

**FEBRUARY 18, 2024**

**THE HEALING OF THE LEPER**

**شفاء الأبرص**

LITURGY INTENTIONS

Date & Time	IN LOVING MEMORY OF	REQUESTED BY
Saturday, February 17, 2024 5:00 PM	Linda & Ghassan Kairouz Emil & Gloria Rizk For the Healing of Rima Dawli, Gregory Joseph & John Joseph, Jr.	The Kairouz Family David & Michael Rizk Abouna
Sunday, February 18, 2024 11:00 AM	Linda & Ghassan Kairouz Emil & Gloria Rizk Semaan & Claudette Mahfoud Living & Deceased Priests of St. John Maron Church Gloria Rizk For the Healing of: - Rima Dawli & Therese Tran - Issa Dabbikeh	The Kairouz Family David & Michael Rizk Mr. & Mrs. Joseph AlMekhtifi Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Shelby Thomas Tobias Abouna Mrs. Ferouz Dabbikeh
Tuesday, February 20, 2024 8:00 AM	Linda & Ghassan Kairouz Joe Bittar, Bob DiSibio & Dolores Godlewski	Abouna

**Wednesday February 21 - Friday, February 23, 2024 ——— NO MASS**

Saturday, February 24, 2024 5:00 PM	Linda & Ghassan Kairouz Emil & Gloria Rizk Joseph E. Joseph (Anniv) For the Healing of Rima Dawli, Gregory Joseph & John Joseph, Jr.	The Kairouz Family David & Michael Rizk The Family Abouna
Sunday, February 25, 2024 11:00 AM	Linda & Ghassan Kairouz Emil & Gloria Rizk Dolores Godlewski Semaan & Claudette Mahfoud Bachir & Marie Moussa Paul Brown For the Healing of: - Rima Dawli & Therese Tran - Issa Dabbikeh	The Kairouz Family David & Michael Rizk The Family Mr. & Mrs. Joseph AlMekhtifi The Moussa Family Ryan & Sheena Orzi Abouna Mrs. Ferouz Dabbikeh

**WELCOME!**

*Guests & Visitors of Saint John Maron Church! We are happy to have you. Please, make yourself at home. You Are Among Family!*

*“Come, Lord Jesus, heal our souls!”*

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

OUR GRATITUDE TO ALL WHO ARE SUPPORTING  
ST. JOHN MARON CHURCH

**YOUR GENEROSITY IS A BLESSING**

February 11, 2024

**Regular Tithes (All Masses Total): \$2,197.00**

**ST. JOHN MARON THANKS**

**DEAN ARCHITECTS**

**3284 Walden Ave., Depew, NY**

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*Please support and acknowledge them when needed,  
as a “thank you” for advertising at St. John Maron.*



## Pastoral Staff

**PASTOR:** Rev. Father Elie G. Kairouz

**PAROCHIAL VICAR:** Rev. Father Elias Adwan

**TRUSTEES:**

- Thomas Haykel (716-634-6464)

- Richard Attea (716-870-4944)

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Regina Joseph, President (716-472-8420)

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR:**

Deborah Tartick (716-472-6149)



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark Your Calendar

### 2024 MASS BOOK IS OPEN

The Mass Book for 2024 is now available to reserve your Masses in advance.

### 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/our-scholarships> or email [cmcdonald@bisonfund.com](mailto:cmcdonald@bisonfund.com). The deadline is March 15, 2024.

### CONFESSION DURING LENT

You are encouraged to approach the Sacrament of Reconciliation during this season of Lent. Catholics must go to confession at least once a year and as often as they need to, in order to cleanse themselves of sins and be in a state of grace.

### LENTEN GUIDANCE

**Good Friday (March 29)**, and ALL Fridays of Lent are days of Fast & Abstinence. Abstinence from meat, and fasting binds all physically capable Catholics, Eastern and Western, who are 14 years old and older. Fasting in the Catholic Church involves no eating or drinking (except water and medicine) from midnight until noon, and doing works of charity. The rest of the day's normal meals can be taken but without meat.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday during Lent, starting on February 16 at 7:00 p.m.

### HOLY ROSARY PRAYER MISSION

Holy Rosary Prayer Mission will take place on Monday, March 4 @ 7PM. Come and pray with us!



## PARISH NEWS

### MYO IS BACK

MYO is starting up in 2024! This is a great opportunity for our teens in grades 8-12 to take ownership over their faith and become the next leaders in our parish community. This year we plan on building a foundation of church knowledge, practicing our faith through volunteer opportunities and serving Mass, and having fun along the way. For Registration, please see:

Mary El Khoury (716) 533-7862

[melkhoury22@sacredheartacademy.org](mailto:melkhoury22@sacredheartacademy.org) &

Luke Issa (716)803-3492 [issa2018@gmail.com](mailto:issa2018@gmail.com)



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Calendar

### Religious Education classes start at 9:45 AM

Feb. 18: No Class, Winter Break

Feb. 25: Regular Class

Mar. 3: Regular Class

### COFFEE HOUR

Feb. 25: Nada Kandalaft

Mar. 3: Joey & Toty Mahfouz

Mar. 10: Robert Hage

### MAKING UP MASS ENVELOPES

A friendly reminder...please help our Parish to help you, by utilizing your envelopes each week. If for some reason you miss a week, please remedy this by making up that envelope for the missed week at the following weekend Mass.

### 2023 RECORD OF CONTRIBUTIONS

Your 2023 tax statement can be available *upon your request*. If you need a statement, please contact our parish office.

## POPE FRANCIS'

### Advice For Lent

Fast from judging others

Fast from hurting words ~ Say kind words

Fast from Anger ~ Be filled with patience

Fast from worry ~ Trust in God

Fast from pessimism ~ Be prayerful

Fast from bitterness ~ Fill your heart with forgiveness

Fast from selfishness ~ Be compassionate

Fast & be silent so you can listen & do the Will of God

## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

### THE CHURCH NEEDS YOU AND YOU NEED THE CHURCH

As church attendance numbers fade across the nation and online services become very convenient, it is important to remember why church attendance for you and your family matters so much.

You can't serve from your sofa. You can't have community of faith on your sofa. You can't experience the power of a room full of believers worshipping together on your sofa.

Christians are not consumers. We are contributors. We don't watch. We engage. We give. We sacrifice. We encourage. We pray by laying hands on the hurting. We do life together.

**The Church needs you.  
And you need the Church.**



FOR THE DIVINE LITURGY,  
PLEASE FOLLOW THE BOOK OF OFFERING  
ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES:

SUNDAY OF THE HEALING OF THE LEPER - Page 196  
CREED - Page 748  
ANAPHORA OF St. Peter, Head of the Apostles- Page 774

THIS WEEKEND'S SACRED  
SCRIPTURES

Epistle: Rom 6: 12-23  
Gospel: Mk 1: 35-45

NEXT WEEKEND'S SACRED  
SCRIPTURES

Epistle: 2 Cor 7: 4-11  
Gospel: Lk 8: 40-56

THE ALTAR BREAD, WINE AND  
SANCTUARY LAMP FOR FEBRUARY

In Loving Memory of Hayek & Khoury Families  
By The Family

ALTAR BREAD, WINE &  
SANCTUARY LAMP

Anyone who wishes to sponsor the Altar Bread & Wine & Sanctuary Lamp in Thanksgiving or in memory of deceased loved one(s) for 2024 can call or email the rectory to request a specific month.

CARING & SHARING

During the Month of FEBRUARY we ask you to donate Canned Soup and Canned Chicken for the caring and sharing project. The containers are at the entrances of the Church. If you know of any family or person who is in need, please contact **Abouna**. This Information will be kept confidential. As always, thank you for your kindness!

CHANGE OF ADDRESS, ETC...!

Please remember to notify the Rectory Office if you have a Change of Address or Phone Number.

Saturday 5:00 PM Sunday 11:00 AM

<b>DEACONS</b>	Reggie Joseph	Mary El Khoury
<b>LECTORS</b>	Christie Jaoude	English: Naya Sabha Arabic: Nada Kandalaft
<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>	Andrew Mansour Christopher Mansour	George Issa Mateo Harfouche

SECOND COLLECTION

THIS WEEK IS FOR

NEXT WEEK IS FOR

BUILDING FUND

ASSESSMENT/BISHOP'S  
APPEAL

PLEASE DRESS MODESTLY & REVERENTLY

The Church is God's Sacred House. He is there ever present in the Eucharist. Thank you for your cooperation and adherence to the appropriate dress code.

ABSOLUTELY NO EATING IN CHURCH

That includes the "KURBAN BREAD" that is passed out at the end of EVERY 40 Days Mass. Please keep the "KURBAN BREAD" wrapped until you exit the church. Thank you for your cooperation!

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Laila Hazzan, Rita MacDiarmid, Ferouz Dabbikeh, Mary Jospeh, Antoinette A. Kairouz, John Melhem Kairouz, John Joseph, Jr., Therese Tran, Issa Dabbikeh, Elizabeth, John Wolfe, Rima Dawli, Douglas Franke, Chris Curry, Joseph Martino, Nathan Khoury, Eric G., Gregory Joseph, Nicole C.

We are always updating the list. If you have anyone you would like to add or remove, please contact the Parish Office.



ST. JOHN MARON CHURCH MEMBERSHIP FORM

Full Census form available at: [www.stjmaron.org](http://www.stjmaron.org)

Name: .....

Address: .....

City: ..... Zip: .....

Phone: ..... E-mail: .....

- New Registration
- Change of Address
- Moving Out of Parish
- Request Envelopes

