

SAINT MARON CHURCH

CONSECRATION OF THE CHURCH

November 5, 2023

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It is the time of year when our Maronite Church begins a new Liturgical Year. It starts with the Consecration of the Church. It is one of two Sundays before we start the season of the Birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Church invites us to strive for holiness in our daily life through the letter to the Hebrews and the Gospel of Matthew.

The letter to the Hebrews encourages us to participate in the liturgical worship. It helps us to deepen our faith in Jesus Christ and to be a part of His salvific mission. Prayer changes the quality of your life and makes it meaningful. It awakens you to the love of God and others.

The Gospel of Matthew invites us to be aware of the radical transformation that Jesus has done in our lives. He has given us, through the Apostle Peter, the keys of heaven so we know that we are here on earth for a while, but our real home is heaven.

It is the anniversary of the Church. It is the feast of when she is being proclaimed a "Holy Church", because the Holy God is present in her. It is the community of the Saints. The community of all who are called for holiness. There is a strong relationship between Jesus and His Church. Whoever believes in Jesus, believes in the Church and whoever believes in the Church believes in Jesus.

In the Gospel of Matthew, we see Jesus addressing two questions to his disciples; "Who do people say that the Son of man is?" and "Who do you say I am?" The first question is a general one, addressed to all the nations, to those who have not known Christ, while the other question is specific. It is addressed to those who have known Him. To those who have lived with Him and heard His teachings.

Peter's answer is the proof of the presence of the Holy Spirit in our life that works in our weak human nature to show in us and through us the beautiful truth about Jesus Christ, "the Messiah the Son of the living God".

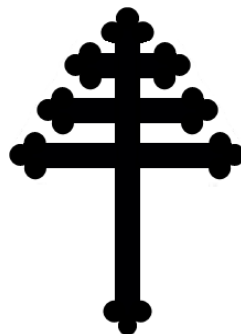
Each Christian who has known Christ since baptism must have Peter's answer because Christ became for them the sun of their lives

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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
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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 Elasmara:

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

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. Tanius & 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)

Next Week

Renewal of the Church

Saturday November 11

5:00 pm: Forty Day Liturgy for Therese Yazbeck

(Her son Charbel and family)

Sunday November 12

9:30 am: Mem Lit for Patricia Ann Probst

(Rob & Rita Tremelin)

11:00 am: Forty Day Liturgy for Joseph A. Joseph, Jr.

(His uncle Bishop Massoud , His mother, Amira, and his sister Theresa, his brother David, his sister Lynn Almourani (Majed) and his nephew Andrew)

11:00 am: Mem Lit for Talal Yousef

(Her daughter Sana Said Bechour and family)

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يا إخوتى،

كانت للعهد الأول أيضاً شعائر عبادة، وبيئتُ فُدسٍ أرضي. فبني المسكن الأول، وهو الذي يُدعى «الفُدس»، وكان فيه المنارة، والمائدة، وخبز التقدمة، ووزاء الحجاب الثاني بني المسكن الذي يدعى «فُدس الأقداس»، ويحتوي مجمزة ذهبية للخور، وتابوت العهد، مُغشى كله بالذهب، وفيه جرة من ذهب تحتوي المن، وعصا هارون التي أفرخت، ولوحا العهد، وفوق التابوت كرونا المجد يظللان العشاء: أشباه لا مجال الآن للكلام عنها بالتفصيل. وإذ بينت تلك الأشياء على هذا الترتيب، كان الكهنة يدخلون إلى المسكن الأول في كل وقت، ليقيموا العبادة، أما المسكن الثاني فكان عظيم الأختار يدخل إليه وحده مرة واحدة في السنة، ولا يدخل إليه إلا ومعه دم يقربه عن نفسه وعن جهالات الشعب. وبهذا يوضح الروح القدس أن الطريق إلى فُدس الأقداس لم يكن بعد قد كُتِف، ما دام المسكن الأول قائماً. وهذا رمز إلى الوقت الحاضر، وفيه نُقرب تقادم وديانج، لا يُمكنها أن تجعل من يقرّبها كاملاً من جهة الصمير. إنها شعائر جسدية تقتصر على أطعمة وأشربة، وأنواع شتى من الأغتسال، مفروضة إلى أن يأتي وقت الإصلاح. أما المسيح فقد ظهر عظيم أخبار الخيرات الآتية، وأجتاز المسكن الأعظم والأكمل، غير المصنوع بالأيدي، أي ليس من هذه الخليقة، فدخل إلى فُدس الأقداس مرة واحدة، لا بدم الثبوس والعجول، بل بدمه هو، فحقق لنا فداءً أبدياً.

والتسبيخ لله دائماً

Even the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly sanctuary. For a tent was constructed, the first one, in which were the lampstand, the table, and the bread of the Presence; this is called the Holy Place. Behind the second curtain was a tent called the Holy of Holies. In it stood the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant overlaid on all sides with gold, in which there were a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tablets of the covenant; above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot speak now in detail. Such preparations having been made, the priests go continually into the first tent to carry out their ritual duties; but only the high priest goes into the second, and he but once a year, and not without taking the blood that he offers for himself and for the sins committed unintentionally by the people. By this the Holy Spirit indicates that the way into the sanctuary has not yet been disclosed as long as the first tent is still standing. This is a symbol of the present time, during which gifts and sacrifices are offered that cannot perfect the conscience of the worshiper, but deal only with food and drink and various baptisms, regulations for the body imposed until the time comes to set things right. But when Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of the creation), he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption.

Praise be to God always!

قال متى الرسول،

جاء يسوع إلى نواحي قيصرية فيلبس فسأل تلاميذه قائلًا: «من يقول الناس إنى أنا ابن الإنسان؟» فقالوا: «بعضهم يقولون: يوحنا المعمدان؛ وأخرون: إيليا؛ وغيرهم: إرميا أو أحد الأنبياء.» فقال لهم: «وأنتم من تقولون إنى أنا؟» فأجاب سمعان بطرس وقال: أنت هو المسيح ابن الله الحي! فأجاب يسوع وقال له: طوبى لك يا سمعان بن يونا! لأنه لا لحم ولا دم أظهر لك ذلك، بل أبى الذي في السموات. وأنا أيضاً أقول لك: أنت هو بطرس، أي الصخرة، وعلى هذه الصخرة سأبني بيتي، وأبواب الجحيم لن تقوى عليها. سأعطيك مفاتيح ملكوت السموات، فكل ما تربطه على الأرض يكون مربوطاً في السموات، وما تحله على الأرض يكون محلولاً في السموات. «حينئذ أوصى تلاميذه ألا يقولوا لأحد إنه هو المسيح.»

حقاً والأمان لجميعكم.

The Apostle writes,

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

This is the truth! Peace be with you.

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah. Isaiah 54:1-10

Raise a glad cry, you barren one who never bore a child, break forth in jubilant song, you who have never been in labor, For more numerous are the children of the deserted wife than the children of her who has a husband, says the Lord. Enlarge the space for your tent, spread out your tent cloths unsparingly; lengthen your ropes and make firm your pegs. For you shall spread abroad to the right and left; your descendants shall dispossess the nations and shall people the deserted cities. Do not fear, you shall not be put to shame; do not be discouraged, you shall not be disgraced. For the shame of your youth you shall forget, the reproach of your widowhood no longer remember. For your husband is your Maker; the Lord of hosts is his name, Your redeemer, the Holy One of Israel, called God of all the earth. The Lord calls you back, like a wife forsaken and grieved in spirit, A wife married in youth and then cast off, says your God. For a brief moment I abandoned you, but with great tenderness I will take you back. In an outburst of wrath, for a moment I hid my face from you; But with enduring love I take pity on you, says the Lord, your redeemer. This is for me like the days of Noah: As I swore then that the waters of Noah should never again flood the earth, So I have sworn now not to be angry with you, or to rebuke you. Though the mountains fall away and the hills be shaken, My love shall never fall away from you nor my covenant of peace be shaken, says the Lord, who has mercy on you. **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**



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.

For emergency only call: 612-501-6383

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

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



Please call the parish office if you think you may have lost something at church or chapel. 216-520-5081

We have jackets, rings, bracelets, earrings and other items that were left over time.

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.

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**



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October 29, 2023

GENERAL DEPOSIT	\$	3,186.00
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Sunday 9:30 am	\$	611.00
Sunday 11:00 am	\$	1,730.00
Online	\$	50.00

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