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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: 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 (Anniv) By Hind Chaiban (+) Chayban Chayban By The Family (+) David Khoury By Mr. & Mrs. Bou Jaoude (+) George Nader & Toufic Nader By Laila Nader (+) Rodrick Khoury By The 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 Joseph (Gush) & Helen Mosey requested by Charles & Lisa Mosey.



Parable of the Sower Heart Types



Blind Heart	Rocky Heart	Rebellious Heart	Remaining Heart
Heart's disposition blinds hearer from grasping God's Message.	Enthusiastic at first to God's Word, Rocky Heart shallow & lacks will to strengthen initial gift.	Heart partially commits to Christ, leaving disastrous vulnerability to worldly desires & concerns.	Heart fully dedicated to Jesus is firmly established, reaping fruit of righteousness plentifully.

Mass Time & Intentions

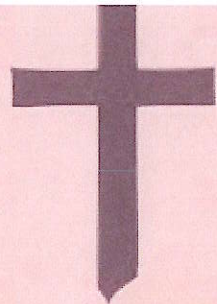
Epistle: 1 Thes 2: 1-13 Gospel: Lk 10: 38-42
Anaphora Twelve Apostles, page 754

Sat. Aug 22 5:00 PM	(+) Emil & Gloria Rizk By David & Michael Rizk (+) Joseph & Rose Assaf By Elizabeth Assaf (+) Gregory Joseph By Rimom & Rene Moawad
Sun. Aug 23 10:30 AM	(+) Semaan & Claudette Mahfoud By Hind Chaiban (+) Chayban Chayban By The Family (+) Robert Thompson By David & Michael Rizk (+) Rodrick Khoury By The Family



For no one can lay any foundation other than the one we already have- Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 3:11 (NLT)



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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.





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 9, 2026

Regular Collection: \$2,757.00

Second Collection: \$356.00

Online Collection: \$100.00

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



Religious Education

- ❖ **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 with any questions.



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.

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



ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL LEBANESE FESTIVAL!

Thank You, Volunteers and Workers!

FESTIVAL FINANCES

Income: \$244,466.14

Expense: 80,103.27

Net Income: \$164,362.87

The success of anything we do is due to faithful, committed workers, and our workers this year have gone "above and beyond". Our volunteers are an integral part of the success of our Festival. Thank you all for your outstanding dedication and for proving that nothing can dampen our community spirit! A special thank you to all our donors. I extend my love and gratitude to those Parishioners who help because of their love of God and because of their love of our beloved St. John Maron Church. **May God bless you all with health and happiness.**



THANK YOU



Our congratulations to **Mr. & Mrs. Elie Elias** on the Baptism & Chrismation of their son **Christiano Elie**. 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 **Elie and Josephine** the parents of Christiano, a good healthy life to raise him according to our Maronite Catholic Tradition.

Our congratulations to **Mr. & Mrs. Zachary Brumberger** on the Baptism & Chrismation of their daughter **Mira Lisa**. May God, who created us out of His outpouring of love, grant their child good health and long life so that she may grow in His Church to love, adore and praise Him. May He also grant **Zachary and Nora** the parents of Mira, a good healthy life to raise her according to our Maronite Catholic Tradition.



ANNOUNCEMENT OF MARRIAGE BANNS



This is the first announcement of the Marriage Banns for Patricia Haddad and Jared Haite. 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.

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.

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 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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