

SAINT MARON CHURCH

REVELATION TO JOSEPH

December 17, 2023

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This Sunday is the Revelation to Joseph Sunday. The truth is revealed to Joseph after doubts concerning his beloved Mary. Joseph was in front of a great Mystery (the Virgin is with child) and a great vocation (to become a father of the Son of the Father in Heaven).

We learn 7 things from Joseph:

1- The Righteous man: Joseph was a righteous man, committed to God's commandments. He had no fear or shame of his commitment. Joseph is an example to every man: Do not be afraid to be a man of prayer, in union with God, surrendered completely to God's Will, avoiding evil and doing good.

2- The pure love: Joseph had a pure & honest love towards Mary. His love was not controlling. He respected her. A controlling love leads to despair, illusion, envy, and in some cases to crime. There are many people in this world who are stuck on the road because of their controlling love. They love the other for selfish reasons.

3- No exposure to the public: Joseph did not want to expose Mary to public disgrace. It was very easy to Joseph to bring his fiancé to the priests where she would be condemned to death. When our partner, our wife, our husband, our girlfriend, our boyfriend, our neighbor, our brother, etc.... relapses or fails, sometimes we are too quick to judge. We emphasize his/her sin and we make his/her story the discussion of the day. The Church teaches that talebearing destroys our neighbor's honor. It is a sin against justice & charity.

4- He planned to dismiss her quietly: Joseph did not surrender to the feeling of being betrayed or to the love of vengeance.

5- The openness & listening to God's revelation: Joseph was opened to God's explanation of what was going on. He listened to what the Angel told him in the dream. With his openness, Joseph understood the Mystery of the Virgin and his Vocation.

6- No suspicions: When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him. Love believes everything.

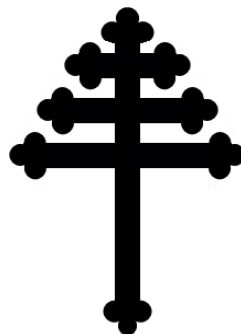
7- Welcoming Mary & Jesus: The Angel said to Joseph, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary to your house." Joseph welcomed Mary & Jesus in his house. That's what we can learn from Joseph, to take Mary & Jesus to our hearts, family, life. Joseph had loved the Son as a child and he served him as a god. He rejoiced in him as he rejoices in the Good One and he feared him as a righteous. Joseph says, "Who gives me this grace that the Son of the almighty be my son. I suspected your mother and planned to dismiss her. I did not know that in her womb was hidden a great treasure that enriched my poverty. David the King was from my kin and he wore the crown. But I, myself, had been humiliated becoming a carpenter instead of a king. But the crown had been given back to me for I hold the Lord of Lords in my hands.

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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

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Church Organizations

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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 Elasmr:

Maronite Youth Organization (MYO)

Coordinator– Peter Harb:

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President– Anessa Kleem

Follow MYA page for updates

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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

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St. Maron Health Committee Dr. Paul Farah

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Order of Saint Sharbel

Samir Farah and Daad Chamoun

CHRISTMAS NOVENA SCHEDULE

Liturgy at 6:00 pm with Novena following

CHAPEL

December 15th Liturgy and Novena

December 18,19,20 Liturgy and Novena

December 21, 22 Liturgy and Novena

CHRISTMAS LITURGY SCHEDULE

Vigil of Christmas Liturgy

Sunday Dec. 24th 5:00 PM

Chapel

Midnight Christmas Liturgy

Sunday/Monday Dec. 24th 12:00 AM

Downtown

Christmas Day Liturgies

Monday Dec. 25th 9:30 AM & 11:00 AM

Downtown

Liturgy Intentions

Revelation to Joseph

Saturday December 16

5:00 pm: Five year Anniversary Liturgy for Albert Maroun
(His wife Jeanne Maroun and children and grandchildren)

5:00 pm: Mem Lit for Simon, Genevieve and Joud, and all the deceased members of the Lahood family
(Their families)

Sunday December 17

9:30 am: Parishioners Intentions

11:00 am: Forty Day Liturgy for Tony Salloum

(His sisters and brother, Jamal Salloum, Huda Salloum, and Adibah Salloum)

11:00 am: Forty Day Liturgy for Ameen Tanios Ghazzoul

(Mahasen Saadeh and his nephews and niece Tony, Jawaher, and Gerges Ghazoul and family)

Next Week

Genealogy of Jesus

Saturday December 23

5:00 pm: One Year Mem Lit for George Iskandar Assaf
(Jeanne d'arc & Maroun Kattar)

Sunday December 24 Christmas Eve

9:30 am: Parishioners Intentions

11:00 am: Mem. Lit for Angel Naim Azzi

(Her daughter Diana Azzi Rached and her husband Rached Rached and their family)

Sunday December 24 Vigil of Christmas Liturgy

5:00 pm CHAPEL

Monday December 25 Christmas Liturgies

DOWNTOWN

12:00 am Midnight

9:30 am

11:00 am

IN SYMPATHY

Our deepest condolences to the family of **Sam A. Daher** who passed away on December 12th and will be buried at Saint Maron Church on

Wednesday, December 20th at 11:00 am.

Sam is the son of Aref & Marie, husband of JoAnn and brother of Simon (Jennie) and Steve (Genna).

His wake will be on Tuesday December 19th from 3-7 pm with Prayers of Incense at 4:30 pm at DeJohn Funeral Home, Willoughby Hills.

Our deepest condolences to our parishioner Diana Azzi Rached, wife of Rached Rached, on the passing of her mother **Angel Naim Azzi**. Angel is the grandmother of Jamil Rached & Grace Rached. Angel Naim Azzi was born on May 1, 1937 in Harrit Bassir. She died, at the age of 86, on December 13, 2023 in Sydney, Australia. A Memorial Liturgy will be celebrated on December 24th at 11:00 am at St. Maron Church

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

يا اخوتي،

أنا بولس، أسير المسيح يسوع من أجلكم، أيها الأمم... إن كنتم قد سمعتم بتدبير نعمة الله التي وهبت لي من أجلكم، وهو أنني بوحي أطلعت على السر، كما كتبت إليكم بإيجاز من قبل، حينئذ يمكنكم، إذا قرأتم ذلك، أن تدركوا فهمي لسر المسيح، هذا السر الذي لم يُعرف عند بني البشر في الأجيال العابرة، كما أعلن الآن بالروح لرسله القديسين والأنبياء، وهو أن الأمم هم، في المسيح يسوع، شركاء لنا في الميراث والجسد والوعد، بواسطة الإنجيل، الذي صرنا خادماً له، بحسب هبة نعمة الله التي وهبت لي بفعل قدرته؛ لي أنا، أصغر القديسين جميعاً، وهبت هذه النعمة، وهي أن أبشّر الأمم بغنى المسيح الذي لا يُستقصى، وأن أوضح للجميع ما هو تدبير السر المكتوم منذ الدهور في الله الذي خلق كل شيء، لكي تُعرف الآن من خلال الكنيسة، لدى الرئاسات والسلطين في السموات، حكمة الله المتنوعة، بحسب قصد الأزل الذي حققه في المسيح يسوع ربنا، الذي لنا فيه، أي بالإيمان به، الوصول بجزأة وثقة إلى الله. لذلك أسألكم أن لا تضعفت عزيمتكم بسبب الضيقات التي أعانيها من أجلكم: إنها مجد لكم!

والتسبيح لله دائماً

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him. I pray therefore that you may not lose heart over my sufferings for you; they are your glory. **Praise be to God always!**

قال متى الرسول،

أما ميلاد يسوع المسيح فكان هكذا: لما كانت أمه مريم مخطوبة ليوسف، وقيل أن يسكننا معاً، وحدثت حاملاً من الروح القدس. ولما كان يوسف رجلها باراً، ولا يريد أن يشهر بها، قرّر أن يطلقها سراً. وما إن فكر في هذا حتى نراه له ملاك الرب في الحلم قائلاً: «يا يوسف في الحلم قائلاً: «يا يوسف بن داود، لا تخف أن تأخذ مريم امرأتك، فالمولود فيها إنما هو من الروح القدس. وسوف تلد ابناً، فسماه يسوع، لأنه هو الذي يخلص شعبه من خطاياهم.» وحدث هذا كله ليتم ما قاله الرب بالنبي: ها إن العذراء تحمّل وتلد ابناً، ويدعى اسمه عمانوئيل، أي الله معنا. ولما قام يوسف من النوم، فعل كما أمره ملاك الرب وأخذ امرأته. ولم يعرفها، فولدت ابناً، وسماه يسوع.

حقاً والأمان لجميعكم

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her and she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

This is the truth! Peace be with you.

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah. Isaiah 7:10-16

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz: Ask for a sign from the Lord, your God; let it be deep as Sheol, or high as the sky! But Ahaz answered, "I will not ask! I will not tempt the Lord!" Then he said: Listen, house of David! Is it not enough that you weary human beings? Must you also weary my God? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign; the young woman, pregnant and about to bear a son, shall name him Emmanuel. Curds and honey he will eat so that he may learn to reject evil and choose good; for before the child learns to reject evil and choose good, the land of those two kings whom you dread shall be deserted.

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 you are interested.

50+ SOCIAL CLUB

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our Maronite brothers and sisters a Blessed Christmas.

Our group would also like to extend an invitation to those 50 and over to join us whenever you see an activity that may interest you in the bulletin. This club has no dues to pay.

Join us on Friday, January 5- the "Feast of the Three Kings" for 10:00 Liturgy at the Chapel followed by a pot luck lunch as we make plans for 2024.

Mary Ann Watson (mapw47@yahoo.com)

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I hope this finds you well.

The month of December is one where we celebrate the Birth of Our Lord, gather with family, and look forward to the coming of the New Year. It is a busy time for us, but it is also a time to give thanks for all the blessings we received during the year and also think about charitable giving.

This year, three new priests were ordained with one more being ordained this weekend. We also have five seminarians and five married men preparing for the priesthood which is a wonderful sign of the growth of our community, but it is also an expensive endeavor.

Our missions also continue to grow, and we have opened two new missions in two new states. We are happy to be able to serve our people across the country and help many people live and raise their families in the faith.

Our ministries also continue to serve the different areas of our Eparchy including our youth, young adults, family ministry, religious education, and much more.

We also support our brothers and sisters in need here, at home, and in Lebanon, Syria, and the Middle East.

The Eparchy is here to serve you, but we cannot continue our efforts without your support. I ask you to pray and reflect and if you, your family, or your friends would like to make a gift this year to the Eparchy, please follow the instructions below on how to donate online or mail a donation:

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Thank you for supporting us as we continue our ministry of service and care.

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

Gifts of the Altar: December 2023

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

Elias Said Sarrouh & Rachid Elias Sarrouh (Martha Sarrouh & family)

Nabil Daher (Lina Daher & family)

WINE in Memory of:

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

Elias Said Sarrouh & Rachid Elias Sarrouh (Martha Sarrouh & family)

Nabil Daher (Lina Daher & family)

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)

Elias Said Sarrouh & Rachid Elias Sarrouh (Martha Sarrouh & family)

Nabil Daher (Lina Daher & family)

In Thanksgiving

William & Denise Bishilany & family
Declan Gordon



December 10, 2023

GENERAL DEPOSIT	\$	2,205.00
Saturday 5:00 pm	\$	613.00
Sunday 9:30 am	\$	333.00
Sunday 11:00 am	\$	1,209.00
Online	\$	50.00



Thank you to our Social Committee along with our Mothers Club and all who worked so diligently to ensure the success of our Saint Maron Church Christmas Party last weekend.

Without your dedication and hard work it would not have been possible. There were over 450 people who attended with more than 100 of those being children.

A special thank you to “Santa” and all the happiness you brought the children and for kindly volunteering your time.



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