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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

**FEAST OF ST. MARON and
SUNDAY OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

February 8, 2026

Mass Time & Intentions

Epistle: **1 Thes 5: 1-11** Gospel: **Lk 16: 19-31**

Anaphora: **Twelve Apostles, page 754**

Sat. Feb. 7 5:00 PM	(+) Emil & Gloria Rizk By David & Michael Rizk (+) Rose & James Abraham By Daughters and Families (+) Gerges Abou Jaoude By Mr. & Mrs. Abdallah Abou Jaoude (+) Deceased Members of Elias Mansour and Hanna Kfoury Families By Amal Mansour
Sun. Feb. 8 11:00 AM	(+) Ferouz Dabbikeh By Diane & Patty Velocci (+) Boulos Chaiban By Hind Chaiban (+) Semaan & Claudette Mahfoud By Fouad & Mariette Mansour (+) Rodrick Khoury By The Family (+) Jamal Said By Yasmine Chayban (+) Paul Witkowski By Alyssa Chayban (+) Doumit Khoury By Sayed El Khoury

(+) =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.



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.



**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.



CONFESSION DURING LENT

You are encouraged to approach the Sacrament of Reconciliation during this season of Lent. Catholics must go to confession at least once a year and as often as they need to, in order to cleanse themselves of sins and be in a state of grace. Father is always available to hear confessions. Please call the office to schedule an appointment. Thank you.



LENTEN GUIDANCE

Ash Monday (February 16), Good Friday (April 3), and ALL Fridays of Lent are days of Fast & Abstinence. Abstinence from meat, and fasting binds all physically capable Catholics, Eastern and Western, who are 14 years old and older. Fasting in the Catholic Church involves no eating or drinking (except water and medicine) from midnight until noon and doing works of charity. The rest of the day's normal meals can be taken but without meat.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday during Lent starting February 20 at 7 PM. Each week will be guided by a different society/group in the church. All are welcome to attend every week.



LENTEN FISH FRY FRIDAYS

Every Friday, February 20 – April 3, from 4PM to 9PM in the Cedars Banquet Hall. Dine in, take out, pre-order. Come & enjoy!

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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

This is your last opportunity to purchase your chance to win over 5K in prizes. Please contact Chuck Mosey or one of the Knights.



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

February 1, 2026

Regular Collection: \$2,887.00

Second Collection: \$612.00

Online Collection: \$55.00

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

**The second collection today is for
Fuel and Upkeep**



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

- Feb. 8: Regular Class at 9:45 AM
- Feb. 15: No Class, Winter Break
- Feb. 22: Regular Class

COFFEE HOUR:

- Feb. 8: Elie & Fran Harfouche
- Feb. 22: Joe & Kristin Khoury
- Mar. 1: Andrew & Lauren Issa

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



ST. MARON FEAST DAY

St. Maroun, born in the middle of the 4th century in Syria, was a priest who later became a hermit, retiring to a mountain of Taurus in the region of Cyrrhus, near Antioch. His holiness and miracles attracted many followers and drew attention throughout the empire. St. John Chrysostom sent him a letter around AD 405 expressing his great love and respect and asking St. Maron to pray for him.



Maroun is considered the Father of the spiritual and monastic movement now called the Maronite Catholic Church. This movement had a profound influence in Lebanon. St. Maroun spent all of his life on a mountain in Syria. It is believed that the place was called "Kefar-Nabo" on the mountain of Ol-Yambos, making it the cradle of the Maronite Movement.

The Maronite movement reached Lebanon when St. Maroun's first disciple Abraham of Cyrrhus who was called the Apostle of Lebanon, realized that there were many non-Christians in Lebanon, so he set out to convert them to Christianity by introducing them to the way of St. Maroun. The followers of St. Maroun, both monks and laity, always remained faithful to the teachings of the Catholic Church. St. Maroun's feast day is celebrated on February 9th.

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

Parish Council

Mr. Joseph Mahfouz 716-725-3185

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Mr. James Issa 716-536-2370

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2026 ASSESSMENT BISHOPS APPEAL

The Bishop's Assessment Appeal letters will be sent shortly to all parishioners. During these most difficult times it is more important than ever for all parish families to do their share to reach our goal of \$36,900. **If we do not reach our goal, we are still obligated to pay it and therefore must dig into our weekly collections. As most of you know, it is unfortunate that we can barely meet our monthly expenses based on our weekly collection.** We kindly ask each family to contribute whatever they can. Every contribution helps offset the church's obligation. As always, we thank you for your generosity and may God continue to bless you and your family!

2026 WEEKLY ENVELOPES

The few remaining contribution boxes are in the back of the church. 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.

ALTAR BREAD, WINE & SANCTUARY LAMP

July is the only month available to sponsor the Altar Bread, Wine & Sanctuary Lamp in memory of or Thanksgiving of deceased loved one(s). Please call the office 716-634-0669 or email stjmaron@gmail.com at your earliest convenience.

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. Intention forms can be mailed in or put in the collection basket. **You can also send your request using our stjmaron.org website.** Thank you for your cooperation.



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.

Ways to Let Your Parish Priest Know You Appreciate Him

- 7. Say Thank You** Thank the priest for every mass. Even if you don't necessarily like the priest, as the Mass is always about the presence of Jesus. Even something as simple as saying to the priest after confession "Thank you for your ministry and I will pray for you" can mean a great deal.
- 8. Give Them a Compliment** Look for opportunities to compliment priests. You'll often see a priest cheer up after someone tells him after mass "That was a beautiful mass or homily. It made me laugh, made me think, made me question!"
- 9. Save the Drama for yo Mama** Avoid and discourage gossip about priests and parishes. Don't gossip or criticize, instead offer to help and to build up. Let's think "Do I really want to gossip or talk bad about God's house or while I am in God's house?"
- 10. Don't Be a Priest Collector** Don't think that you have to have the priest over every Sunday. Don't expect to be the priest's friend – he is your pastor and he needs to keep things professional.
- 11. Have Realistic Expectations and Be Helpful** The priest probably doesn't have a degree in plumbing or construction so don't expect him to fix the leaky pipe. But definitely do ask him in a kind manner if he knows it's leaking. Churches need constant repair and upkeep, which costs money. The priest always has an ongoing list of "home improvements" for the church, but he is also open to suggestions which are presented kindly.
- 12. Always introduce yourself** A priest loves when you come up and introduce yourself. After mass a priest might be pre-occupied and might not be able to come to you. Wait for opportunity of an introduction and go for it. You'll be glad you did and so will the priest!!

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 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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Liberatore Families*

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