

Maronite Synaxarion



Our Lady of the Cedars of Mount Lebanon
 MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH
 كنيسة سيّدة أرز جبل لبنان المارونيّة

PASTOR:

FATHER RONALD EID (330) 666-3598 EXT. 100

Welcome New Parishioners
 Please register at our parish office

PARISH OFFICE HOURS TUESDAY – FRIDAY
 9:00AM – 1:00PM

DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday 8:30am. & 11:00am
 Monday No Service
 Tuesday 9:00am
 Wednesday 9:00am
 Thursday No Service
 Friday 9:00am
 Saturday 9:00am

CONFESSION

Available following Saturday
 Divine Liturgy
 or by appointment

SACRAMENTS

Baptism & Chrismation
 Contact the Parish Office

Marriage
 Contact the Parish Office at least
 6 months before the wedding

Sick Calls & Anointing
 Notify Fr. Ron
 Through the Parish Office

DEACON Thomas Maroon, Sr.

SUBDEACON Paul Boulos
SUBDEACON Chuck Abraham

CAREGIVERS Chuck Abraham

Website:
www.Ourladyofthecedarschurch.org

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Ourladyofthecedarschurch@gmail.com

Banquet Hall / Caterer:

Tangier at the Cedars
 Angelica George
 (330) 418-4778



February 23, 2025

**Sunday of the
 Faithful Departed**

“Moreover,
 between us and
 you a great
 chasm is
 established...”

Luke 16:26



507 SOUTH CLEVELAND-MASSILLON ROAD, FAIRLAWN, OHIO 44333

<p>Sunday, February 23rd 8:30am Randa Makhoul Feghali by the Stewart family Deceased members of the Boulos family by Sdn. Paul and Gena Boulos 11:00am Sophie Massoud by Barbara Foster Raymonda Farid Aoun by Hoda Choueiry</p>	<p>St. Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna, Martyr</p>
<p>Monday, February 24th No Service</p>	<p>St. Margaret, the Penitent</p>
<p>Tuesday, February 25th No Service</p>	<p>St. Felix II, Pope</p>
<p>Wednesday, February 26th 9:00am Divine Liturgy Bonnie Guiney by Deacon Tom and Bernie Maroon</p>	<p>St. Porphyrius, Bishop of Gaza St. Alexander, Bishop of Alexandria</p>
<p>Thursday, February 27th No Service</p>	<p>St. Thalaleus</p>
<p>Friday, February 28th 9:00am Divine Liturgy Yvonne and Tom Jesser by Sdn. Paul and Gena Boulos</p>	<p>St. Koura and St. Marana, Virgins. Disciples of St. Maron</p>
<p>Saturday, March 1st 9:00am Divine Liturgy Laurice Mourad and family by Sdn. Chuck and Mary Beth Abraham</p>	<p>St. Domnina. The Guardian Angel</p>
<p>Sunday, March 2nd 8:30am Jane Hamad by Sandy Hamad Vocations to the Priesthood by Living Bread Radio 11:00am Emile Abou Chehade by Nina and Roger Hamad (2 yr. Anniversary)</p>	<p>Our Father St. John Maron, Patriarch of Antioch</p>

**Please don't forget to offer intentions for your Loved ones; living or deceased.
 We believe in the Power of the Eucharist**

READINGS

THIS SUNDAY

Sunday of the Faithful Departed

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Luke 16:19-31

EPISTLE READERS

Sunday, February 23

8:30am – Erica Peters
11:00am – Layla Roland

Sunday, March 2

8:30am – Cynthia Maroon
11:00am – Michelle Reyes

Sunday, March 9

8:30am – Stephanie Hamad
11:00am – Monique Binkley

Sunday, March 16

8:30am – Tom Jesser, Jr.
11:00am – Mike Kelly

Coming Events

Parish Advisory Board Meeting – TBA

Ladies' Guild Meeting – 3-2-2025

Men's Club Meeting - TBA

Caregivers' Meeting - 3-2-2025

(Following 8:30 Liturgy)

Next special collection:

March 2nd
Caritas Lebanon

March 3-April 20
Eparchial Development Appeal

**Next First Friday Divine Liturgy
And Adoration
will be held on
Friday, March 7th**

Counting our Blessings

Weekly Collection

February 16, 2025

\$2,217.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Electronic Giving

If you would like to make your Sunday contributions, or give a donation please scan the QR Code below:



May the souls
of the faithful
departed,
through the
Mercy of God,
rest in peace,
Amen.



*Through Christ, we both have access to
the Father in one Spirit*

Ep 2: 18

Jesus, born in Bethlehem
small, vulnerable, poor
in a dependent relationship
towards men.
He is given to them.
There He begins
to DWELL among them,
to be welcomed by them,
to welcome them poor and rich,
to be the goal of their walk,
of their amazed adoration.
Breaking point between the night
and the light.

Bethlehem, abyss of purity,
of silence and love.
Overshadowed by the Spirit of God,
Mary receives the eternal Word,
in her spirit, her heart, her body.
She keeps it, lives it, begets it, adores it.

Bethlehem, stable,
cave open to the shepherds
and to the wise men:
worshippers whom the Father seeks
and leads,
to whom He reveals his Son.

*Sister Marie
October 1975*

Dear Fr. Ron and beloved Our Lady of the Cedars parish Family,

I hope this finds you very well in the grace and spirit of this Year of Hope!

It's hard for me to believe that it has been over a year since I entered the Monastery! I am so happy and grateful to have this opportunity to follow God's call. I thank you again with all my heart for your help, support, and prayers on this journey.

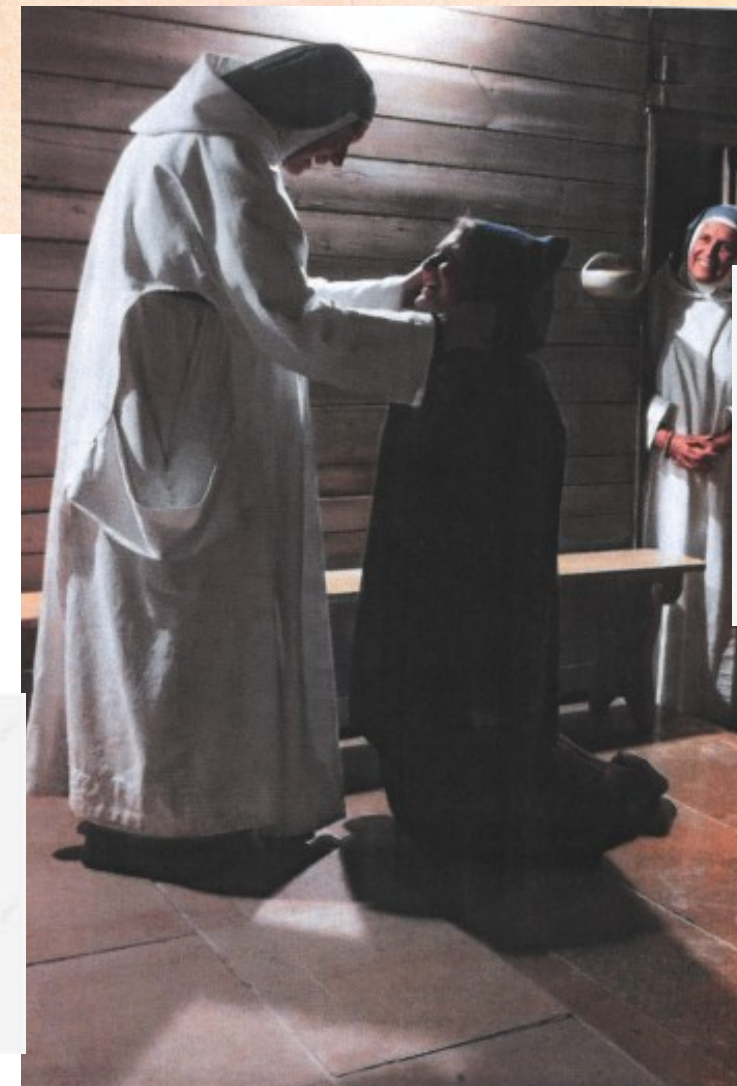
I am receiving my formation in one of our Monasteries in the Alps of France, and am grateful to be learning a lot in this experience. Enclosed is a photo from when I received my "meiotte" (my first monastic hood). It was a very happy day for me and for the community.

I pray for you and for your intention in a heart of gratitude and love. Please continue to pray for me too.

God loves you!

Be blessed,

Mary Woods



God Bless
Mary
Woods
In her
Vocation.





**OUR LADY OF THE CEDARS
FRESH BAKED FATAYER & KIBBEH SALE**
SPONSORED BY THE LADIES' GUILD

FATAYER

1 dozen spinach \$18.00

1 dozen meat \$20.00

KIBBEH

1 piece ... \$5.00

9 pieces (1/2 Tray) ... \$ 45.00

18 pieces (full tray) ... \$85.00

Order pick-up: Saturday, March 1st 10:00AM – 1PM

ORDERS MUST BE PLACED BY
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST, 2025

ORDER ONLINE AT: thelebanesefoodfestival.com
PAYMENT WITH CREDIT CARD THROUGH PAYPAL
DUE AT TIME OF ORDER

Order by phone:

Call Nina 330-338-2051

PICK-UP DETAILS

Our Lady of the Cedars Church Lobby
507 S. Cleveland Massillon Rd., Fairlawn, OH 44333



From the Desk of The Pastor



The Super Bowl and the Power of Gratitude

Last Sunday, like millions across the country, I tuned in to watch the Super Bowl—an intense battle between the Chiefs and the Eagles. The Eagles emerged victorious, but what truly caught my attention was not just the game itself, but the response of Eagles' coach Nick Sirianni after the win.

The moment the game ended, Sirianni looked up to the sky and thanked God. And in his post-game interview, the very first words he spoke were, "First, I want to thank God." What a powerful witness! In the excitement of victory, he did not forget the One who grants all blessings.

But he didn't stop there. When asked about the great victory, he humbly responded, "You cannot be great without the greatness of others." These words struck me deeply. How true this is—not only in sports but in every aspect of life, especially in our faith and our Church!

Whenever we accomplish something—whether it's a successful parish festival, a beautiful liturgy, or a growing faith community—we must first lift our eyes to heaven and thank God. Every blessing, every achievement, and every success is a gift from Him. But we must also recognize those around us who contribute to that success. No one achieves greatness alone. In the Church, we are one body, and each person—volunteers, clergy, parishioners—plays a vital role.

As we move forward as a parish, let us remember this lesson from the Super Bowl: Always begin with gratitude to God, and always acknowledge the greatness of those who serve alongside us. When we do that, we are not just building a strong team—we are building the Kingdom of God.

God bless you all,
Fr. Ronald

St. John Maron

Saint John Maron is said to have been born in Sarum, a village near Antioch, in the first quarter of the seventh century during the war between the Romans and the Persians. His family lineage is connected to the kings of France, as one of its members came to Syria to serve the Eastern Roman (Byzantine) Empire, married in Antioch, and had several children, including John.

John received his early education in Antioch before pursuing advanced studies at the Monastery of St. Maron, which is located in the Apamea in Northern Syria, near present-day Qala'at-Al-Modeeq, northwest of Hama. Here, he mastered various subjects including mathematics, philosophy, theology, linguistics, and Sacred Scripture. The Monastery of St. Maron, known as "Beit Maron" in Aramaic, which means the "house of Maron", served as the center for Catholic Church teachings in the region. From the fifth to the tenth centuries, Beit Maron played a crucial role in defending, promoting, and disseminating the dogma of the Council of Chalcedon amidst the challenges posed by the Jacobites (the non-Chalcedonian followers of the Church of Antioch), and the Monophysite (one nature) and Monothelite (one will) heresies. Over fifty monasteries in Syria and Antioch looked to Beit Maron for leadership and direction. It was here that John took his monastic vows and was ordained as a priest, adopting the monastic name John Maron. He traveled all over Syria and around Antioch where he lectured and defended the Chalcedonian Dogma.

At the end of the seventh century, the Church of Antioch was in great turmoil, especially after the wars between Byzantium and the Muslims, which left the patriarchal see in Antioch vacant. Due to persecution, John Maron left Antioch for the Monastery of Saint Maron al-Aassi, and from there to the village of Kfarhay near the Lebanese city of Batroun, where he established the Monastery of "Reesh Moran," meaning "Head of Maron." In this monastery, the skull of the founder of the Maronite Church, Saint Maron, is preserved, which tradition says the Maronites carried with them from Syria to Lebanon during times of persecution. In the year 676, he was appointed bishop Over the Batroun region.

In these turbulent political and social circumstances, the Maronite community took the initiative in the year 685 and elected John Maron as their patriarch to fill the vacant See of Antioch. Their organized church around their monasteries and priests helped them make this decision. By this, the Maronite Community became established as an organized church and Lebanon became a geographical center of influence for Maron's family of faith.

Being the remarkable shepherd and leader he was, John Maron, the first patriarch of the Maronite Church, undertook the task of organizing the Maronite Church, appointing bishops and priests and establishing churches and monasteries. This endeavor continued until his passing in 707 when he was laid to rest in the monastery of Kfarhay, which had assumed the role of a patriarchal seat by then and is presently recognized as the Monastery of Saint John Maron



THINK ABOUT HOLY LENT



**** Ash Monday will be March 3rd, 2025. Liturgy will be celebrated at 7:00pm, followed by distribution of ashes.**

****Every Friday, we will pray the Way of the Cross and Benediction with the Cross at 6:00pm, followed by a simple meatless meal.**

**Make a commitment to attend as many Fridays during Lent as possible.
Volunteers are needed to take turns hosting a Friday meatless meal.
Please sign up below.**

Volunteers to Provide and Serve Meatless meals on Fridays in Lent:

Week 1 – March 7th _____

Week 2 – March 14th _____

Week 3 – March 21st _____

Week 4 – March 28th _____

Week 5 – April 4th _____

Week 6 – April 11th _____

Week 7 – April 18th **Great Friday – No Meatless Meal.**

The meatless meals are meant to be something simple such as soup, salad, bread or any ethnic favorite that is without meat.

Thank you for your commitment!