



Saint Maron Maronite Catholic Church

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Office Hours: Monday: Office Closed | Tuesday – Friday: 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Pastor: Fr. Andrawos (Fadi) El Tabchi | Consultant/Advisor: Fr. David Fisher



Sunday, January 04, 2026

Sunday Readings: Hebrews 7:11-19 | Luke 2:41-52

Divine Liturgies

Finding of the Lord in The Temple	Saturday, January 03, 2026 Sunday, January 04, 2026	Newly Baptized and Confirmed IMO Albert Boulos
1 st Sunday after Epiphany	Saturday, January 10, 2026 Sunday, January 11, 2026	IMO Angela Salerno IMO Katherine (Taffy) Makenna
2 nd Sunday after Epiphany	Saturday, January 17, 2026 Sunday, January 18, 2026	Special Intention IMO Helen Abdalla
Sunday of the Priests	Saturday, January 24, 2026 Sunday, January 25, 2026	Special Intention Special Intention

SANCTUARY CANDLE

This week's sanctuary candle burns for newly baptized children and their parents.

Dear Lord, we thank You and praise You, for the grace these children have received: new life in Christ, the gift of Your Holy Spirit, and membership in Your Church. May this grace grow within them each day, leading them in faith, hope, and love. Strengthen their parents with wisdom and patience, that together they may walk always in the light of Christ. We pray to You O Lord.

In Our Prayers

Danielle Saviello, Bianca Potovil, Therasas Young, Rita Fortino, 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.

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Second Collection: January 25, 2026

United States Catholic Bishops' Worldwide Charities

Collections

Christmas 2025 Collection	\$ 1,622.00
Sunday, December 28, 2026	\$ 544.00
Online Giving – Paypal	\$ 250.00
– Venmo	\$ 170.00
– Zeffy	\$ 250.00
Coffee Hour	\$ 10.00
Eparchial Assessment	\$ 0.00
Insurance	\$ 0.00
Fuel	\$ 120.00
Bishop's Appeal	\$ 0.00
Other Donations	
\$ 100 Venmo - Bingo Night	
\$ 100 Christmas Charity	

Parish Council Meeting

Sunday, January 11, 2026
Following the Divine Liturgy

Finance Committee Meeting

TBD

Men's Club Meeting

Thursday, January 15, 2026

Saint Maron Church Presents:

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\$35/ person

Doors Open: 6:00 PM

Games Start: 7:00 PM

Saturday

January 24th

Bring your own food/drinks

Lap Games \$150 / Coverall Jackpot \$1,000

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January 2026

THU – Jan 1	The Circumcision of Jesus (6 pm)	OFFICE	
FRI – Jan 2		CLOSED	
SAT – Jan 3			Finding of the Lord
SUN – Jan 4	NO Classes		
MON – Jan 5			
TUE – Jan 6	Feast of the Glorious Epiphany		HDO
SAT – Jan 10			1st Sunday After Epiphany
SUN – Jan 11	CCD/MYO Classes Resume		
SAT – Jan 17			2nd Sunday After Epiphany
SUN – Jan 18	NO Classes		
MON – Jan 19	M. L. King Jr. Day TBD: Caring for friends: at facility		
SAT – Jan 24			3rd Sunday After Epiphany
SUN – Jan 25			
SAT – Jan 31	MYO Service (Make cards for elderly and visit Cedars Village)		
SUN – Feb 1			
2nd Collection: Sunday, January 25, 2025: United States Catholic Bishop's Worldwide Charities			

Ending 2025 United, Welcoming 2026 Blessed

2025 ended with many joyous events and celebrations: Christmas caroling, MYA Appreciation Day, Men's Club Christmas Dinner, Annual Christmas Potluck and the bishop's pastoral visit. May 2026 bring continued faith, unity and blessings to our parish community.



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BIBLE STUDY WITH FR. DAVID

Every Thursday - At 10 am

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/8472749798?pwd=2IbuLdNkd2XVMYk18QhTnScVcXdFGw.1>

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Fun Fact

If Christmas Falls on Sunday, Monday or Tuesday,
We celebrate one Sunday between
Christmas and the Feast of the glorious Epiphany.

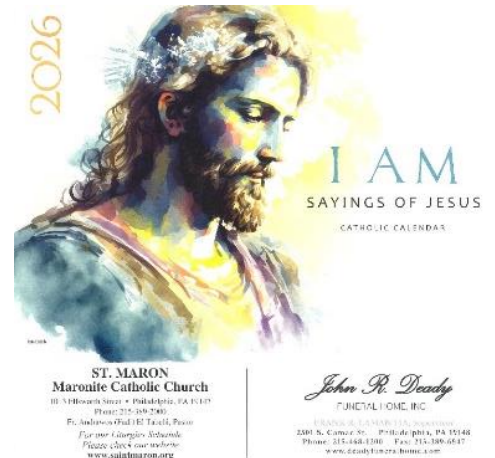
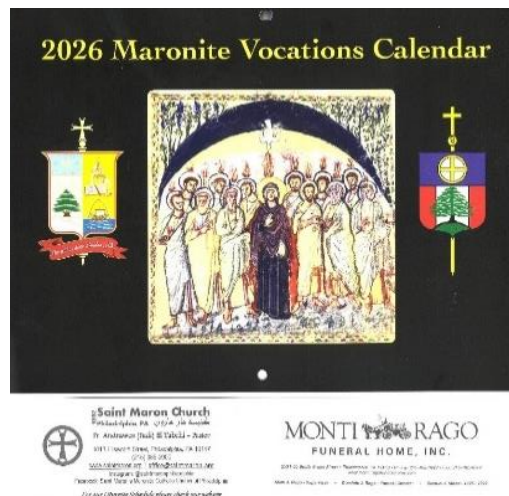
If Christmas Fall on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday or Saturday,
We celebrate two Sundays between
Christmas and the Feast of the glorious Epiphany.

1st Sunday: The Adoration of the Magi

2nd Sunday: The finding if the Lord in the Temple

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2026
**DATES FOR SECOND COLLECTIONS, EPARCHIAL CHARITIES
APPEAL & PARISH ASSESSMENTS**

January 25:	United States Catholic Bishops' Worldwide Charities (This collection combines the four USCCB collections: Central and Eastern Europe, the Church in Latin America, the Church in Africa, and Catholic Relief Services. The total is divided accordingly.)
Lent: February 16-April 3:	Eparchial Charities Appeal
April 3: Good Friday	Holy Land Collection (Part of this collection is sent through the USCCB to the Holy Land and another part is sent directly to the Maronite Eparchy of Haifa.)
April 5: Easter Sunday	Pastor's Collection (This second collection is an Easter gift for the Pastor's personal use.)
May 3: Our Lady of Lebanon	National Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon (All funds collected are sent from the Chancery directly to our Shrine in North Jackson, Ohio.)
May 17:	Catholic Home Missions Appeal (This collection is used for Missions in the USA. Our Eparchy has received grants from the USCCB from this collection for several years.)
May 31:	Catholic Communications Campaign (Following the norms established by the USCCB, 50% of this collection is sent to them for national Catholic television, radio and other media, and 50% is retained by our Eparchy for the Maronite Voice and any other communication needs we may have.)
June 28: Sts. Peter & Paul	Holy Father's Collection (Peter's Pence) (The entire collection is sent to the Holy Father to assist him with emergency financial assistance to aid the neediest throughout the world.)
September 6:	Catholic University of America and Maronite Seminary (25% of this collection is for funding for academic scholarships at CUA, and 75% is for Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Seminary in Washington, DC.)
October 18:	World Mission Sunday (As per the norms established by the USCCB, 91% of this collection goes to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, and 9% to the Catholic Near East Welfare Association [CNEWA]).
November 8:	Maronite Patriarchal Charities (All Proceeds from this collection are sent directly to our Patriarch for his charitable works.)
December 25: Christmas	Pastor's Collection (This second collection is a Christmas gift for the Pastor's personal use.)

Second Collections should be submitted to the Chancery within 2 weeks of the Collection (except for the Christmas and Easter second collections which are for the Pastor).
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Assessments are divided into 10 segments to be paid at the beginning of each month from February through November (inclusive).

Updates

Bishop's Appeal 2025
Due \$ 3,500
Collected \$ 3,500

Eparchial Assessment 2026
Due \$ 8,400
Collected - \$ 7,520

Bishop's Appeal 2026
No Changes (\$ 3,500)

Eparchial Assessment 2026
Increased \$ 1,000.00 (\$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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MARCH FOR LIFE 2026

Life WHY WE MARCH

JAN 22 - 25 WASHINGTON, D.C.

Thursday January 22

5:00 PM Evening vigil at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception



Friday January 23

11:00 AM Meet at Starbucks for the March

5:00 PM Dinner and Talk with Father Boutros and Deacon Jacob at the Seminary Library



Saturday January 24

10:30 AM Maronite Mass in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

TBD Social Outing

Sunday January 25

11:00 AM Divine Liturgy at Our Lady of Lebanon

12:30 PM Brunch at the Parish Hall

2:00 PM Tour Monuments



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*Schedule is subject to change

First Reading - Hebrews 7:11-19

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews. Your blessing father...

Brothers and Sisters:

If perfection had been attainable through the Levitical priesthood for the people received the law under this priesthood what further need would there have been to speak of another priest arising according to the order of Melchizedek, rather than one according to the order of Aaron? For when there is a change in the priesthood, there is necessarily a change in the law as well. Now the one of whom these things are spoken belonged to another tribe, from which no one has ever served at the altar. For it is evident that our Lord was descended from Judah, and in connection with that tribe Moses said nothing about priests. It is even more obvious when another priest arises, resembling Melchizedek, one who has become a priest, not through a legal requirement concerning physical descent, but through the power of an indestructible life. For it is attested of him, 'You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.' There is, on the one hand, the abrogation of an earlier commandment because it was weak and ineffectual (for the law made nothing perfect); there is, on the other hand, the introduction of a better hope, through which we approach God.

Praise be to God always.

فصل من الرسالة إلى العبرانيين

يا إِخْوَتِي، لَوْ كَانَ الْكَمَالُ قَدْ تَحَقَّقَ بِالْكَهَنُوتِ اللَّائِي، وَهُوَ أَسَاسُ الشَّرِيعَةِ الَّتِي أُعْطِيَتْ لِلشَّعْبِ، فَأَيُّ حَاجَةٍ بَعْدُ إِلَى أَنْ يَتَّقَوْمَ كَاهِنٌ آخَرُ عَلَى «رُتْبَةِ مَلَكِيصَادِق»، وَلَا يُقَالُ «عَلَى رُتْبَةِ هَارُونَ»؟ فَمَتَى تَغَيَّرَ الْكَهَنُوتُ، لَا بُدَّ مِنْ تَغْيِيرِ الشَّرِيعَةِ أَيْضًا. فَالَّذِي يُقَالُ هَذَا فِي شَأْنِهِ، أَيِ الْمَسِيحِ، جَاءَ مِنْ سِبْطِ آخَرٍ، لَمْ يُلَازِمَ أَحَدٌ مِنْهُ خِدْمَةَ الْمَذْبَحِ، وَمِنْ الْوَاضِحِ أَنَّ رَبَّنَا أَشْرَقَ مِنْ يَهُوذَا، مِنْ سِبْطٍ لَمْ يَصِفْهُ مُوسَى بِشَيْءٍ مِنَ الْكَهَنُوتِ. وَيَزِيدُ الْأَمْرَ وَضُوحًا أَنَّ الْكَاهِنَ الْآخَرَ الَّذِي يَقُومُ عَلَى مِثَالِ مَلَكِيصَادِقٍ، لَمْ يَقُمْ وَفْقَ شَرِيعَةٍ وَصِيَّةٍ بَشَرِيَّةٍ، بَلْ وَفْقَ قُوَّةٍ حَيَاةٍ لَا تَزُولُ. وَيُشْهَدُ لَهُ: «أَنْتَ كَاهِنٌ إِلَى الْأَبَدِ، عَلَى رُتْبَةِ مَلَكِيصَادِقٍ!». وَهَكَذَا يَتِمُّ إِبْطَالُ وَصِيَّةِ الْكَهَنُوتِ السَّابِقَةِ، بِسَبَبِ ضَعْفِهَا وَعَدَمِ نَفْعِهَا، لِأَنَّ الشَّرِيعَةَ لَمْ تُبَلِّغْ شَيْئًا إِلَى الْكَمَالِ، وَيَتِمُّ أَيْضًا إِدْخَالُ رَجَاءٍ أَفْضَلَ، بِهِ نَقْتَرِبُ مِنَ اللَّهِ.

والتسبيح لله دائماً.



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Gospel Reading - Saint Luke 2:41-52

The Apostle Writes:

Every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

مِنْ إِنْجِيلِ الْقَدِّيسِ لَوْقَا

كَانَ أَبَوَا يَسُوعَ يَذْهَبَانِ كُلَّ سَنَةٍ فِي عِيدِ الْفِصْحِ إِلَى أُورُشَلِيمَ. وَلَمَّا بَلَغَ يَسُوعُ اثْنَتَيْ عَشْرَةَ سَنَةً، صَعِدُوا مَعًا كَمَا هِيَ الْعَادَةُ فِي الْعِيدِ. وَبَعْدَ انْقِضَاءِ أَيَّامِ الْعِيدِ، عَادَ الْأَبَوَانِ، وَبَقِيَ الصَّبِيُّ يَسُوعُ فِي أُورُشَلِيمَ، وَهُمَا لَا يَدْرِيَانِ. وَإِذْ كَانَا يَطْنُانِ أَنَّهُ فِي الْقَافِلَةِ، سَارَا مَسِيرَةَ يَوْمٍ، ثُمَّ أَخَذَا يَطْلُبَانِهِ بَيْنَ الْأَقَارِبِ وَالْمَعَارِفِ. وَلَمْ يَجِدَاهُ، فَعَادَا إِلَى أُورُشَلِيمَ يَبْحَثَانِ عَنْهُ. وَبَعْدَ ثَلَاثَةِ أَيَّامٍ، وَجَدَاهُ فِي الْهَيْكَلِ جَالِسًا بَيْنَ الْعُلَمَاءِ، يَسْمَعُهُمْ وَيَسْأَلُهُمْ. وَكَانَ جَمِيعُ الَّذِينَ يَسْمَعُونَهُ مُنْذِهْلِينَ بِذَكَائِهِ وَأَجُوبَتِهِ. وَلَمَّا رَأَهُ أَبَوَاهُ بُهِتَا، وَقَالَتْ لَهُ أُمُّهُ: «يَا ابْنِي، لِمَاذَا فَعَلْتَ بِنَا هَكَذَا؟ فَهَذَا أَنَا وَأَبُوكَ كُنَّا نَبْحَثُ عَنْكَ مُتَوَجِّعِينَ!». فَقَالَ لَهُمَا: «لِمَاذَا تَطْلُبَانِنِي؟ أَلَا تَعْلَمَانِ أَنَّهُ يَنْبَغِي أَنْ أَكُونَ فِي مَا هُوَ لِأَبِي؟». أَمَّا هُمَا فَلَمْ يَفْهَمَا الْكَلَامَ الَّذِي كَلَّمَهُمَا بِهِ. ثُمَّ نَزَلَ مَعَهُمَا، وَعَادَ إِلَى النَّاصِرَةِ، وَكَانَ خَاضِعًا لَهُمَا. وَكَانَتْ أُمُّهُ تَحْفَظُ كُلَّ هَذِهِ الْأُمُورِ فِي قَلْبِهَا. وَكَانَ يَسُوعُ يَنْمُو فِي الْحِكْمَةِ وَالْقَامَةِ وَالتَّعَمُّعَةِ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ وَالنَّاسِ.

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