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Maronite Catholic

Founded in 1904
Celebrating our 122nd Anniversary

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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 1: 18-25 Gospel: Jn 12: 20-32
Saint Peter, page 774

Sat. Sept. 12 5:00 PM	(+) Emil & Gloria Rizk By David & Michael Rizk (+) Hanna & Msirra Kfoury By Amal Mansour (+) Gregory Joseph By Altar & Rosary Society
Sun. Sept. 12 9:30 AM	(-) Children and Families of St. John Maron Parish (-) Deacon Paul Salamy By Mr. & Mrs. Kyle Gorlick
Sun. Sept. 13 11:30 AM	(+) Youssef & Catherine El-Khoury By Mr. & Mrs. Sayed El-Khoury (+) Salma Moussa By The Family (+) Mohsen, Charlotte & Tony Ramia & all deceased of Ramia Family By The Family (+) David Khoury (+) Antoine Harfouche 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 all those people with a September birthday! Requested by Amy Hayek.



Mass Time & Intentions

Epistle: 2 Tim 2: 1-10 Gospel: Mk 10: 35-45
Saint Sixtus, page 856

Sat. Sept. 19 5:00 PM	(+) Emil & Gloria Rizk By David & Michael Rizk (+) Gregory Joseph By Rosemarie Helda (+) Antoinette Zaiter By Rosemary Lunghino
Sun. Sept. 20 9:30 AM	(-) Children and Families of St. John Maron Parish (-) Deacon Paul Salamy By Mr. & Mrs. Kyle Gorlick
Sun. Sept. 20 11:30 AM	(+) Antoine Harfouche (40 Day) By The Family (+) David Khoury By Mona Shelby (+) President Bachir Gemayel and Lebanese Forces Martyrs By Lebanese Forces (+) Boutros & Saydeh Khoury & all deceased of Khoury Family By The 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.**



Heavenly Father, on this Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross, we thank You for the immeasurable love revealed through the sacrifice of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who transformed the Cross from an instrument of suffering into a symbol of hope and redemption.

Grant us the grace to embrace our own crosses with faith and courage, and may our lives reflect the light of Christ, inspiring us to share His message of love and salvation with the world around us.

Amen

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

September 6, 2026

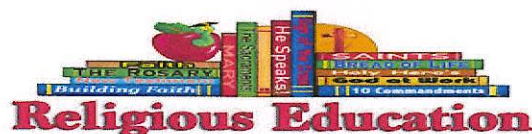
Regular Collection: \$2,796.00

Second Collection: \$303.00

Online Collection: \$152.00

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

**The second collection today is for
the Assessment Bishop's Appeal.**



As summer comes to end, we welcome you back to your home of St. John Maron and invite all of you to continue to be involved in the spiritual growth and activities of our parish. We look forward to seeing all the children and having a great year! And a big hearty welcome to all the new families who have joined St. John Maron Parish and Religious Education!

✚ **We honor our teachers next Sunday at 9:30 mass during Catechetical Sunday.**

✚ **We encourage all students to sit with their teachers on Sundays.**

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.



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

1. **Please see the sample brick and order form in the back of the church. Please call the office with any questions. Visit the Memorial Garden where four bricks have already been installed.**

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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ST. JOHN MARON CHURCH

GOLF TOURNAMENT

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Many Blessings & Congratulations
On Your Baptism

Our congratulations to **Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Hamad** on the Baptism & Chrismation of their daughter **Anastasia**. 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 **Joseph and Raquel**, the parents of Anastasia, a good healthy life to raise her according to our Maronite Catholic Tradition.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF MARRIAGE BANNS



This is the third 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.



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IN LOVING MEMORY of...

*Rose & Jim Abraham
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& Carol Abraham Krestos
By John & Amy (Abraham) Zavitz*

*The deceased members of the
Nemtala and Jeanette Moses Family
By the Moses Family*

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By Michael Karam*

*Sam & Christine Tartick
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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.
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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
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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)
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 Mt. 20:26

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