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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 Thes 1: 1-10 Gospel: Lk 7: 36-50
Twelve Apostles, page 754

Sat. Aug 29 5:00 PM	(+) Emil & Gloria Rizk By David & Michael Rizk (+) Romanos & Asma Georges By Michael Georges (+) Gregory Joseph By Elizabeth Assaf (+) Korene Mardini By Mr. & Mrs. George Youakim (+) Salma Moussa By The Family
Sun. Aug 30 10:30 AM	(+) Chayban Chayban By The Family (+) Abouna John Chbat By Yasmine Chayban (+) Rodrick Khoury By The Family (+) Joseph T. Shehadi By Amine & Sheila Khoury (+) Paul Snyder By Rosemary Lunghino (+) Souls in Purgatory By Hind Chaiban
Thur. Sept 3 7:00 PM	Mass and Adoration

(+) =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 He said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."



Mass Time & Intentions

Epistle: Rom 8: 18-27 Gospel: Lk 18: 9-14
Saint Peter, page 774

Sat. Sept. 5 5:00 PM	(+) Emil & Gloria Rizk By David & Michael Rizk (+) Elias, Sadie, and Joseph E. Joseph By The Family (+) Gregory Joseph By Rosemary Lunghino
Sun. Sept. 6 9:30 AM	(-) Children and Families of St. John Maron Parish
Sun. Sept. 6 11:30 AM	(+) Ferouz Dabbikeh By Diane & Patty Velocci (+) David Khoury By Mr. & Mrs. Bou Jaoude (+) Boulos Chaiban By Hind Chaiban (+) Semaan & Claudette Mahfoud By Hind Chaiban (+) Joseph T. Shehadi By Amine & Sheila Khoury



Beginning September 6, the Sunday liturgies will return to 9:30AM English Mass and 11:30AM Arabic Mass.



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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 23, 2026

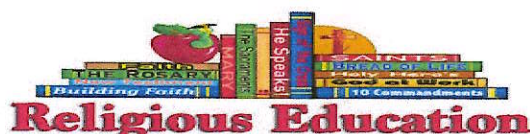
Regular Collection: \$2,838.00

Second Collection: \$483.00

Online Collection: \$150.00

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

**The second collection today is for
Fuel and Upkeep.**



- ❖ **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. Charles Mosey 716-228-8313



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Many Blessings & Congratulations

On Your Baptism

Our congratulations to **Mr. & Mrs. Gabriel Issa** on the Baptism & Chrismation of their son **Fadi 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 **Gabe and Jennie** the parents of Fadi, a good healthy life to raise him according to our Maronite Catholic Tradition.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF MARRIAGE BANNS



This is the third 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.

This is the first announcement of the Marriage Banns for **John Krier and Julia Wik**. 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.



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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
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By Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Tartick*

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

*Badih B. Boujaoude
Farid and Angele Aboujaoude
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*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*

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By Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Haykel*

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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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