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Maronite Catholic

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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: Rom 8: 28-39 Gospel: Mt 13: 36-43
Anaphora Saint Sixtus, page 856

Sat. July 18 5:00 PM	(+) Emil & Gloria Rizk By David & Michael Rizk (+) Pat & Rita MacDiarmid By The Family (+) David Khoury By Tom & Betty Haykel (+) Gregory Joseph By Mary Joseph
Sun. July 19 10:30 AM	(+) David Khoury (40 Day) By The Family (+) Fares & Rafca AbouJaoude By Kamal & Colette Jowdy (+) Mikhael & Adibe Atallah By Anthony Atallah
Thurs. July 23 7:00 PM	Feast of St. Sharbel

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



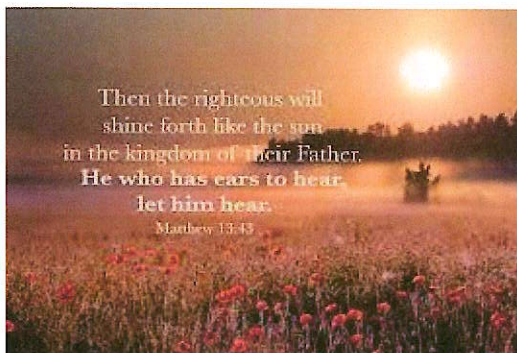
WELCOME!

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.



Then the righteous will
 shine forth like the sun
 in the kingdom of their Father.
 He who has ears to hear,
 let him hear.
 Matthew 13:43

Mass Time & Intentions

Epistle: 1 Cor 12: 1-11 Gospel: Mt 12: 22-32
Anaphora Twelve Apostles, page 754

Sat. July 25 5:00 PM	(+) Emil & Gloria Rizk By David & Michael Rizk (+) Romanos & Asma Georges By Michael Georges (+) Patrick MacDiarmid (Anniv) By Liz Schaefer & Family (+) Gregory Joseph By Donna & Roger Amati (+) Nawal Cherfane By Dr. & Mrs. Philippe Jaoude (+) Hanna Elias Mansour By Theresa Mansour
Sun. July 26 10:30 AM	(+) David Khoury By Mr. & Mrs. Bou Jaoude (+) Wayne Backus By The Pacillo Family



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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.



TOTAL BASKET COLLECTION

July 12, 2026

Regular Collection: \$3,477.00

Online Collection: \$170.00

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

**Today's second collection is for
 the Building Fund.**

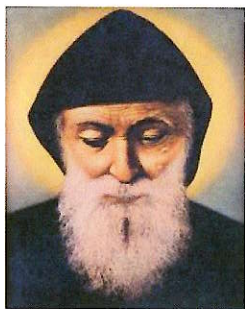
SICK OR IN NEED

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

ST. SHARBEL FEAST DAY MASS



We will celebrate the feast of St. Sharbel on **Thursday, July 23 at 7 PM** followed by a procession and blessing with the oil of St. Sharbel. Please share this news with your loved ones and friends. May the Lord through the intercessions of St. Sharbel bless you and yours.

*Many Blessings & Congratulations
On Your Baptism*

Our congratulations to:

Mr. & Mrs. Franklin Lopez on the Baptism & Chrismation of their daughter **Sophia Rose**.

Mr. & Mrs. Issa Moussa on the Baptism & Chrismation of their daughter **Annaliese Marie Therese**.

Mr. & Mrs. Sean Pickering on the Baptism & Chrismation of their son **Tage James**.

to **Mr. & Mrs. Carter Stamm** on the Baptism & Chrismation of their daughter **Elizabeth Ann**.

Congratulations to **Kyle and Lauren Gorlick** on the baptism, confirmations and First Holy Eucharist of their children.

May God, who created us out of His outpouring of love, grant their child good health and long life so that they may grow in His Church to love, adore and praise Him. May He also grant the parents a good healthy life to raise them according to our Maronite Catholic Tradition.



**FEAST OF
ST. ELIAS
JULY 20TH**

Saint Elijah, also known as the Prophet Elijah, is one of the most well-known figures in the Old Testament. He is the patron saint of numerous causes, including fertility, rain, and drought relief, and is revered in various religious traditions, including Judaism, Christianity, and Islam.

Born in Tishbe, a town in Gilead, Elijah lived during the 9th century BC in the northern kingdom of Israel. He is known for his fervent faith in God and his unwavering commitment to prophesying against the corrupt kings of Israel, especially King Ahab and his wife Jezebel, who worshiped the false god Baal. Elijah performed many miracles during his lifetime, including bringing a boy back to life, multiplying food, and calling down fire from heaven to consume a sacrifice.

One of the most famous events in Elijah's life was his challenge to the prophets of Baal on Mount Carmel. In a dramatic display of God's power, Elijah asked for God to send fire from heaven to consume his sacrifice, which was drenched in water. God answered his prayer, and the people of Israel were convinced of the power of the one true God.

His life was not without its challenges, however. He experienced periods of intense loneliness and despair, and was once forced to flee into the wilderness to escape Jezebel's wrath. It was during this time that he had a mystical encounter with God, who spoke to him in a still, small voice.

Elijah's life came to an end when he was taken up to heaven in a whirlwind, accompanied by a chariot of fire. This event is known as the Ascension of Elijah, and it is commemorated in the Christian calendar on July 20th.

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 716-982-9419
Mr. James Issa 716-536-2370
Mr. Charles Mosey 716-228-8313*



**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!

Tabouleh 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.

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.

ST. JOHN MARON EMAILS

Please email the office at stjmaron@gmail.com if you are not on our mailing list and would like to receive emails about upcoming events.

CONFESSION

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

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!

**PLEASE DRESS MODESTLY &
REVERENTLY**

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

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.

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
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By Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Tartick*

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

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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
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By Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Haykel*

*Felix & Yvonne Labaki
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*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)
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Reverend Peter F. Sfeir (1924-1930; 1947-1954)
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 Mt. 20:26

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