

SAINT MARON CHURCH

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE HOLY CROSS

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The Gospel that we read today seems strange; it's strange that a groom comes at midnight to take his bride. The bride waited for him all night but he was delayed. Why? Because God who is the groom in this Gospel comes without condition; we don't know the hour and the day when he will come: Will it be in the morning when we are in our youth, or perhaps in the afternoon when we have lived more life, or lastly in the evening as we approach our twilight years. Most important is to be ready, so when he arrives we can go with him. It's certain that the groom is coming despite a delay. That's why Jesus teaches us how to wait every moment.

What is the meaning of the lamp and what is the meaning of the oil?

The lamp that the brides have is their faith in God. This faith is given to everyone without any differences between us: even if we are white or black, man or woman, American or Lebanese, our faith is given to all of us with our baptism and with our life in the church. By reading the Bible and participating in the sacraments we enrich our faith.

The oil is what leaves our lamp brightly lit. The oil is a personal effort: our service, charity, friendship, sacrifice.... etc. the remarkable thing is that this oil is a personal experience; it cannot be borrowed by another. That's why the wise don't give their oil to the foolish. Your oil is yours. It's your ID for heaven. Every person is responsible to get his own oil because when the bride arrives he will not have enough time to get more oil.

The lamp and the oil together represent your faith and your acts; "faith without acts is dead," as Saint James said. Our acts refresh our faith and keep it alive.

Today, the question for each one of us here in the church is: did I have oil in my lamps? Do I have more in case of the delay of the groom? If I come every Sunday to church and I pray but I don't practice the charity with others, I have no forgiveness for other. Perhaps I pray a lot but I don't have enough love for others and merciful acts for others, so I will be similar to the foolish ones.

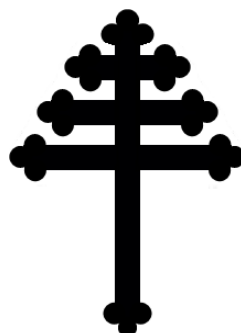
We can say "I am still young enough and I have time to make some oil, I want to live my life and then I will think about the oil." The message for us today is: be ready because no one knows when the groom comes. The more oil we have, the brighter our lamp. We will enlighten our road and we will also enlighten the life of others to arrive to Jesus. Praised be to Jesus Christ!

Clergy

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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

Church: 1245 Carnegie Ave
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Church Organizations

Parish Council

President– Jèan Yaacoub

2nd Wed. of the month at 7:00 pm

Finance Council

President- Rick Ganim:

3rd Wed of the month at 7:00 pm

Immaculate Conception Sodality (ICS)

President– Karan Farhat-Rohfeld

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

Maronite Christian Formation Program (MCFP)

Director– Elias Kanaan:

Sundays (except Holy Days) 12:00-1:00 pm

MaronKnights Dabke Group

Tanya Elasmarr

Maronite Youth Organization (MYO)

Coordinator– Peter Harb:

Maronite Young Adults (MYA)

President– Amanda Semaan:

Follow MYA page for updates

Maronite Mothers Club (MMC)

Coordinator- Tina Chamoun

Arabic School: Coordinator: Jihad Kawkabani

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

50+ Social Club Mary Ann Watson

1st Friday of each month. Liturgy: 10:00 am

Book & Cine Club Katia Abboud

Rosary Prayer Group Daad Chamoun

Social Committee

Souheil Farah, Rita Lattouf, Claire Naoum

St. Maron Health Committee Dr. Paul Farah

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Order of Saint Sharbel

Samir Farah and Daad Chamoun

Liturgy Intentions

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)

Next Week

Sixth Sunday After the Holy Cross

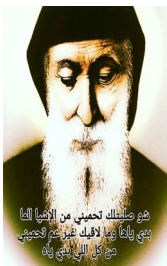
Saturday October 21

5:00 pm: Mem Lit for Louis Joseph Nagy
(Karen Shaheen (Douglas), Denise Bishilany (William), Kay Ameen and their children & grandchildren)

Sunday October 22

9:30 am: Parishioners Intentions

11:00 am: Forty Day Liturgy for Kasser Jamil Sulaiman
(His daughter Aida Sulaiman, her husband Jamal Salloum and his nephew Ramez Sulaiman and their families)



Saint Sharbel Liturgy
CHAPEL
Monday October 23rd

Rosary 6:30 pm
Liturgy 7:00 pm
Procession

Memorial Liturgies for 2023

Please remember a 40 day Liturgy will always take precedence.

We DO NOT schedule liturgies on the following dates: St. Maron Feast Day, Palm Sunday, Easter, First Communion, Christmas, and Festival Weekend.

Please email requests to : saintmaroncleveland@gmail.com or drop in collection basket. **PRINT CLEARLY**

Mem. Lit for _____

Given by: _____

Phone: _____ Date: _____

Time: 5:00 pm Chapel _____ 9:30 am _____ 11:00 am _____

Fifth Sunday after Holy Cross: The parable of the ten virgins

الأحد الخامس بعد عيد الصليب: مثل العذارى العشر

From the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians,

2:12-18

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس إلى اهل فيلبي

يا إخوتي،

إِعْمَلُوا لِخَلَاصِكُمْ بِخَوْفٍ وَرَعْدَةٍ، كَمَا أَطَعْتُمْ دَائِمًا، لَا فِي حُضُورِي فَحَسَبَ، بَلْ بِالْأَحْرَى وَبِالْأَكْثَرِ الْآنَ فِي غِيَابِي.
فَاللَّهُ هُوَ الَّذِي يَجْعَلُكُمْ تُرِيدُونَ وَتَعْمَلُونَ بِحَسَبِ مَرْضَاتِهِ.

إِفْعَلُوا كُلَّ شَيْءٍ بِغَيْرِ تَذَمُّرٍ وَجِدَالٍ،

لِكَيْ تُصَيِّرُوا بَسْطَاءَ لَا لَوْمَ عَلَيْكُمْ، وَأَبْنَاءَ لِلَّهِ لَا عَيْبَ فِيكُمْ، وَسَطَ جِيلٍ مُعْوَجٍّ وَمُنْحَرَفٍ، تُضِيئُونَ فِيهِ كَالنَّيِّرَاتِ فِي الْعَالَمِ،
مُنْمَسِّكِينَ بِكَلِمَةِ الْحَيَاةِ، لِأَفْتِخَارِي فِي يَوْمِ الْمَسِيحِ، بِأَنِّي مَا سَعَيْتُ وَلَا تَعَبْتُ بِاطِّلًا.

لَوْ أَنَّ دَمِي يُرَاقُ عَلَى دَبِيحَةِ إِيمَانِكُمْ وَخِدْمَتِهِ، لَكُنْتُ أَفْرَحُ وَأَبْتَهِجُ مَعَكُمْ جَمِيعًا.

فَأَفْرَحُوا أَنْتُمْ أَيْضًا وَأَبْتَهِجُوا مَعِي.

والتسبيحُ لله دائماً.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure. Do all things without murmuring and arguing, so that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, in which you shine like stars in the world. It is by your holding fast to the word of life that I can boast on the day of Christ

that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. But even if I am being poured out as a libation over the sacrifice and the offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you — and in the same way you also must be glad and rejoice with me. Praise be to God always!

From the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew

25:1-13

إنجيل القديس متى

قال الرب يسوع:

«يُسَبِّهُ مَلَكُوثُ السَّمَاوَاتِ عَشْرَ عَذَارَى أَخَذْنَ مَصَابِيحَهُنَّ وَخَرَجْنَ إِلَى لِقَاءِ الْعَرِيسِ، خَمْسٌ مِنْهُنَّ جَاهِلَاتٌ، وَخَمْسٌ حَكِيمَاتٌ.

فَالجَاهِلَاتُ أَخَذْنَ مَصَابِيحَهُنَّ وَلَمْ يَأْخُذْنَ مَعَهُنَّ زَيْتًا. أَمَّا الْحَكِيمَاتُ فَأَخَذْنَ زَيْتًا فِي أَنْبِيَةٍ مَعَ مَصَابِيحِهِنَّ.

وَأَبْطَأَ الْعَرِيسُ فَتَعَسَّنَ جَمِيعُهُنَّ، وَرَقَدَنَ. وَفِي مُنْتَصَفِ اللَّيْلِ، صَارَتِ الصَّبِيحَةُ: هُوَذَا الْعَرِيسُ! أُخْرَجُوا إِلَى لِقَائِهِ! حِينَئِذٍ قَامَتِ أُولَئِكَ الْعَذَارَى كُلُّهُنَّ،

وَزَيَّتُ مَصَابِيحَهُنَّ. فَقَالَتِ الْجَاهِلَاتُ لِلْحَكِيمَاتِ: «أَعْطِينَا مِنْ زَيْتِكُنَّ، لِأَنَّ مَصَابِيحَنَا تَنْطَفِئُ. فَأَجَابَتِ الْحَكِيمَاتُ وَقُلْنَ: قَدْ لَا يَكْفِينَا وَيَكْفِيكُنَّ. إِذْهَبْنَ

بِالْأَحْرَى إِلَى الْبَاعَةِ وَأَبْتَعْنَ لَكُنَّ. وَلَمَّا ذَهَبْنَ لِيَبْتَعْنَ، جَاءَ الْعَرِيسُ، وَدَخَلَتِ الْمُسْتَعِدَّاتُ إِلَى الْعُرْسِ، وَأَغْلَقَ الْبَابَ. وَأَخِيرًا جَاءَتِ الْعَذَارَى الْبَاقِيَاتُ

وقُلْنَ: يَا رَبِّ، يَا رَبِّ، أَفْتَحْ لَنَا! فَأَجَابَ وَقَالَ: الْحَقُّ أَقُولُ لَكُنَّ، إِنِّي لَا أَعْرِفُكُنَّ! إِسْهَرُوا إِذَا، لِأَنَّكُمْ لَا تَعْلَمُونَ الْيَوْمَ وَلَا السَّاعَةَ.

حقاً والأمان لجميعكم

“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut.” “Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.” 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 11 am 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

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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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FREEDOM TO MARRY LETTER

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



Confession

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



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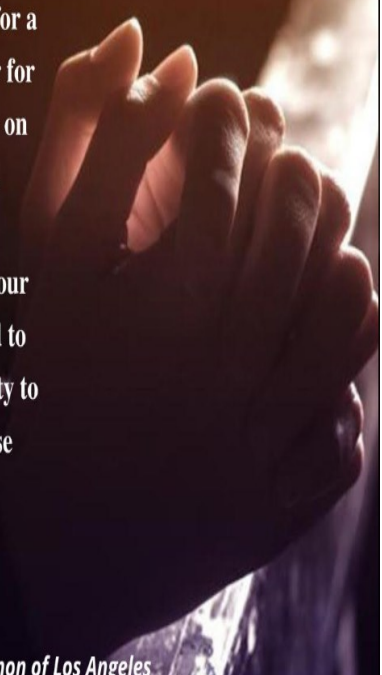
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Contact the office to schedule a Memorial Liturgy for a loved one.

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



Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzaballa, Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, the Ordinaries of the Holy Land, and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, have invited us for a day of fasting and prayer for peace and reconciliation on **Tuesday, October 17.**

Let us join them asking our merciful and loving God to grant peace and prosperity to the Middle East in these troubled times.



Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles

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 saintmaroncleland@gmail.com

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.

Gifts of the Altar: October 2023

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Louis Nagy

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October 8, 2023

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