SAINT MARON CHURCH

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Commemoration of The Righteous & The Just

The Sunday of the 'Righteous and Just' reminds us of our call to holiness. God invites every Christian to lead a holy life. In this week, we recall all the people who have led a holy life and are now enjoying everlasting glory with God in the heavenly kingdom. We are reminded that the saints in heaven participate in the glory of the resurrection of our Lord and we can as well.

The Righteous and the Just are all the saints who are in heaven and they are our models. They could be our parents, relatives, and friends. Some saints have been pronounced saints officially by the Church after their death. The canonization process is a later addition in the Church. All those in heaven are saints and they can pray for us in heaven.

The Gospel for this Sunday is Matthew 25:31-46. It is the parable of the sheep and the goats. This Gospel is a window from Christ himself of what judgement is like. It is simple, when Christ comes, he will judge us on our love. Christian love requires us to see Christ in everyone, no matter who they are. Each of us must find how to live God's love in our own life.

As well as setting out how we will be judged and the criteria, the Gospel warns us about the possible outcomes of judgement. There will be a separation of the righteous sheep from the unrighteous goats. Although we are saved by faith alone, the good works we do here on earth are the outward sign of our faith as Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. The Gospel inspires us to prepare, so that when the time comes, we may be counted amongst the sheep on God's right hand and inherit his kingdom.

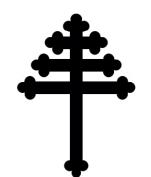
The Gospel is preparing us for Great Lent, drawing our focus on death, judgement, and the final destiny of our soul and of humankind. Great Lent is a preparation for the second coming of the Savior. We are being reminded to take heed of how we live now, because each moment counts towards our judgement and we will be asked about it. We need to examine ourselves in this lead up to Great Lent and look for those things causing us to fall short of God's love, so that we can make a genuine change. We are being reminded that each day and each hour counts.

We are being reminded of our collective responsibility as a nation, as a Church and as a world to consider how we deal with the weak and oppressed. We can assess our nation and our Church against the criteria of the Gospel. We can look at the world's slums, refugees, minorities and the poor. *Many of the canonized Maronite saints did small things which have had a huge impact after their death. St Charbel and St Rafqa are examples of the love of Christ and have inspired many back to God.*

Blessed Yacoub El Capuchi (Jacob the Capuchin), a missionary and preacher undertook construction of homes for the elderly, beggars, orphans and ageing priests. He set up health centers, hospitals and nursing homes. He dedicated his life to doing good. He worked for the dignity of all people, especially the poor, without distinctions based on religious belief. He became an example of dialogue and ecumenism based on the love of Christ. His Christian and religious witness became an example not only for the Maronite Church but for the whole Church.

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, 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 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

For the next two weeks we are pleased to welcome Fr. Patrick Kassab, from St. Raymond in St. Louis, who will be celebrating all of our Liturgies during Fr. Elias' recovery.

Please take a moment and introduce yourself to Fr. Patrick.

This weeks Second Collection is for Eparchial Charities

The Eparchial Charities Collection is what allows the Eparchy to contribute to the most in need causes served by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

> St. Ignatius High School Academic Achievements Honors List

Samuel Chalhoub Patrick Harb Julian El-Hayek Jacob Merheb

St. Maron Church is proud of these young men.

Liturgy Intentions

Commemoration of the Righteous & The Just

Saturday January 27

5:00 pm: Forty Day Liturgy for Simon Zarife (His family)

Sunday January 28

9:30 am: Parishioners Intentions

11:00 am: Forty Day Liturgy for Sam Daher (Marie and Aref Daher and family)

11:00 am: Mem Lit Nouha Nohra (Rebecca Abou Chedid)

11:00 am: Mem. Liturgy for Mikhail Koussa & Fahimeh Younan (Their daughters Noura Asaad and Ghada Khron and their families)

Next Week

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

Friday February 2: Presentation of the Lord in the Temple

6:00 pm CHAPEL

<u>Saturday February 3</u>

5:00 pm: Parishioners Intentions

<u>Sunday February 4</u>

9:30 am: Parishioners Intentions

11:00 am: Forty Day Liturgy for Emile Badih Jehi (His daughter Lara Jehi and her husband Charbel Nemer and his daughter Sanaa Jehi and their families)

11:00 am: Mem Lit. for Joseph Gantous (His wife and family)

Presentation of The Lord in the Temple

We will celebrate Liturgy on Friday February 2nd at 6:00 pm (CHAPEL)

Fr Elias Health Update:

Fr. Elias had knee surgery on Thursday, January 25th.

Per doctors orders, he must rest for the time being and although we are grateful for the outpouring of concern, we ask that you do not call or visit for the foreseeable time.

Thank you for all your prayers.

Sunday of the Righteous and the Just		أحد الأبرار والصديقين
From the letter to the Hebrews,	12:18-24	الرسالة إلى العبر انيّين
يا إخوَتِي، إِنَّكُم لَمْ تَفْتَرِبُوا إلى جَبَلٍ مَلْمُوس، ونار مُنَّقِدَة، وضَبَاب وظَلامٍ وزَوبَعَة، وهُتَافِ بُوق، وصَوتِ كَلِمَاتٍ طَلَبَ الَّذِينَ سَمِعُوهَا أَلاَّ يُزَادُوا مِنهَا كَلِمَة؛ لأَنَّهُم لَمْ يُطِيفُوا تَحَمُّلَ هذا الأَمْر: »ولَو أَنَّ بَهِيمَةً مَسَّتِ الحَبَلَ تُرْجَم. وكانَ المَنْظَرُ رَهِيبًا حَتَّى إِنَّ مُوسَى قال: »إنِّي خَائِفٌ ومُرْتَعِد. بَلِ آَقْتَرَبْتُم إلى جَبَلِ صِهْيُون، وإلى عديدة الأَمْر: »ولَو أَنَّ بَهِيمَةً مَسَّتِ الحَبَلَ تُرْجَم. كَنِيسَةِ الأَبْكَارِ المَنْظَرُ رَهِيبًا حَتَّى إِنَّ مُوسَى قال: »إنِّي خَائِفٌ ومُرْتَعِد. يَلُ آَقْتَرَبْتُم إلى جَبَلِ صِهْيُون، وإلى عدد اللهُ الحَيَّ، أورَشَلِيمَ السَّماوِيَّة، وإلى عَشَرَاتِ الأُلُوفِ منَ المَلائِكَة، وإلى عد كَنِيسَةِ الأَبْكَارِ المَكْثُوبِينَ في السُّماوَات، وإلى اللهِ ديَّانِ الحَمَّلِيمَ السَّماوِيَّة، وإلى عَشَرَات الأُلُوفِ منَ المَلائِكَة، وإلى عيدٍ حَافِل، وإلى كَنِيسَةِ الأَبْكَارِ المَكْثُوبِينَ في السُّماوَات، وإلى اللهِ ديَّانِ الجَمِيع، وإلى أَرُواحِ الأَبْرَارِ الَّذِينَ بَاغُوا الكَمَال، وإلى وسَعَدْ اللهُ عَنْ المَنْمُوسَ، والى والى اللهِ دينَان المَعْلَمُ فَوَ مِنْ المَلائِكَة، والى والى اللهِ ديَان يَسُوعَ، وإلى ذَمِ والى ذَمَ رَشٍ يَنْطِقُ بَكَلَمُ أَفْضَلَ مِنْ ذَمِ هَالِي اللهِ ديَّانِ المَاسَمَانِ المَوالَقَابَ ال		
You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death. "Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heaven-ly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the spirikled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. Praise be to God always!		
From the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthe	ew, 25:31-46	إنجيل القدّيس متّى
) مَجْدِهِ.» رَافَ مِنَ الجِدَاء. يَمِينِهِ: تَعَالَوا، يَا مُبَارَكِي أَبِي، رِثُوا المَلَكُوتَ المُعَدَّ لَكُم مُنْدُ يَبَّا فَأَوَ يْتُمُونِي، حَقَّ أَقُولُ لَكُم: كُلُّ مَا عَمِلْتُمُوهُ لأَحَدِ إِخْوَتِي هِؤُ لاءِ الصِّغَارِ، فَلِي يَتُمُونِي، و عُرُيانًا فَمَا كَسَوْ تُمُونِي، و مَرِيضًا و مَحْبُوسًا فَمَا وَ عَطْبُوانَ أَوْ عَرِيبًا أَو مَرِيضًا أَو مَحِبُوسًا فَمَا	كَةِ مَعَهُ، يَجْلِسُ على عَرْشِ ض، كَمَا يُمَتِزُ الرَّاعِي الْجَرِ يَنِنَذٍ يَقُولُ الْمَلِكُ لِلَّذِينَ عَنْ سُتُ فَسَقَيْتُمُونِي، وكُنْتُ عَر ، أو عُرْيَانًا فَكَسَوْنَاك؟ يُجِيبُ المَلِكُ ويَقُولُ لَهُم: أَلَ يَمُونِي، وكُنْتُ عَرَيبًا فَمَا آَوَ لأَحَدِ هؤُلَاءِ الصِّغَار، فلِي لأَحَدِ هؤُلاءِ الصِّغَار، فلِي	إِنْشَاءِ العَالَمِ؛ لأَنِّي جُعْتُ فَأَطْعَمْنَمُونِي، وعَطِّ و عُرْيَانًا فَكَسَوْ تُمُونِي، ومَريضًا فَزُرْ تُمُونِي، وهَ عَطْشَانَ فَسَقَيْنَاكَ؟ ومَتَى رَ أَيْنَاكَ غَرِيبًا فَآَوَيْنَاكَ ومَتَى رَ أَيْنَاكَ مَريضًا أَو مَحْبُوسًا فَأَتَيْنَا إِلَيْكَ؟ فَ عَمِلْتُمُوهِ! لأَنِّي جُعْتُ فَمَا أَطْعَمْنَمُونِي، و عَطِسْتُ فَمَا سَقَيْ

"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.



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 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

A Reading from the Book of Wisdom.

Then shall the righteous one with great assurance confront his oppressors who set at naught his labors. Seeing this, the wicked shall be shaken with dreadful fear, and be amazed at the unexpected salvation. They shall say among themselves, ruefuland groaning through anguish of spirit: "This is the one whom once we held as a laughingstock and as a type for mockery, fools that we were! His life we accounted madness, and death dishonored. See how he is accounted among the heavenly beings; how his lot is with the holy ones! We, then, have strayed from the way of truth, and the light of righteousness did not shine for us, and the sun did not rise for us. We were entangled in the thorns of mischief and of ruin; we journeyed through trackless deserts, but the way of the Lord we never knew. What did our pride avail us? What have wealth and its boastfulness afforded us? But the righteous live forever, and in the Lord is their recompense, and the thought of them is with the Most High. Therefore shall they receive the splendid crown, the beautiful diadem, from the hand of the Lord, For he will shelter them with his right hand, and protect them with his arm. **Praise be to God always.**

Wisdom 5:1-8;15-16



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<u>BENEDICTION AND</u> STATIONS OF THE CROSS

6:30 pm <u>DOWNTOWN</u>

February 16, 23

March 1, 8, 15, 22

Followed by meatless pot-luck

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

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

<u>ASH MONDAY</u>

The Divine Liturgy and the Ritual of the Distribution of Ashes will be celebrated on:

Monday February 12th

10:00 am: Chapel (Independence)

7:00 pm: St. Maron Church (Downtown)

All Maronites who are physically capable are to abstain from meat on Ash Monday (February 12th) and all Fridays of Lent.

Ash Monday and the Great Friday of the Crucifixion are also days of fasting. Fasting in the Maronite Church involves eating and drinking nothing at all (except water and medicine) from midnight until noon. The rest of the day normal meals can be taken, but without meat. All Maronites who are physically capable are to fast on these two days.

Immaculate Conception Sodality Gifts of the Altar: January 2024

BREAD in Memory of:

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)

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

Jeanette Elhindi (Adib & Nadine Elhindi)

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

In Thanksgiving

William & Denise Bishilany & family

Call or email the office if you are in need of a contribution statement for 2023. 216-520-5081 or saintmaroncleveland@gmail.com

The Sodality invites you to attend the Rosary Prayers and "Ziyah Al Adra" on Monday,

February 5th at 7:00 pm at the Chapel in Independence. Following will be meeting and a Pot Luck dinner at the Parish Center. Hope to see you there.

Theme: Lenten Season

New members are always welcome.



FRIDAY JANUARY 26TH JOIN THE

We invite you to join us to learn more about Saint Maron and the Maronite We look forward to seeing you all at 7 PM at the Parish Center in Food will be provided!

See you there!

January 21, 2024 **General Deposit:** \$1,620.00 Saturday 5:00 pm \$ 422.00 Sunday 9:30 am \$ 370.00 Sunday 11:00 am

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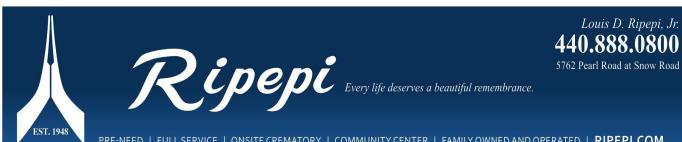
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