

# SUNDAY OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED ST. MARON MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH February 19, 2017



The Catechism of the Catholic Church speaks in depth about “the source and summit of the Christian life” which is the Eucharist. The word Eucharist is a Greek word which translates as thanksgiving. The Maronite and Syriac tradition have a special language for speaking about the Eucharist.

Bar Kepha the Alexandrian lists several ‘names’ used to refer to the Eucharist, each of which teach us an important lesson.

The first name ‘communion’ is a name which we are familiar with and refers to the effect of receiving the Eucharist: communion or union with God and the Church. This unity comes from participation in the Eucharist, and is strengthened when we receive the Eucharist.

The second name ‘access’ is similar to ‘communion’, through the Eucharist we receive access to God and to His grace and mercy.

The third name is ‘oblation’ or offering and refers to the Church offering prayer to God and primarily Jesus offering Himself to His Father.

The fourth name ‘mysteries’ or ‘raze’ is a translation of the Greek word ‘mysterium’ found in the Bible. Sometimes also specified as the holy mysteries, this refers to how the Eucharist is beyond our understanding and reveals to us the mysteries of God. The incarnation, God becoming man, and the death, resurrection, ascension, and promise of Jesus’ return are all revealed in the Eucharist.

Finally, Bar Kepha gives us the name ‘perfection of perfections’. This is a Semitic way of speaking about the goodness, truth, and beauty of God. The Old Testament speaks of offering a sacrifice flaw or blemish or a ‘perfect’ sacrifice, but what the letter to the Hebrews tells us, “For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins...But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, ‘he sat down at the right hand of God’, and since then has been waiting ‘until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.’ For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.” (Heb 10:4, 12-14) Jesus, Himself, is the perfection of perfections and He gives Himself to us to perfect us, in the Eucharist.

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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. Feb. 18: Sunday of the Faithful Departed

**5:00 pm Chapel: Mem. Lit for Hanne Semaan**

(Her daughters Marie Zogbi & Roumieh Khachan and son Samaan Khachan & his wife Rita and granddaughter Cherelle)

### Sun. Feb. 19: Sunday of the Faithful Departed

**9:30 am: Mem. Lit for Joseph Watson**

(His brother Jack and sister in law Mary Ann Watson)

**11:00 am: Forty Day Liturgy for Theodora Nasrani**

(John Fagher and Maguy Fagher)

**11:00 am: Mem. Lit for Nadia Hasrouni**

(Naim Hasrouni)

## Next Week

### Sat. Feb. 25: Miracle at Cana in Galilee

**5:00 pm Chapel: Parishioners Intentions**

### Sun. Feb. 26: 9:30 am CANCELLED

### Sun. Feb. 26: Miracle at Cana in Galilee

**11:00 am: St. Maron Feast Day Liturgy**

Celebrant His Excellency Bishop A. Elias Zaidan

**Mem. Lit for Zeaiter Tannous** (The Tannous family)

## Rest in Peace

Our deepest condolences to the family of **Hanne Semaan, who died on Feb. 13th and was buried in Lebanon on Feb. 14th. She was the wife of the deceased Kabalan Semaan and mother to Marie Zogbi, Roumieh Khachan and Samaan Khachan, daughter in law Rita and granddaughter Cherelle.**

The family will be receiving condolences on **Sunday, February 19th from 1:00-4:00 pm**  
**Marie Zogbi**  
**6101 Sunray Drive**  
**Parma, Ohio 44134**

*May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the Mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen*

## Maronite Young Adults Theology on Tap

February 23rd

7:30 pm Teamz Restaurant and Bar  
6611 Eastland Rd, Cleveland, OH 44130

Open to all young adults  
between the ages of 18 & 35

Speaker: Msgr. Peter:  
Question & Answer Session

## Ash Monday February 27th



The Divine Liturgy and distribution of ashes

10:00 am: Chapel (Independence)

7:00 pm: St. Maron Church (Downtown)

SECURITY PROVIDED

## Consulate General of Lebanon Visit

**WEDNESDAY, March 1, 2017**

(Do not arrive before 11:00 am

**LOCATION:**

1245 Carnegie Avenue Cleveland 44115



## 50+ Special Club

Friday March 3

Liturgy 10:00 am Chapel  
Lunch at Mulligan's in Avon;  
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February's Maronite Voice in the  
vestibule of the Chapel and Church

From the first letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians,

5:1-11

رسالة القديس بولس الأولى إلى أهل تسالونيقى

يا إخوتى،  
 أمّا الأزمنة والأوقات، أيّها الإخوة، فلا حاجة بكم أن يكتب إليكم في شأنها؛ لأنكم تعلمون جيّداً أنّ يوم الرب يأتي كالسارق ليلاً.  
 فحين يقولون: سلامٌ وأمنٌ! حينئذ يدهمهم الهلاك دهم المخاض للحلى، ولا يفطنون.  
 أمّا أنتم، أيّها الإخوة، فلستم في ظلمة ليلا فاجتكم ذلك اليوم كالسارق.  
 فإنتم كلكم أبناء النور، وأبناء النهار؛ ولستم أبناء الليل ولا أبناء الظلمة.  
 إذا فلا نتم كسائر الناس، بل لئسهم ونصح؛ لأن الذين ينامون في الليل ينامون، والذين يسكرون في الليل يسكرون.  
 أمّا نحن أبناء النهار، فلنصنع لابسين درع الإيمان والمحبة، وواضعين خوذة رجاء الخلاص.  
 فإن الله لم يجعلنا للغضب، بل لإخراز الخلاص بربنا يسوع المسيح، الذي مات من أجلنا، لنحيا معه ساشرين كذا أم نائمين.  
 فإذ ذلك شجعوا بعضكم بعضاً، ولينبوا الواجد الآخر، كما أنتم فاعلون.

والتسبيح لله دائماً.

Brothers and sisters,

Concerning the times and the seasons, you do not need to have anything written to you.

For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night.

But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing. **Praise be to God always!**

From the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke,

16:19-31

إنجيل القديس لوقا

قال الرب يسوع:  
 «كان رجلٌ غنيٌّ يلبس الأرجوان والكثان الناعم، ويتنعم كل يوم بأفخر الولائم.  
 وكان رجلٌ مسكينٌ اسمه لعازرٌ مطروحاً عند بابه، تكسوه القروح.  
 وكان يشتهي أن يشبع من الفتات المتساقط من مائدة الغني، غير أن الكلاب كانت تأتي فتأخس قروحه.  
 ومات المسكين فحملته الملائكة إلى حضن إبراهيم. ثم مات الغني ودفن.  
 ورفع الغني عينيه، وهو في الجحيم يقاسي العذاب، فرأى إبراهيم من بعيد، ولعازر في حضنه.  
 فنادى وقال: يا أبت إبراهيم، ارحمني وأرسل لعازر ليبلل طرف إصبعه بماء ويبرد لساني، لأني متوجع في هذا الأهيب.  
 فقال إبراهيم: يا أبتى، تذكر أنك نلت خيرتك في حياتك، ولعازر نال البلاء. والآن هو يتعزى هنا، وأنت تتوجع.  
 ومع هذا كله، فإن بيننا وبينكم هوة عظيمة ثابتة، حتى إن الذين يريدون أن يجتازوا من هنا إليكم لا يستطيعون، ولا من هناك أن يعبروا إلينا.  
 فقال الغني: أسألك إداً، يا أبت، أن ترسل لعازر إلى بيت أبي، فإن لي خمسة إخوة، لينشدهم لهم، كي لا يأتوا هم أيضاً إلى مكان العذاب هذا.

فقال إبراهيم: عندهم موسى والأنبياء، فليسمعوا لهم.

فقال: لا، يا أبت إبراهيم، ولكن إذا مضى إليهم واحد من الأموات يتوبون.

فقال له إبراهيم: إن كانوا لا يسمعون لموسى والأنبياء، فإنهم، ولو قام واحد من الأموات، لن يقتنعوا!..»

حقاً والأمان لجميعكم

The evangelist writes,

The Lord Jesus says: "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried." "In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.'" "He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house — for I have five brothers — that he may warn them,

so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

**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: katiabboud315@gmail.com



**Feast Day Liturgy** with Bishop Zaidan will be celebrated on Sunday, February 26th at 11am  
St. Maron Church

**THERE WILL NOT BE A 9:30 AM LITURGY**

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**For Reservation:**  
Souheil Farah: 440.503.2517  
Rita Lattouf: 216.470.7512  
Claire Naoum: 216.337.2851

The 2017 MYO Regional Retreat is taking place February 17-19, 2017. We ask for your prayers as these youth embark on a spiritual journey to strengthen their faith and create lifelong friendships with their brothers and sisters in Christ.

### **Participants:**

Abdo Elasmr	Janet Elasmr	Rebecca Rached
Amy Sahlani	Jean-Claude Hatem	Rita Kleem
Anessa Kleem	Joey Wehbe	Sarah Azzi
Angela Nahra	Laila Julien	Sarah Saad
Daniel Diab	Maria Julien	Sarah Sahlani
Eli Asmar	Maria Nahra	Shakeeb Julien
Eli Hatem	Mario Abou-Mitri	Tamara Saad
Ferris Kleem	Mario Ghosn	William Azzi
George Ayoub	Omar Julien	Peter Harb
Giana Hatem	Raina Hatem	

### **Advisors:**

Fr. Alex Harb  
George Shamatta  
Jessica Khoury  
Joe Khoury  
Joey Faddoul  
Samir Khoury

### **Junior Advisors:**

Andrew Sahlani  
Christopher Abou Mitri  
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We look forward to the future of flourishing Cedar Trees in Lebanon and Maronite Missions in the USA. Visit [www.namnews.org](http://www.namnews.org) to complete a form. This is proudly supported by NAM President Samir Farah.



Three special Sunday commemorations are made at the end of the Epiphany time: for **Deceased Priests**, for the **Righteous and Just** and for the **Faithful Departed** in general. These commemorations of the Departed are to be seen in the context of the Epiphany emphasis on the chrismational mission of all Christians. Those who have died to this life are on the next stage of their journey to the Kingdom. If they have died faithful to the Gospel commandment to love, they will one day be called to the Eternal Light by Christ, the "True Hope who never fails."

*Captivated by Your Teachings: A Resource Book for Adult Maronite Catholics*  
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## Mystery of Crowning (Sacrament of Matrimony)



**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 has met with Msgr. Peter their date will not be secured.**

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## Theology on Tap

Date: February 23, 2017

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Teamz Restaurant & Bar  
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\$10 Donation



See Fr. Alex immediately following any of our Liturgies.

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

# Gift of the Altar: February 2017

## BREAD

### In Memory of:

**Arlene Sekerak (nee Richards)**  
Edward & Ella Richards & families

**Mouhiba Khalil Sahlani**  
Husband Michael T. Sahlani & family

## WINE

### In Memory Of:

**Arlene Sekerak (nee Richards)**  
Edward & Ella Richards & families

**Deceased members of the Metlesitz & Nin families**  
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**Mary "Roma" Sessin**  
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**Louis F. Peters**  
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**Deceased members of the Arida families**  
Their family

**Mouhiba Khalil Sahlani**  
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## CANDLES

### In Memory Of:

**Arlene Sekerak (nee Richards)**  
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**George & Mary "Roma" Sessin**  
Their children & their families

**Jacob & Juliette Saad & the deceased members  
of the Saad & Elzeer families:**  
Thomas Saad & family

**Lydia Chalhoub**  
Bill & Denise Bishilany & family



*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  
In Memory of Joseph & Madeleine Faddoul  
Given by: The Ghazi & Bernadette Faddoul  
and family*

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO ASSIST SYRIAN REFUGEES**

**The U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants Cleveland Office** is recruiting volunteers for a community health worker program for Syrian refugees in Cleveland. The volunteer (3-4 hrs per week) will assist patients at doctor appointments, and by being a focal point for information on community health. Full training will be provided, and it is not necessary to have a health background. Requirements are fluency in English and Arabic. Must successfully pass a background/fingerprinting screening. Please contact Ryan Rego at rrego@uscirioh.org or 646-290-0134

## *Lenten Newsletter*

*The annual newsletter  
detailing all the upcoming  
events for both Lent and  
Easter were mailed to each  
home this past week.*

*If you did not receive  
your newsletter, please call  
the office. 216-520-5081*

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## **Collection: February 12, 2017**

<b>GENERAL DEPOSIT</b>	\$	<b>11,795.67</b>
<b>Sunday Collection</b>	\$	<b>3,306.00</b>
<b>Votive Candles</b>	\$	<b>103.00</b>
<b>Mass Intention</b>	\$	<b>500.00</b>
<b>Parking Garage-Monthly</b>	\$	<b>320.00</b>
<b>Cleveland Treatment Center</b>	\$	<b>5,666.67</b>
<b>Rental</b>	\$	<b>500.00</b>
<b>MYO Donation</b>	\$	<b>1,000.00</b>
<b>ICS Donation</b>	\$	<b>300.00</b>
<b>Capital Campaign</b>	\$	<b>50.00</b>
<b>Arabic School</b>	\$	<b>50.00</b>

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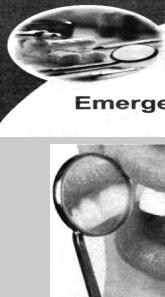
## **\*\*ATTENTION GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS AND COLLEGE STUDENTS\*\***

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](mailto:LSAJLScholarship@gmail.com). All applications MUST be received by March 31, 2017.

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