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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday at 5:00 pm (English)

Sunday at 9:30 am (English)

Sunday at 11:30 am (Arabic)

OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Closed on: Fridays, Holy Days of Obligation and Federal Holidays

Mass Time & Intentions

Epistle: **1 Tim 4: 6-16** Gospel: **Lk 12: 42-48**

Anaphora: **Twelve Apostles, page 754**

Sat. Jan. 24 5:00 PM	(+) Emil & Gloria Rizk By David & Michael Rizk (+) Martha Williams Bennett By Tom & Betty Haykel
Sun. Jan. 25 9:30 AM	(+) Nazleh & Adib ElChibani By Mr. & Mrs. Milad ElChibani (+) Michel, Loulou & Amelia Khoury By Grandchildren (+) Mantoura Assaf Philip By Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Mahfouz
Sun. Jan. 25 11:30 AM	(+) Ferouz Dabbikeh By Fouad & Mariette Mansour (+) Semaan & Claudette Mahfoud By Joseph & Georgina AlMekhtifi (+) Joseph Hanna, Sr. By Mona Hanna & Family (+) Albert Mansour By The Family (+) Ektamal & Claudette Mahfoud By Sam & Katia Mansour (+) Rodrick Khoury By The Family (+) Michel, Loulou & Amelia Khoury By Grandchildren (+) Mantoura Assaf Philip By Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Mahfouz

(+) =Deceased; (-) = Intention not deceased



WELCOME!

If you are a guest or visitor to St. John Maron Church, we are happy to have you. PLEASE make yourself at home. You Are Among Family.



SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Altar Bread, Wine and Sanctuary Candle burn this month for a Special Intention requested by John & Amy Zavitz.



CONFESSION

Father is always available to hear confessions. Please call the office to schedule an appointment. Thank you.



DONATE USING YOUR MOBILE DEVICE

In an effort to make it easier to donate to St. John Maron Church, scanning this QR Code leads the mobile camera to our Church's Donate landing site.



OFFICE HOURS

Office hours are Monday through Thursday, 9AM to 4PM. The office is closed on Fridays. When calling the church, please leave a voicemail and your message will be returned as soon as possible.



SUNDAY OF THE PRIESTS

The Sunday of the Priests is a significant observance in the Maronite Church. It is dedicated to commemorating both living and deceased priests, emphasizing the importance of the priesthood in the Christian faith. This Sunday serves as a reminder of the eternal priesthood of Jesus Christ and the vital role that priests play in the Church's mission.

Key Aspects

- **Commemoration:** This Sunday specifically honors deceased priests, acknowledging their contributions to the faith and the responsibilities entrusted to them by Christ.
- **Prayer Focus:** It encourages the faithful to pray for both living and deceased priests, fostering a spirit of gratitude and remembrance.
- **Liturgical Context:** The Sunday of the Priests marks the beginning of a series of commemorative Sundays leading up to Lent, highlighting the Church's call to prayerfulness and reflection on the priesthood's significance in the life of the community.

PARISH CONTACTS

Pastor	Fr Dany Abi-Akar	716-634-0669 EXT 1
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Religious Education	Christina ElChibani	716-713-4454
Building Committee	Henri Khoury	716-479-9143



SICK OR IN NEED

If you or someone you know is sick or in need of a visit from clergy, please call the office. 716-634-0669.

**Please pray for those who are sick,
homebound or in the hospital.**

Theresa Utz, Paula Chameli, John Joseph, Jr.,
Gregory Joseph, Sanaa Abou-Jaoude



TOTAL BASKET COLLECTION

January 18, 2026

Regular Collection: \$1,991.00

Second Collection: \$534.00

Online Collection: \$25.00

**Our gratitude to all who are supporting our
parish. Your generosity is a blessing.**

**The second collection today is for
U.S. Catholic Bishops' Worldwide Charities**



CEDARS HALL RENTAL

For information, please contact Michael Khoury or
Joseph Mahfouz at 716-393-9266. Check out the
cedarsvenue.com website for more information.



Religious Education

Jan. 25: Regular Class
Feb. 1: Regular Class
Feb. 8: Regular Class at 9:45 AM

COFFEE HOUR:

Jan. 25: Andrea & Rob Setlik
Feb. 1: James & Denise Issa
Feb. 8: Elie & Fran Harfouche

**All parishioners are welcome to coffee hour
between masses at 10:30.**



**Ways to Let Your Parish Priest Know You
Appreciate Him**

- 1. Pray for Your Priests** The most important thing a parishioner can do for his/her priest is pray for them. Priests are always praying for someone during mass and Holy Days on behalf of their parishioners. It's nice to know their parishioners are praying for them.
- 2. Pray More, Complain Less** The vast majority of interactions seem to revolve around a complaint about the priest, the parish, a parishioner, the music, the temperature, a decision, etc. and rarely about the supernatural realities.
- 3. Offer to Help** Don't wait to be asked! Priests are ordained to give, and it's hard for them to ask for things. Volunteer your time as a sign of support and service. Consider increasing your tithe to show your support for the parish and priest.
- 4. Go to Mass and/or Confession.** Nothing makes a priest happier. Pick a Sunday to go to Mass and bring a bunch of friends to sit in the front rows. When the priest asks you why, tell him you were offering your participation at Mass in thanksgiving for His priesthood.
- 5. Write Them a Note to Express Your Gratitude** Write them a thank you with a tone of appreciation. Tell them that they have made a difference in your life. Things like notes of appreciation after funerals and weddings – a simple compliment after a well prepared homily. Thank your priest for a wonderful mass and homily.
- 6. Look Out for Their Wellbeing** Encourage priests to take time off. Even priests need quiet time away from the church and parishioners. Even though priests consider their parishioners family, they have families of their own who also require one-on-one time with their son/brother/uncle.

To Be Continued :)

SUNDAY OF THE PRIESTS

January 25, 2026

Please contact our Parish Council members with any suggestions or issues you might have.

Parish Council

Mr. Joseph Mahfouz 716-725-3185

Dr. Gabriel Chouchani 716-812-0881

Dr. Naim Dawli 716-982-9411

Mr. James Issa 716-536-2370

Mr. Charles Mosey 716-228-8313

ALTAR BREAD, WINE & SANCTUARY LAMP

Anyone who wishes to sponsor the Altar Bread & Wine & Sanctuary Lamp in Thanksgiving or in memory of deceased loved one(s) for 2026 can call or email the rectory to request a specific month. **July is the only month available.** Please call the office 716-634-0669 or email stjmaron@gmail.com at your earliest convenience.

2026 WEEKLY ENVELOPES

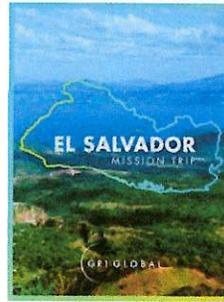
The Contribution boxes are in the back of the church. Please make sure you pick up your box as soon as possible so you can start using them in the new year. Please look at the address on the sticker to make sure it is correct. If there are any errors, please report them to the church office. **If you are new to the church or have never contributed using envelopes** and would like to receive weekly envelopes, please call or email the office. As always, thank you for continuing to contribute to St. John Maron Church. Your



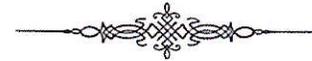
donations have funded many projects and needed updates to our church.

MASS INTENTIONS

For your mass intentions, **please complete the intention form located near the bulletin in the church.** Insert it with the stipend into the blue envelopes available near the bulletin. You can also download the form from our stjmaron.org website located on the main page. Intention forms can be mailed in or put in the collection basket. Thank you for your cooperation. **The 2026 Mass Book is now available to schedule your masses.**



Fellow parishioners will be participating in a mission trip to El Salvador this February. Your generosity will help bring Christ's love and hope to those in need. A designated place to leave your gift is available in the back of the church. Please keep our mission team in your prayers. Thank you.



BISON
CHILDREN'S SCHOLARSHIP FUND

This is a tuition assistance program to help economically eligible children entering K-8th Grade who attend private grammar schools of their choice. To get more information, please see the form online at www.bisonfund.org. Email cmcdonald@bisonfund.org for more information. The deadline is March 31, 2026.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

St. Maron Feast Day is being celebrated after the 11 AM Mass on February 8. All parishioners are invited to join us in the Cedars Banquet Hall from 12 to 3PM for a light lunch, music and dancing. Sunday masses are being combined for this important feast day for our parish. We hope everyone can join us for this celebration.

SUPER BOWL POOL

The Knights of Columbus are once again hosting a Super Bowl pool. Please contact one of the Knights to purchase your chance to win over 5K in prizes.



IN LOVING MEMORY of...

*Nabih Tablie
Albert Hanna
By Kamal and Colette Jowdy*

*Rose & Jim Abraham
Mildred & John Zavitz
Beloved sisters Karema Abraham
& Carol Abraham Krestos
By John & Amy (Abraham) Zavitz*

*The deceased members of the
Nemtala and Jeanette Moses Family
By the Moses Family*

*Toufic & Najeeba Karam
By Michael Karam*

*Sam & Christine Tartick
Kitty Champagne
Adeline Rein & Eugene Musial
By Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Tartick*

*Isabelle Abraham
By Mrs. Therese Abraham*

*Rose & James Abraham, Karema Abraham,
Carol Abraham Krestos
Miriam & Anthony Amati
By Mr. & Mrs. Roger Amati*

*Charlie & Rose Sparcino
Theresa & Tom Mosey*

*Badih B. Boujaoude
Farid and Angele Aboujaoude
By Kamal and Colette Jowdy*

*Katherine Hage
Antoine & Teresa Hage
Peter Hage
By the Family*

*Rita and Patrick MacDiarmid, Sr.
Deceased family members of Elias and Rose Attea
Deceased family members of Andrew & Lena MacDiarmid
By the Family*

*Joseph (Gush) Mosey Sr & Helen Mosey
By Thomas J. & Theresa Mosey*

*Elias & Sadie Joseph
Joseph E. Joseph
By the Family*

*The deceased of the Saffire & Attea families
By Rosemary Saffire*

*Charles & Mabel Haykel
Frank & Josephine Baron
Jabour Anthony Family
By Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Haykel*

*Felix & Yvonne Labaki
Paul Labaki
By Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Haykel*

*Sarkis Abraham & Family
Sarkis Zaiter & Family
By Mrs. Therese Abraham*

*Rafca Abdallah Boujaoude
By Kamal and Colette Jowdy*

*Rima Sayegh Dawli
By the Family*

*Mary & Gebron Milan
By David & Michael Rizk*

*Emil & Gloria Rizk
By David & Michael Rizk*

*John M. Joseph
By Wife Mary K. Joseph*

IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR DECEASED PASTORS AND ASSISTANT PASTORS WHO SERVED ST. JOHN MARON PARISH WITH LEADERSHIP, DEDICATION, SERVICE AND LOVE...

PASTORS:

*Reverend Antoun A. Zoghby (1903-1904)
Reverend Georges Aziz (1904-1908)
Reverend Monsignor Francis Shemalie (1908-1959)*

*Reverend Peter F. Sfeir (1960-1968)
Reverend Maron Abi-Nader (1968-1969)
Reverend Monsignor Joseph D. Joseph (1969-1996)*

ASSISTANT PASTORS:

*Reverend Monsignor Nemat-Allah Chemaly (1912-1919)
Reverend Silwanus Jowdy, Reverend Philip Nagem and Reverend Simon Aclé (alternately 1915-1919)
Reverend Peter F. Sfeir (1924-1930; 1947-1954)
Reverend Norman S. Peter (1946-1948)
Reverend Monsignor Joseph D. Joseph (1954-1956)
Reverend Paul Hage (1954-1968)
Bishop Fouad T. El-Hage (1972-1982)*

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FRI	9am-5pm
SAT	9am-5pm
SUN	CLOSED

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