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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: Eph 3: 1-13 Gospel: Mt. 15: 21-28
Anaphora Twelve Apostles, page 754

Sat. Aug 8 5:00 PM	(+) Emil & Gloria Rizk By David & Michael Rizk (+) Sadie A. Joseph (Anniv) By The Family (+) Gregory Joseph By Nada Kandalaft (+) Ibrahim Haddad By Theresa Mansour (-) Iran Ledezma Avila
Sun. Aug 9 10:30 AM	(+) Boulos Chaiban By Hind Chaiban (+) Chayban Chayban By The Family (+) Souls In Purgatory By Mr. & Mrs. Sayed El Khoury
Fr. Aug 14 7:00 PM	ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (Vigil Mass) (+) Semaan Mahfoud (Anniv.) By Hind Chaiban

(+) = 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 Joseph (Gush) & Helen Mosey requested by Charles & Lisa Mosey.



And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit.



— Ephesians 1:13

Mass Time & Intentions

Epistle: 1 Cor 3: 1-11 Gospel: Lk 8: 1-15
Anaphora St. Peter, page 774

Sat. Aug 15 5:00 PM	(+) Emil & Gloria Rizk By David & Michael Rizk (+) Deceased Members of the Elias Mansour Family By Amal Mansour
Sun. Aug 16 10:30 AM	(+) Semaan Mahfoud By Hind Chaiban (+) Chayban Chayban By The Family (+) David Khoury By Mr. & Mrs. Bou Jaoude (+) George Nader & Toufic Nader By Laila Nader



ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

There will be a Vigil Mass for the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Friday, August 14, 2026 at 7PM. The Assumption of Our Lady is a Holy Day of Obligation.



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

August 2, 2026

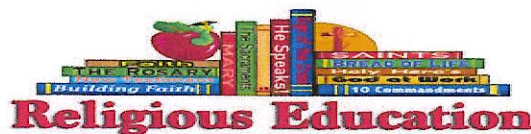
Regular Collection: \$3,859.00

Second Collection: \$.00

Online Collection: \$200.00

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

**Today's second collection is for
Assessment Bishop's Appeal**



- ❖ **Blessing of the Backpacks:** This will take place for all children at St. John Maron on Sunday, September 6, 2026, during the 9:30 AM liturgy. Please have children bring their backpacks to mass for a blessing from Abouna Dany.
- ❖ **Back to School Pizza and Activity Night:** Friday, September 11, 2026, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. We welcome all CCD and MYO students back for a night of games and crafts.
- ❖ **Religious Education Classes:** Classes will begin on Sunday, September 13, 2026, at 10:30 AM. Registration for returning families must be completed before classes start. Please contact Christina ElChibani



Honor a Loved One with an Engraved Memorial Brick

Create a Lasting Tribute

Creating an engraved memorial brick is a beautiful, lasting tribute to your loved ones. Your personalized brick will become a permanent part of our Memorial Garden, preserving their memory for generations while helping support our parish and its future.

Your gift is a meaningful way to:

- Honor the memory of a loved one
- Celebrate family members or parishioners
- Leave a lasting legacy at St. John Maron Church
- Support the continued growth and beautification of our garden and parish

Donation: \$150 per engraved brick Special: 4 Bricks for \$500

Please visit the Memorial Garden where four bricks have already been installed. See the table at the Festival with a sample brick and order forms. Order yours today to secure your spot in our Memorial Garden.

Thank you for helping create a place of remembrance, prayer, and reflection for our parish family. Your generosity ensures that the memories of those who came before us will remain a lasting part of St. John Maron Church for years to come.

Twelfth Sunday of Pentecost

with any questions.

August 9, 2026

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

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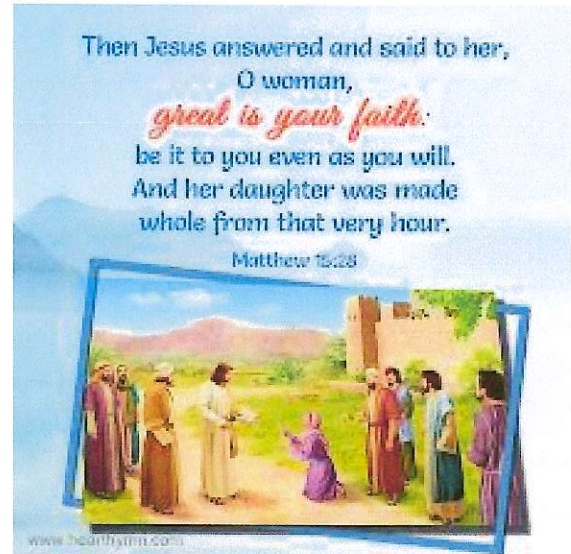
***ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL
LEBANESE FESTIVAL!***

Thank You, Volunteers and Workers!

Our St. John Maron parish and Buffalo community came together to make this year's Lebanese Festival a massive success. Despite the challenging weather on Sunday, your energy, dedication, and hard work carried the day.

To our tireless workers who prepped for weeks behind the scenes and worked through exhaustion to ensure everything ran smoothly. To our amazing volunteers who welcomed every guest with bright smiles and enthusiasm and always kept spirits high. You proved the strength of our tight-knit St. John Maron community.

It has been proven year after year that our parish has the most dedicated and generous parishioners who are always there to help our church. Thank you all for your outstanding dedication and for proving that nothing can dampen our community spirit!



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
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 Aclé (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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