SAINT MARON CHURCH

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE HOLY CROSS

October 1, 2023

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What is the cross? The cross is the bridge or the ladder that unites the earth to the sky. The cross is Jesus Christ who, with his most precious Blood, reconciled us with the Father. Whoever walks on this bridge or who goes up this ladder will have eternal life, that is, he will participate in the same life of love of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. To accept Jesus Christ means to put His word into practice. The word of Jesus calls us and urges us to carry the cross daily. What is this daily cross? It is the daily conversion that leads us to die in sin to live in Christ, our Redeemer.

The cross is in fact the sign of the common freedom of the human race, it is the sign of the mercy of the Lord that through love for us let himself be led like sheep to the slaughter. So imprint this sign on your heart and embrace this cross, to which we owe the salvation of our souls.

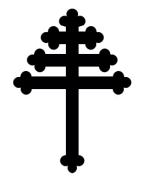
If, for example, the Word of God calls you to forgive those who are putting you on the cross, you are urged to do so. It is obvious that if you forgive, the non-believer will tell you that you are weak, and unbelieving intellectuals will tell you that you are a fool. But the Christian, enlightened by the Holy Spirit, experiences that to forgive is a sign of fortitude and wisdom. Fortress and supernatural wisdom give love for the cross as a source of eternal life. Jesus says: "Who wants to be my disciple take his cross and follow me!" What is the cross, which is the person, the situation or the condition that you refuse and is putting you in the rebellion?

The cross has saved and converted the whole world; it is the cross that has banished the error; it is the cross that has restored the truth, it is still the cross that made the earth heaven, and of the men angels. Thanks to the cross the demons have ceased to be fearful and have become despicable; death is no longer death, but sleep from which we will wake up in the Kingdom of God.

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Liturgy Schedule

Tues, Wed, & Thurs: Chapel 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

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2ndWed. of the month at 7:00 pm

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1st Mon. of every month at 7:00pm

Maronite Christian Formation Program (MCFP)

<u>Director– Elias Kanaan:</u> <u>kawsome@hotmail.com</u> Sundays (except Holy Days) 12:00-1:00 pm

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Classes Sat. Oct-April (except Holy Days) 10 am -12noon

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AN URGENT MEDICAL NEED FOR OUR PARISHIONER:

A 31 yr. old parishioner of Saint Maron Church is in emergency need of a kidney donation. Both of his kidneys are at 0% and are in renal failure. He is basically being kept alive by dialysis and a lot of medication. We are seeking a live donor that can either donate directly to him or enter the paired exchange program where the hospital will match the donor with someone off the national kidney registry, and in turn for them donating to someone who they match with, the hospital will find our parishioner a direct match. You must be at least 18 years of age to donate.

Registered with University Hospitals URL interested donors access <u>uh.donorscreen.org</u> Phone number to contact: 216-868-8861 (University Hospital)

Liturgy Intentions

Third Sunday After the Holy Cross

Saturday September 30

5:00 pm: Mem Lit for Antoinette George El-Biri

(Her brother Charbel George El-Biri)

Sunday October 1

9:30 am: Parishioners Intentions

11:00 am: Forty Day Liturgy for Collette Beiano

(Her husband Faddoul Nohra, and her children Michel Nohra and Carole Nohra Obeid and granddaughter Gael Obeid and their families)

Next Week

Fourth Sunday After the Holy Cross

Saturday October 7

5:00 pm: Parishioners Intentions

Sunday October 8

9:30 am: Parishioners Intentions

11:00 am: Forty Day Liturgy for Jeanette El-Hindi (Her Husband Adib and her children Pierre, Paul, Nadine and their families)



Deepest Condolences to the family of **Kasser Jamil Sulaiman** who passed away in Syria.

He is the father of our parishioner Aida Sulaiman, father in law to her husband Jamal Salloum and uncle to Ramez Sulaiman.

A Forty Day Liturgy will be held at St. Maron Church on Sunday October 22nd at 11:00 am.

May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

ICS UPDATE FOR OCTOBER MEETING

There **Will Not** be an October meeting. Please stay tuned for information regarding our November Kibbee sale and Christmas party.

Third Sunday after Holy Cross:				
The fake messiahs	and th	ie Seco	nd coming	

الأحد الثالث بعد عيد الصليب: المسحاء الدجّالون وعودة ابن

From the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians.

3:17-4:1

فصل من رسالة القدّيس بولس إلى أهل فيلبّي

يا إخوَتِي،

إِقْتَدُوا بِي، وٱنْظُرُوا إِلَى الَّذِينَ يَسْلُكُونَ عَلَى مِثَالِنَا.

فَكَثِيرٌ مِنْ أُولِئِكَ الَّذِينَ كُنْتُ أُكَلِّمُكُم عَنْهُم مِرَارًا، وأُكَلِّمُكُم عَنْهُمُ الآنَ باكِيًا، يَسْلُكُونَ كأَعْدَاءِ لِصَلِيبِ المَسِيح، أُولِئِكَ الَّذِينَ عَاقِبَتُهُمُ المَهَلاك، أُولئِكَ الَّذينَ إلهُهُم بَطْنُهُم، ومَجْدُهُم في عَارِهِم، وفي أُمُورِ الأَرْضِ هُمُّهُم.

أَمَّا نَحْنُ فَمَدِينَتْنَا في السَّمَاوَات، ومِنْهَا نَنْنَظِرُ الرَّبَّ يَسُوعَ الـمَسِيحَ مُخَلِّصًا. وهوَ سَيُغَيِّرُ جَسَدَ هَوَانِنَا، فيَجْعَلُهُ على صُورَةِ جَسَدِ مَجْدِهِ، وَفُقًا لِعَمَلِ قُدْرَتِهِ، الَّتِي بِهَا يُخْضِعُ لِنَفْسِهِ كُلَّ شَيء. إِذًا، يَا إِخْوَتِي، الَّذِينَ أُحِبُّهُم وأَشْنَاقُ إِلَيْهِم، وأَنْتُم فَرَحِي وإكْلِيلي، أَثْبُتُوا هكذَا في الرَّبّ، أَيُّهَا الأَحِبَّاء.

والتسبيخ للهِ دائماً.

Join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Praise be to God always!

From the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew

24:23-31

قالَ الربُّ يَسوع:

< إِنْ قَالَ لَكُم أَحَد: هُوَذَا الْمَسِيحُ هُنَا أَوْ هُنَاك! فَلا تُصرَدِّقُوا.

فَسَوْفَ يَقُومُ مُسَحَاءُ كَنَبَةٌ وأَنْبِيَاءُ كَذَبَة، ويَأْتُونَ بِآيَاتٍ عَظِيمَةٍ وخَوارِق، لِيُضِلُّوا المُخْتَارِينَ أَنْفُسَهُم، لَو قَدِرُوا.

هَا إِنِّي قَدْ أَنْبَأْتُكُم!

فَإِنْ قَالُوا لَكُم: هَا هُوَ في البَرِّيَّة! فلا تَخْرُجُوا، أَو: هَا هُوَ في دَاخِلِ البَيْت! فَلا تُصدِّقُوا.

فكَمَا أَنَّ البَرْقَ يُومِضُ مِنَ المَشَارِق، ويَسْطَعُ حَتَّى المَغَارِب، هكذَا يَكُونُ مَجِيءُ آبْنِ الإنْسَانِ.

حَيْثُ تَكُونُ الجُثَّةُ هُنَاكَ تَجْتَمِعُ النُّسُورِ.

و حَالاً بَعْدَ ضِيقِ تِلْكَ الأَيَّام، أَلشَّمْسُ تُظْلِم، والقَمَرُ لا يُعْطِي ضَو ءَه، والنُّجُومُ تَتَسَاقَطُ مِنَ السَّمَاء، وقُوَّاتُ السَّمَاوَاتِ تَتَزَعْزَع.

وحينَئذٍ تَظْهَرُ في السَّمَاءِ عَلامَةُ أَبْنِ الإنْسَانِ، فَتَنْتَحِبُ قَبَائِلُ الأَرْضِ كُلُّها، وتَرَى ٱبْنَ الإنْسَانِ آتِيًا على سُحُبِ السَّمَاءِ بِقُدْرَةٍ ومَجْدٍ عَظِيمٍ.

ويُرْسِلُ مَلائِكَتَهُ يَنْفُخُونَ في بُوق عَظِيم، فيَجْمَعُونَ مُخْتَارِيهِ مِنَ الرِّيَاحِ الأَرْبَع، مِنْ أقاصي السَّمَاوَاتِ إلى أقاصِيهَا..

حقاً والأمانُ لجَميعِكُم

"If anyone says to you, 'Look! Here is the Messiah!' or 'There he is!' — do not believe it. For false messiahs and false prophets will appear and produce great signs and omens, to lead astray, if possible, even the elect. Take note, I have told you beforehand. So, if they say to you, 'Look! He is in the wilderness,' do not go out. If they say, 'Look! He is in the inner rooms,' do not believe it. For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather." "Immediately after the suffering of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of heaven will be shaken. Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see 'the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven' with power and great glory. And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other."

This is the truth! Peace be with you.



Sacrament of Baptism and Confirmation

If you are a new parent and wish to have your child baptized at Saint Maron Church or Chapel you must call the office at least two months in advance. We try very hard to have only one baptism per Saturday and Sunday. Times are after the 5pm Saturday liturgy (Chapel) or following the 11am Sunday liturgy (Church).



Mystery of Crowning (Sacrament of Matrimony)

MANDATORY you contact and meet with Fr. Elias at least 8 months in advance of your

Couples are required to participate in our pre-Cana classes. Once a couple has met with Father Elias their date will be secured. Call the office to schedule an appointment.: 216.520.5081



House Blessing

Please call the office if you would like your home blessed 216-520-5081



Communion and Anointing of the Sick

Clergy is available to administer Communion or for anointing of the sick to those homebound or hospitalized. Call the office if you or a family

For emergency only call: 612-501-6383

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Regardless of the situation, all necessary forms for couples living in the United States or abroad MUST be done. This may take weeks or months MARRY LETTER so call to schedule an appointment with Fr. Elias as soon as possible. 216-520-5081



Confession is available prior to all liturgies. Please let the priest know you are interested.

ARABIC SCHOOL

Begins Saturday October 7th 10:00—12:00 Downtown A class for kids ages 4-6 A class for kids ages 7-10 Young children (11& above) and adult classes

Registration for Kids and young children: https://forms.gle/ASihGjwBMhYehr2m8

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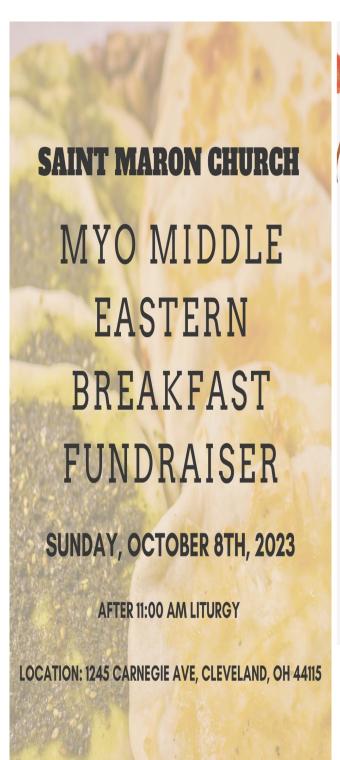
Begins Sunday October 1st 12:00—1:00 pm Downtown

Please contact Elias Kanaan to register: kawsome@hotmail.com Or the church office: saintmaroncleveland@gmail.com

Children Pre-school through 8th grade Registration forms in the vestibules or at: www.saintmaron-clev.org

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Daniel. Daniel 7:9-14

As I watched, Thrones were set up and the Ancient of Days took his throne. His clothing was white as snow, the hair on his head like pure wool; His throne was flames of fire, with wheels of burning fire. A river of fire surged forth, flowing from where he sat; Thousands upon thousands were ministering to him, and myriads upon myriads stood before him. The court was convened, and the books were opened. I watched, then, from the first of the arrogant words which the horn spoke, until the beast was slain and its body destroyed and thrown into the burning fire. As for the other beasts, their dominion was taken away, but they were granted a prolongation of life for a time and a season. As the visions during the night continued, I saw coming with the clouds of heaven One like a son of man. When he reached the Ancient of Days and was presented before him, He received dominion, splendor, and kingship; all nations, peoples and tongues will serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, his kingship, one that shall not be destroyed. Praise be to God always.





Please see the evite link below

http://evite.me/jPkT8FFPVt

Contact the office to schedule a Memorial Liturgy for a loved one.

It is not to early to schedule for 2024 216-520-5081 office

Send us your email

Want to know what is happening at Saint Maron Church? Do you need to register your family at the church?

You will receive the weekly bulletin, notices of deaths in the parish, upcoming events, and a whole lot more. Send email to saintmaroncleveland@gmail.com

Gifts of the Altar: October 2023

BREAD in Memory of:

Deceased members of the Richards & Nofel families (Edward P. Richards, Jr.)

WINE in Memory of:

Deceased members of the Richards & Nofel families (Edward P. Richards, Jr.)

CANDLES in Memory of:

Deceased members of the Richards & Nofel families

(Edward P. Richards, Jr.)

George & Roma Sessin

(Their children & their families)

Jacob & Juliette Saad & the deceased members of the Saad and Elzeer families

(Thomas Saad & family)

Louis Nagy

(William & Denise Bishilany and family)



September 24, 2023

GENERAL DEPOSIT	\$ 2,974.00
Saturday 5:00 pm	\$ 921.00
Sunday 9:30 am	\$ 415.00
Sunday 11:00 am	\$ 1,363.00
Online	\$ 275.00



Holy Baptism Sierra Marie Michelina Abounader received the Sacraments of Baptism and Chrismation on Sunday, September 24, 2023

Daughter of Joseph Abounader & Laura Pawelec Abounader

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