

# SAINT MARON CHURCH

## SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE HOLY CROSS

October 29, 2023

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### The Catholic roots of Halloween, the Vigil of All Saints' Day

Although Halloween has been embraced by the secular world, its foundations are firmly rooted in Catholic tradition. Dr Malcolm Brown of the Alcuin Institute for Catholic Culture explains the significance of All Hallows' Eve.

In the modern world, and especially in English speaking countries, Halloween has become one of the most important holidays of the year, with millions of children and adults dressing up as their favorite heroes, superstars, ghouls and goblins. While some people have connected Halloween to earlier pagan celebrations of the new year, Halloween actually has significant Catholic roots. The name itself comes from All Hallows Eve – that is, the Vigil of All Saints' Day, when Catholics remember those who have gone before us to enter our heavenly home. Immediately afterwards, on November 2, the Church commemorates all the faithful departed still detained in Purgatory and prays in suffrage for them. The memory of those who have gone before us naturally leads to thoughts of mortality, and the liturgical focus on the end times during this period of the Church year adds to the atmosphere of gloom.

In a "[Memorandum on the Celebration of Halloween](#)" issued last year for his Diocese, Bishop David Konderla of Tulsa, Oklahoma, stresses the importance of "maintaining the Catholic meaning and purpose of all holy days, especially those which have been adopted and adapted by the culture around us". He explains the how customs such as dressing up for Halloween and appealing to frightful imagery can be done in a Catholic spirit, while warning that "we want to intentionally avoid those things that are contrary to our Catholic faith but have become popularized through the secular adaptation of Halloween".

Vatican News spoke with Dr Marcel Brown, of the Alcuin Institute for Catholic Culture in Tulsa, about the Catholic roots of Halloween. "The feast of Halloween is one of those feasts on the Catholic calendar that is celebrated on the eve of a great solemnity", he said. Dr Brown explained that the word Halloween refers to the Feast of All Saints. The word itself is taken an older English term, "hallows," meaning "holy"; and "e'en", a truncation of the word evening, in reference to the Vigil of the feast. "So really, Halloween is the feast of the celebration of the feast of All Hallows'", he said. "So it's a day when Catholics celebrate the triumph of the Church in heaven, and the lives of the saints on earth".

The modern focus on the eerie or mysterious also has a Catholic aspect. "When we think of Halloween, I think we often think of ghosts and goblins, and ghoulish faces", Dr Brown said. "But even these, in the Catholic tradition, are supposed to be reminders of death and of the last things". He continued, "So just as we commemorate the feast of All Saints on November 1", beginning with All Hallows' Eve on Halloween, we also think about and turn our minds really, to the last things: death, judgment, heaven, and hell. And really our focus should be, since we all must die and are destined to judgment, how then we to live?"

In his *Memorandum*, Bishop Konderla invites to the faithful to "urge one another this Halloween to express in every detail of our observance the beauty and depth of the Feast of All Saints".

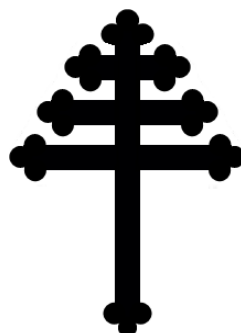
"Let us make this year's celebration", he says, "an act of true devotion to God, whose saints give us hope that we too may one day enter into the Kingdom prepared for God's holy ones from the beginning of time".

### Clergy

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### Liturgy Schedule

**Tues & 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  
Cleveland, Ohio 44115

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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– Anessa Kleem

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

### Social Media Coordinator Jessica Khoury

### Order of Saint Sharbel

Samir Farah and Daad Chamoun

## Liturgy Intentions

Seventh Sunday After the Holy Cross

### Saturday October 28

5:00 pm: Parishioners Intentions

### Sunday October 29

9:30 am: Parishioners Intentions

### 11:00 am: Mem Lit for Kamil Almourani

(His mother Ajini Rajha, brothers and sister Malek Almourani, Molouk Almourani (Wissam Rida), Majed Almourani (Lynn Joseph Almourani), nieces MaryClair and Anjel, and all families in the US and abroad)

### 11:00 am: Mem Lit for Souheil Zaripheh

( His wife Nadia and their daughters Maria, Susan and Tania)

### 11:00 am: Mem Lit for Samira Semaan, and her mother Mary Tannous

(Her sisters Gina, Jenira, and Ensaf)

## Next Week

### Consecration of The Church

### Saturday November 4

### 5:00 pm: Forty Day Liturgy for Debbie Ameen

(Her husband Kay Ameen and their son Christopher Ameen (Emily) and their children

### 5:00 pm: Mem Lit for Nakhoul & Emily Saadeh and Fr. Tanios & Souraya Saadeh

(Their children)

### Sunday November 5

### 9:30 am: Mem Lit for Fred and Elizabeth Hilow

(Their children and grandchildren)

### 11:00 am: Forty Day Lit for Mrs. Azizeh Saluan

(Her children, Odaline Daher, Gabriel Saluan, and Mary Ann Karam and their families.)

### 11:00 am: Mem lit for all the deceased members of the Soueid and Bou Nassif family

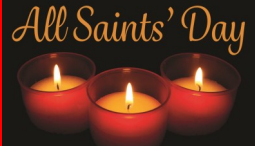
(Tony & Saydeh Soueid)

## IN SYMPATHY

Deepest Condolences to the family of Antoine Boutros who passed away on Friday, October 27th. Antoine is the husband of Najibeh, and father of seven. Friends and family received at Ripepi Funeral Home on Monday from 4-8 pm, with prayers of incense at 7pm. Mass of Christian Burial will be on Tuesday, October 31st at 11am downtown.

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

A warm welcome to Father Lou Valone who will be celebrating all Liturgies this weekend.



All Saints' Day Wednesday November 1st  
Liturgy 6:00 pm CHAPEL

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<b>The Seventh Sunday after Holy Cross, Sunday of Christ the King: The final judgment</b>	<b>الأحد السابع بعد عيد الصليب، أحد يسوع الملك: دينونة الامم.</b>
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From the letter of Saint Paul to the Romans	12:9-21	رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل رومة
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يا إِخْوَتِي، لَتَكُنْ مَحَبَّتُكَ بِلا رِيَاءٍ: تَجَنَّبُوا الشَّرَّ، وِلازِمُوا الخَيْرَ. أَجْبُوا بَعْضُكُمْ بَعْضًا مَحَبَّةً أَحْوِيَّةً، وِبادِرُوا بَعْضُكُمْ بَعْضًا بِالإِكْرَامِ. كُونُوا فِي الأَجْتِهَادِ غَيْرَ مُتَكَاسِلِينَ، وِبالرُّوحِ حَارِزِينَ، وِاللَّرَّبِ عَابِدِينَ، وِبالرَّجَاءِ فَرِحِينَ، وِفي الصَّبْرِ ثَابِتِينَ، وِعلى الصَّلَاةِ مُواظِبِينَ، وِفي حَاجَاتِ القَدِيسِينَ مُشارِكِينَ، وِإلى صِبْاقَةِ الغُرَبَاءِ سَاعِدِينَ. بارِكُوا الَّذينَ يَضْطَهُدُونَكُمْ، بارِكُوا وِلا تَلْعَنُوا. إِفْرَحُوا مَعَ الفَرِحِينَ، وِأَبْكُوا مَعَ الباكِينَ. كُونُوا مُتَّفِقِينَ بَعْضُكُمْ مَعَ بَعْضٍ، مُتَوَاضِعِينَ لا مُتَكَبِّرِينَ. لا تَكُونُوا حُكَمَاءَ فِي عُيُونِ أَنْفُسِكُمْ. وِلا تُبَادِلُوا أَحَدًا شَرًّا بِشَرٍّ، وِاعْتَنُوا بِعَمَلِ الخَيْرِ أَمَامَ جَمِيعِ النَّاسِ. سَأَلِمُوا جَمِيعَ النَّاسِ، إِنْ أُمِكنَ، على قَدْرِ طَاقَتِكُمْ. لا تَنْتَقِمُوا لِأَنْفُسِكُمْ، أَيُّهَا الأَجْبَاءُ، بَلْ أتركُوا مَكَانًا لِغَضَبِ اللهِ، لِأَنَّهُ مَكْتُوبٌ: "لِي الأِنْتِقَامُ، يَقُولُ الرَّبُّ، وِأنا أَجْزِي". وِلكِنْ "إِنْ جَاعَ عَدُوُّكَ فَأَطْعِمْهُ، وِإِنْ عَطِشَ فَاسْقِهِ، فَإِنَّكَ بِفِعْلِكَ هَذَا تَرْكُمُ على رَأْسِهِ جَمْرًا نَارًا". لا تَدْعُ الشَّرَّ بِغَيْلِكَ، بَلْ أَغْلِبِ الشَّرَّ بِالخَيْرِ وِالتَّسْبِيحِ لِلهِ دائِمًا

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good  
**Praise be to God, always**

From the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew	25:31-46	إنجيل القديس متى
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قالَ الرَّبُّ يَسوعُ: "مَتى جَاءَ ابْنُ الإِنسانِ فِي مَجْدِهِ، وِجَمِيعِ المَلانِكَةِ مَعَهُ، يَجْلِسُ على عَرشِ مَجْدِهِ. وِتُجْمَعُ لَدَيْهِ جَمِيعُ الأُمَّمِ، فَيُفْتَمَرُ بَعْضُهُمْ مِنْ بَعْضٍ، كَمَا يُفْتَمَرُ الرَّاغِبِي الخِرَافَ مِنَ الجِداءِ، وِيُفْتَمَرُ الخِرَافَ عَنِ يَمِينِهِ وِالجِداءَ عَنِ شَمالِهِ جِئِنْدَ يَقولُ المَلِكُ لِلَّذينَ عَنِ يَمِينِهِ: تَعالَوْا، يا مُبارِكِي أباي، ارثُوا المُلْكوتِ المُعَدَّ لَكُمْ مُنذُ إِنْشاءِ العالَمِ؛ لأني جُعْتُ فَأَطْعَمْتُمُونِي، وِعَطِشْتُ فَسَقَيْتُمُونِي، وِكُنْتُ غَرِيبًا فَأَوْثَمْتُمُونِي، وِعَزَّيْتُمُونِي فَزَرْتُمُونِي، وِمَحْبُوسًا فَأَتَيْتُمُونِي. لِي جِئِنْدَ يُجِيبُهُ الأَبْرارُ قائلينَ: يا رَبُّ، متى رَأَيْناكَ جَائِعًا فَأَطْعَمْنَاكَ، أو عَطِشًا فَسَقَيْناكَ؟ وِمتى رَأَيْناكَ غَرِيبًا فَأَوْثَمْنَاكَ، أو عَزَّيْتُمُونِي فَكَسَرْنَاكَ؟ وِمتى رَأَيْناكَ مَرِيضًا أو مَحْبُوسًا فَأَتَيْناكَ؟ فَيُجِيبُ المَلِكُ وِيقولُ لَهُمُ: الحَقُّ أَقولُ لَكُمْ: كُلُّ ما عَمَلْتُمُوهُ لأحدٍ إِخْوَتِي هؤُلاءِ الصِّغارِ، فلي عَمَلْتُمُوهُ! ثُمَّ يَقولُ لِلَّذينَ عَنِ شَمالِهِ: اذْهَبُوا عَنِّي، يا مَلايِئِنَ، إلى النَّارِ الأَبديَّةِ المُعَدَّةِ لِإِبليسَ وِجُودِهِ؛ لأني جُعْتُ فَمَا أَطْعَمْتُمُونِي، وِعَطِشْتُ فَمَا سَقَيْتُمُونِي، وِكُنْتُ غَرِيبًا فَمَا أَوْثَمْتُمُونِي، وِعَزَّيْتُمُونِي فَمَا كَسَرْتُمُونِي، وِمَحْبُوسًا فَمَا زَرْتُمُونِي! جِئِنْدَ يُجِيبُهُ هؤُلاءِ أَيضًا قائلينَ: يا رَبُّ، متى رَأَيْناكَ جَائِعًا أو عَطِشًا أو غَرِيبًا أو مَرِيضًا أو مَحْبُوسًا وِما خَدَمْنَاكَ؟ جِئِنْدَ يُجِيبُهُمُ قائلًا: الحَقُّ أَقولُ لَكُمْ: كُلُّ ما لَمْ تَعْمَلُوهُ لأحدٍ هؤُلاءِ الصِّغارِ، فلي لَمْ تَعْمَلُوهُ. وِيَذْهَبُ هؤُلاءِ إلى العَذابِ الأَبديِّ، وِالأَبْرارُ إلى الحَيَاةِ الأَبديَّةِ".

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.'" "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?'" "And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'" "Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.'" "Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?'" Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."  
**This is the truth. Peace be with you.**

**A Reading from the Book of Job. 29:12-17**

For I rescued the poor who cried out for help, the orphans, and the unassisted; The blessing of those in extremity came upon me, and the heart of the widow I made joyful. I wore my righteousness like a garment; justice was my robe and my turban. I was eyes to the blind, and feet to the lame was I. I was a father to the poor; the complaint of the stranger I pursued, and I broke the jaws of the wicked man; from his teeth I forced the prey.  
**Praise be to God always!**



**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**



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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.  
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***Confession***

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



***Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles***

October 23, 2023

Dear Msgrs. and Fathers,

I hope this finds you well.

The situation in Lebanon is worsening and the people are suffering from economic hardships. Solidarity, a non-profit organization associated with our Patriarchal Maronite Foundation in the World, is launching a special scholarship drive to assist 5,000 poor families with educational costs.

I would like to request your support in spreading the news regarding this initiative and holding a special collection on the weekends of October 28-29 or November 4-5, 2023.

The educational stipend is \$150, but truly any assistance that can be donated towards this cause will go a long way to help pay for student tuition fees, books, and transportation. Thus, we will support the students and the Catholic Schools.

Any donations collected can be sent to the Eparchy, and we will make sure to forward them to Solidarity.

Thank you for all that you do and for your ministry in these especially difficult times in Lebanon, the Middle East, and around the world.

With sincere best wishes and prayers, I remain

Yours in Christ,

+A. Elias Zaidan  
Bishop of the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles

There will be a special second collection this weekend for a special scholarship drive to assist 5,000 poor families with educational costs.  
  
Please read Bishop Zaidan's message.



***Jude Alexander Boumitri received the Sacraments of Baptism and Chrismation on Sunday, October 22, 2023***

**Son of Fadi G. Boumitri and Tania Lahood Boumitri**

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**Immaculate Conception Sodality Meeting (ICS)**

**Monday November 6th**

**7:00 pm**

**Parish Center: IND.**

**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**

**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](mailto:saintmaroncleveland@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

### 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)

## 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.

### 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

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Given by:

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

October 22, 2023

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