

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

ST. MARON MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH

January 22, 2017



"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." These are the last words of the Gospel of Matthew spoken by Jesus after the Resurrection to the eleven disciples. It is a message of hope and comfort, while at the same time being a challenge and commission. Yet, a question presents itself, "what is a disciple?" A disciple is someone in both a formal and a personal relationship with a teacher, with a goal of becoming like the teacher. A disciple of Jesus is someone in relationship with Jesus with the goal of becoming like him through baptism and through obedience to His teachings, "love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind...love your neighbor as yourself" (Mt 22:37b, 39b), as well as commands to pray, fast, give alms, help the needy, celebrate the Eucharist, forgive, show mercy, etc. The disciple is someone who wants to become like the teacher, not out of fear, but out of love or desire. This leaves us with a second question, "am I a disciple?"

In the book *Forming Intentional Disciples: The Path to Knowing and Following Jesus* the author, Sherry Weddell, speaks of the "five thresholds of conversion" or the five steps to becoming a disciple. The first step, "initial trust" is to be able to trust or have a positive association with Jesus, the Church, or an individual Christian disciple. The second step, "spiritual curiosity", is finding yourself desiring to know about Jesus and the faith. The third step is, "spiritual openness", which is being open to the possibility of change.

If I were to guess many of us are in these first three thresholds, regardless of our age, status or the number of church activities we do. We should evaluate ourselves and pray to cross the thresholds and to become disciples. Look forward to a future bulletin where we will explore the fourth and fifth thresholds with the goal of ourselves becoming disciples.

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Rev. Deacon George Khoury

BAPTISM -
Call the office at least 2 months in advance.
MARRIAGE -
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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
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SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING/SICK *Call the Parish Office immediately. 216.520.5081 or 216.333.0760*
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Liturgy Schedule
WEEKDAYS: Chapel
10:00 am
SUNDAY: DOWNTOWN
9:30 am - English
11:00am - English & Arabic
SATURDAY: CHAPEL:
7800 BROOKSIDE RD,
INDEPENDENCE
5:00 pm
HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION
7pm

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MISSION STATEMENT

We, the people of Saint Maron Parish, form a community of disciples dedicated to a shared faith and common life which exemplifies the life, works, and teaching of Jesus Christ as reflected in the Sacred Scriptures and the Maronite Catholic Tradition. Our Parish life and mission are to proclaim the Gospel, to foster and strengthen the faith, and to evangelize. Our covenant of discipleship with Jesus Christ is fulfilled through liturgy, education, and service. Amen

Liturgy Intentions

Sat. January 21: Third Sunday after Epiphany

5:00 pm Chapel: Parishioners Intentions

Sun. January 22: Third Sunday after Epiphany

9:30 am: Parishioners Intentions

11:00 am: Forty Day Liturgy for Samuel Khouri

(His wife Ghada and his daughter Anna and family)

Next Week

Sat. Jan. 28: Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

5:00 pm Chapel: Forty Day Liturgy for Karim Ina

(Daughter Karen Shibley and grandchildren Emilene and Andrew and daughter Gloria Meijer and son Carlos Ina)

Sun. Jan. 29: Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

9:30 am: Parishioners Intentions

11:00 am: Parishioners Intentions



The Feast of Saint Maron Banquet

will be Saturday, Feb. 25, 2017.

His Excellency Bishop A. Elias Zaidan
will be attending

Feast Day Liturgy with Bishop Zaidan will be
celebrated on

Sunday, February 26th at 11am

St. Maron Church

La Villa Banquet Center

11500 Brookpark Rd

Brooklyn, OH 44130

Doors open at 6:30 pm

Dinner Served at 7:30 pm

VIP Ticket: \$100

Adult Ticket: \$65

Children (10 yrs and under) \$30

For reservations contact:

Souheil Farah: 440-503-2517

Rita Lattouf: 216-470-7512

Claire Naoum: 216-337-2851

Saint Maron Feast Day Liturgy

Thursday, February 9, 2017

10:00 am Chapel Independence

7:00 pm Church Downtown

50+ Club Friday February 3rd

NO DUES, NEW MEMBERS

ALWAYS WELCOME.

Liturgy at 10:00

Due to the increment weather in January, we have
rescheduled our annual pot luck lunch and planning
session for 2017

Put on your thinking caps and bring your ideas as well as a
covered dish to share.

Call Mary Ann @ 216-521-5481

MYO NEWS

Meeting & Orientation, ARRR, Spiritual Talk,
Potluck and Game Night

Saturday January 28, 5-9pm Parish Cntr, Independence.

ICS NEWS:

Our first meeting of 2017 will be on Monday
February 6th at 7:00 pm DOWNTOWN.

All new members are encouraged to attend.

Security Provided

Sons of Mary News:

Join the Saint Maron's Men Club on Monday,
Feb. 6th at 7:00 pm DOWNTOWN

as we kick off 2017.

This is a great way to meet other men of the parish.

Book & Cine Club

Our second annual wine tasting event will be taking
place on **Tuesday, the 7th of February, at 7
o'clock, in the parish social hall in Independence.**
Unlike the other events that the Book and Cinema
Club holds, This one requires a headcount. In this
case, we ask every wine enthusiast, or anyone who is
interested in attending the event, to sign up or RSVP
ahead of time. We want to make sure we have the
right amount of wine bottles, and the right amount of
food for pairing. The first wine tasting event was
very educational and a great success! Please help us
make the upcoming one a successful one too.

Katia Abboud: katiaabboud315@gmail.com

يا إخوتي،
 قَبْلَ أَنْ يَأْتِيَ الْإِيمَانُ، كُنَّا مُحْتَجِزِينَ مُحْبُوسِينَ تَحْتَ الشَّرِيعَةِ، إِلَى أَنْ يُعْلَنَ الْإِيمَانُ الْمُنْتَظَرُ.
 إِذَا فَالْشَّرِيعَةُ كَانَتْ لَنَا مُؤَدَّبًا يُفُودُنَا إِلَى الْمَسِيحِ، لِكَيْ نُبْرَرَ بِالْإِيمَانِ.
 فَلَمَّا أَتَى الْإِيمَانُ، لَمْ نَعُدْ تَحْتَ مُؤَدَّبٍ؛
 لِأَنَّكُمْ جَمِيعًا أَبْنَاءُ اللَّهِ بِالْإِيمَانِ، فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ.
 فَأَنْتُمْ جَمِيعَ الَّذِينَ اعْتَمَدْتُمْ فِي الْمَسِيحِ قَدْ لَبِسْتُمْ الْمَسِيحَ.
 فَلَا يَهُودِيٌّ بَعْدُ وَلَا يُونَانِيٌّ، لَا عَبْدٌ وَلَا حُرٌّ، لَا ذَكَرٌ وَلَا أَنْثَى، فَإِنَّكُمْ جَمِيعًا وَاحِدٌ فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ.
 فَإِنَّكُمْ كُنْتُمْ لِلْمَسِيحِ، فَأَنْتُمْ إِذَا نَسَلْتُمْ إِبْرَاهِيمَ، وَوَارِثُونَ بِحَسَبِ الْوَعْدِ.

والتسبيحُ لله دائماً.

Brothers and sisters,
 Before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.
Praise be to God always!

قال يوحنا الرسول،
 كَانَ إِنْسَانٌ مِنَ الْفَرِيسِيِّينَ اسْمُهُ نِيفُودِيمُوسَ، رَئِيسُ الْيَهُودِ.
 هَذَا جَاءَ لِيَلِأَ إِلَى يَسُوعَ وَقَالَ لَهُ: «رَبِّي، نَحْنُ نَعْلَمُ أَنَّكَ جِئْتَ مِنَ اللَّهِ مُعَلِّمًا، لِأَنَّهُ لَا أَحَدٌ يَقْدِرُ أَنْ يَصْنَعَ الْآيَاتِ الَّتِي أَنْتَ تَصْنَعُهَا مَا لَمْ يَكُنِ اللَّهُ مَعَهُ.»
 أَجَابَ يَسُوعَ وَقَالَ لَهُ: «الْحَقُّ الْحَقُّ أَقُولُ لَكَ: لَا أَحَدٌ يَقْدِرُ أَنْ يَرَى مَلَكُوتَ اللَّهِ مَا لَمْ يُولَدْ مِنْ جَدِيدٍ.»
 قَالَ لَهُ نِيفُودِيمُوسَ: «كَيْفَ يَقْدِرُ إِنْسَانٌ أَنْ يُولَدَ وَهُوَ كَبِيرٌ فِي السَّنِّ؟ هَلْ يَقْدِرُ أَنْ يَدْخُلَ ثَانِيَةً حَشَا أُمِّهِ، وَيُولَدَ؟»
 أَجَابَ يَسُوعَ: «الْحَقُّ الْحَقُّ أَقُولُ لَكَ، لَا أَحَدٌ يَقْدِرُ أَنْ يَدْخُلَ مَلَكُوتَ اللَّهِ مَا لَمْ يُولَدَ مِنَ الْمَاءِ وَالرُّوحِ.
 مَوْلُودُ الْجَسَدِ جَسَدٌ، وَمَوْلُودُ الرُّوحِ رُوحٌ.
 لَا تَعْجَبْ إِنْ قُلْتُ لَكَ: عَلَيْكُمْ أَنْ تُولَدُوا مِنْ جَدِيدٍ.
 الرِّيحُ تَهْبُ حَيْثُ تَشَاءُ، وَأَنْتَ تَسْمَعُ صَوْتَهَا، لَكِنَّكَ لَا تَعْلَمُ مِنْ أَيْنَ تَأْتِي وَلَا إِلَى أَيْنَ تَمْضِي: هَكَذَا كُلُّ مَوْلُودٍ مِنَ الرُّوحِ.»
 أَجَابَ نِيفُودِيمُوسَ وَقَالَ لَهُ: «كَيْفَ يُمَكِّنُ أَنْ يَصِيرَ هَذَا؟»
 أَجَابَ يَسُوعَ وَقَالَ لَهُ: «أَنْتَ مُعَلِّمٌ إِسْرَائِيلَ وَتَجْهَلُ هَذَا؟
 الْحَقُّ الْحَقُّ أَقُولُ لَكَ: نَحْنُ نَنْطِقُ بِمَا نَعْلَمُ، وَنَشْهَدُ بِمَا رَأَيْنَا، وَأَنْتُمْ لَا تَقْبَلُونَ شَهَادَتَنَا.
 كَلَّمْتُمْ فِي شُؤُنِ الْأَرْضِ وَلَا تُؤْمِنُونَ، فَكَيْفَ تُؤْمِنُونَ إِذَا كَلَّمْتُمْ فِي شُؤُنِ السَّمَاءِ؟
 مَا مِنْ أَحَدٍ صَعِدَ إِلَى السَّمَاءِ، إِلَّا الَّذِي نَزَلَ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ، أَيِ ابْنِ الْإِنْسَانِ.
 وَكَمَا رَفَعَ مُوسَى الْحَيَّةَ فِي الْبَرِّيَّةِ، كَذَلِكَ يَجِبُ أَنْ يُرْفَعَ ابْنُ الْإِنْسَانِ، لِكَيْ تَكُونَ لِكُلِّ مُؤْمِنٍ بِهِ حَيَاةٌ أَبَدِيَّةً.
 هَكَذَا أَحَبَّ اللَّهُ الْعَالَمَ، حَتَّى ابْتَدَأَ بِابْنِهِ الْوَحِيدِ، لِكَيْ لَا يَهْلِكَ أَيُّ مُؤْمِنٍ بِهِ، بَلْ تَكُونَ لَهُ حَيَاةٌ أَبَدِيَّةً.

حقاً والأمان لجميعكم

The evangelist writes,
 Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.
This is the truth! Peace be with you.

St. Maron's Church Organizations



Parish Council

President: Najib Rached: rolanano@hotmail.com
3rd Wed. of the month at 7:00 pm

Immaculate Conception Sodality (ICS)

President: Bernadette Faddoul: gbjmlf@aol.com
1st Mon. of every month at 7:00pm

Sons of Mary (Men's Club)

President: Joey Faddoul: joeyfaddoul@gmail.com
1st Mon. of every month at 7:00 pm

Maronite Christian Formation Program (MCFP)

Director Maroun Kattar: marounkattar@yahoo.com
Sundays (except Holy Days) 10:45 am to 12:15 pm

Maronite Young Children (MYC)

President: Rita Kanaan: Ritamurr@hotmail.com

Maronite Youth Organization (MYO)

Coordinator: George Shamatta: gshamatta@gmail.com
1st and 3rd Saturday : 5pm with Liturgy/Meeting

Maronite Young Adults (MYA)

President: Sami Shaia: sshaia13@gmail.com
Meeting & Bible Study 1st Thurs. of each month at 7:30 pm

Arabic School

Coordinator: Jihad Kawkabani: jihad.kawkabani@gmail.com
Classes Sat. Oct-April (except Holy Days) 10 am to 12 noon

50+ Social Club

Mary Ann Watson: mapw47@yahoo.com
1st Friday of each month. Liturgy: 10:00 am

Book & Cine Club

Katia Abboud: katiaabboud315@gmail.com

ALL CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

IT IS TIME TO SUBMIT YOUR ITINERARIES FOR THE
2017 CALENDAR YEAR. **PLEASE EMAIL TO:**
SAINTMARONCLEVELAND@GMAIL.COM

ALL ACTIVITES & MEETINGS MUST BE APPROVED BY
MSGR. PETER BEFORE THEY ARE ADDED TO THE
CHURCH CALENDAR

Blessing of the Home:

**If you wish to have your home blessed
during the season of Epiphany
Please call the office at
216-520-5081**

**JANUARY'S MARONITE VOICE CAN BE
FOUND IN THE
VESTIBULE OF THE CHURCH AND
CHAPEL.**

Policy for the **Mystery of Crowning** (Sacrament of
Matrimony) at Saint Maron Church or Chapel:
MANDATORY you contact and meet with Msgr. Peter
at **least 8 months** in advance of your desired date.

Couples are required to participate in our
Pre-Cana classes .

**Until a couple have met with Msgr. Peter their
date will not be secured.**

*Call the office to schedule an appointment.
216.520.5081*

**Consulate General
of Lebanon Visit**

WEDNESDAY, February 1, 2017

(Do not arrive before 11:00 am

LOCATION:

1245 Carnegie Avenue Cleveland 44115



GIFTS OF THE ALTAR FOR THE YEAR 2017

The gifts of the Altar in **HONOR** or in **MEMORY** of a loved one or in **THANKSGIVING** and may be for more than one person.

ALTAR BREAD (\$45.00) JAN-FEB-MARCH-APRIL-MAY-JUNE-JULY-AUGUST-SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER-NOVEMBER-DECEMBER

Please Circle Month (s)

ALTAR WINE (\$25.00) JAN-FEB-MARCH-APRIL-MAY-JUNE-JULY-AUGUST-SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER-NOVEMBER-DECEMBER

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CANDLES (\$20.00) JAN-FEB-MARCH-APRIL-MAY-JUNE-JULY-AUGUST-SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER-NOVEMBER-DECEMBER

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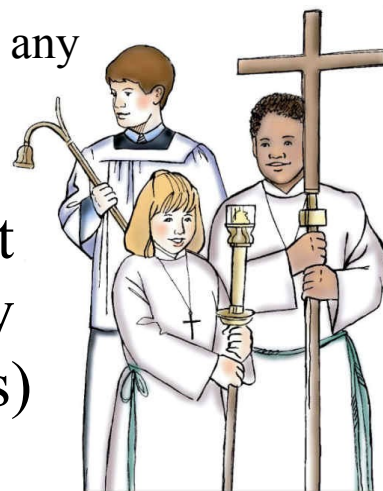
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See Fr. Alex immediately following any of our Liturgies.

Requirements are you must have made your First Holy Communion (Girls & Boys)



**A change in your household/
address/phone?**

Please let the Parish Office know when there is a change in your household such as:

*Change of your phone number

*If you have dropped your land line and are now only using a cell phone number

*If a child has moved out of the home and is living on his/ her own

***If you are a young adult, out of college or working full time to support yourself, living on your own or with your parents, you should be independently registered at our parish.**

*If you or a member of your family has moved to an Independent Living, Assisted Living, or Nursing Facility.

Please call or email the parish office so we may keep our records up to date if you have any changes for our records.

saintmaroncleland@gmail.com or 216-520-5081



Stop by after Liturgy in the church basement for coffee, donuts and conversation every Sunday.

Donations appreciated.

Policy on Usage of Vestibule Racks, Bulletin Boards, Church Bulletin, Window Ledges, etc.

As a church community, we welcome hearing all that is happening within the Middle East organizations both here in Cleveland and abroad. We understand there are many wonderful functions at several of the schools your children may attend. **However, no articles, flyers, newspapers, posters or any other means of advertisement are to be put anywhere in or around our church WITHOUT the approval of Monsignor Peter.**

If items are left without approval, they will be removed and disposed of.

Information may be sent to:

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The Annual Summer Festival

August 19 & 20, 2017

Parish Center in Independence.

Mark your calendars now!!!!

Gift of the Altar: January 2017

BREAD

In Memory of:

Deeb S. Tannous, wife Hannah, daughter Hend

Son Daas D. Tannous & family

Arlene Sekerak (nee Richards)

Edward & Ella Richards & families

Youssef Baaklini

Mrs. Youssef Baaklini

Kaissar & Bernadette Ina and Elias & Georgette Naoum

Mrs. Claire Naoum & family

WINE

In Memory Of:

Arlene Sekerak (nee Richards)

Edward & Ella Richards & families

Youssef Baaklini

Mrs. Youssef Baaklini

Kaissar & Bernadette Ina and Elias & Georgette Naoum

Mrs. Claire Naoum & family

Pauline Peters

John & Lorrie Peters

Rizk S. Rizk

Samira Rizk & family

Karam Hasrouni Gerges & Marie & Anis Abou Mitri

Laure Hasrouni

CANDLES

In Memory Of:

Arlene Sekerak (nee Richards)

Edward & Ella Richards & families

George & Mary "Roma" Sessin

Their children & their families

Jacob & Juliette Saad & the deceased members

of the Saad & Elzeer families:

Thomas Saad & family

Youssef Baaklini

Mrs. Youssef Baaklini

Kaissar & Bernadette Ina and Elias & Georgette Naoum

Mrs. Claire Naoum & family

Tony Ghazoul

Dr. Issam & Kathy Nemeh & family

Collection: January 15, 2017

GENERAL DEPOSIT	\$	26,015.40
Sunday Collection	\$	2,366.00
Votive Candles	\$	63.00
Parking Garage-Monthly	\$	500.00
Cleveland Treatment Center	\$	5,666.67
Newsletter Advertising	\$	240.00
MYO Retreat	\$	5,425.00
Cleveland Treatment Center Property Tax	\$	10,754.73
Order of St. Sharbel	\$	1,000.00



*The Candle burning in front of the Blessed Mother at the 11am Liturgy signifies the presence of the Sons of Mary
This weeks candle is lit*

For the safe travels of our parishioners, family and friends during the Epiphany season.



**Bible Study: ALL PARISHIONERS
(No Registration Required)**

Thursday Evenings

7:00 pm -8:00pm

Parish Center: IND

Saturday Mornings

10:00 am

Admin. Bldg.: Downtown

The Feast of St. Anthony the great is celebrated on January 17. St. Anthony the great is the "founder of monastic life" and called in the Maronite Church the father of all Monks (أب)



****ATTENTION GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS AND COLLEGE STUDENTS****The Lebanese Syrian American Junior League will again be awarding scholarships to young men and women of *Lebanese* and/or *Syrian* descent residing in the greater Cleveland area. The application process begins on January 31st. High school seniors should request applications from their guidance counselors. College students can request applications by emailing LSAJLScholarship@gmail.com. All applications **MUST** be received by March 31, 2017.

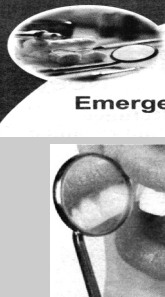
Roe vs. Wade

On this anniversary of the Roe vs. Wade decision, please pray for a respect for human life from the moment of conception to the time of natural death.

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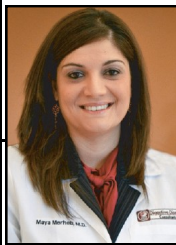
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