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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: Rom 10: 1-13 Gospel: Lk 24: 36-48**  
**Anaphora: Saint Peter, page 774**

<p><b>Sat. May 9</b> <b>5:00 PM</b></p>	<p>(+) <b>Emil &amp; Gloria Rizk</b> By David &amp; Michael Rizk                  (+) <b>Carmen &amp; Linda Carini</b> By Anna Lahood                  (+) <b>Pat &amp; Rita MacDiarmid</b> By The Family                  (+) <b>Tanios &amp; Abraham Abounader</b> By Marie Abounader &amp; Family                  (+) <b>Hassebeh Mansour &amp; Msirra Kfoury</b> By Theresa Mansour                  (+) <b>Patrick Zakrzewski</b> By Michael Rizk</p>
<p><b>Sun. May 10</b> <b>9:30 AM</b></p>	<p>(-) <b>Parishioners of St. John Maron</b></p>
<p><b>Sun. May 10</b> <b>11:30 AM</b></p>	<p>(+) <b>Rima Sayegh Dawli</b> By The Family                  (+) <b>Boulos Chaiban</b> By Hind Chaiban                  (+) <b>Bahia &amp; Antonios Mansour</b> By Fouad &amp; Madeline Natanios                  (+) <b>Chayban Chayban</b> By The Family                  (+) <b>Intentions of Boulos &amp; Claire Semaan and family</b> By The Family                  (+) <b>Semaan &amp; Claudette Mahfoud</b> By Fouad &amp; Mariette Mansour                  (+) <b>Maguy Mikhael Baaklini</b> By Fr. Dany</p>

(+) =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 **Rima Sayegh Dawli** requested by The Family.



**Mass Time & Intentions**

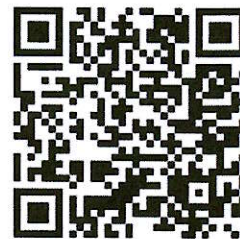
**Epistle: Eph 1: 15-23 Gospel: Jn 13: 31-35**  
**Anaphora: Twelve Apostles, page 754**

<p><b>Sat. May 16</b> <b>5:00 PM</b></p>	<p>(+) <b>Emil &amp; Gloria Rizk</b> By David &amp; Michael Rizk                  (+) <b>Dr. Michael Maouad</b> By Rosemary Lunghino</p>
<p><b>Sun. May 17</b> <b>9:30 AM</b></p>	<p>(-) <b>Parishioners of St. John Maron</b></p>
<p><b>Sun. May 17</b> <b>11:30 AM</b></p>	<p>(+) <b>Geryes AbouJaoude</b> By Mr. &amp; Mrs. Abdallah AbouJaoude                  (+) <b>Chayban Chayban</b> By The Family                  (+) <b>Maroun Ntanios &amp; Family</b> By Fouad &amp; Madeline Natanios                  (+) <b>George Mansour</b> By Souraya Mansour &amp; Family</p>



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**THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD**



Please join us on **Thursday, May 14 at 7:00PM** for The Ascension of Our Lord Holy Day of Obligation.

**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



**TOTAL BASKET COLLECTION**

May 3, 2026

Regular Collection: \$4,122.00

Second Collection: \$550.00

Online Collection: \$.00

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

The Second Collection this week is for the Assessment Bishop's 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.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting their annual **Chicken Barbeque on Sunday May 17<sup>th</sup>** from 12 noon until 4PM. Tickets are \$16. Dine-in or take-out. Weather permitting, dining will take place outside. Please see a member of the Knights of Columbus for tickets. Thank you for your support.

**ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY**

We would like to offer a heartfelt thank you to all the women who baked, helped set up and clean up for the International Rosary. We had a great turnout from our own parish, which enhanced the Rosary. It is such a special way to honor Our Blessed Mother as we celebrate the beginning of May. Without all who attended and volunteered, this special celebration would not be possible. All who attended are looking forward to next year!

Please join us for our last Altar & Rosary meeting until our tea to be held Monday, May 18. We will begin with the liturgy at 6PM. Our meeting and social will follow in the Education Center. We have the election of president at this meeting. Please join us for a wonderful time being with each other.



Dear God,

Thank You for the gift of our Mothers! Thank you that our Mothers always believe in us, no matter what. Thank You that they always love us, just like You!

Please bless our Mothers with the gift of Your love, O Lord. May each of them feel Your love in their hearts, Your peace in their minds, and Your joy in their spirits this day.

Through the intercession of our Blessed Mother Mary, we ask You to refresh our Mothers and fill them with Your Holy Spirit. In Jesus' name, Amen.



*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*

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**ANNOUNCEMENT OF MARRIAGE BANNS**



This is the third announcement of the Marriage Banns for Grace Jabbour and Amine Boutros. If anyone knows

of any reason as to why this marriage should not take place in church, please contact me at 716-634-0669 or forever hold your peace.



**LEBANESE FESTIVAL  
2026**

**Friday, Saturday, & Sunday  
July 31, August 1 and 2.**

**VOLUNTEER FOR THE FESTIVAL**

**FESTIVAL PREPARATION**

Preparation for the Lebanese Festival has begun. Anyone willing and able to either volunteer or donate in any capacity, please contact Joe Mahfouz or Parish Office. Also, sign-up sheets are available in the back of the church for volunteers.

It is only with the support of our parishioners that our festival is a true success! Now is the time to start spreading the word about our wonderful festival so friends and family can enjoy the three-day long activities. Many families plan their reunions at our annual festival!

**Please start thinking about how you would like to volunteer your time and talents.** If you worked a particular venue in the past, we hope that you will be able to help out again this year! If you have never volunteered before, we hope you consider joining us, as it is a worthy cause and fun to work with fellow parishioners!

Once again, we will have the sponsorship for our Festival Booklet which includes color ads for your business and also beautiful tributes to your deceased loved ones. Watch for the mailing that will be sent shortly.

**Let's keep the momentum going!!**

Our congratulations to **Mr. & Mrs. Jihad Khoury** on the Baptism & Chrismation of their son **John 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 **Jihad and Alondra**, the parents of John Joseph, a good healthy life to raise him according to our Maronite Catholic Tradition.



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**DANCE PRACTICE & TIME DETERMINED IN INITIAL MEETING**

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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*

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Jabour Anthony Family  
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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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