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DIVINE LITURGY

Weekdays - Chapel

Tues, Wed, and Thurs
6:00 p.m. English/Arabic

Saturday - Chapel

5:00 p.m. English

Sunday - Downtown

9:30 a.m. English
11:00 a.m. Arabic/English

READINGS

Gen 17:15-22

Rom 4:13-25

Lk 1:1-25

Qurbano book 18

Anaphora of St John 815

CALENDAR

Monday, November 18

Thursday, November 21

St Romanos

Presentation of the Virgin
in the Temple

CLERGY

Fr. Patrick Kassab, Pastor

Fr. Alejandro Landin, Assistant

SUBDEACONS

Lattouf Lattouf

Ghazi Faddoul

Yemen Saada

Mario Ghosn

ORGANIZATIONS

Parish Council

Jèan Yaacoub, President
2nd Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

Finance Council

Rick Ganim, President
3rd Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

Immaculate Conception Sodality

Claire Naoum, President
1st Monday, 7:00 p.m.

Maronite Christian Formation Program

Elias Kanaan, Director
Sundays, 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

MaronKnights Dabke Group

Tanya Elasmr

Maronite Youth Organization

Peter Harb, Coordinator

Maronite Young Adults

Joseph Biri, President

Maronite Mothers Club

Tina Chamoun, Coordinator

Arabic School

Jihad Kawkabani, Coordinator
Saturdays, October - April,
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

50+ Social Club

Mary Ann Watson
1st Friday at 10:00 a.m. (Liturgy)

Book & Cine Club

Katia Abboud

Rosary Prayer Group

Daad Chamoun

Social Committee

Souheil Farah, Rita Lattouf,
Claire Naoum

Saint Maron Health Committee

Dr. Paul Farah

Social Media Coordinator

Jessica Khoury

Order of Saint Charbel

Samir Farah and Daad Chamoun

LITURGY INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 16th

5:00 p.m. **Parishioners Intentions**

Sunday, November 17th

9:30 a.m. **Mem Lit for Karam Hasrouni (20 years) & all the deceased members of the Hasrouni family & Mem Lit for Suhaila Ewida**
By the Hasrouni Family

11:00 a.m. **Mem Lit for Tony Salloum**
By his brother Jamil and sisters Huda and Adiba

11:00 a.m. **One Week Liturgy for Michelle Bou Khaled**
By his daughter Sophie Hatem (Waleed) and family

NEXT WEEK

Saturday, November 23rd

5:00 p.m. **Mem Lit for Nakhoul & Emily Saadeh and Fr. Tanios and Souraya Saadeh**
By their children

Sunday, November 24th

9:30 a.m. **Parishioners Intentions**

11:00 a.m. **Parishioners Intentions**

PARISHIONERS NEWS

Condolences

We extend our deepest condolences to the family of Michelle Bou Khaled, father of Sophie Bou Khaled Hatem (Waleed) and grandfather of Marie Louise and Jean Claude Hatem. Michelle Bou Khaled passed away on November 13th, in Lebanon. A one-week liturgy will be celebrated on Sunday, November 17, 2024, at 11:00 am at St. Maron Church, downtown. Condolences will be received following the liturgy on Sunday.

Sesobel

Throughout the years, Sesobel has identified the difficulties of children in Lebanon, regardless of their faith, with disabilities and their families, having helped more than 10,000 children with a disability to meet their medical, social, educational, rehabilitative, recreational, relational needs... social integration and all their rights... to ensure them a life of Joy and Dignity. There will be volunteers at the back of the Church this weekend to humbly accept any donations.

READINGS

First Reading

Gen 17:15-22

God further said to Abraham: As for Sarai your wife, do not call her Sarai; her name will be Sarah. I will bless her, and I will give you a son by her. Her also will I bless; she will give rise to nations, and rulers of peoples will issue from her.

Abraham fell face down and laughed as he said to himself, "Can a child be born to a man who is a hundred years old? Can Sarah give birth at ninety?" So Abraham said to God, "If only Ishmael could live in your favor!"

God replied: "Even so, your wife Sarah is to bear you a son, and you shall call him Isaac. It is with him that I will maintain my covenant as an everlasting covenant and with his descendants after him. Now as for Ishmael, I will heed you: I hereby bless him. I will make him fertile and will multiply him exceedingly. He will become the father of twelve chieftains, and I will make of him a great nation. But my covenant I will maintain with Isaac, whom Sarah shall bear to you by this time next year." When he had finished speaking with Abraham, God departed from him.

Second Reading

Rom 4:13-25

Brothers and sisters,

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") — in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations", according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb.

No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.

Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him", were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

GIFTS OF THE ALTAR

November 2024



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by their children & families
- ♦ Jacob & Juliette Saad
& the deceased members of the Saad and Elzeer families
by Thomas Saad & family
- ♦ Thomas Thomas
by The Richards family

In THANKSGIVING

- ♦ Jennifer Bishilany
by William & Denise Bishilany & family

INCOME

November 10, 2024

General Deposit	\$ 4,223.00
Saturday 5:00 p. m.	\$ 2,024.00
Sunday 9:30 a.m.	\$ 728.00
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	\$ 1,406.00
Online	\$ 65.00

NEW MEMBERS

If you are living in Cleveland or Just moved here, our Church would like to welcome you. Please introduce yourself to the Priest or contact the office.



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REMEMBER YOUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL

Remembering your parish in your will can be a way to express gratitude for your faith and support the future of your parish, Eparchy, or the Maronite Church worldwide. Contact Church office for more information.

Gospel

Lk 1:1-25

Since many have undertaken to set down an orderly account of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as they were handed on to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word, I too decided, after investigating everything carefully from the very first, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may know the truth concerning the things about which you have been instructed.

In the days of King Herod of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly order of Abijah. His wife was a descendant of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. Both of them were righteous before God, living blamelessly according to all the commandments and regulations of the Lord. But they had no children, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were getting on in years.

Once when he was serving as priest before God and his section was on duty, Zechariah was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to enter the sanctuary of the Lord and offer incense. Now at the time of the incense offering, the whole assembly of the people was praying outside. Then there appeared to him an angel of the Lord, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. When Zechariah saw him, he was terrified; and fear overwhelmed him. But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard.

Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will name him John. You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He must never drink wine or strong drink; even before his birth he will be filled with the Holy Spirit. He will turn many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. With the spirit and power of Elijah he will go before him, to turn the hearts of parents to their children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord." Zechariah said to the angel, "How will I know that this is so? For I am an old man, and my wife is getting on in years." The angel replied, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. But now, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time, you will become mute, unable to speak, until the day these things occur."

Meanwhile, the people were waiting for Zechariah, and wondered at his delay in the sanctuary. When Zechariah did come out, he could not speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the sanctuary. He kept motioning to them and remained unable to speak. When his time of service was ended, he went to his home. After those days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she remained in seclusion. She said, "This is what the Lord has done for me when he looked favorably on me and took away the disgrace I have endured among my people."

MARONITE YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

All 25-45 Christian Middle Easterners are invited to join the Maronite Young Professionals for a Thanksgiving Potluck Party on November 17, 4:30 p.m. at Our Lady of the Cedars Church, in Fairlawn, OH.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our Annual Parish Christmas Party will be on Sunday, December 15th at the Holiday Inn. You can now buy tickets after every Divine Liturgy. Tickets can be purchased on line at: <https://www.saintmaron-clev.org/2024-Christmas-Luncheon-Tickets/> or by calling Rita Lattouf (216-470-7512), Souheil Farah (440-503-2517) or Claire Naoum (216-337-2851)

50+ SOCIAL CLUB

On Friday, December 6th we will celebrate the Feast of St. Nicholas with Liturgy at 10 am followed by lunch and festivities. Everyone is asked to bring a wrapped, untagged gift (valued at \$10). Please RSVP: NO LATER than November 29 by calling Mary Ann: 216-702-6802



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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SODALITY

Annual ICS Christmas Party is Saturday December 7th following Liturgy....Parish Center (Independence) Liturgy begins at 5:00 pm (Chapel) followed by dinner in the Parish Center. Spouses are invited. Tickets are \$30. Call Cristina Lahoud (440-444-7159) or Lisa Salwan (216-235-5669)

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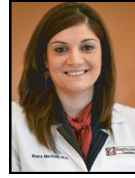
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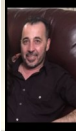
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Crowning (Matrimony)

Couples must contact and meet Fr. Patrick at least 8 months before the desired wedding date. Pre-Cana classes are required. Call the office to schedule an appointment: (216) 520 5081

Freedom to Marry Letter

All necessary forms for couples living in the United States or abroad need to be done, and this may take weeks or months. Please call to schedule an appointment with Fr. Patrick.



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