

SAINT MARON CHURCH

April 7, 2024

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New Sunday

Jesus told St. Faustina that this Feast of Mercy would be a very special day when "all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened". Our Lord made a great promise to all those souls who would go to Confession and then receive Him in Holy Communion on the Feast of Mercy, on the Sunday after Easter, which is Divine Mercy Sunday (New Sunday) throughout the Catholic Church.

Jesus promised that "The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain the complete forgiveness of sins and punishment." He went on to say "I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My Mercy."

We want to encourage everyone to take advantage of this incredible promise and the additional Plenary Indulgence on this great Feast of Mercy "Divine Mercy Sunday". We want you to benefit fully from these promises, and we also want you to notify all of your family and friends about them too and urge them to return to the practice of their faith!

Pope John Paul II said that the image portrays the Risen Jesus Christ bringing Mercy to the whole world. Our Lord said "I want the image to be solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter, and I want it to be venerated publicly so that every soul may know about it. I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish".

Jesus said to St. Faustina "I am offering people a vessel with which they are to keep coming for graces to the fountain of mercy. That vessel is this image with the signature: Jesus, I trust in You". "The two rays denote Blood and Water. The pale ray stands for the Water which makes souls righteous. The red ray stands for the Blood which is the life of souls. These two rays issued forth from the very depths of My tender mercy when My agonized Heart was opened by a lance on the cross. ...Happy is the one who will dwell in their shelter, for the just hand of God shall not lay hold of him."

About the feast day "Divine Mercy Sunday", Jesus said "...tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon the souls who approach the Fount of My Mercy. On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet.... Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy".

Our Lord said "When you go to confession, to this fountain of My mercy, the Blood and Water which came forth from My Heart always flows down upon your soul..." and "Every time you go to confession, immerse yourself entirely in My mercy with great trust, so that I may pour the bounty of My grace upon your soul. When you approach the confessional, know this, that I Myself am waiting there for you. I am only hidden by the priest, but I Myself act in your soul. Here the misery of the soul meets the God of mercy" Make your confession before Me. The person of the priest is... only a screen. Never analyze what sort of a priest that I am making use of; open your soul in confession to Me, and I will fill it with My light."

Clergy

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Liturgy Schedule

Mon, 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

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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– 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 Elasmr:

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



Welcome Fr. Nabil Habchi to Saint Maron Church.

We are so glad to have you visiting this weekend.



Mark your calendars for Sunday June 16th at 1pm.

We are having an Appreciation Luncheon for Fr. Elias before he leaves in early July for his next assignment.

More details coming soon.

Liturgy Intentions

New Sunday

Saturday April 6

5:00 pm: Three Day Mem Lit for Layla Touma who passed away in Lebanon
(Her sister Loumaya Farah and her family)

5:00 pm: Mem Lit for Munireh Koury
(The Koury Family)

Sunday April 7

9:30 am: Parishioners Intentions
11:00 am: Parishioners Intentions

Next Week

Saturday April 13

5:00 pm: Parishioners Intentions

Sunday April 14

9:30 am: Parishioners Intentions
11:00 am: Parishioners Intentions

IN SYMPATHY

Our deepest condolences to the family of **Paula Maroun**, wife of Mark and mother of Madeline and Maya. Daughter of Marghrit and the late Issa Adel Issa; sister of Adel Issa and Issam Issa. Daughter in law of Fariz and the late Madeline Maroun. Paula will be buried from St. Maron Church on Saturday April 6th.

Our deepest condolences to the family of **Layla Touma**, sister of Loumaya Farah, who died in Lebanon on April 4, 2024. A memorial liturgy in her memory will be held on Saturday April 6th at 5:00PM at the Chapel in Independence.

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

يا إخوتي،
 بما أننا نعرف مخافة الرب، نحاول أن نثبغ الناس. ونحن مغرورون لدى الله، ولكي أمل أن نكون مغرورين أيضاً في ضمائركم. ولأننا نعود فنوصيكم بأنفسنا، بل نعطيككم فرصة للإفتخار بنا تجاه الذين يفتخرون بالمظهر لا بما في القلب. فإن كنا مجانبين قلته، وإن كنا غفلاء فلاجلكم؛
 إن محبة المسيح تأسرننا، لأننا أدركنا هذا، وهو أن واحداً مات عن الجميع، فالجميع إذا ماتوا. لقد مات عن الجميع، لكي لا يخيا الأحياء من بعد لأنفسهم، بل للذي مات عنهم وقام من أجلهم. إذا فمئذ الآن نحن لا نعرف أحداً معرفة بشرية، وإن كنا قد عرفنا المسيح معرفة بشرية، فالآن ما عدنا نعرفه كذلك. إذا، إن كان أحد في المسيح فهو خلق جديد: لقد زال القديم، وصار كل شيء جديداً. وكل شيء هو من الله، الذي صالحنا مع نفسه بالمسيح، وأعطانا خدمة المصالحة؛ لأن الله صالح العالم مع نفسه بالمسيح، ولم يحاسب الناس على زلاتهم، وأودعنا كلمة المصالحة. إذا فحين سقراء المسيح، وكان الله نفسه يدعوكم بواسطةنا. فنسألكم باسم المسيح: تصالحوا مع الله! إن الذي ما عرف الخطيئة، جعله الله خطيئة من أجلنا، لنصير نحن فيه بر الله.

والتسبيح لله دائماً.

Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. **Praise be to God always!**

From the Holy Gospel according to Saint John

20:26-31

إنجيل القديس يوحنا

قال يوحنا الرسول:
 بعد ثمانية أيام، كان تلاميذ يسوع ثانية في البيت، وتوما معهم. جاء يسوع، والأبواب مغلقة، فوقف في الوسط وقال: «السلام لكم!» ثم قال ليوما: «هات إصبعك إلى هنا، وأنظر يدي. وهات يدك، وضعها في جثبي. ولا تكن غير مؤمن بل كن مؤمناً!» أجاب توما وقال له: «ربّي وإلهي!» قال له يسوع: «لأنك رأيتني أمنت؟ طوبى لمن لم يروا وأمنوا!» وصنع يسوع أمام تلاميذه آيات أخرى كثيرة لم تدون في هذا الكتاب. وإنما دونت هذه لكي تؤمنوا أن يسوع هو المسيح ابن الله، ولكي تكون لكم، إذا آمنتم، الحياة باسمه.

حقاً والأمان لجميعكم

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name. **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

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

**If you purchased an Easter flower,
please take one home next weekend
April 13-14.**

**Thank you again everyone who
helped to decorate our church and
chapel so beautifully.**

COFFEE AND DONUTS

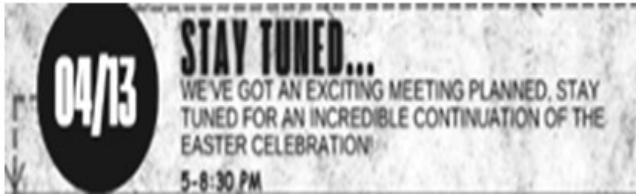
Stop by after Sunday Liturgy in the church basement for coffee, donuts and conversation.



A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah. 52:7-12

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the one bringing good news, Announcing peace, bearing good news, announcing salvation, saying to Zion, "Your God is King!" Listen! Your sentinels raise a cry, together they shout for joy, For they see directly, before their eyes, the Lord's return to Zion. Break out together in song, O ruins of Jerusalem! For the Lord has comforted his people, has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared his holy arm in the sight of all the nations; All the ends of the earth can see the salvation of our God. Depart, depart, go out from there, touch nothing unclean! Out from there! Purify yourselves, you who carry the vessels of the Lord. But not in hurried flight will you go out, nor leave in headlong haste, For the Lord goes before you, and your rear guard is the God of Israel. **Praise be to God always.**

MYO



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

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For more information you are also welcome to visit:

<https://www.orderstsharbel.org/>

We are sincerely thankful for your prayerful consideration of joining the
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AUGUST 17 & 18

Aitaneet Foundation Scholarship Announcement

Applicant must be of Lebanese Christian descent, a 2024 graduate of an accredited secondary school, and accepted to an accredited post-secondary education institution.

This year the following scholarships will be awarded:

\$2,000 Aitaneet Foundation Scholarship
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(Plus additional \$1,000 if Financial need demonstrated)
\$2,000 Edward Nahra Scholarship
\$1,000 Maroun F. Daher Scholarship

Selection based on academic achievement, extracurricular involvement, financial need, & service to school, church and community.

Completed applications must be postmarked No later than May 6th, 2024.

Recipients will be notified by June 17, 2024.

You can download the application from Google Drive at the following URL: <https://tinyurl.com/5dt2fubc>

For questions, call Jihad Kawkabani: (440) 544-6260 and leave a message or e-mail us at
aitaneetfoundation@yahoo.com.

Gifts of the Altar: April 2024

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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)

IN THANKSGIVING:

William & Samantha Bishilany & family

(William & Denise Bishilany & family)

Immaculate Conception Sodality

The Sodality invites you to attend the Rosary Prayers and “Ziyah Al Adra” on Monday, April 8th at 7:00 pm at the Chapel in

Independence. Following will be meeting and a Pot Luck dinner at the Parish Center. (IND)

Hope to see you there.

Theme: Spring



Recently a young man from Lebanon arrived in Ohio to do his medical residency and is in dire need of furniture and other household items, such as a bed, couch, kitchen utensils, towels, etc. **If you are able to donate, please call 216-631-4400.**

Thank you!!

NAM 2024 Convention!

Promotional poster for the 59th Annual NAM Convention in Detroit, Michigan, featuring a city skyline and a church.

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Midnight Liturgy	\$ 2,687.00
Sunday 9:30 am	\$ 1,387.00
Sunday 11:00 am	\$ 6,740.00
Online	\$ 625.00

Save the Date poster for Maronite Young Professionals on May 11, 2024, in Brecksville, Ohio.

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