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Cathedral in Brooklyn,” by attending the Christmas Concert on December 6 at 7:00 PM, featuring Nabiha Yazbeck.

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For more info, you can visit:

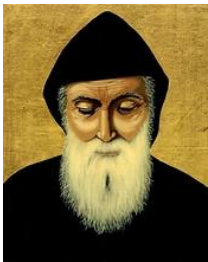
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Please note that the FSS is a distinct organization separate from the Order of Saint Sharbel.

Join the Order of Saint Sharbel

The Order provides financial support to seminarians and when it is possible, to support retired priests of the Maronite Church in the United States.



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Saturday, January 24th

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Ellsworth Evangelists

All New!

Saint Maron Philly Presents:

Ellsworth Evangelists

Tune in to our brand new podcast with co-hosts Conor Donnelly, Summer Dib, and Anthony Labbad as they go through a Maronite take on the Lectio Divina for the Sundays of the Announcements.



Episodes 1 & 2 Out Now on Spotify and YouTube!

“How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

(Romans 10:15)

Tune in this week for Episode 2 of the podcast: “The Announcement to Mary”.

Spotify

https://open.spotify.com/episode/1N4Xk5pgQpDwyOhcK6cZwj?si=p9EKdNLBSdqscnU-N_3zHA

YouTube

www.youtube.com/@EllsworthEvangelists

Sunday, November 23, 2025 – First Reading – Galatians 3:15-22

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

Brothers and Sisters:

I give an example from daily life: once a person's will has been ratified, no one adds to it or annuls it. Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring; it does not say, 'And to offsprings', as of many; but it says, 'And to your offspring', that is, to one person, who is Christ. My point is this: the law, which came four hundred and thirty years later, does not annul a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to nullify the promise. For if the inheritance comes from the law, it no longer comes from the promise; but God granted it to Abraham through the promise. Why then the law? It was added because of transgressions, until the offspring would come to whom the promise had been made; and it was ordained through angels by a mediator. Now a mediator involves more than one party; but God is one. Is the law then opposed to the promises of God? Certainly not! For if a law had been given that could make alive, then righteousness would indeed come through the law. But the scripture has imprisoned all things under the power of sin, so that what was promised through faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

Praise be to God always.

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل غلاطية

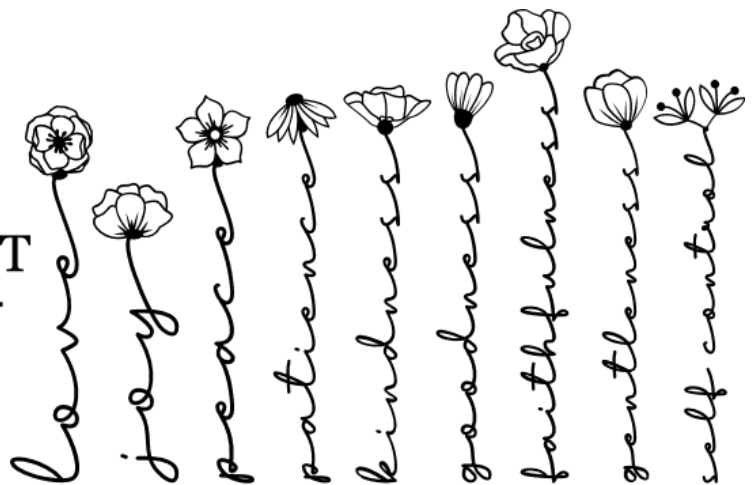
يا إخوتي، كَبَشِّرُ أَقُولُ: إِنَّ الْوَصِيَّةَ، وَإِنْ كَانَتْ مِنْ إِنْسَانٍ، إِذَا أُقِرَّتْ، لَا أَحَدَ يُبْطِلُهَا أَوْ يَزِيدُ عَلَيْهَا. فَالْوَعْدُ قِيلَتْ لِإِبْرَاهِيمَ وَلِنَسْلِهِ. وَمَا قِيلَتْ: «وَلَا نَسَالَهُ»، كَأَنَّهُ لِكَثِيرِينَ، بَلْ «وَلِنَسْلِكَ»، كَأَنَّهُ لِوَاحِدٍ، وَهُوَ الْمَسِيحُ! فَأَقُولُ هَذَا: إِنَّ وَصِيَّةَ سَبَقَ اللَّهُ فَأَقَرَّهَا، لَا تُلْغِيهَا شَرِيعَةٌ جَاءَتْ بَعْدَ أَرْبَعِ مِئَةٍ وَثَلَاثِينَ سَنَةً، فَتُبْطَلُ الْوَعْدُ. وَإِذَا كَانَ الْمِيرَاثُ مِنَ الشَّرِيعَةِ، فَهُوَ لَمْ يَعُدْ مِنَ الْوَعْدِ؛ وَالْحَالُ أَنَّ اللَّهَ بَوَّعَدَ أَنْعَمَ بِالْمِيرَاثِ عَلَى إِبْرَاهِيمَ. إِذَا فَلِمَ أَذَا الشَّرِيعَةُ؟ إِنَّهَا أُضِيفَتْ بِسَبَبِ الْمَعَاصِي، حَتَّى مَجِيءِ النَّسْلِ الَّذِي جُعِلَ الْوَعْدُ لَهُ. وَقَدْ أَعْلَنَاهَا مَلَائِكَةً عَلَى يَدِ وَسِيطٍ، هُوَ مُوسَى. غَيْرَ أَنَّ الْوَاحِدَ لَا وَسِيطَ لَهُ، وَاللَّهُ وَاحِدٌ! إِذَا فَهَلْ تَكُونُ الشَّرِيعَةُ ضِدَّ وَعْدِ اللَّهِ؟ حَاشَا! فَلَوْ أُعْطِيتْ شَرِيعَةٌ قَادِرَةٌ أَنْ تُحْيِيَ، لَكَانَ التَّزْيِيرُ حَقًّا بِالشَّرِيعَةِ. وَلَكِنَّ الْكِتَابَ حَبَسَ الْكُلَّ تَحْتَ الْخَطِيئَةِ، لِكَيْمَا بِالْإِيمَانِ بِيَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ يُعْطَى الْوَعْدُ لِلَّذِينَ يُؤْمِنُونَ.

والتسبيح لله دائماً.

How is your spiritual garden?

FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT

GALATIANS 5:22



The Apostle Writes:

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore, the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

This is the truth. Peace be with you.



مِنْ إِنْجِيلِ الْقَدِيسِ لَوْقَا

وَفِي الشَّهْرِ السَّادِسِ (بعد بشارة زكريّا)، أُرْسِلَ الْمَلَكُ جِبْرَائِيلُ مِنْ عِنْدِ اللَّهِ إِلَى مَدِينَةٍ فِي الْجَلِيلِ اسْمُهَا النَّاصِرَةُ، إِلَى عَذْرَاءٍ مَخْطُوبَةٍ لِرَجُلٍ مِنْ بَيْتِ دَاوُدَ اسْمُهُ يُوسُفُ، وَاسْمُ الْعَذْرَاءِ مَرْيَمَ. وَلَمَّا دَخَلَ الْمَلَكُ إِلَيْهَا قَالَ: «السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكِ، يَا مَمْلُوءَةٌ نِعْمَةً، أَلَرَّبُّ مَعَكِ!». فَأَضْطَرَبَتْ مَرْيَمُ لِكَلَامِهِ، وَأَخَذَتْ تُفَكِّرُ مَا عَسَى أَنْ يَكُونَ هَذَا السَّلَامُ! فَقَالَ لَهَا الْمَلَكُ: «لَا

تَخَافِي، يَا مَرْيَمَ، لِأَنَّكِ وَجَدْتِ نِعْمَةً عِنْدَ اللَّهِ. وَهَا أَنْتِ تَحْمِلِينَ، وَتَلِدِينَ ابْنًا، وَتُسَمِّيَنَّهُ يَسُوعَ. وَهُوَ يَكُونُ عَظِيمًا، وَابْنُ الْعَلِيِّ يُدْعَى، وَيُعْطِيهِ الرَّبُّ الْإِلَهَ عَرْشَ دَاوُدَ أَبِيهِ، فَيَمْلِكُ عَلَى بَيْتِ يَعْقُوبَ إِلَى الْأَبَدِ، وَلَا يَكُونُ لِمُلْكِهِ نِهَائَةٌ!». فَقَالَتْ مَرْيَمُ لِلْمَلَكِ: «كَيْفَ يَكُونُ هَذَا، وَأَنَا لَا أَعْرِفُ رَجُلًا؟». فَأَجَابَ الْمَلَكُ وَقَالَ لَهَا: «الرُّوحُ الْقُدُسُ يَحِلُّ عَلَيْكِ، وَقُدْرَةُ الْعَلِيِّ تُظِلُّكِ، وَلِذَلِكَ فَالْقُدُّوسُ الْمُؤَلَّدُ مِنْكِ يُدْعَى ابْنُ اللَّهِ! وَهَا إِنَّ إِيصَابَاتِ نَسِيبَتِكَ، قَدْ حَمَلَتْ هِيَ أَيْضًا بَابْنٍ فِي شَيْخُوخَتِهَا. وَهَذَا هُوَ الشَّهْرُ السَّادِسُ لِتِلْكَ الَّتِي تُدْعَى عَاقِرًا، لِأَنَّهُ لَيْسَ عَلَى اللَّهِ أَمْرٌ مُسْتَحِيلٌ!». فَقَالَتْ مَرْيَمَ: «هَا أَنَا أَمَةٌ الرَّبِّ، فَلْيَكُنْ لِي بِحَسَبِ قَوْلِكَ!». وَأَنْصَرَفَ مِنْ عِنْدِهَا الْمَلَكُ.

حَقًّا وَالْأَمَانُ لِكُلِّكُمْ.



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