

February 23, 2025
Sunday of The Faithful Departed

Mass Time & Intentions

Epistle: Heb 12:18-24 Gospel: Mt 25:31-46

Sat Feb. 22 5:00 PM	(+) Emil & Gloria Rizk By David & Michael Rizk (+) Romanos & Asma Georges BY Michael Georges (+) Joseph E. Joseph (Anniv) By The Family (+) Deceased Members of Elias Mansour & Hanna Kfoury Families By Amal Mansour (+) All Souls in Purgatory By Hind Chaiban
Sun Feb. 23 9:30 AM	(-) Children of St. John Maron Church and their families By Father Dany (+) Asad & Souad Abi-Akar By Father Dany
Sun Feb. 23 11:30 AM	(+) Antonios & Bahia Mansour By Sam & Katia Mansour (+) Essa Dabbikeh By Ferouz Dabbikeh (+) Georges Mansour By The Family (+) Elias & Hasebeh Mansour By Mr. & Mrs. Emil Mansour (-) For the Intentions of Dr. & Mrs. Joseph Hayek and Family By Dr. & Mrs. Joseph Hayek (+) Marie Elias & Bachir Moussa By The Moussa Family (+) Bishop Fouad El-Hage By Laila Nader & Family (+) Essa Dabbikeh By Laila Nader & Family (+) Elia & Regina El Hawa By Mr. & Mrs. Boutros El Hawa & Family (+) Yousef & Hanneh El-Hayek By Aida El-Hayek

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



SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Altar Bread, Wine and Sanctuary Candle burns this month for the souls of the Hayek & Khoury Families requested by The Family. May they rest in Peace.



Mass Time & Intentions Next Week

Epistle: 1 Thes 5: 1-11 Gospel: Lk 16: 19-31

Sat Mar. 1 5:00 PM	FEAST OF ST. JOHN MARON (+) Emil & Gloria Rizk By David & Michael Rizk
Sun Mar. 2 9:30 AM	FEAST OF ST. JOHN MARON (-) Children of St. John Maron Church and their families By Father Dany
Sun Mar. 2 11:30 AM	FEAST OF ST. JOHN MARON (+) Melhem Fiad Kairouz (40 Day) (The Father of Abouna Tony) By Father Dany (+) Georges Mansour (40 Day) By The Family (+) Essa Dabbikeh By Ferouz Dabbikeh (+) Joseph Mansour By Sam & Katia Mansour (-) For the Intentions of Dr. & Mrs. Joseph Hayek By Dr. & Mrs. Joseph Hayek (+) Joseph Mansour By Mr. & Mrs. Emil Mansour (+) Assaad Aboudib By Sheeman Aboudib
Mon. Mar. 3 7:00PM	ASH MONDAY (-) Parishioners of St. John Maron Church



TOTAL BASKET COLLECTION

February 16, 2025

Regular Collection: \$1,803.00

Second Collection: \$320.00

Online Donations: \$25.00

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



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.

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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.**

Rita MacDiarmid, Theresa Utz, Paula Chameli,
Ferouz Dabbikeh, John Joseph, Jr., Gregory Joseph

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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.



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MARONITE YOUTH ORGANIZATION

Starting February 23, the MYO will be kicking off a Bottle Return collection throughout the year. Start saving your bottles and cans to support our fundraising efforts! Contact Anthony Khoury for details.

Thank you to all those who supported our Bake Sale!

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EASTERN CHRISTIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

Please join the ECMA on **Saturday, March 8 at 3:30PM** in the Education Hall for an important talk on **Prostate Enlargement and Urinary Incontinence** with Speaker Dr. Kiana Saade. Please RSVP to Christine Yacoub at bitar.christine@icloud.com

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DAILY MASS

Father Tony will conduct daily mass when available from Tuesday through Fridays at 12Noon.

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MARONITE YOUNG ADULTS

Join us this Sunday from 10:30AM (after 9:30 mass) until 1:30PM in the Cedars Banquet Hall for the MYA Pancake Breakfast.



\$15 breakfast includes: pancakes, eggs, breakfast sausage, home fries and toast.

The MYA thanks you for your continued support.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Feb. 23: Regular Class, MYO 9:30AM Mass
Mar. 2: Regular Class, Gr. 6/7 9:30AM Mass
Mar. 9 Regular Class

COFFEE HOUR

Feb. 23: MYA Pancake Breakfast
Mar. 2: Rosemary & Jean Maalouf
Mar. 9: Lana Dakwar

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ALTAR SERVER PRACTICE

There will be practice for **ALL** altar servers on Tuesday evening, February 25th at 6:30PM. Please contact Joe Boctor regarding practice.

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ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY

Please join us on Monday, March 10, 2025 at 7PM for our monthly Rosary Prayer Mission.

COMING SOON: Watch for more information on the **St. Joseph's Table** scheduled for **Sunday, March 16 after 11:30AM Mass**. You won't want to miss this beautiful tradition!

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PARISH CONTACT

Pastor	Fr. Dany Abi-Akar	716-634-0669 EXT 1
Parochial Vicar	Fr. Tony Kairouz	724-732-4064
Administrative Assistant	Debbie Tartick	716-634-0669 EXT 2
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Religious Education	Debbie Tartick	716-472-6149
Building Committee	Henri Khoury	716-479-9143

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LEBANESE FESTIVAL 2025



The Parish Council is pleased to announce that Our Annual Lebanese Festival will take place on **Friday, Saturday, & Sunday, August 1, 2 and 3.**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR
LEBANESE FESTIVAL**

We Need the Help of Everyone in the Parish. It Is the Festival of the Entire Parish. Your participation in the Festival is important for the Church's major fundraiser of the year. We will be calling you and asking for your help OR you can email the church with your name and cell number and possible venue you would like to volunteer.

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK.

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IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

On Fridays only Father Tony is available to take emergency calls on his cell phone at 724-732-4064.

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CONFESSION

Father Dany and Father Tony are always available to hear confessions. Please call the office to schedule an appointment. Thank you.

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CEDARS HALL RENTAL

The Banquet Hall is available for booking dates **starting in April.** For information, please contact Michael Khoury at 716-510-7465 or Joseph Mahfouz at 716-725-3185.

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STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday during Lent starting March 7 at 7:00PM. A Potluck dinner will be served after each mass in the Education Center. Everyone is welcome to attend the Stations of the Cross every Friday although each week will be guided by a different society/group in the church, who will also provide the potluck dinner. Below is the schedule:

- March 7: Maronite Youth Organization
- March 14: Knights of Columbus
- March 21: Altar & Rosary Society
- March 28: Religious Education
- April 4: Maronite Young Adults
- April 11: St. John Maron Parishioners

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CONGRATULATIONS



Our congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Mahfouz on the Baptism & Chrismation of their daughter Sophie. May God, who created us

out of His outpouring of love, grant the newborn Sophie, good health and long life so that she may grow in His Church to love, adore and praise Him. May He also grant Joe and Toty, the parents of Sophie, a good healthy life to raise her according to our Maronite Catholic Tradition.

BISON CHILDREN'S SCHOLARSHIP FUND

This is a tuition assistance program to help economically eligible children to attend private grammar schools of their choice. To get more information, please see the form online at <http://bisonfund.com> or email cmcdonald@bisonfund.com. The deadline is March 31, 2025.

WEEKLY COLLECTION ENVELOPES

If you would like to be assigned a box, you will need to request one. Thank you for your cooperation.