# **SAINT MARON CHURCH**

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# Glorious Epiphany of Our Lord

This week we begin a new season in our Maronite Church, the Glorious Epiphany of our Lord. The Feast of the Epiphany was first celebrated in the Eastern Church in the third century and eventually adopted in the Western Church. This feast is also known as the Theophany.

Epiphany is a Greek word which means a "manifestation" or an "apparition". In Syriac, this word is "Denho". Theophany means "an appearance of God". Epiphany because on this day we celebrate the appearance or manifestation of Christ among us as God's son and Theophany because for the first time in the Bible, the Holy Trinity was revealed, Father, Son and Holy Spirit at the Baptism of the Son.

The Epiphany water is blessed with a lighted charcoal which signifies the fire of the Spirit who entered the Jordan River at Christ's Baptism. In our Maronite liturgy, this is the meaning of the ritual of immersing the inflamed charcoal in the water. It is like mixing fire and water, the fire represents divinity and the water represents our life or the material world. Symbolically, when our Lord went into the water to be baptized by Saint John the Baptist, he sanctified the water, the essential element of life. The water symbolizes the origin of creation and of every creature which is in need of sanctification through the Holy Spirit.

This water is then sprinkled on the congregation by the priest reminding them of their own baptism in which they put on a robe of Christ and were cleansed from their original sin. The water is also taken home and can be sprinkled or consumed so that the Holy Spirit may sanctify us and our material world submitting everything to the will of God.

Every year we relive the baptismal rite by the renunciation of Satan and the profession of faith in the Epiphany rite on the eve of the Epiphany. Our ancestors kept the Maronite tradition of the Epiphany pastries, Zlaabyi and Awamet, alive. For three days, they worked on preparing these sweets and savory's. The dough which is dunked in the oil represents Christs' descent into the Jordan River. May the Divine presence of God be "Deyim, Deyim" in our lives forever.

**Clergy Rev. Fr. Elias Yazbeck: Administrator** Subdeacon Lattouf Lattouf Subdeacon Ghazi Faddoul Subdeacon Yamen Saada Subdeacon Mario Ghosn

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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 2ndWed. 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-Claire Naoum 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 Elasmar: 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

Father Elias is recuperating from a knee injury he received this past week.

Unfortunately he will not be at any Liturgies this weekend, however Fr. Lou has graciously agreed to celebrate Liturgy with us.

Please keep Fr. Elias in your prayers for a speedy recovery.

## Memorial Liturgies for 2024

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.

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Mem. Lit for			
Given by:			
Phone:			
Date:			
Time: Saturday 5:00 pm Chapel Sunday 9:30 am or 11:00 am			

## **Liturgy Intentions**

**Glorious Epiphany of Our Lord** 

Saturday January 6 Bring your bottle of water to be blessed.

**5:00 pm: Mem Lit for Elias, Tony, Minerva, and Georgette Naoum** (Claire Naoum and her children and their families)

Sunday January 7 Bring your bottle of water to be blessed.

9:30 am: Parishioners Intentions

**11:00 am: One Year Mem Lit for Subdeacon Georges Faddoul** (His children, Nada, Joe, Eli, and George, and the Faddoul and Elkhoury families)



Second Sunday of Epiphany

Saturday January 13

**5:00 pm: Forty Day Liturgy for Yvette Forcht** (The Forcht and Fuchs families)

**5:00 pm: Memorial Lit for Rochelle Weis** (Alice and Jeanette Kroyer)

Sunday January 14

9:30 am: Parishioners Intentions

**11:00 am: Forty Day Liturgy for George Mouawad** (His daughter Diana Nassar & her husband Eddie Nassar and their family)

This weekend we are pleased to have Fr. Lou Valone with us. As you know, Fr. Valone is a friend to St. Maron Church and will be the celebrant at all weekend Liturgies.

Thank you Fr. Lou for being here.

Feast of the Glorious Epiphany of our Lord		عيد الدنح المجيد		
From the letter of St. Paul to Titus	2:11-3:7	رسالة القدّيس بولس إلى طيطس		
يا إخوتي، إنَّ نِعْمَةُ اللهِ قَدْ ظَهَرَتْ خَلاصًا لِجَمِيعِ النَّاس، وهِيَ تُؤَدِّبُنَا لِنَحْيَا في الدَّهْر الحَاضِرِ بِرَزَانَة وبِرَ وتَقُوَى، نَابِذِينَ الكُفْرَ والشَّهَوَاتِ العَالَمِيَّة، مُنْتَظرينَ الرَّجَاءَ السَّعِد، وَظُهُورَ مَجْدٍ إلَّهنَا ومُنَلِّصنَا العَظيم يَسُوع المَسيح، الذي بَنَان نَفْسَهُ عَنَّا، لِيَقْتَدِيَنَا مِن كُلُ إِنَّم، وَيُطَهَرَنَا لِنَفْسِهِ شَعْبًا خَاصًّا، عَيُورًا على الأَعْمَالِ الصَّالِحَة. تَكَلَّمُ بِهذِهِ الأُمُورِ وَعِظْبِها، ووَبَحْ بِكُلَّ سُلطان. ولا يَسْتَعِنْ لِكَ أَحَد. وَذَكَرَ هُمْ أَنْ يَخْمَعُوا لِلرَّنَاسَاتِ والسَّلاطِين، ويُطِيعُوهُم، ويكُونُوا مستعين لِكُلِّ عَمَلٍ صَالِح، ولا يُجَدِفُوا على أَحَد، وَدَاعَة لِجَمِعِ النَّاس. وَدَاعَة لِجَمِع النَّاس. وَلَحَنْ نَتَى مَالِكِينَ فِي النَّاسِ الْعَنْدِينَ بِعُمْعَة وَهُم، ويَكُونُوا مُسْتَعِدِينَ لِكُلِّ عَمَلٍ صَالِح، ولا يُجَدِفُوا على أَحَد، ويَكُونُوا عَيْرَ مُنْعَرِينَ كُلُّ عَمَلٍ صَالِح، ولا يُجَدِفُوا على أَحَد، ويَكُونُوا عَيْرَ مُمَاحِكِين، خُلَمَاء، مُظْهِرِينَ كُلَّ وَدَاعَة لِجَمِع النَّاس. وَدَاعَة لِجَمِيع النَّاس. ولكَنْ لَمَا تَجَلَى لَطْفُ اللَهُ مُنْلِحَيناء، عاقِين، صَالِين، مُسْتَعْتَدِينَ لِشَتَهُ وَلَكَنَ فَقُلُ أَيْضاً كُنَا مِنْ قَبْلُ أَعْسَابُ عَنْ اللَّاسَ. ولكَن لَمَا تَجَلَى لَطْفُ اللَهُ مُنْتِعَينَ مِنْ عَلْنَابِ مُعَلِّلِنَامَ اللَّذِي أَقَضا، لَا مَعْنَ الْعَنْ وَ				
The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds. Declare these things; exhort and reprove with all authority. Let no one look down on you. Remind them to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work, to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show every courtesy to everyone. For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, despicable, hating one another. But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. <b>Praise be to God always!</b>				
From the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke	3:15	إنجيل القدّيس لوقا		
قال لوقا البشير، فيما كانَ الشَّعْبُ يَنتَظِر، والجَمِيعُ يَتَسَاءَلُونَ في قُلُوبِهم عَنْ يُرحَنَّا لَعَلَّهُ هُوَ المَسِيح، أَجَابَ يُوحَنَّا قَائِلاً لَهُم أَجْمَعِين: »أَنَا أُعَمَدُكُم بِالمَاء، ويَأْتي مَنْ هُوَ أَقُوْى مِنِّي، مَنْ لَسْتُ أَهْلاً أَنْ أَحْلَّ رِبَاطَ حِدَائِهِ. هُوَ يُعَمَدُكُم بِالرُّوح القُدُس والنَّارِ. وبِأَقُوَالِ أَخْرَى كَثَيْرَةٍ كانَ يُوحَنَّا يَعِظ الشَّعْبَ ويُنشَرُهُم وبِأَقُوَالِ أَخْرَى كَثَيرَةٍ كانَ يُوحَنَّا يَعِظ الشَّعْبَ ويُنشَرُهُم لكنَّ هيرُودُسَ رئِيسَ الرُّبِع، وقد كانَ يُوحَنَّا يُوَبِّحُهُ مِنْ أَجْلِ هِيرُودِياً آمْرَأَةِ أَخِيه، ومِنْ أَجْلِ كُلِّ الشَّرُورِ التَّذِي السَجْن. ولمَا أعْتَمَ الشُعْبُ كُلُّه، وآعَتَمَدَ يَسُوعُ أَيْفَنَا، وكَانَ يُصَبِّلُهُ مِنْ أَجْلِ هِيرُودِياً المَّرَاة ولمَا أعْتَمَدَ الشَّعْبُ كُلُّه، وآعَتَمَدَ يَسُوعُ أَيْفَى السَّعَاء ولمَا أعْتَمَد الشَّعْبُ كُلُّه، وآعَتَمَد يَسُوعُ أَيْفَا يُوحَنَّا يُونَيْنَهُ مَنْ أَجْلِ هِيرُودِيا آمْرَاة ولمَا أعْتَمَد الشَّعْبُ كُلُه، وآعَتَمَد يَسُوعُ أَيْضًا، وكانَ يُصَلِّي، ٱنفَقَحَتِ السَمَاء، ونزَنَ عَلَيْهِ الذَي في مُنْتَوى أَنْ السَمَاء ولمَا أعْتَمَد الشَّعْبُ كُلُه، وٱعْتَمَة مَابَق، وكانَ يُصَلِّي، ٱنفَقَحَتِ السَمَاء ولمَا أعْتَمَد الشَعْبُ كُلُه، وآعَتَمَة مَو عُلَقًا مُوحَاً المَنْ مُعَنْ أَعْلَا وَلَا المَنْ وَيَعَمَدُ السَعْمَة مَنْ أَجْلُكُمُ والسَّمَاء ولمَا أعْتُولُ المَعْتَى السَعْبُونَ عَمَدَة مَا أَعْتَمَة والْعَنْ وَالْنَا مَعْتَمَة ومَنْ أَعْنَ السَمَاء ولمَا أعْتُولُ اللَّعْتَمَة الشَعْبُ عُلُهُ واعْتَمَة وسُوعُ أَيْضًا، وكانَ يُصَلِي، السَعَاء ولامانُ المَعْنُ ال				
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As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people. But Herod the ruler, who had been rebuked by him because of Herodias, his brother's wife, and because of all the evil things that Herod had done, added to them all by shutting up John in prison. Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel. Ezekiel 36:22-28

Thus says the Lord God: Not for your sake do I act, house of Israel, but for the sake of my holy name, which you desecrated among the nations to which you came. But I will show the holiness of my great name, desecrated among the nations, in whose midst you desecrated it. Then the nations shall know that I am the Lord—oracle of the Lord God—when through you I show my holiness before their very eyes. I will take you away from among the nations, gather you from all the lands, and bring you back to your own soil. I will sprinkle clean water over you to make you clean; from all your impurities and from all your idols I will cleanse you. I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you so that you walk in my statutes, observe my ordinances, and keep them. You will live in the land I gave to your ancestors, you will be my people, and I will be your God. **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)**

<u>MANDATORY</u> 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 216-520-5081



#### 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. 216-520-5081



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

## 50+ SOCIAL CLUB

Join us on February 2nd as we meet for Liturgy at 10:00 am (Chapel), followed by Pizza and Salad Lunch and games.

Cost \$10 per person. Everyone is to "Bring your own Drink" and a game to play.

RSVP-Mary Ann @ 216-521-5481 No Later than January 29



Stella Jane Mary Badr and Ava Nawal Rafqa Badr received the Sacraments of Baptism and Chrismation on December 31, 2023

Daughters of Joseph Bechara Badr and Samantha Jane Goglin Badr



Poinsettia Plants may be removed from the church and chapel this weekend

Book & Cíné Club

Thursday January 11th

7:00 pm Parish Center (Independence)

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

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

Jeanette Elhindi (Adib & Nadine Elhindi)

**Deeb Tannous, wife Hannah & daughter Hend** (son Daas D. Tannous & 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)

Pauline Peters (John & Lorrie Peters)

Jeanette Elhindi (Adib & Nadine Elhindi)

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**Deeb Tannous, wife Hannah & daughter Hend** (son Daas D. Tannous & family)

#### In Thanksgiving

William & Denise Bishilany & family

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#### December 31, 2023

General Deposit:	\$4,997.00
Saturday 5:00 pm	\$1,668.00
Sunday 9:30 am	\$1,596.00
Sunday 11:00 am	\$1,733.00

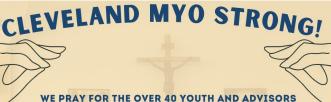
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JAN 6, 2024 UPDATE- 7:30 PM UPDATE-Z00M

MEETING ID: 966 6028 6251 PASSWORD: MYO

ALL MYO MEMBERS AND PARENTS ATTENDING THE REGIONAL RETREAT JANUARY 12-14, 2024 ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND!



WE PRAY FOR THE <u>OVER 40</u> YOUTH AND ADVISORS ATTENDING THE 2024 EPARCHY OF OLOL MYO REGIONAL RETREAT JANUARY 12-14 IN CENTERBURG, OH!

#### MAY THEY HAVE A FRUITFUL WEEKEND OF FAITH & FELLOWSHIP, AND MAY THE HOLY SPIRIT PROTECT THEM!

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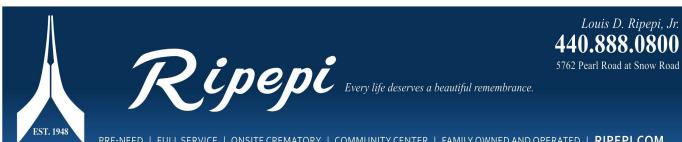
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