

SAINT MARON CHURCH

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE HOLY CROSS

October 8, 2023

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Matthew 24:45-51 is a powerful and thought-provoking passage from the Bible that offers valuable lessons on faith, responsibility, and the importance of being vigilant in our lives as Christians. In this brief reflection, we will explore the key themes and messages conveyed in these verses.

The passage begins with Jesus telling a parable about a faithful and wise servant whom the master has put in charge of his household while he is away. This servant is diligent and responsible, faithfully carrying out his duties, and providing food for the other servants at the proper time. This portrayal of the servant as faithful and wise serves as a model for how Christians should live their lives. It emphasizes the importance of being responsible stewards of the gifts and responsibilities that God has entrusted us with. However, the parable takes a darker turn when it introduces the "evil servant" who abuses his authority, mistreats his fellow servants, and engages in reckless behavior. When the master returns unexpectedly, he finds the faithful servant blessed and rewarded for his faithfulness, while the evil servant faces severe consequences. This part of the parable warns us against complacency, negligence, and a lack of accountability in our lives. It reminds us that we are accountable to God for how we live and the choices we make.

The passage concludes with Jesus' statement, "Therefore, keep watch because you do not know the day or the hour." This sentence underscores the central message of these verses: the importance of vigilance and preparedness in our faith journey. Just as the master's return was unexpected, the return of Christ will also be unexpected. Therefore, we must always be spiritually prepared, living our lives in a way that reflects our faith and commitment to God. In our daily lives, it's easy to become distracted by worldly concerns, to neglect our spiritual growth, or to lose sight of our responsibility to live as faithful and wise servants of God. Matthew 24:45-51 reminds us to stay focused on our faith, to fulfill our responsibilities faithfully, and to be watchful for the signs of God's presence and guidance in our lives.

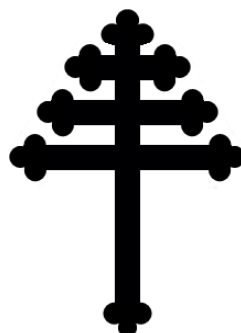
In conclusion, Matthew 24:45-51 challenges us to reflect on our own lives and ask whether we are living as faithful and wise servants of God or if we are allowing complacency and neglect to creep into our hearts. It calls us to be vigilant, responsible, and prepared for the return of Christ, emphasizing that our actions and choices in this life have eternal consequences. This passage serves as a powerful reminder of the importance of faith and responsibility in the life of a Christian.

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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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Serving God as an altar server is a wonderful way for a child to grow in faith as well as in responsibility, friendship, and other virtues. If your child is interested please see one of our Subdeacons following Liturgy.

50+ SOCIAL CLUB

Join your Maronite friends on Friday, November 3rd @10:00 for Liturgy. We will then head to Mansfield for lunch followed by a tour of the Bible walk Museum. The wax figures make one feel as though you are among those who were blessed by Christ walking with them. Admission is \$5.50.

RSVP BY OCTOBER 28TH...
Mary Ann @216-521-5481

Liturgy Intentions

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)

Next Week

Fifth Sunday After the Holy Cross

Saturday October 14

5:00 pm: Forty Day Liturgy for Caroline Kawkabani (Her son Jihad Kawkabani and his family)

Sunday October 15

9:30 am: Mem Lit for George T. Gordon (His wife, children and grandchildren)

11:00 am: Forty Day Liturgy for Hileneh Abboud (Her children Roger, Andre, Pierre, Georges, Reina and Desirée and their families)

11:00 am: Mem Lit for George Shamatta (His father Elias and his mother Lily and his siblings)

11:00 am: Mem Lit for Hassib & Georgette Chalhoub (Their children and their families)

IN SYMPATHY

Deepest Condolences to the family of **Joseph A. Joseph, Jr.** Joseph passed away on October 4th and will be buried from St. Maron Church on Monday, October 9th at 11 am downtown. Joseph is the son of Amira Joseph and brother of Theresa, David, and Lynn Almourani (Majed) and the late Ann Marie. He is the dear uncle of Andrew Joseph. Family and friends received at Ripepi Funeral Home on Sunday from 2-6 with prayers of incense at 4:45pm.

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

**Fourth Sunday after Holy Cross:
The Parable of the Faithful Servant**

الأحد الرابع بعد عيد الصليب: مثل العبد الأمين الحكيم

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

I-5:1-11

**فصل من رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل
تسالونيقى**

يا إخوتي،
أما الأزمنة والأوقات، أيها الإخوة، فلا حاجة بكم أن يكتب إليكم في شأنها؛ لأنكم تعلمون جيداً أن يوم الرب يأتي كالسارق ليلاً.
فحين يقولون: سلامٌ وأمنٌ! حينئذ يدهمهم الهلاك وهم المخاض للحبلى، ولا يفطنون.
أما أنتم، أيها الإخوة، فلست في ظلمة ليفاجبكم ذلك اليوم كالسارق. فأنتم كلكم أبناء النور، وأبناء النهار؛ ولست أبناء الليل ولا أبناء الظلمة. إذا فلا ننم كسائر الناس، بل لنسهر ونصح؛ لأن الذين ينامون في الليل ينامون، والذين يسكرون في الليل يسكرون. أما نحن أبناء النهار، فلنصح لابسين ذرع الإيمان والمحبة، وواضعين خوذة رجاء الخلاص. فإن الله لم يجعلنا للغضب، بل لإحراز الخلاص بربنا يسوع المسيح، الذي مات من أجلنا، لنحيا معه ساهرين كنا أم نائمين.
فذلك شجعوا بعضكم بعضاً، ولينبئ الواحد الآخر، كما أنتم فاعلمون.

والتسبيح لله دائماً.

Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, 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
Matthew**

24:45-51

إنجيل القديس متى

قال الرب يسوع:
«مَنْ هُوَ الْعَبْدُ الْأَمِينُ الْحَكِيمُ الَّذِي أَقَامَهُ سَيِّدُهُ عَلَى أَهْلِ بَيْتِهِ، لِيُعْطِيَهُمُ الطَّعَامَ فِي حِينِهِ؟
طُوبَى لِذَلِكَ الْعَبْدِ الَّذِي يَجِيءُ سَيِّدُهُ فَيَجِدُهُ فَاعِلاً مَكْذَلاً!
أَلْحَقْ أَقُولُ لَكُمْ: إِنَّهُ يُؤَيِّمُهُ عَلَى جَمِيعِ مُمْتَلِكَاتِهِ.
وَلَكِنْ إِنْ قَالَ ذَلِكَ الْعَبْدُ الشَّرِيرُ فِي قَلْبِهِ: سَيَتَأَخَّرُ سَيِّدِي!
وَبَدَأَ يَضْرِبُ رَفَاقَهُ، وَيَأْكُلُ وَيَشْرَبُ مَعَ السُّكْرَانِ،
يَجِيءُ سَيِّدُ ذَلِكَ الْعَبْدِ فِي يَوْمٍ لَا يَنْتَظِرُهُ، وَفِي سَاعَةٍ لَا يَعْرِفُهَا،
فَيَقْصِلُهُ، وَيَجْعَلُ نَصِيبَهُ مَعَ الْمُرَائِينَ. هُنَاكَ يَكُونُ الْبُكَاءُ وَصْرِيْفُ الْأَسْنَانِ..»

حقاً والأمان لجميعكم

“Who then is the faithful and wise slave, whom his master has put in charge of his household, to give the other slaves their allowance of food at the proper time? Blessed is that slave whom his master will find at work when he arrives. Truly I tell you, he will put that one in charge of all his possessions.” “But if that wicked slave says to himself, ‘My master is delayed,’ and he begins to beat his fellow slaves, and eats and drinks with drunkards, the master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour that he does not know. He will cut him in pieces and put him with the hypocrites, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”
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 desired date.

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
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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 member is in need.

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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 so call to schedule an appointment with Fr. Elias as soon as possible. 216-520-5081



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Praise be to God always.

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

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October 1, 2023

GENERAL DEPOSIT	\$	4,535.75
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Sunday 9:30 am	\$	305.00
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