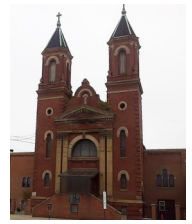




# SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER HOLY CROSS

## *Saint Maron Church*

*October 22, 2017*

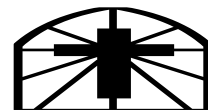


The time of the Holy Cross is the waiting period, the eschatological period in which the Church contemplates how to watch and see the return of the Lord. We have hoped in the image of the good servant waiting for the return of his master, hoping for the wise virgins who have kept their lantern burning and are waiting for the return of the Master. The Gospel this Sunday continues in the same way of the other, pushing us to reflect how this waiting period has to be. It's an active period in which every Christian, as the two servants, have to trade with the talents that God gave to him. Each one of us has his personal talents. It doesn't matter how many talents we have, but the question is what I am doing with this talents? The last servant was judged severely because he buried the talent. One talent is equal to 16 years of works, which means 6000 dinars (at the time the worker used to have one dinar for a day). So one talent values a huge amount of assets. The master was a generous man who gave each one according to his ability. The master didn't dictate to them what to do. He respected their freedom to do whatever they wanted with this talent. Unfortunately, the third servant did not know the gift of his lord, he was afraid to go and profit with the talent that he had. He judged alone that his lord is a tough man, Master, I knew you were a demanding person, harvesting where you did not plant and gathering where you did not scatter.

This parable is addressed to each one of us to think about the talent that God gave us. What are we doing with this talent? Are we as the third servant, we are afraid of God and we are waiting his return to give him back his talent? Or are we waiting his return with a courageous life profiting from what God gave us to make our life more fertile? How we are waiting, whether sooner or later is of importance. Do we have something to give him upon his return?

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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**  
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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. Oct. 21: Sixth Sunday after Holy Cross

- 4:30 pm: Rosary
- 5:00 pm. Chapel: Parishioners Intentions  
Benediction of St. Charbel after the liturgy
- Procession to statue

## Sun. Oct. 22: Sixth Sunday after Holy Cross

- 9:30 am: Parishioner Intentions
- 11:00 am: Parishioner Intentions

# Next Week

## Sat. Oct. 28: Sunday of Christ the King

- 5:00 pm Chapel: Parishioner Intentions

## Sun. Oct. 29: Sunday of Christ the King

- 9:30 am: Mem Lit for Theresa Joseph  
(Her children & grandchildren)
- 11:00 am: Nine Day Lit for Jeanette Nahra Najim  
(Her brothers Carl, George and Gus Nahra and sisters)
- 11:00 am: Mem Lit (25th) for Elizabeth Hilow  
(Her nephew John and Mitzie Michael)

## CONDOLENCES:

Condolences to the family of **Jeanette Nahra Najim** who passed away in Florida this past week. Jeanette is the sister of Carl, George and Gus Nahra. There will be a liturgy on Sunday October 29th at 11:00 am at Saint Maron Church.

Our deepest condolences to the family of **Marilyn Jane Moore** (Peters), age 87, who passed away Thursday, October 12, 2017 in Lilburn, GA; mother of Annette Peters Watson, Fred Peters, Kathleen Peters Razor, Bernard Peters and the late Steven Peters; grandmother of 11; great-grandmother of 10. Graveside service at Holy Cross Cemetery, 14609 Brookpark Rd., Sat. Oct. 28 at 10:30 a.m.

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



*We will now be having a monthly Liturgy on the second Tuesday of every month beginning on Tuesday November 14th at 7:00 pm at the Chapel. There will be the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and confession heard. Please try to join us.*

**Saint Maron Church**  
**Annual Holiday**  
**Food Drive**  
Sponsored by the MCFP and MYO  
Suggested Donations: Pasta, Soup, Canned Foods, Jarred Foods, and Crackers  
Boxes Located at the Church and Chapel

## The Pope's Monthly Intention: October **Workers and the Unemployed**

That all workers may receive respect and protection of their rights, and that the unemployed may receive the opportunity to contribute to the common good.

**The MYO is hosting**  
**Middle Eastern Breakfast**  
October 22, 2017  
After 11 o'clock mass  
downtown church hall  
**\$10 Donation**

From the letter of St. Paul to the Galatians,

6:1-10

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل غلاطية

يَا إِخْوَتِي،  
 نَأْخُذْ إِنْسَانَ بَزْلَةً، فَأَصْلِحُوهُ أَنْتُمْ الرُّوحِيِّينَ بِرُوحِ الْوَدَاعَةِ، وَأَحْذَرِي أَنْتَ لِنَفْسِكَ لِنَلَّا نُجَرَّبَ أَيْضًا. إِجْمَلُوا بَعْضُكُمْ أَنْقَالَ بَعْضٍ، وَهَكَذَا أَيْمُوا شَرِيعَةَ الْمَسِيحِ. إِنْ ظَنَّ أَحَدٌ أَنَّهُ شَيْءٌ، وَهُوَ لَا شَيْءٌ، فَقَدْ خَدَعَ نَفْسَهُ. فَلْيَمْتَحِنِ كُلُّ وَاحِدٍ عَمَلَهُ، وَحِينَئِذٍ يَكُونُ افْتِحَارُهُ فِي نَفْسِهِ فَقَطْ لَا فِي غَيْرِهِ. فَإِنَّ كُلَّ وَاحِدٍ سَيَحْمِلُ حِمْلَهُ الْخَاصَّ. مَنْ يَتَعَلَّمُ كَلِمَةَ الْإِيمَانِ، فَلْيُشَارِكْ مُعَلِّمَهُ فِي جَمِيعِ الْخَيْرَاتِ.  
 لَا تَضِلُّوا! فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يُسْتَهْزَأُ بِهِ. فَكُلُّ مَا يَزْرَعُهُ الْإِنْسَانُ، فَإِيَّاهُ يَحْصُدُ أَيْضًا. فَالَّذِي يَزْرَعُ فِي جَسَدِهِ، يَحْصُدُ مِنَ الْجَسَدِ فَسَادًا؛ وَالَّذِي يَزْرَعُ فِي الرُّوحِ، يَحْصُدُ مِنَ الرُّوحِ حَيَاةً أَبَدِيَّةً. فَلَا تَمَلْ عَمَلَ الْخَيْرِ، وَلَا تَكَلَّ، لِأَنَّكَ سَتَحْصُدُهُ فِي أَوَانِهِ. إِذَا فَمَا دَامَ لَنَا مُتَسَعٌّ مِنَ الْوَقْتِ، فَلْنَنْصَحِ الْخَيْرَ إِلَى جَمِيعِ النَّاسِ، وَخُصُوصًا إِلَى أَهْلِ الْإِيمَانِ..

والتسبيح لله دائماً.

**Brothers and sisters,**

If anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. For all must carry their own loads. Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher. Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

**Praise be to God always!**

From the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew

25:14-30

إنجيل القديس متى

قَالَ الرَّبُّ يَسُوعُ:  
 «بُشْبِئِهِ مَلَكُوتِ السَّمَاوَاتِ رَجُلًا أَرَادَ السَّفَرَ، فَدَعَا عِبِيدَهُ، وَسَلَّمَهُمْ أَمْوَالَهُ. فَأَعْطَى وَاحِدًا خَمْسَ وَزَنَاتٍ، وَآخَرَ وَزَنْتَيْنِ، وَآخَرَ وَزَنَةً وَاحِدَةً، كُلًّا عَلَى قَدْرِ طَاقَتِهِ، وَسَافَرَ. وَفِي الْحَالِ مَضَى الَّذِي أَخَذَ الْوَزَنَاتِ الْخَمْسَ، وَتَاجَرَ بِهَا فَرَبِحَ خَمْسَ وَزَنَاتٍ أُخْرَى. وَكَذَلِكَ الَّذِي أَخَذَ الْوَزَنْتَيْنِ رَبِحَ وَزَنْتَيْنِ أُخْرَيْنِ. أَمَّا الَّذِي أَخَذَ الْوَزَنَةَ الْوَاحِدَةَ فَمَضَى وَحَفَرَ فِي الْأَرْضِ، وَأَخْفَى فِضَّةَ سَيِّدِهِ. وَبَعْدَ زَمَانٍ طَوِيلٍ، عَادَ سَيِّدُ أَوْلِيَاكِ الْعَبِيدِ، وَحَاسَبَهُمْ. وَدَنَا الَّذِي أَخَذَ الْوَزَنَاتِ الْخَمْسَ، فَقَدَّمَ خَمْسَ وَزَنَاتٍ أُخْرَى قَائِلًا: يَا سَيِّدِي، سَلَّمْتَنِي خَمْسَ وَزَنَاتٍ أُخْرَى قَدْ رَبِحْتُهَا! قَالَ لَهُ سَيِّدُهُ: يَا لَكَ عَبْدًا صَالِحًا وَأَمِينًا! كُنْتَ أَمِينًا عَلَى الْقَلِيلِ، سَأُقِيمُكَ عَلَى الْكَثِيرِ: ادْخُلْ إِلَى فَرَحِ سَيِّدِكَ! وَدَنَا الَّذِي أَخَذَ الْوَزَنْتَيْنِ قَائِلًا: يَا سَيِّدِي، سَلَّمْتَنِي وَزَنْتَيْنِ، وَهَاتَانِ وَزَنْتَانِ أُخْرَيَانِ قَدْ رَبِحْتُهُمَا. قَالَ لَهُ سَيِّدُهُ: يَا لَكَ عَبْدًا صَالِحًا وَأَمِينًا! كُنْتَ أَمِينًا عَلَى الْقَلِيلِ، سَأُقِيمُكَ عَلَى الْكَثِيرِ: ادْخُلْ إِلَى فَرَحِ سَيِّدِكَ!  
 ثُمَّ دَنَا الَّذِي أَخَذَ الْوَزَنَةَ الْوَاحِدَةَ وَقَالَ: يَا سَيِّدِي، عَرَفْتُكَ رَجُلًا قَاسِيًا، تَحْصُدُ مِنْ حَيْثُ لَمْ تَزْرَعِ، وَتَجْمَعُ مِنْ حَيْثُ لَمْ تُبْنِزِرْ. فَخَفْتُ وَدَهَيْتُ وَأَخْفَيْتُ وَزَنْتَكَ فِي الْأَرْضِ، فَهَا هُوَ مَا لَكَ! فَأَجَابَ سَيِّدُهُ وَقَالَ لَهُ: «يَا عَبْدًا شَرِيرًا كَسَلَانًا، عَرَفْتُ أَنِّي أَحْصُدُ مِنْ حَيْثُ لَمْ أَزْرَعْ، وَأَجْمَعُ مِنْ حَيْثُ لَمْ أَبْنِزِرْ، فَكَانَ عَلَيْكَ أَنْ تَصَعَ فِضَّتِي عَلَى طَاوِلَةِ الصَّيَارِفَةِ، حَتَّى إِذَا عُدْتُ، أَسْتَرْجِعْتُ مَا لِي مَعَ فَائِدَتِهِ. فَخَدُوا مِنْهُ الْوَزَنَةَ وَأَعْطَوْهَا لِمَنْ لَهُ الْوَزَنَاتُ الْعَشْرُ. فَكُلُّ مَنْ لَهُ يُعْطَى وَيُزَادُ، وَمَنْ لَيْسَ لَهُ يُؤْخَذُ مِنْهُ حَتَّى مَا هُوَ لَهُ.  
 وَهَذَا الْعَبْدُ الَّذِي لَا تَنْفَعُ مِنْهُ أُخْرَجُوهُ وَالْقُوَّةُ فِي الظُّلْمَةِ الْبَرَّانِيَّةِ. هُنَاكَ يَكُونُ الْبُكَاءُ وَصَرِيْفُ الْأَسْنَانِ...»

حقاً والأمان لجميعكم

**The evangelist writes,**

“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.” “After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’” “Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents.’” “For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

**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

### **Finance Council**

President: Roger Abood: rrabood@sbcglobal.net

### **Immaculate Conception Sodality (ICS)**

President: Bernadette Faddoul: gbjm1f@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) Sunday**

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

### **Maronite Christian Formation Program (MCFP) Thursday**

Director Michelle Nin: michelle@ninfamily.com  
Thursdays 7:00 pm Parish Center, Independence

### **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

### **Maronite Mothers Club (MMC)**

Coordinator: Tina Chamoun: TinaSChamoun@gmail.com

### **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



**What:** Patterson Farm Fun Fest  
**Where:** Patterson Farms, Mulberry Location, 8765 Mulberry Road, Chesterland, Ohio 44026  
**When:** Sunday, October 22 (WEATHER PERMITTING- will send message to attendees day before to confirm)  
**Who:** MMC families  
**Cost:** \$8 per person Per person charges include adults and children excepting 2 years and younger. Payment will be made to the facility directly

## Adult Religious Instruction

ALL ADULT PARISHIONERS (No Registration Required)

### **Saturday mornings**

10:30-11:30am

### **Saint Maron Church**

1245 Carnegie Avenue, Cleveland 44115

### **Thursday evenings**

7:00 pm -8:00pm

Parish Center: 7800 Brookside Road, Independence 44131

## **Book and Ciné Club**

**Our next event will be on Wednesday November 8th.**

We will meet at the Cedar Lee Theatre at 6:30 pm for a movie followed by discussion and conversation at a local restaurant. Following will be a restaurant for discussion and conversation. Movie title and restaurant location to be determined.

### **Cedar Lee Theatre**

2163 Lee Rd, Cleveland Heights, OH 44118

## **50+ Social Club**

Invites you to

Join us on

Friday, November 3

Starting with 10:00 Liturgy.

Lunch will follow

@London Pickle Works.

Afterward we will return to

Pastoral Center

for our

Annual Pre-Holidays Celebration!

**Please bring a \$5 gag gift  
and a dessert to share!**

RSVP: Mary Ann @ [216-521-5481](tel:216-521-5481)  
by October 24.

*The 50+ SOCIAL Club is open to all parishioners and their friends. Come see for yourself. JOIN US!!!!*



*The Candle burning in front of the Blessed Mother at the 11am Liturgy signifies the presence of the Sons of Mary.*

*We pray for all the parishioners of Saint Maron Church.*

“The Lebanese Syrian American Junior League of Cleveland will be hosting a Winter, Wine & Whiskey event on Saturday, December 2 at Taza Downtown. Tickets are \$60 each and include complimentary wine and whiskey. There will be fantastic raffle and Chinese auction items available to help support the League’s welfare and scholarship funds! For tickets or more information, go to [www.LSAJL.org](http://www.LSAJL.org) or contact Kim Haikal at 216.233.5923.



MYO Halloween Party and Talk

*Friday October 27th*

7:00 pm—9:30 pm Saint Maron Church: DOWNTOWN

**ICS & SONS OF MARY  
MEETING**

MONDAY NOVEMBER 6TH

7:00 PM

DOWNTOWN

SECURITY PROVIDED



We have a parishioner who is in desperate need of someone to assist in daily care. Mon, Wed, Thurs, and Friday 4-6 hours per day. Light house cleaning, prepare small meals, and help with getting in and out of bed.

Please call **440-429-9129**.

**GIFTS OF THE ALTAR FOR THE YEAR 2018 PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**

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 **Please Circle Month (s)**

**CANDLES** (\$20.00) JAN-FEB-MARCH-APRIL-MAY-JUNE-JULY-AUGUST-SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER-NOVEMBER-DECEMBER **Please Circle Month (s)**

<b>Please circle</b>	ALTAR BREAD/ IN THANKSGIVING/	ALTAR WINE/ IN MEMORY OF/	SANCTUARY CANDLES IN HONOR OF
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**Print Name:** -----

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# Gift of the Altar: October, 2017

## BREAD

### In Memory of:

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

**Anne & Michel Maroun**  
Sr. Anita, Richard and Michael

### In Thanksgiving:

**Elie & Georgette Estephan**

## WINE

### In Memory Of:

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

**Deceased members of the Metlesitz and Nin Families**  
John & Nancy Nin & family

**Thomas Joseph Martovitz Jr.**  
Thomas Saad & family

## CANDLES

### In Memory Of:

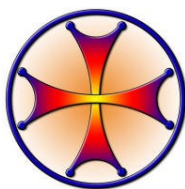
**Arlene Sekerak (nee Richards)**  
Edward & Ella Richards & families

**George & Mary "Roma" Sessin**  
Their children & their families

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

### In Thanksgiving:

**Elie & Georgette Estephan**



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