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Father Dany Abi-Akar

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: 2 Cor 3: 1-6 Gospel: Lk 10: 1-7

Anaphora: Twelve Apostles, page 754

Sat. July 4 5:00 PM	(+) Emil & Gloria Rizk By David & Michael Rizk (+) The Protection and Wellbeing of the United States of America <i>Happy 250th Birthday America!</i>
Sun. July 5 10:30 AM	(+) Ferouz Dabbikeh By Diane & Patty Velocci (+) Therese Moawad By Rimon & Rene Moawad (+) Chayban Chayban By Antoinette Khoury (+) Joseph & Albert Mansour By Fouad & Madeline Natanios (+) David Khoury By Beth Moritz (+) Father Youssef Khoury (Anniv) & Rodrick Khoury By The Family (+) David Khoury By The Family (+) Nagib El Hawa By Mr. & Mrs. Boutros El Hawa & Family

(+) = 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**

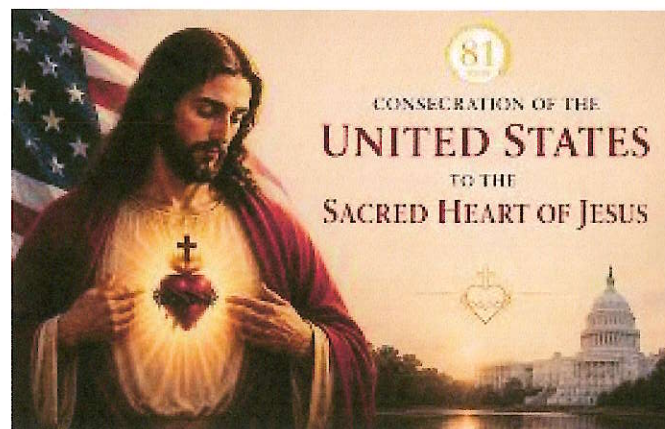
The Altar Bread, Wine and Sanctuary Candle burn this month for blessings of our country and protection of our citizens requested by Amy Hayek.

**Mass Time & Intentions**

Epistle: Rom 8: 1-11 Gospel: Mt 12: 14-21

Anaphora Saint Peter, page 774

Sat. July 11 5:00 PM	(+) Emil & Gloria Rizk By David & Michael Rizk (+) Msgr. Joseph D. Joseph & Rev. Peter D. Joseph By Family of Elias D. Joseph
Sun. July 12 10:30 AM	(+) Boulos Chaiban By Hind Chaiban (+) Farid & Angele AbouJaoude By Kamal & Colette Jowdy (+) Abandoned Souls in Purgatory By Fouad & Madeline Natanios

**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. **You can also sign up for autopay using the QR Code.** It is a secure, quick and easy way to donate on a recurring basis.



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.,
and Peter Eid



TOTAL BASKET COLLECTION

June 28, 2026

Regular Collection: \$4,364.00

Second Collection: \$513.00

Online Collection: \$.00

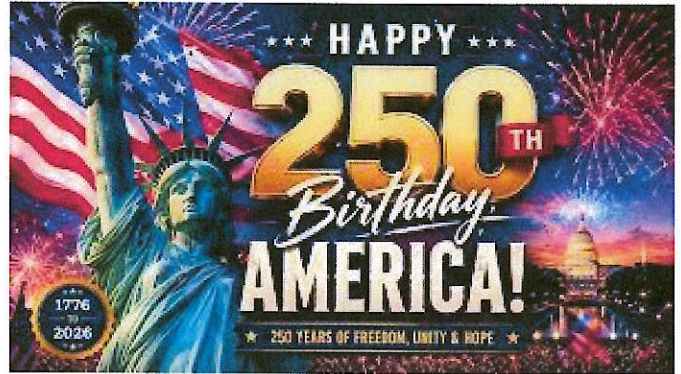
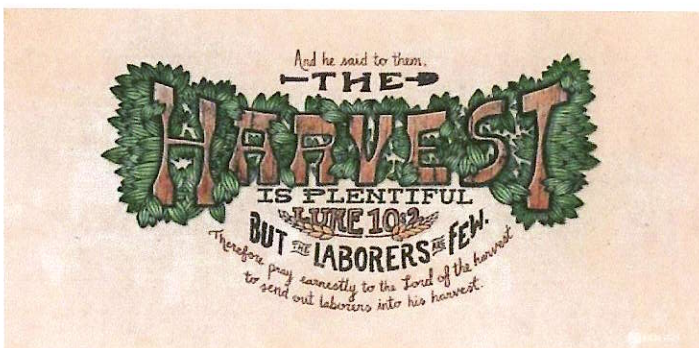
**Our gratitude to all who are supporting our
parish. Your generosity is a blessing.**

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.

SUMMER MONTHS

Sundays during the summer, the collection goes
down. I urge you to make up your contributions
when you return or sign up for online donations by
using the QR Code. As always, we look forward to
seeing you this summer!



TUITION ASSISTANCE

A generous parishioner of St. John Maron is
pleased to provide scholarship opportunities
(tuition assistance) to our St. John Maron families.
The requirements are:

† Family must be registered and participating
members of St. John Maron Church.

† Family must have one or more students
registered and attending a Catholic Elementary or
High School in WNY for the 2026-2027 school
year.

† Families must demonstrate financial need.

† **Application deadline is August 1, 2026.**

Completed applications must be turned in to St.
John Maron Office by August 1, 2026. See the
application and instructions in the back of the
church.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus are continuing their
clean up and maintenance on the church grounds
every Saturday morning. Please join us anytime
between 8am and noon. All help is appreciated.

PLEASE DRESS MODESTLY & REVERENTLY

We kindly REMIND YOU to dress modestly &
reverently when you come to Church at all
occasions. Thank you for your understanding,
cooperation and adherence to this friendly
reminder.

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

Parish Council

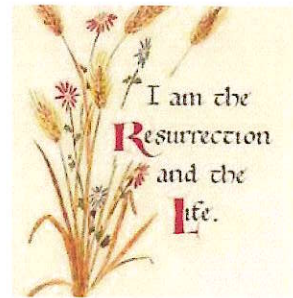
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Our deepest sympathy and sincere condolences go to the family and friends of **Gregory Joseph** who passed to the Lord on June 29, 2026. He was the brother of Regina,

Rosemary and Dolores. May the Lord grant eternal rest to the soul of **His servant, Gregory**, and may He grant comfort and consolation to all those who mourn him.



LEBANESE FESTIVAL 2026

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

VOLUNTEER FOR THE FESTIVAL

KITCHEN HELP

Please contact Shirley Kabalan 716-907-9908 or Joe Mahfouz 716-725-3185 to help out one or all of these shifts. Thank You!

Tabuleh prep and chopping team
July 27th and July 28th morning

Shish Tawook and Beef Kebob
July 27th and 28th evening

Bread Prep team- July 29th

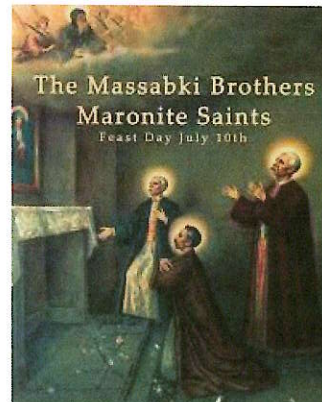
Packaging and cupping team
July 29th and July 30th

SUPPORT OUR ST. JOHN MARON LEBANESE FESTIVAL

We continue to accept donations and ads for our festival booklet. Sheets are available in the back of the church. You can also email the church, and we'd be happy to email you a form to complete. It is because of our beloved parishioners and sponsors that our Festival is a success.

We are deeply grateful for the continued generosity and support of our parish family and local businesses. Together, we can make this year's festival a joyful celebration of faith, family, food and community.

THE MASSABKI MARTYRS



The Massabki Martyrs, Francis, Abdel Moati and Raphael were three Maronite Catholic lay brothers, ordinary family men known for their piety and charity, from Damascus, Syria. They were brutally murdered on the night

of July 9-10, 1860 during violent sectarian conflicts. In July 1860, severe religious and political tensions spread from Mt. Lebanon into Damascus, resulting in a targeted attack on the city's Christian quarter. Fleeing the violence, the brothers and eight Franciscan friars sought refuge in the Franciscan monastery. When militants stormed the building, the brothers were repeatedly told they would be spared if they converted to Islam. All three refused, with Francis famously declaring, "We are Christians and we wish to die as Christians." They were subsequently slaughtered inside the church. Because they were killed directly for their religious beliefs without renouncing Christ, the Catholic Church recognizes them as martyrs of the faith and were canonized by Pope Francis in 2024.

IN LOVING MEMORY of...

*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*

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

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

*Nabih Tablie
Albert Hanna
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*

*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*

*Emil & Gloria Rizk
By David & Michael Rizk*

*Mary & Gebron Milan
By David & Michael Rizk*

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)
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 Mt. 20:26

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