

# SAINT MARON CHURCH

April 28, 2024

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## Fifth Sunday of the Resurrection

### How we became known as “Catholics” and “Christians”?

Before they were called Christians or Catholics, Jesus’ earliest disciples were known as “People of the Way.” This is likely because Jesus called Himself “the way, the truth, and the light” (John 14:6). Many names were used to describe the followers of Jesus in the early days before the term “Christians” stuck.

Acts Chapter 9, the story of St. Paul’s conversion, says, “But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest, and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to **The Way**... he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.”

Later, the “People of the Way” would come to be universally known as “Christians.” The name “Christian” comes from the Greek word *Christianos*, which means “Follower of Christ.”

So how *did* Christians become known as “Catholics”?

The Greek word for “church” is *katholikos*, which translates to “universal.” The word “catholic” comes from *katholikos*. Since the true Church is universal, “making disciples of all nations” as Jesus commanded (Matthew 28:19), the precise wording “Catholic Church” is fitting. It simply affirms that she is the “Universal Church,” the true Church established by Christ.

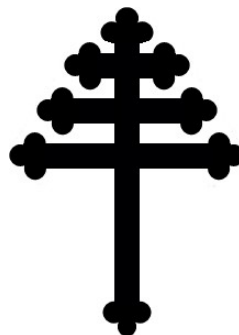
So, we are “Christians”—those who follow Christ—and we are also “Catholic,” that is, members of the one universal and undivided Church united throughout the whole world thanks to the evangelization of the Apostles and their successors.

### Clergy

Rev. Fr. Elias Yazbeck: Administrator  
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### Chapel & Mailing Address

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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

## Liturgy Intentions

### Fifth Sunday of the Resurrection

#### Saturday April 27

**5:00 pm: Mem Lit for Edward Martovitz, Sr.**  
(His children)

**5:00 pm: Mem Lit for John Estephan and Michel Estephan**  
(Margo and Stephanie Estephan and family)

#### Sunday April 28

**9:30 am: Mem Lit for George & Roma Sessin**  
(Their children & their families)

**11:00 am: Forty Day Liturgy for Marcelle Nahra**  
(Her children, Thomas Nahra, Arlette Youssef and family and her brother Bechara Hatoum, MD. and family)

## Next Week

### Sixth Sunday of the Resurrection

#### Saturday May 4

**5:00 pm: Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary Lit for Nabil & Diane Maroun**  
(Their children and grandchildren)

#### Sunday May 5

**9:30 am: Parishioners Intentions**

**11:00 am: Mem Lit for Emmanuel Touma**  
(His wife Amal and family)

Welcome

Welcome Fr. Roger Chukri to  
Saint Maron Church this weekend.

Save  
the  
Date

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

We are having an  
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 وأنتم، فقد كنتم أمواتاً بزلاتكم وخطاياكم، التي سلكنتم فيها من قبل بحسب إله هذا العالم، بحسب رئيس سلطان الجور، أي الروح الذي يعمل الآن في أبناء العنسيان؛ ومنهم نحن أيضاً جميعاً قد سلكننا من قبل في شهوات إنساننا الجسدي، عاملين برغباته وأفكاره، وكنا بالطبيعة أولاد الغضب كالباقين؛ لكن الله، وهو الغني برحمته، فليكثره محبته التي أحبنا بها، وقد كنا نحن أيضاً أمواتاً بزلاتنا، أحياناً مع المسيح، وبالنعمة أنتم مخلصون؛ ومعهُ أماناً وأجلستنا في السموات في المسيح يسوع، ليظهر في الأجيال الآتية عنى نعمته الفائقة، بأطفه لنا في المسيح يسوع.  
 فبالنعمة أنتم مخلصون بواسطة الإيمان: وهذا ليس منكم، إنه عطية الله. ولا هو من الأعمال، لئلا يفخر أحد؛ لأننا نحن صنعناه، قد خلقنا في المسيح يسوع للأعمال الصالحة، التي سبق الله فأعدّها لكي نسلك فيها.  
 والتسبيح لله دائماً.

You were dead through the trespasses and sin in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ— by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way.  
**Praise be to God always!**

إنجيل القديس يوحنا  
 قال يوحنا الرسول:  
 بعدَ الغداء، قال يسوع لسمعان بطرس: «يا سمعان بن يونا، أُنحِبِّي أكثرَ ممَّا يُحِبِّي هؤلاء؟». «قال له: «نعم، يا رب، أنت تعلم أيّ أحبُّك». «قال له يسوع: «إزع حُملاي»  
 قال له مرّة ثانية: «يا سمعان بن يونا، أُنحِبِّي؟». «قال له: «نعم يا رب، أنت تعلم أيّ أحبُّك». «قال له يسوع: «إزع نعاجي»  
 قال له مرّة ثالثة: «يا سمعان بن يونا، أُنحِبِّي؟». «فحزن بطرس، لأن يسوع قال له ثلاث مرّات: أُنحِبِّي؟ فقال له: «يا رب، أنت تعلم كلّ شيء، وأنت تعرف أيّ أحبُّك». «قال له يسوع: «إزع جرافي»  
 الحقّ الحقّ أقول لك: حين كنت شاباً، كنت تشدُّ جزامك بيديك وتسير إلى حيث تُريد. ولكن حين تشيخ، ستبسُّط يديك وآخر يسدُّ لك جزامك، ويذهب بك إلى حيث لا تُريد»  
 قال يسوع ذلك مشيراً إلى المينة التي سيَمجدُ بها بطرس الله. ثم قال له: «إتبغني!»  
 حقاً والأمان لجميعكم

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.” A second time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.” He said to him the third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.” (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “Follow me.”

**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  
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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. 216-520-5081



***Confession***

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



Pick up the latest edition of the Maronite Voice in the vestibule of the Chapel and Church.

***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 Ezekiel.**

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 23-25

For thus says the Lord God: Look! I myself will search for my sheep and examine them. As a shepherd examines his flock while he himself is among his scattered sheep, so will I examine my sheep. I will deliver them from every place where they were scattered on the day of dark clouds. I will lead them out from among the peoples and gather them from the lands; I will bring them back to their own country and pasture them upon the mountains of Israel, in the ravines and every inhabited place in the land. In good pastures I will pasture them; on the mountain heights of Israel will be their grazing land. There they will lie down on good grazing ground; in rich pastures they will be pastured on the mountains of Israel. I myself will pasture my sheep; I myself will give them rest—oracle of the Lord God. The lost I will search out, the strays I will bring back, the injured I will bind up, and the sick I will heal; but the sleek and the strong I will destroy. I will shepherd them in judgment. I will appoint one shepherd over them to pasture them, my servant David; he shall pasture them and be their shepherd. I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David will be prince in their midst. I, the Lord, have spoken. I will make a covenant of peace with them and rid the country of wild beasts so they will dwell securely in the wilderness and sleep in the forests  
**Praise be to God always**



# JOIN THE ICS and

First communicants

May 26th During the 11:00 am  
Liturgy

Rehearsal May 25th at 10:30 am  
Downtown

All first communicants are invited to participate from St. Maron MCFP as well as children who received holy eucharist from their catholic school.

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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, May 6th at 7:00 pm at the Chapel in Independence.

Theme: Mothers/Daughters

New members are always welcome.

## 50+ SOCIAL CLUB

Join us on Friday, May 3 as we tour the Wyandot Popcorn Museum and (President) Harding Hall. We will stop on our way for lunch at Lyn-Way Restaurant.

Admission of \$5 will be collected before we leave.

We will leave **promptly** at 10:30 am from the Parish Center in Independence.

Absolutely NO RSVP's after Monday, April 29 will be accepted at 216-521-5481.

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|                | Saturday 5:00 pm | \$ 674.00   |
|                | Sunday 9:30 am   | \$ 541.00   |
|                | Sunday 11:00 am  | \$ 969.00   |

## BUNCO Party!

Have fun playing a social dice game while raising money for Kiwanis-sponsored charities! Win-win! Bunco prizes & door prizes!

Light lunch served at 1 PM. Play begins at 1:30 PM.

Ages 5-95 can play! There will be a Bunco refresher during lunch. You can also check out game rules on the Kiwanis website: [www.independencekiwanis.com/event/BUNCO](http://www.independencekiwanis.com/event/BUNCO) or <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XhOnraJx9v8>

Purchase tickets on the Kiwanis website beginning in April or by calling Mary Lee Gorbett at 216-225-8902.

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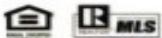
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