

OCTOBER 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2024

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*Fifth Sunday after  
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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*

Song of Sg 5:2-8  
Phil 2:12-18  
Mt 25:1-13

Qurbono book 606  
Anaphora of Saint Sixtus 856

### *CALENDAR*

Monday, October 14th  
Tuesday, October 15th  
Friday, October 18th  
Saturday, October 19th

Saint Shaaya the Monk  
Saint Theresa of Avila  
Saint Luke the Evangelist  
St Isaac Jogues & Companions

### *CLERGY*

Fr. Patrick Kassab, Pastor  
Fr. Alejandro Landin, Assistant

### *SUBDEACONS*

Lattouf Lattouf  
Ghazi Faddoul  
Yemen Saada  
Mario Ghosn

## ORGANIZATIONS

### Parish Council

*Jèan Yaacoub, President*  
2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

### Finance Council

*Rick Ganim, President*  
3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

### Immaculate Conception Sodality

*Claire Naoum, President*  
1<sup>st</sup> 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*  
1<sup>st</sup> 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, October 12

5:00 p.m. **Mem Lit for Hassib & Georgette Chalhoub**  
By their children and their families

### Sunday, October 13

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

11:00 a.m. **Forty Day Liturgy for Filour Alrashid**  
By her sons and daughters and grandchildren

**Mem Lit Carlos Cordoba**  
By Therese Chelala & family

## NEXT WEEK

### Saturday, October 19

5:00 p.m. **Mem Lit for Archbishop Youseff Massoud**  
By The Parishioners of Saint Maron

### Sunday, October 20

9:30 a.m. **Mem Lit for George T. Gordon**  
By His wife Judith, his children and grandchildren

11:00 a.m. **Mem Lit for George Shamatta**  
By Elias & Lily Shamatta and his siblings

**Mem Lit for Antoine Toufic Boutros**  
By his wife Najibeh Tannous, and children Matilda,  
Toufic, Maurein, Hatem, Jean, Semaan, & Martine

## PARISHIONERS NEWS

**Condolences** John A. Michael, Jr. passed away on October 3, 2024. John is the husband of Michelle (Mitzi) Michael. A liturgy was celebrated on October 7th at St. Maron Chapel.

**Condolences** John Kamal Sahlani brother of Labib Sahlani and uncle to Kamal Sahlani, Nabil Sahlani, Jihad Sahlani, and Eli Sahlani passed away in Canada this past week. A Forty Day Liturgy will be celebrated on November 9th at 5pm at the Chapel in Independence.

## READINGS

### First Reading

*Song of Sg 5:2-8*

I slept, but my heart was awake. Listen! my beloved is knocking.  
'Open to me, my sister, my love, my dove, my perfect one; for my head is wet with dew, my locks with the drops of the night.'  
I had put off my garment; how could I put it on again? I had bathed my feet; how could I soil them?  
My beloved thrust his hand into the opening, and my inmost being yearned for him.  
I arose to open to my beloved, and my hands dripped with myrrh, my fingers with liquid myrrh, upon the handles of the bolt.  
I opened to my beloved, but my beloved had turned and was gone.  
My soul failed me when he spoke. I sought him, but did not find him; I called him, but he gave no answer.  
Making their rounds in the city the sentinels found me; they beat me, they wounded me, they took away my mantle, those sentinels of the walls. I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem, if you find my beloved, tell him this: I am faint with love.

### Second Reading

*Phil 2:12-18*

#### Brothers and Sisters:

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.  
Do all things without murmuring and arguing, so that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, in which you shine like stars in the world.  
It is by your holding fast to the word of life that I can boast on the day of Christ that I did not run in vain or labour in vain.  
But even if I am being poured out as a libation over the sacrifice and the offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you and in the same way you also must be glad and rejoice with me.

### Gospel

*Mt 25:1-13*

'Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise.  
When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps.  
As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him."  
Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps.  
The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out."

## GIFTS OF THE ALTAR

October 2024



#### BREAD in Memory of:

- ◆ Deceased members of the Richards & Nofel families  
by Edward P. Richards, Jr.
- ◆ Thomas Thomas  
by The Richards family



#### WINE in Memory of:

- ◆ Deceased members of the Richards & Nofel families  
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- ◆ Thomas Thomas  
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- ◆ George T. Gordon  
by Judith and Katherine Gordon



#### CANDLES in Memory of:

- ◆ Deceased members of the Richards & Nofel families  
by Edward P. Richards, Jr.
- ◆ George & Roma Sessin  
by their children & families
- ◆ Jacob & Juliette Saad & the deceased members of the Saad and Elzeer families  
by Thomas Saad & family
- ◆ Louis Nagy  
by William & Denise Bishilany & family
- ◆ Thomas Thomas  
by The Richards family

## INCOME

October 6, 2024

|                     |             |
|---------------------|-------------|
| General Deposit     | \$ 6,237.00 |
| Saturday 5:00 p. m. | \$ 2,821.00 |
| Sunday 9:30 a.m.    | \$ 299.00   |
| Sunday 11:00 a.m.   | \$ 2,867.00 |
| Online              | \$ 250.00   |

## 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.



## JOIN THE ORDER OF SAINT SHARBEL

The Order is a critical part of our Eparchy as it helps support Seminarian education and Priest retirement. The Eparchy depends on our laity to help cover some of the costs of our future priests.

For more information you are welcome to visit:

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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.

But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut.

Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

## MCFP Registration

Join us for the 2024-2025 Catechism school year!!!

Registration is required before classes begin on Sunday, October 13. Classes are free of charge and are every Sunday **after Abouna's final blessing until 1:15pm** at Saint Maron downtown.

This year to simplify registration, please see the attached flyer with a QR code and there is a link you can click on too (please one form per child): <https://forms.gle/1RqGE3qVNBnfrC8V7>

Families with first communion aged children are encouraged to plan and commit to bringing their first communicant from the beginning of the Catechism School year.

If you have any questions, please contact [suzymgs777@gmail.com](mailto:suzymgs777@gmail.com)

## SYRIAC CLASSES

We are proud of our heritage! Together we will learn the beautiful Syriac language, the liturgical language of our dear Church.

Join us in Independence every Thursday at 7:00 p.m., starting October 17, 2024. Two options are available: A class for Arabic (Levantine) speaking students with Fr Patrick, and a class for English speaking students with Fr Alejandro.

For registration, please fill the following form:

<https://forms.gle/GqQnB3JKv84ZPLCQ8>



## ICS DINNER SALE

The ICS will be selling ready made carry out dinners on October 19 before and after the 5:00 p.m. liturgy and again on Sunday if any are still available. Dinner consists of two skewers of chicken, rice and hummus for \$15. First come, first serve. All proceeds will go to the Church. Thank you for your generosity.

## BLESSING OF INDEPENDENCE WINDOWS

On Saturday November 2nd, as we celebrate the "Consecration of the Church", we will be blessing the new stained glass windows installed in the Chapel in Independence, during the 5:00 p.m. Liturgy. All donors are invited to join us. Liturgy will be offered in memory of the departed members of their families.

## 50+ SOCIAL CLUB

On Friday, Nov. 1 following the 10:00 Liturgy, in Memory of our Deceased Members, we will venture out on our monthly activity. We will stop for lunch at the Amherst Diner before visiting wineries to sample & purchase for our holiday meals & gifts. **PLEASE - RSVP- No Later than Monday, October 28 @216-702-6802**



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If you are interested in becoming a Priest or Religious Sister, contact Vocations Director, Chorbishop Donald J. Sawyer, D. Min, at (512) 458 3693 or

Save the Date/Mark your Calendar

Our Annual Parish Christmas Party will be Sunday, December 15th at the Holiday Inn. More details to follow



## MARONITE YOUNG ADULTS

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**SUNDAY  
OCTOBER 13 | 6PM**

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Looking to strengthen your faith, make new friends, or be more involved in your Maronite community?  
Join the MYA  
Ages 18-35 welcome!

Scan to join the Whatsapp group chat for updates!



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# YOU'RE INVITED

## MMC FALL FESTIVAL

Saturday, October 19th | 2-4 PM

St. Maron Church  
7800 Brookside Rd  
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### Maronite Mothers Club Fall Festival!

- Games, activities, lunch & "trick or treat"
- Bring a basket or bag for each child for the trick or treat.
- RVSP by October 12th via the EVITE or directly to [TinaSChamoun@gmail.com](mailto:TinaSChamoun@gmail.com)
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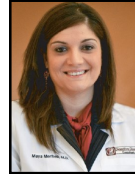
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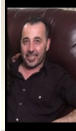
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**Freedom to Marry Letter**

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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