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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: **Heb 12: 18-24** Gospel: **Mt 25: 31-46**

Anaphora: **Saint Sixtus, page 856**

<b>Sat. Jan. 31</b> <b>5:00 PM</b>	(+) <b>Emil &amp; Gloria Rizk</b> By David & Michael Rizk (+) <b>Romanos &amp; Asma Georges</b> By Michael Georges
<b>Sun. Feb. 1</b> <b>9:30 AM</b>	(+) <b>Richard Haeick (1 Yr. Anniv)</b> By Mirna Haeick
<b>Sun. Feb. 2</b> <b>11:30 AM</b>	(+) <b>Ferouz Dabbikeh</b> By Fouad & Mariette Mansour (+) <b>All Souls in Purgatory</b> By Hind Chaiban (+) <b>Rodrlick Houry</b> By The Family
<b>Mon. Feb. 2</b> <b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Feast of the Presentation of the Lord to the Temple</b> Mass and Blessing of the Candles
<b>Thurs. Feb. 5</b> <b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b> Mass and Anointing with Oil
<b>Sun. Feb. 8</b> <b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>One Mass Today in celebration of St. Maron Feast Day</b>

(+) = 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 **George & Constance Hayek** requested by Mark W. Hayek.



**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.



**BLESSING OF THE CANDLES**

Blessing of Candles ritual takes place on the 2nd of February when the Church celebrates the festival of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Candles represent Christ's presence and His victory over darkness and sin.



**ADORATION & EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

There will be Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on **Thursday, February 5 at 7:00PM.**



Our congratulations to **Mr. & Mrs. Georges Khalil** on the Baptism & Chrismation of their son **Joseph**. May God, who created us out of His outpouring of love, grant their child good health and long life so that he may grow in His Church to love, adore and praise Him. May He also grant **George and Julia**, the parents of Joseph, a good healthy life to raise him according to our Maronite Catholic Tradition.

**PARISH CONTACTS**

Pastor	Fr Dany Abi-Akar	716-634-0669 EXT 1
Parochial Vicar	Fr Tony Kairouz	724-732-4064
Administrative Assistant	Debbie Tartick	716-634-0669 EXT 2
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Altar & Rosary Society	Reggie Joseph	716-472-8420
Knights of Columbus	Chuck Mosey	716-228-8313
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 25, 2026**

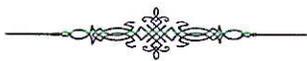
**Regular Collection: \$2,237.00**

**Second Collection: \$258.00**

**Online Collection: \$00.00**

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

**The second collection today is for Assessment Bishops' Appeal**



**CEDARS HALL RENTAL**

For information, please contact Michael Khoury or Joseph Mahfouz at 716-393-9266. Check out the [cedarsvenue.com](http://cedarsvenue.com) website for more information.



**Religious Education**

- Feb. 1: Regular Class
- Feb. 8: Regular Class at 9:45 AM
- Feb. 15: No Class, Winter Break

**COFFEE HOUR:**

- Feb. 1: James & Denise Issa
- Feb. 8: Elie & Fran Harfouche
- Feb. 22: Joe & Kristin Khoury

**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 :)

*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

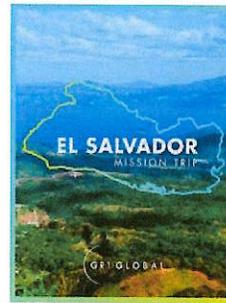
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**MASS INTENTIONS**

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-8<sup>th</sup> Grade who attend private grammar schools of their choice. To get more information, please see the form online at [www.bisonfund.org](http://www.bisonfund.org). Email [cmcdonald@bisonfund.org](mailto: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*

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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 Acle (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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