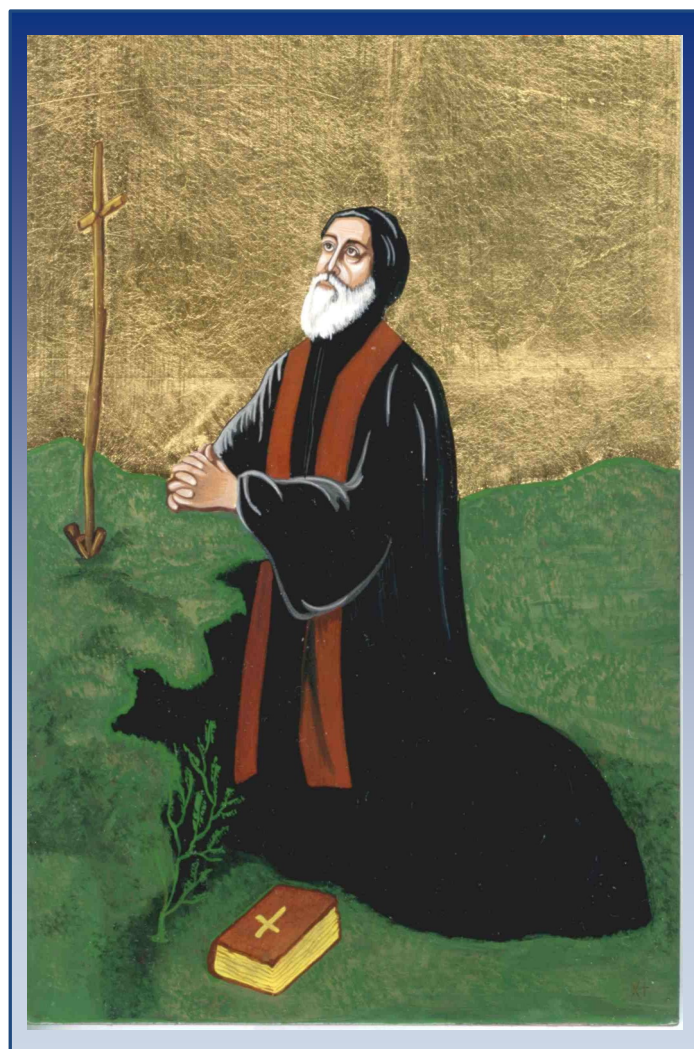


SUNDAY OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

FEAST OF SAINT MARON

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GLORIOUS EPIPHANY

Sunday of the Faithful Departed & Celebration of the Feast of St. Maron

February 7th, 2021

Sun., February 7	Sunday of the Faithful Departed & Celebration of the Feast of St. Maron & 11: 30 am 40 Day Liturgy for Antoine Tounm	Req. by Mr. & Mrs. Antoine Saba
Mon., February 8	NO DIVINE LITURGY Zechariah the Prophet	
Tues., February 9	10 am Divine Liturgy the Feast of St. Maron 7:30 pm Divine Liturgy the Feast of St. Maron	
Wed., February 10	10 am Divine Liturgy 40 Days for Antoine Tounm St. Appollonia	Req. by Mr. & Mrs. Antoine Saba
Thurs., February 11	10 am Divine Liturgy for John Mavrides St. Charalampus & Our Lady of Lourdes	Req. by Tony Tannousis
Fri., February 12	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Meletius of Antioch	
Sat., February 13	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Catherine de Ricci & St. Beatrice of Ornacieux	
Sun., February 14	Sunday of the Entrance into Lent/ Miracle at Cana in Galilee 11: 30 am 40 Day Liturgy for Najah Sassine	Req. by Mr. & Mrs. Simon Sassine

2020 Financial Standing

Ordinary Income

- ♦ Collections on Sundays & Holy Days : **\$188,013.75**
- ♦ Cathedral Stipends from Marriages & Funerals, Lower Hall Rent, Candles, Breakfast, Luncheon, Raffle, Dues, Religious Education, Flowers **\$75,472.09**

Total Ordinary Income: \$263,485.84

Ordinary Expenses

- ♦ Payroll, Gas, Electricity, Building Insurance and Medical Insurance, Leasing Equipment, TV, Phone, Internet, Church, Hall & Office Supplies, Postage, Regular Maintenance, Charity, Eparchial Appeal, Insurance....

Total Ordinary Expenses: \$258,897.83

Total Ordinary Income vs Expenses: \$4,588.01

Do you know? A couple of basic monthly expenses:

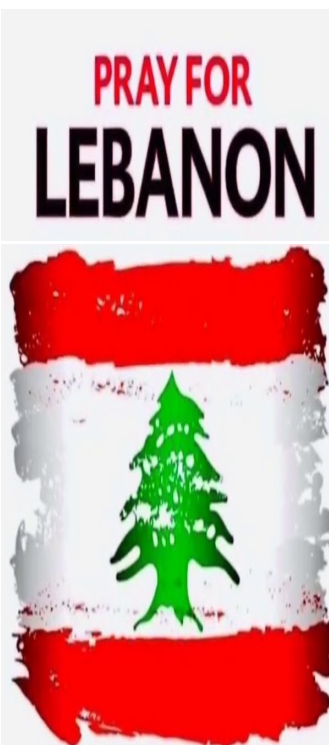
Cathedral monthly building insurance: \$3,484.00

Monthly Eparchial Assessment & Bishop's Appeal: \$2,125.00

\$168,886.68 were brought in as extraordinary income from the Library. However, the Library did not pay the May, June, July, August, September and October rents. They vacated the Church Hall at the end of October.

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Dear Parishioners & Friends,

Is your saintly halo bright enough?

Last Sunday the Maronite Church celebrated what the Latin Church calls All Saints Day. The Sunday of the Righteous and Just is the second commemoration Sunday after the Sunday of the Priests. This Sunday, in addition to remembering the faithful departed which is the last of the commemoration Sundays, we will celebrate the Feast of Saint Maron, the spiritual father and founder of the Maronite Church.

Matthew 25: 31-46 of last Sunday presented us with the roadmap of how we become saints. All we have to do is feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, welcome the stranger, take care of the sick and visit those in prison. I am sure many of us have given a bagel and a cup of coffee to somebody who requested it or have contributed a few dollars to someone to buy a breakfast or a lunch. There is no doubt in my mind that a big majority of us have visited an ill person in the hospital or at home and have spent some time with them. However, I am certain that not many of us have opened our homes for a stranger to spend a couple of weeks or visited someone in prison who was accused of a crime. We have done a few of these saintly acts, but for our halo to shine brightly, we have more work to do. Alongside our bucket list to which we keep adding possible trips and vacations, we need to have a saintly acts list.

The problem we run into is that many of us stand idle before a simple need we see in other people. A lot of times, we complicate the progress of our sainthood when we think, instead of feeding the hungry, we have to solve the problem of world hunger or we have to eliminate water pollution in Africa. We also feel that we have to defend and try to free prisoners because the crimes that some of them have committed were not their fault.

My friends, we forget that we may treat, but it is only Jesus who heals. Everyone of us was given a gift to help others. Saint Maron, the hermit on Mount Cyr, knew how to put God's gift into action. His living a life of solitude did not stop people from flocking to him with all kinds of needs, and all of them were welcomed. He fed them the heavenly food, the Body and Blood of Christ, in the Eucharist, and clothed them with the robe of glory with baptism in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Saint Maron interceded and prayed for the physically ill, but for souls tormented by distress as well. They were liberated through his prayers.

My friends; we are all saints, but the light of our halo may still be dim. Let us learn from Saint Maron how to make it brighter.

Abguma Dominicae

Knights of St. Maron Meeting

The Knights will have a Zoom meeting on Thursday, February 11th at 7 pm.

Confraternity Fellowship Evening

The Confraternity will have a fun and fellowship evening on Friday, February 12th at 7 pm.

Ash Monday

The Liturgy of the Blessing and Imposition of Ashes on the foreheads will be held on Monday, February 15th at 7:30 pm.

Stations and Benediction of the Cross

Every Friday of Lent beginning Friday, February 19th at 7:30 pm, we will pray the Stations and Benediction of the Cross.

Traditional Fasting & Abstinence Observance

Those who wish to observe the traditional Maronite practice of fasting and abstinence are invited to follow this practice. According to the Synod of Mount Lebanon of 1736, every weekday of Lent (Monday through Friday) is a day of fasting and abstinence from meat and dairy products (eggs, butter, milk, etc.) Fasting involves eating and drinking nothing at all (except water and medicine) from midnight until noon. The rest of the day normal meals can be taken but without meat or dairy products. Saturdays and Sundays are exempt from fasting and abstaining as are the following feast days: St. Maron on Feb. 9th if it falls during Lent, the 40 Martyrs on March 9th, and St. Joseph on March 19th.

Knights Easter Raffle

The Knights are sponsoring an Easter Raffle. Tickets are available from Samer Hadchiti, Edgard Abi Daher, Roger Shammass and Georges El Hage. The drawing will take place on Sunday, April 11th after the 11:30 Divine Liturgy.

Letter for Annual Donations

Parishioners who for tax purposes would like a letter stating their annual contribution, please [email](#) or call the rectory at 718-624-7228.

The 2021 Eparchial Annual Lenten Appeal

A second collection for the Eparchial Charities Appeal will be taken every Sunday during the Season of Great Lent starting on Sunday February 21st. We are asked to raise \$5,500 to participate in this awesome mission of the Eparchy.

Catholic Relief Services Lenten RICE BOWL

Join our faith community—and more than 12,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life-changing Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl from the Cathedral at the end of the Divine Liturgy. During the 40 days of Lent, let us reflect on how hunger and malnutrition affect our human family, and on the need to take action to end this global injustice. Click [here](#) to learn more.

Vocations Awareness Poster-Essay

Students grades K to 12 are encouraged to participate in the Vocations Awareness Poster-Essay Multimedia Contest through NAM. Click [here](#) for guidelines and information. Also you can ask Subdeacon Adonis El-Asmar or Marian Ciaccia for more information. This year let us have more students take part in the contest.

Altar Server Schedule

Subdeacon Norbert is putting together a schedule for the altar servers. We will only have two servers each Sunday helping on the Altar. Please register your children with Subdeacon Norbert.

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FR. NAJI KIWAN
- MAR. 11: MARONITE RITUALS FOR GREAT LENT
MSGR. JIM ROOT
- MAR. 18: SYRIAC THEMES IN PASSION WEEK
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Sunday Readings

قراءات الأحد

Feast of St. Maron

The Second Letter to Timothy 3:10-17

You have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, and my suffering the things that happened to me in Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra. What persecutions I endured! Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them. Indeed, all who want to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. But wicked people and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving others and being deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

The Gospel according to Saint John 12:23-30

Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour. 'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say "Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine.

عيد مار مارون

رسالة القديس بولس الثانية إلى تيموثاوس 17-

10:3

يَا إِخْوَتِي، لَقَدْ تَبِعْتَ تَعْلِيمِي، وَسِيرَتِي، وَقَصْدِي، وَإِيمَانِي، وَأَنَاتِي، وَمَحَبَّتِي، وَثَبَاتِي، وَأَصْطِهَاذَاتِي، وَالْأَمِي، كَالَّتِي أَصَابْتَنِي فِي أَنْطَاكِيَّةَ وَإِيقُونِيَّةَ وَلِسْتَرَةَ، وَأَيَّ أَصْطِهَاذَاتٍ أَحْتَمَلْتُ! وَمِنْ جَمِيعِهَا نَجَّانِي الرَّبُّ! فَجَمِيعُ الَّذِينَ يُرِيدُونَ أَنْ يَحْيُوا بِالتَّقْوَى فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ يُضْطَهُدُونَ. أَمَّا النَّاسُ الْأَشْرَارُ وَالْمُشْعَوِذُونَ فَإِنَّهُمْ يَتَمَادُونَ فِي الشَّرِّ، مُضِلِّينَ الْآخَرِينَ وَهُمْ أَنْفُسُهُمْ مُضِلَّلُونَ. أَمَّا أَنْتَ فَاتَّبِعْ عَلَيَّ مَا تَعَلَّمْتَهُ وَأَيَقَنْتَهُ، عَارِفًا مِمَّنْ تَعَلَّمْتَهُ، وَأَنَّكَ مِنْذُ الطُّفُولَةِ تَعْرِفُ الْكُذْبَ الْمُقَدَّسَةَ الْقَادِرَةَ أَنْ تُصَيِّرَكَ حَكِيمًا فِي سَبِيلِ الْخَلَاصِ بِالْإِيمَانِ فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ. فَالْكِتَابُ كُلُّهُ إِنَّمَا اللَّهُ أَلْهَمَهُ، وَهُوَ مُفِيدٌ لِلتَّعْلِيمِ، وَالتَّوْبِيخِ، وَالتَّقْوِيمِ، وَالتَّأْدِيبِ فِي الْبِرِّ، لِيَكُونَ رَجُلُ اللَّهِ كَامِلًا، مُعَدًّا لِكُلِّ عَمَلٍ صَالِحٍ.

إنجيل القديس يوحنا 30-23:12

قَالَ الرَّبُّ يَسُوعُ: «لَقَدْ حَانَتْ السَّاعَةُ لِكِي يُمَجَّدَ ابْنُ الْإِنْسَانِ. الْحَقُّ الْحَقُّ أَقُولُ لَكُمْ: إِنْ حَبَّةُ الْحِنْطَةِ، إِنْ لَمْ تَقَعْ فِي الْأَرْضِ وَتَمُتْ، تَبْقَى وَاحِدَةً. وَإِنْ مَاتَتْ تَأْتِي بِثَمَرٍ كَثِيرٍ. مَنْ يُحِبُّ نَفْسَهُ يَفْقِدْهَا، وَمَنْ يُبْغِضْهَا فِي هَذَا الْعَالَمِ يَحْفَظْهَا لِحَيَاةٍ أَبَدِيَّةٍ. مَنْ يَخْدُمُنِي فَلْيَتْبَعْنِي. وَحَيْثُ أَكُونُ أَنَا، فَهُنَاكَ يَكُونُ أَيْضًا خَادِمِي. مَنْ يَخْدُمُنِي يُكْرِمُهُ الْآبُ. نَفْسِي الْآنَ مُضْطَرَبَّةٌ، فَمَاذَا أَقُولُ؟ يَا أَبَتِ، نَجِّنِي مِنْ هَذِهِ السَّاعَةِ؟ وَلَكِنْ مِنْ أَجْلِ هَذَا بَلَغْتُ إِلَى هَذِهِ السَّاعَةِ! يَا أَبَتِ، مَجِّدْ أَسْمَكَ.» فَجَاءَ صَوْتُ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ يَقُولُ: «قَدْ مَجَّدْتُ، وَسَأَمَجِّدُ.» وَسَمِعَ الْجَمْعُ الْحَاضِرُ فَقَالُوا: «إِنَّهُ رَعْدٌ.» وَقَالَ آخَرُونَ: «إِنَّ مَلَكًَا خَاطَبَهُ.» أَجَابَ يَسُوعُ وَقَالَ: «مَا كَانَ هَذَا الصَّوْتُ مِنْ أَجْلِي، بَلْ مِنْ أَجْلِكُمْ.»

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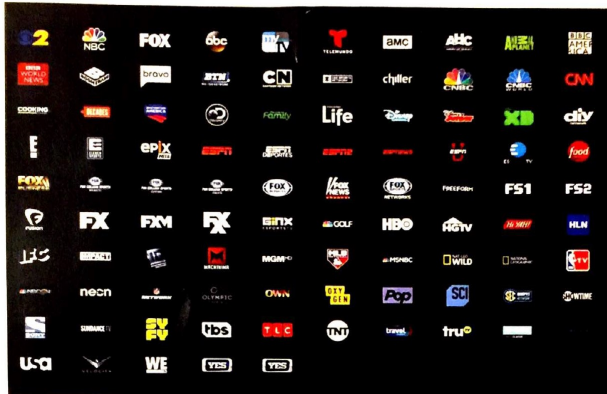
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