

**December 22, 2024
Genealogy Sunday**

Mass Time & Intentions

Epistle: Rom 1: 1-12 Gospel: Mt 1: 1-17

<p>Sat Dec. 21 5:00 PM</p>	<p>For Emil & Gloria Rizk By David & Michael Rizk For Elias, Sadie & Joseph E. Joseph By The Family For The Akiki Family By Dr. & Mrs. Michel Maouad For Albert Mansour By Mr. & Mrs. Tony Mansour For Elias & Hasebeh Mansour By Theresa Mansour</p>
<p>Sun Dec. 22 9:30 AM</p>	<p>For Emil & Gloria Rizk By David & Michael Rizk</p>
<p>Sun Dec. 22 11:30 AM</p>	<p>For Joseph Hanna, Sr. By Mona Hanna & Family For Essa Dabbikeh By Ferouz Dabbikeh For Semaan & Claudette Mahfoud By Hind Chaiban For Michael Merii By Mr. & Mrs. Tony Mansour For Mr. & Mrs. Majid Mansour By Elias Mansour For Asaad Aboudib By Shemaan Aboudib For Healing of the Sick By Hanne & Henri Khoury For Salma Moussa By Mr. & Mrs. Tony Moussa For Ghassan Dergham By Sayed & Rita El Khoury</p>




WELCOME!

If you are a guest or visitor to Saint 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 burns this month for the souls of Elias, Sadie & Joseph E. Joseph requested by the Family. May they rest in Peace.



TOTAL BASKET COLLECTION

December 15, 2024

Regular Collection: \$2,611.00

Second Collection: \$493.00

Online Donations: \$210.00

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



2025 WEEKLY ENVELOPES

If you would like to receive weekly envelopes, please call or email the office. The envelope list will be updated soon. Your weekly donation helps defray the costs associated with keeping our beautiful church open.



2024 CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S SERVICE & MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, Dec. 15 – Monday, Dec. 23

Christmas Novena - 7PM

Tuesday, December 24

Christmas Eve Vigil Mass - 5PM

Wednesday, December 25

Christmas Midnight Mass - 12MID

Christmas Day Mass - 11AM

Tuesday, December 31

New Year's Eve Vigil Mass

(Holy Day of Obligation) – 5PM

Wednesday, January 1

New Year's Day Mass

(Holy Day of Obligation) – 11AM





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.

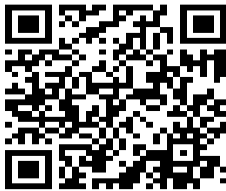
Please pray for those who are sick, homebound or in the hospital.

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



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.



BIBLE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

So then, there were fourteen generations from Abraham to David, and fourteen from David to the exile in Babylon, and fourteen from then to the birth of the Messiah.

Matthew 1: 17



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 the month of **November 2025** can call or email the office to request this last available month.



CONFESSION

Father is always available to hear confessions. Please call the office to schedule an appointment. Thank you.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wishing all our Religious Education families a safe, spiritual and joyous Christmas and New Year! Looking ahead to a wonderful start to 2025!

Dec. 22 & 29: No Class. Christmas Break

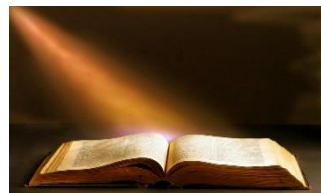
COFFEE HOUR

Jan. 5: Matt & Katie Kaban



BIBLE STUDIES

Our first Bible Study session is scheduled for Wednesday, January 8, 2025, from 7PM to 8PM in the Education Hall. Please email the church if you would like to join. All are welcome.



PARISH CONTACT

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CEDARS HALL RENTAL

Our Cedars Hall is the perfect location for your personal and business events. It has state-of-the-art audio-visual capability, ample free parking, full commercial kitchen, bar, and large bathrooms.

Renovations are complete. The Banquet Hall is available for booking January 1 for available **booking dates starting in April.**

For information, please contact Michael Khoury at 716-510-7465 or Joseph Mahfouz at 716-725-3185.

MASS AND ADORATION



Join us every First Thursday of the Month for 7 PM Mass, followed by Adoration and Procession of the Blessed Sacraments and anointing with oil. Mass will be celebrated on candle lights.

CHRISTMAS NOVENA

This Sunday, December 22nd, the 11:30AM mass will begin with the Novena, followed by mass and then the St. Sharbel procession in honor of St. Sharbel. Novena will continue through Monday, December 23rd.

MARONITE YOUNG ADULT

The MYA would like to thank you all for your contribution to our toy drive in support of St. Luke's Mission of Mercy. Your kindness will bring joy to children who need it most this Christmas Season! God bless you for your generosity.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Thanks to the kind support of our fellow parishioners and friends of St John Maron Knights of Columbus the Knights Council 16441 SJM were able to provide the following charitable gifts this month:

--\$2,000 donated by KofC Coats for Kids to be sent to Lebanon to provide help to thousands of refugee children. *Additional coats will be donated by SJM parishioners and sent by KofC to Lebanon. Please bring your new or gently used clean or dry cleaned coats to the Parish by December 31st. Receptacles will be provided in the back of the church or turn them in to the parish office during regular business hours.

--\$400 to Sisters of St Joseph's Clarence, NY in Loving Memory of Sister Thecla and Sister Martha.

--\$2,000 to Saint Doumit Church in Northern Lebanon to purchase needed supplies for families.

The Knights are hosting the Keeping Christ in Christmas Religious Education competition. The children were given forms with instructions to complete Christmas posters for **CASH PRIZES.**