

THE PARISH OF Saint Maron

LITURGIES

Weekdays

- 8:30 a.m. Tuesdays & Thursdays
- 7:00 p.m. Wednesday following with Holy Hour
- No Liturgy on Mondays (Except Holy Days)
- Fridays at noon; no liturgies on legal holidays

Weekends

- Saturday evening at 4:30 p.m.
- Sunday morning at 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

CONFESSION

Every Saturday at 3:30 p.m. • Wednesdays 8:00 p.m.
Sundays 30 mins. before Liturgy, or by appointment

COMMUNION CALLS FOR SHUT-INS

Conducted weekly. Please contact the Parish office
to arrange for special visits.

HOSPITAL CALLS

If someone is in the hospital, please call the Parish office.

Maronite Center: 330-792-7671

Antonine Sisters: 330-538-9822

Adult Daycare: 330-538-9822

Music Director: Micky Hafely 330-272-7557

Pastor: Rev. Tony Massad

Deacon: William George

Subdeacon: James Essad

Director of Religious Education:

Sr. Samia Abou-Shakra

PRAYER LINE

Please call the office with names of family and friends in
need of our prayers.

MYSTERIES OF INITIATION (BAPTISM AND CHRISMATION)

Arrangements for these Mysteries must be preceded by
instructional classes for parents and sponsors.
(One sponsor must be an active Catholic and both
sponsors must be 18 years or older.) It is desirable that
classes be taken when a couple learns of pregnancy.
Sponsorship forms are required for sponsors. Contact
Fr. Tony Massad for instructions.

MARRIAGES

The couple themselves should contact the Parish office
at least **six months** in advance.

FUNERAL LITURGY AND PRAYER SERVICES

Have the funeral director contact the Parish Office directly.
Pastor must be consulted to set times for Prayer Service
and Funeral Liturgies. The regular Parish Liturgy will be
cancelled on the day of the funeral, on weekdays only.

MARONITE CATHOLIC FORMATION (MCF)

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DIVINE LITURGIES



We pray the Rosary in church every Saturday at 4:10 pm and before weekday liturgies at 8:10 am on Tuesday and Thursday and at 11:40 am on Friday.

We also pray the Rosary every Wednesday at 6:15 pm in the church and on Facebook.

SAT 03 OCT / 3rd SUNDAY AFTER HOLY CROSS / St. Dionysius / St. Mother Théodore Guérin
4:30 PM

+ Happy Remembrance of **Jane Essad Vigorito** by Carol Essad
 + Repose of **Wafra Joseph** by Victoria Rance

SUN 04 OCT / 3rd SUNDAY AFTER HOLY CROSS / St. Francis of Assisi
8:30 AM

+ Repose of **Paul McGee** by The Calko Family
 + Repose of **Mike & Virginia George** by Family

11:00 AM

+ Repose of **Tony Khazaka** by Najib and Silva Ghossain
 + Repose of **William Michael** by Joe & Marilyn Joseph

MON 05 OCT / St. Paul, the Simple / Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos
NO LITURGY

TUE 06 OCT / St. Thomas
NO LITURGY

WED 07 OCT / 07:00 PM / Sts. Sarkis and Bacchus
NO LITURGY

THU 08 OCT / 8:30 AM / St. Pelagia of Antioch
 + In Prayers for **The Living and Deceased Members of Thomas (Abe) and Catherine (Kay) Abraham's family** by The children of Abe and Kay Abraham

FRI 09 OCT / 12:00 PM / St. James
 + In Prayers for **The Homeless, The Poor, and End Abortion** by John Abbas, Jr.†

SAT 10 OCT / 4th SUNDAY AFTER HOLY CROSS /
St. Eulampius and His Sister Eulampia and Their Companions

4:30 PM
 + In Prayers for **The Living and Deceased Members of the Hammond Family** by Carol Essad
 + Repose of **Father & Grandfather Richard Beshara & Uncle Joseph Bukovinsky** by the Cuddy Family

SUN 11 OCT / 4th SUNDAY AFTER HOLY CROSS / St. Philip / Pope St. John XXIII
8:30 AM

+ Repose of **Steve Welcsh** by Mark & Anne-Marie Luchansky
 + Repose of **Subdeacon Albert Dohar** by Frances Sarkis

11:00 AM

+ Repose of **Rosemary Raver** by Yvonne Marzano
 + Repose of **Dr. Elias Saadi** by Dr. Kenneth & Lisa Emch, and Family



Remember in your prayers

SHUT-INS AT HOME:

Ann Detec, Marie Eckenrode, Dorothy Fares,
 Joann Knuth, Vail Rohan, Frank Santisi, Jr.

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Dan 7:9-14; Phil 3:17-4:1;
 Mt 24:23-31



Lectors - October 3 & 4

Saturday

4:30 pm: Christopher Brocious
 / Madeline Clarke

Sunday

8:30 am: Thomas Calko
 / Theresa Calko

11:00 am: Alexander Simon
 / Skylar Hollyman

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Gen 41:38-44; 1 Thes 5:1-11;
 Mt 24:45-51



Lectors - October 10 & 11

Saturday

4:30 pm: Mike Dohar
 / Carol Essad

Sunday

8:30 am: Michelle Cooper
 / Beverly Mike-Nard

11:00 am: Kalyn Sharrow
 / MCF (Grades 3 & 4)

ALTAR SERVERS

THIS WEEK - Oct. 3 & 4

Sat. - 4:30 pm Volunteers
Sun. - 8:30 am Joe / Anna
11:00 am Volunteers



NEXT WEEK - Oct. 10 & 11

Sat. - 4:30 pm Volunteers
Sun. - 8:30 am Christa / Charbel
11:00 am Volunteers

Ushers:

Sat: Michael Essad, Bill Alexander,
 Buddy Rezek and volunteers, please
Sun: John Farris and Volunteers, please



Please pray for

the following people who have died
 in the past years
 October 3 - 9

Habaca Michael, Dib Basbous,
 Fred Farris, Virginia George,
 Carol Desmond, George Nassif,
 Belinda Joseph, Rose Barak,
 Kalim Hayek, Nemtallah Hayek,
 Ciceban Mike Anton,
 Fahime Abraham, John C. Bishara,
 Mary Dohar, Mary George Kerola,
 Mary Abood, Catherine Nakley,
 William "Bill" George

For emergencies,
 Please contact:
 Fr. Tony Massad at (810) 691-7055

SANCTUARY CANDLES - OCTOBER

- ◆ In Loving Memory of **Joseph Bukovinsky & Richard Beshara**
by Bukovinsky Family
- ◆ In Loving Memory of **David Joseph Basile**
by Mom, Dad & Family
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by Mom, Dad & Family

ALTAR WINE - OCTOBER

- ◆ In Loving Memory of **John Charles Bishara** by Family

ALTAR BREAD - OCTOBER

- ◆ In Loving Memory of **Amelia Yazbek** by Marian & Sarah Yazbek

Happy Birthday!

- Oct 03 Anna Choufani, Emma Choufani, Dennis Judy, Karlina Ruffo
- Oct 04 Thomas Banna, Beverly Saadey
- Oct 05 Gabriella Chahine
- Oct 06 George Abi-Habib, Brian Zidian, Jr.
- Oct 08 Elias Boulos, Jr.
- Oct 09 Jacob Dohar



Happy Anniversary!

- Oct 04 Joseph & Nicole Cataline (1 Year)
- David & Michele TouVelle (46 Years)
- Oct 06 Waleed & Roula Saab (30 Years)
- Oct 07 Matthew & Shelby Krause (9 Years)
- Oct 08 Damon & Nicole Dohar (21 Years)



GOSPEL OF THE WEEK

In this week's Gospel, Mt 24:23-31, reminds us that as followers of Christ, we must remain watchful and faithful, especially when surrounded by confusion, fear, and voices that claim to speak in the name of God.



Jesus warns us about false messiahs and false prophets because not everything that appears spiritual or miraculous comes from Him. In the Maronite church, this passage calls us back to the stability of our faith: Christ, His Gospel, the Divine Liturgy, the Holy Eucharist, prayer, and the teachings handed down through the Church. Jesus tells us that His coming will be unmistakable, like lightning that shines from one end of the sky to the other. We therefore should not become obsessed with predicting the end of the world or interpreting every event as a sign, but should concentrate on living faithfully today. The Gospel also reminds us that suffering and darkness do not have the final victory.

Weekly Financial Report

09/27/2026

Offertory Collection (66 envelopes used of 258)	\$4,776.00
Candles	\$172.00
Needy (2 envelopes)	\$50.00
Online Offerings (4 envelopes)	\$225.00

Thank you for your generous donations!

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- Fall FunFest Potluck** - Friday, Oct. 16th at 6 pm (AH)
- MYO Teen Catechism** - Sunday, Oct. 18th (between Liturgies)
- Bible Study** - Every Tuesday, Oct. 20th till Dec. 8th at 6:30 pm (AH)
- Silver Bullets** - Wednesday, Oct. 28th after the 11 am Liturgy
- Red Cross Blood Drive** - Tuesday, Nov. 10th (9am - 2pm) (AH)
- MYA Thanksgiving Gathering** - Friday, Nov. 20th
- Christmas Wreath Making** - Sunday, Nov. 22nd (2-4 pm) (AH)
- Education Foundation Fundraiser** - Saturday, Jan. 16th, at 6 pm (MC)

FALL FUNFEST POTLUCK & CHILI COOK-OFF

Come celebrate the beauty of fall with our St. Maron Church Fall FunFest Potluck!



Join us on Friday, October 16th, at 6 pm at the Antioch Hall for a wonderful evening of food, music, and family fun. Bring a dish to share (No desserts please) or a crockpot of chili to enter in our Chili Cook-Off, with 3 winners to be selected! There will also be Harvest Bingo, pumpkin decorating for children and adults, hot chocolate bar, hot apple cider, donuts, and pumpkin pie, along with music for everyone to enjoy. This is a wonderful opportunity to gather as a parish family and enjoy a fun fall afternoon together. Sign up in the foyer of the church, and we hope to see you there!

HEBREWS

THE NEW AND ETERNAL



Join us for our Bible Study which will explore the depth of God's plan of salvation and the fulfillment of the New Covenant in Jesus Christ. The Letter to the Hebrews beautifully presents Christ's priesthood and sacrifice, the heavenly liturgy, and the fulfillment of the promises of the Old Testament. Bible Study will take place on Tuesday evenings, beginning with a light meal at 6:30 pm, followed by study at 7:00 pm at Antioch Hall. Sessions are scheduled on October 20 & 27; November 3, 10, 17 & 24; and December 1 & 8. Everyone is welcome!

SILVER BULLETS

If you are 60 years or older, join us on Wednesday, Oct. 28th. Divine Liturgy at 11:00 am and party to follow. RSVP to Marilyn Mastronarde at 330-550-7806, by Wed., October 21st.



MAKE & TAKE CHRISTMAS WREATH WORKSHOP



Join us on Sunday, November 22, from 2:00 - 4:00 PM at Antioch Hall. Create a beautiful wreath for your door, with all supplies provided, for only \$45. Choose between a fresh (if available) or artificial wreath, and let us know your preferred color scheme upon registration. Please register by October 20 by contacting the Parish Office at 330-792-2371, Anne-Marie at 330-519-5048, or Marilyn at 330-550-7806. BYOB & snacks welcome!

SAVE THE DATE

St. Maron's Education Foundation invites you to its Annual Fundraiser Casino Night on Saturday, Jan. 16, from 6 - 11 pm at The Maronite Center!



Join us for an exciting evening featuring casino-style gaming. We look forward to celebrating with you and supporting the education of our parish students! More information to follow.

ALTAR SUPPLIES

The Altar Supplies 2027 Schedule is almost full. Only a few items are left: Altar Bread for April 2027, Altar Wine for July 2027 and Altar Wine & Bread for August 2027. Please call the parish office at 330-792-2371 for registration.





BOCCE LEAGUE

2026



As our third summer season of parish bocce comes to a close, it is remarkable to see how much our community has grown and flourished around the courts. What began as a simple league has truly turned into a cherished tradition where family members, longtime friends, and new parishioners gather to share in fellowship. Our recreation area has blossomed even further this year with the addition of the new pickleball court, and it has been a delight watching players cross over for a quick pick-up game between matches. The entire recreation facility is now open to all parishioners whenever private rentals are not scheduled, offering a wonderful space for everyone to connect and play.

The excitement reached a high point during our playoff tournament from September 8th through the 10th, where all eight teams brought their best efforts and plenty of good humor to the courts. Bocce always delivers its share of unexpected moments—whether it's a ball mysteriously veering off to the left, a shot that practically kisses the pallino, or a throw that seems to have a mind of its own despite our best plans. The tournament culminated in a thrilling championship showdown between The Chahine Machine and the reigning champions, Bev's Boccers. Under the watchful eye of referee JT, the two teams traded blows in an absolute battle. The Chahine Machine applied relentless pressure with aggressive play to unseat the leaders, but Beverly Marinelli and her team held tough with a champion's composure and skill, sweeping the first two games to secure the title for the second year in a row.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Bev's Boccers and all fourteen of our squads for making this season so unforgettable. The culmination of the Bocce League was our end-of-season Bocce Banquet on September 29th to celebrate all the laughter and great memories. As we prepare for next year, we would love for even more of our parish family to get involved. Whether you start a new team, join an existing roster in need of players, try your hand at pickleball, or simply come out to cheer from the sidelines, you are always welcome in this warm community.

— A special thanks to Diana Berringer and John Thomas for contributions to this article



Steak Fry & Parish Picnic



This year's Steak Fry was held on Saturday, August 22nd. We were joined by over 100 people, both parishioners and friends of the parish. The steaks sizzled, the chicken was moist, and the food was delicious! Our parish council took the lead along with a group of volunteers to prepare and host the steak fry and once again they hit a home run! Although we had a little rain, it did not damper the spirits of all who attended, having fun talking, playing bocce, and being together. The parish made just over \$2,000 from the event! A big thank you to all who bought tickets to the steak fry, our parish council and volunteers, and we hope to see you for our next fun event!



The annual thank-you parish picnic took place on Saturday, August 29th, after the 4:30 pm Liturgy.

We had almost 150 people attend. All were welcome, and it was a delight to see so many from our parish, young and old, join together as one family, eating, visiting, sharing, playing, and having fun.

The food this year was catered by our three caterers from the Maronite Center, and the food was delectable. We played cards, pickleball, and bocce! The kids had a great time on the playground, and the weather was beautiful. This year, our parish shined brightly during our annual festival, and this parish picnic was one small way to say thank you; we appreciate you, and we love you! God bless St. Maron and its parishioners!



ST. MARON CHURCH

Fall
FUNFEST
Potluck

CHILI COOK OFF CONTEST

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16
AT 6:00 PM (ANTIOCH HALL)**

**BRING A DISH TO PASS
OR A CROCKPOT OF CHILI FOR THE CONTEST**

Chili Cook-Off Competition w/ 3 winners

Harvest Bingo & Pumpkin Painting

Hot Chocolate & Hot Apple Cider

Bonfire & S'mores & More!!!

Sign up sheet in the foyer of the church



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**Tuesday evenings, starting with a light meal at 6:30 pm
and the study begins at 7:00 pm**

October 20, 27

November 3, 10, 17, 24

December 1, 8





THE PARISH OF
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Make and Take Christmas Wreath

on Sunday, November 22
From 2 to 4 PM

at the Antioch Hall - St. Maron Church
1555 S. Meridian Rd, Youngstown, OH 44511

Register by October 20

LIMITED SPACE

\$45.00

RSVP to Anne-Marie (330-519-5048) or Marilyn (330-550-7806)

Please indicate Fresh (if available) or Artificial Wreath

Decorate a beautiful wreath for your door!

All supplies will be provided, including ornaments, ribbons,
faux berries, flowers, etc...

BYOB & Snacks



ST. MARON EDUCATION FOUNDATION

PRESENTS

A central graphic for 'Casino Night'. It features a dark red circular area with a glowing orange border of small lights. Inside the circle are three gold stars at the top, the word 'CASINO' in large white capital letters, and 'Night' in a yellow cursive font below it. The circle is flanked by two stacks of pink and white checkered casino chips. Above the circle, four playing cards (Ace of Hearts, Ace of Clubs, Ace of Spades, Ace of Diamonds) are fanned out. To the left and right of the central graphic are several red dice with white pips.

CASINO
Night

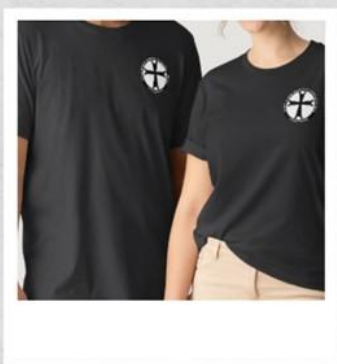
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