

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: 330-538-2567

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)

From September to May

1555 South Meridian Rd. • Youngstown, Ohio 44511

Office: 330-792-2371

Parish E-mail: parishoffice@stmaronyoungstown.org

Web: www.stmaronyoungstown.org



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 5 APR / SUNDAY OF THE HEALING OF THE BLIND MAN /
St. Robert of Molesme, Founder of the Cistercian Order

4:30 PM

+ 40-day Memorial for **Alice Rohan** by Family
+ Repose of **Lloyd Yazbek** by Gary & Joan Chyall

SUN 6 APR / SUNDAY OF THE HEALING OF THE BLIND MAN / St. Zosimas

08:30 AM

+ Repose of **Cindi Thomas Morilli & Gloria Saker Thomas** by Mark & Anne-Marie Luchansky and Joe & Debbie Thomas & Families

+ Repose of **Adwane Warchol** by Anthony & Christine Vross
+ Repose of **Beverly Hilderbrand** by Steve & Marian Welch

11:00 AM

+ 20-yr Anniversary of **Vincent L. Marzano, Jr.** by His Loving Mother, Brothers & Families
+ Repose of **Albert & Barbara Dohar** by Larry & Barbara Taylor

MON 7 APR / St. John Baptist de la Salle
NO LITURGY

TUE 8 APR / 8:30 AM / The Second Council of Nicaea / St. Barlaam
+ Pray for **The Homeless, The Poor, and End Abortion** by John Abbas, Jr.

WED 9 APR / 7:00 PM / St. Hermas
+ Repose of **Adwane Warchol** by Amy & Kamil Lamaa

THU 10 APR / 8:30 AM / The Miracle of the Icon of Christ in Beirut / St. Agabus
+ Repose of **Anthony & Rita Dilallo** by The Borak Family

FRI 11 APR / 12:00 PM / Temptation of Jesus in the Wilderness / St. Antipas
+ Repose of **Beverly Hilderbrand** by Salloum & Rose Sahyoun

SAT 12 APR / LAZARUS SATURDAY / Sts. Mennas, Hermogenes, and Euegraphus
4:30 PM

+ Special Intention for all the Children of the St. Maron Parish Families
+ For the Living and Deceased Members of St. Maron Parish

SUN 13 APR / HOSANNA SUNDAY (PALM SUNDAY) / St. Zosimas
11:00 AM

+ Special Intention for all the Children of the St. Maron Parish Families
+ For the Living and Deceased Members of St. Maron Parish

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Is 42:6-8; 2 Cor 10:1-7;
Mk 10:46-52



Lectors - Apr. 5 & 6

Saturday

4:30 pm: Charles Zidian, Jr.
/ Patti Machuga

Sunday

8:30 am: Anne-Marie Luchansky
/ Brian Godsen

11:00 am: Joseph Simon
/ MCF (5th & 6th Grade)

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Zech 9:9-11, 15a, 16-17; Phil 1:1-13
Jn 12:12-22



Lectors - Apr. 12 & 13

Saturday

4:30 pm: Carol Essad
/ Mike Dohar

11:00 am: Charles Zidian, Jr.
Wadad Chammas
/ Zach Zidian
Lilian Abi Habib

ALTAR SERVERS

THIS WEEK - Apr. 5 & 6

Sat. - 4:30 pm Volunteers

Sun. - 8:30 am Veronica / Ava
11:00 am Delaney / Anna



NEXT WEEK - Apr. 12 & 13

Sat. - 4:30 pm Volunteers

Sun. - 8:30 am **TBD**
11:00 am **TBD**

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
Apr. 5 - 11

Joseph Beshara,
Vincent Marzano, Jr.
Deacon Joseph S. Nohra,
Subdeacon Albert Dohar,
Hanna Estephan,
Anthony Tombo,
Barbara Dohar,
Joseph R. Khoury,
Mary Coury, Delia Hanna,
Genevieve Saker,
Msounch Hayek,
Lahoud Hayek,
Melady Yazbek,
Mary Mike Garcia,
Elizabeth Sandy,
Frances Farris

**Blind Faith in
God Leads to
Miracles**

Every Time



Remember in your prayers

SHUT-INS AT HOME:

Marie Eckenrode, Joann Knuth,
Vail Rohan, Frank Santisi, Jr.

CONNECT TO LIVE STREAMS:

Website: <https://www.stmaronyoungstown.org>

Facebook: www.facebook.com/stmaronyoungstown

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/saintmaronyo>



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

SUNDAY OF THE HEALING OF THE BLIND MAN

APRIL 5 & 6, 2025

SANCTUARY CANDLES - APRIL

- ◆ In Loving Memory of **Thomas M. & Mary Zakia Joseph**
by Their children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren
- ◆ In Loving Memory of **Vince L. Marzano, Sr. & Vince Marzano, Jr.**
by loving wife and mother, Yvonne Marzano and brothers, & Families
- ◆ In Loving Memory of **Joni B. Craven, Helene D'Apolito**
& **Birdie Vantell** by Yvonne Marzano

ALTAR WINE - APRIL

- ◆ In Loving Memory of **Henry & Elizabeth Hanna** by Nina Hanna

ALTAR BREAD - APRIL

- ◆ In Loving Memory of **Joseph Hanna** by Nina Hanna

Happy Birthday!

- Apr 05 Elias Saadi, Jr.
- Apr 07 Jessica Bassil, Joseph Chahine, Abigayle George, Palmer Mason
- Apr 09 Natalia Choufani, Giana Ellis, Parker Weiser
- Apr 10 Bassel Choufani, Joseph Ciarniello, Monica Simko
- Apr 11 John Abbas, Louis Alexander, Joseph Ghossain, Nina Hanna, Dominic Khoury



Happy Anniversary!

- Apr 09 Nicholas & Jessica Morgione (14 Years)
- Apr 09 Anthony & Christine Vross (37 Years)



Please bake, donate, & bring your items to the Maronite Center each Friday morning during the lent season.



SEVEN CHURCHES VISITATION

Join us for a cherished annual tradition dating back to the Middle Ages, observed in Youngstown and beyond. This sacred pilgrimage invites us to visit the Blessed Sacrament in Churches in order to reflect on the seven places Jesus visited during His Passion, from the Last Supper to His Crucifixion. We will depart from our church on Holy Thursday, April 17th, immediately following the Divine Liturgy. Our pilgrimage will conclude where it began, making St. Maron Church our seventh and final visitation. Come with Christ on this solemn night and experience the grace of His Passion. Sign-up sheets are in the church's foyer. Please contact Tresa for more information: 910-988-6620.



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

St. Maron Church, Youngstown, is hosting a blood Drive on Saturday, April 26th from 9 am to 2 pm, at the Antioch Hall. Give blood between April 14-30, 2025 and get an exclusive Red Cross T-shirt, while supplies last. Plus, get a chance to win a \$5,000 prize! There will be three lucky winners. Join Us and Save Lives...



THE 3RD ANNUAL LEBANESE FOOD FESTIVAL

The Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon presents their Annual Lebanese Food Festival on Sunday, May 4th (11 am-5 pm). Enjoy a delicious Sunday meal at the Shrine! Dine in or Take out. For more information call the Shrine at 330-538-3351.



Weekly Financial Report

03/30/2025

Offertory Collection (envelopes used of 288)	\$5,314.00
Candles	\$115.00
Easter Flowers (11 envelopes)	\$320.00
Easter Offerings (1 envelope)	\$50.00
Eparchial Developmental Appeal (1 envelope)	\$50.00
Needy (1 envelope)	\$50.00
Online Offerings (7 envelopes)	\$460.00

Thank you for your generous donations!

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Bible Study - Last session Thursday, April 10th at 6:30 pm (Antioch Hall)
Friday Lenten Services - Friday during Lent at 7 pm (Church)
Last Fish Fry - Friday April 11th, from 3 till 7 pm (Maronite Center)
Hosanna Brunch - Sunday, Apr. 13th after 11 am Liturgy (Maronite Center)
Red Cross Blood Drive - Saturday, April 26th (9am-2pm) (Antioch Hall)
Knights of St. Maron Dinner - Thursday, May 15th at 6 pm (Antioch Hall)
VBS - Exploring the Maronite Divine Liturgy - June 16th through 20th



FRIDAY PRAYER OF THE CROSS

Join us in the church this Friday evening at 7:00 pm during Lent for Ramsho (Evening Prayers), Prayer of the Cross, and Benediction.



NO GREATER LOVE - LENTEN BIBLE STUDY



Join us as we grow and walk this sacred Lenten journey together, through Christ's passion. Last session is this Thursday, April 10th, at 6:30 pm at the Antioch Hall. Food and refreshments will be provided.

We are making the **EASTER KAAK** on Wednesday, April 9th at the Maronite Center, beginning at 10:00 am. All are welcome to help!

MYO EASTER KOLACHI BAKE SALE!



Order your delicious Kolachi rolls for the season, for \$15 each! Orders are due by Wed., Apr. 9th, and the rolls will be available for pickup after liturgies on Saturday, April 12th at 5.30 pm, and on Sunday, April 13th at 9.30 am & 12.30 pm. Order forms are in the church's foyer, or call the church office to place your order, or order online at [MYO Easter Kolachi Order](#).

EASTER FLOWERS



If you wish to donate Easter flowers for the altar, in memory of a loved one or for any intention, you may do so for \$20 per plant. You can put your contribution with your intention in an envelope dropped in the offertory basket or at the office.

HOSANNA SUNDAY BRUNCH



Please join us on Sunday, April 13th, following 11 am Liturgy at the Maronite Center! Kindly buy your tickets by Tue., Apr. 8th, 2025. We will have a brunch buffet, a raffle, and children's entertainment! Adults \$15, youth ages 7-12 \$10, and children 6 and under are free. Tickets are sold online at [Hosanna Brunch 2025](#) or scan QR Code. **Donations of baskets and toys are greatly appreciated.**



NIGHT AT THE RACES



Get ready for an electrifying night on Saturday, May 3rd, at 6 pm at the Antioch Hall! Experience the excitement as you buy and name a horse for just \$10, place \$2 bets, and cheer on your favorites in a series of thrilling races, including a special auction race. Race sponsorships are available for \$25, offering a great opportunity for individuals or businesses to show their support. Alongside the races, enjoy a variety of delicious food and drinks, including hot dogs, pizza, chips, popcorn, soft drinks, water, and beer. This fun-filled event promises a night of excitement, friendly competition, and plenty of chances to win—all while supporting a great cause. Gather your friends and family for an unforgettable evening. To buy a horse, sponsor a race, or make a donation, visit tinyurl.com/nightattheraces25 or contact the parish office at (330) 792-2371.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Exploring the Maronite Divine Liturgy



Children (Ages 4 through 12) are invited to join us for a week of fun, fellowship, prayer & spiritual growth, on Monday, June 16th through Friday, June 20th, from 9 am to 1:45 pm (Lunch and snacks are provided) Cost is \$20 per child or \$50 for a family of 3 or more children. Bring a friend, or two, or ten! Friends are always welcome! Please register by Sunday, June 1st, at tinyurl.com/bibleschool25



THE PARISH OF
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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 13th - Hosanna Sunday (Sha'neenee)

Saturday Divine Vigil Liturgy, 4:30 pm

Sunday Divine Liturgy, 11:00 am (with Procession)

Monday, April 14th - Tuesday, April 15th - Wednesday, April 16th

Monday & Tuesday - Coming to the Harbor (Evening Prayer), 7:00 pm

Way of the Cross through Mary's Eyes (Tuesday night after prayer)

Wednesday - Rite of the Lamp (Divine Liturgy with Anointing), 7:00 pm

Thursday, April 17th - Thursday of the Mysteries

Divine Liturgy & Washing of the Disciples' Feet, 7:00 pm

Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions, 8:00 pm - 12:00 am

Friday, April 18th - Great Friday of the Crucifixion (Jumma l'Azeemi)

The Signing of the Chalice, (Pre-Sanctified Liturgy), 12:00 pm

The Solemn Burial of Our Lord, 7:00 pm

Confessions heard & silent prayer, 8:30 pm - 12:00 am

Mjadra Dinner in Antioch Hall, 8:30-10 pm

Saturday, April 19th - Great Saturday of the Light (Sabt l'Noor)

Prayer of Forgiveness, 11:30 am

Resurrection of Our Lord Divine Vigil Liturgy, 6:00 pm

Sunday, April 20th - Great Sunday of the Resurrection (Easter)

Easter Sunday Divine Liturgy, 11:00 am

Easter Gifts for the children given after Divine Liturgy



1555 S Meridian Rd, Youngstown, OH 44511

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ST. MARON CHURCH

LENTEN FISH FRY



Dinner Selections

- Fried Jumbo Haddock – \$16
- Baked Jumbo Haddock – \$16
- Clam Dinner – \$16
- Smelts Dinner – \$18
- Jumbo Shrimp Scampi – \$18
- Fried Jumbo Shrimp – \$18
- Baked Fish w/ Scampi – \$18
- Grilled Tuna Steak – \$23

A La Carte Selections

- Lebanese Cheese \$5
- French Fries \$5
- Mjadra \$6
- Mac & Cheese \$7
- Pierogies \$7
- Clam Strips \$7
- Smelts \$9
- Fried Shrimp \$9

Dinner order includes:

Dinner Roll, 1 side, coleslaw, dessert & coffee

Side Selection:

Pierogies or Mjadra or Fries or Mac & Cheese

AT THE MARONITE CENTER

EVERY FRIDAY

MARCH 7, 14, 21, 28

& APRIL 4, 11

3 - 7 PM

Call-in Orders: 330-792-7671

Cash & Credit Cards Accepted

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Join us in the church
during Lent,
every Friday at 7:00 pm

Ramsho (evening prayers),
Prayer of the Cross, and
Benediction.



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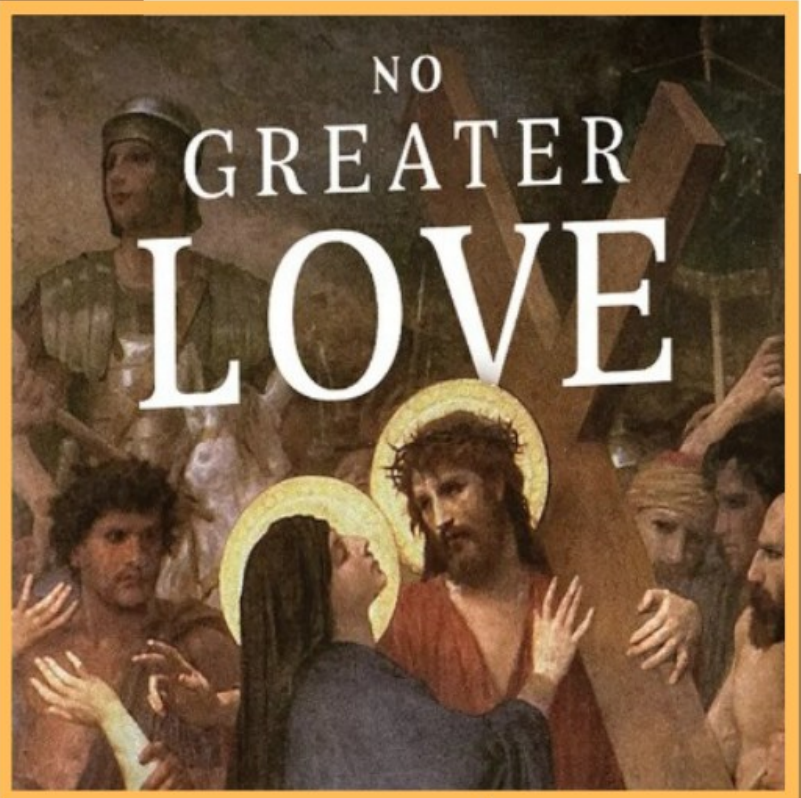
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Lenten Bible Study

Join us as we grow and walk
this sacred Lenten journey,
through Christ's passion.



**Every Thursday, through April 10th,
at 6:30 pm at Antioch Hall.**

**Sign up online at:
tinyurl.com/lentenstudy25**



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Easter Kacik

HELP US BAKE EASTER KA'AK!

WE NEED YOU!

at the Maronite Center

This is a tradition that we can't do without your help!

Whether you're a seasoned baker
or just want to lend a hand,
we need as many people as possible
to roll, shape, bake, and share in the joy.



Wednesday

April 9th

10 am



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7 Churches

VISITATION



Thursday, April 17th following the Divine Liturgy



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MYO Easter Kolachi Sale

Deadline to order is Wednesday, April 9th

ORDER NOW

HAPPY
EASTER

\$15 each
Your choice:
Nut
Poppy Seed
Apricot



Pickup will be after 4:30 Liturgy
on Saturday, Apr. 12th
and after both liturgies on Sunday, Apr. 13th

Order Forms are available in the church's foyer
and online at tinyurl.com/easterkolachi

Please submit your orders as early as possible.
You may drop your order forms in the offertory basket,
at the office, or with Deacon William.

Any questions, call the church's Office at 330-792-2371



HOSTED BY
OUR LADY OF THE
CEDARS, AKRON

**MYO
SPRING
GATHERING**

Saturday, APRIL 26 | 4pm-9pm

BIBLE STUDY, FOOD,
BASKETBALL, MUSIC & DANCING,
GAMES AND MORE.



**507 S Cleveland Massillon Rd,
Fairlawn, OH 44333**



EASTER FLOWERS

If you wish to donate
Lily plants for Easter
in memory of a loved one,
or for any other intention.
The suggested donation is

\$20 per plant



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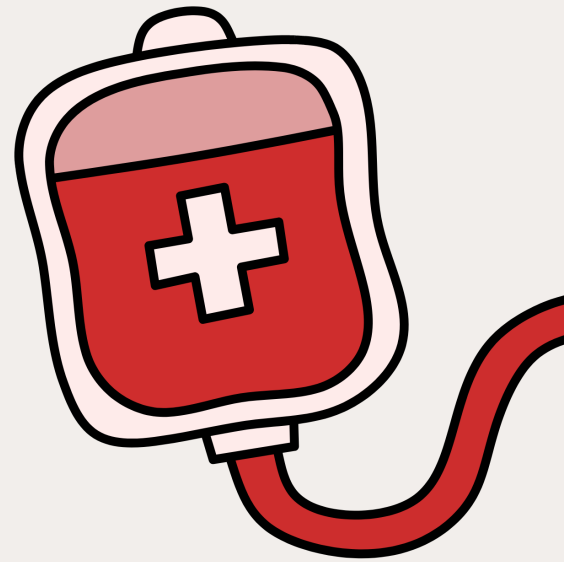


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EVERY

DROP

COUNTS



St. Maron Church along with
American Red Cross
are hosting an upcoming blood drive

YOUR CONTRIBUTION MATTERS!

Join us and save lives!

Saturday, April 26th

9am to 2pm

at the Antioch Hall - St. Maron Church



Scan QR Code for Sign up!

1555 S. Meridian Road - Youngstown - OH 44511

For more info - Call Laurece Chahine 330-501-0185



THE PARISH OF
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Saturday, May 3rd

6 PM

Horse Ownership
\$10



Bets
\$2



Race Sponsorship
\$25



At the Antioch Hall

Pizza

Hotdog

Chips

Popcorn

Drinks

To buy a horse, or sponsor a race, visit tinyurl.com/nightattheraces25
or contact the parish office at (330) 792-2371.



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THE BASILICA AND NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF LEBANON
PRESENTS



BASILICA & NATIONAL SHRINE
of Our Lady of Lebanon

The Lebanese Food Festival

SUNDAY, MAY 4TH | 11AM-5PM

Join us for our 3rd Annual Lebanese Food Festival!
Featuring all of your traditional Lebanese Favorites & Specialty Desserts!

ON THE MENU

- LAMB SHANKS WITH RICE
- KAFTA KABOB WITH RICE
- CHICKEN SHAWARMA WITH RICE
- FALAFEL WITH VEGETABLES
- BAKED STUFFED KIBBEH
- PUMPKIN KIBBEH
- LOUBIA WITH RICE
(LEBANESE GREEN BEANS)
- MEAT PIES
- SPINACH PIES
- FATTOUSH (SALAD)
- LEBANESE RICE
- HUMMUS
- CREAM GARLIC
- PITA BREAD
- FRENCH FRIES
- HOT DOGS FOR CHILDREN
- SANDWICHES:
 - FALAFEL WITH TAHINI, TOMATO, PARSLEY, MINT, PICKLES
 - CHICKEN SHAWARMA WITH GARLIC & FRENCH-FRIES, TOMATO, PICKLES, AND ONIONS
 - KAFTA KABOB WITH HUMMUS, TOMATO AND PICKLES
- LEBANESE DESSERTS:
 - MAAMOUL, BAKLAWA, GHRAYBEH
- SWEETS
- DRINKS

◆◆◆◆◆ **DINE-IN OR TAKE-OUT AVAILABLE!** ◆◆◆◆◆

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT THE SHRINE AT 330-538-3351



**Bocce
courts
open to
play!**

St. Maron's
\$30 Steak Fry

14 oz Certified Angus Prime NY Strip
Baked Potato w/all the fixins'
Mushrooms & Onions, Veggies & Dessert
Coffee and Water included
(2 Ch. Breasts can be substituted for Steak)

Cash Bar - Beer, Wine, and Pop

Saturday, May 31st
6 PM - 9 PM



Order Online: tiny.cc/steakfry
Call for tickets 330.792.2371

Eat In Only
Recreational Area - Pavilion
Cash and Credit Accepted

St. Maron Church
1555 S. Meridian Rd. 44511

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL • 2025

for
ages
4-12



Monday - Friday, June 16 - 20, 2025
9:00 AM - 1:45 PM
(lunch & snacks provided)

Children ages 4-12 are welcome to join us as we learn about worshipping God through our Maronite Divine Liturgy with prayer, music, crafts, games, and more! Each day begins with Divine Liturgy (Mass) at 9:00 AM.

COST: \$20 per child or \$50 for a family of 3 or more

REGISTER AT: tinyurl.com/bibleschool25

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: June 1, 2025

For more information, contact the church office at 330-792-2371



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NAM 2025 CONVENTION

FAITH IGNITED - HOPE RENEWED
60 YEARS ROOTED IN MARONITE TRADITION
July 3-6, 2025
Raleigh - NC

Hosted by Saint Sharbel Church
Hilton Hotel, Raleigh North Hills



THE MASSABKI BROTHERS



60TH CONVENTION ANNIVERSARY



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NAMConvention

60th NAM Convention Key Functions and Highlights

Faith Ignited – Hope Renewed 60 Years Rooted in Maronite Tradition

EXCURSIONS & ACTIVITIES

St Sharbel Neighborhood (All Ages)

Enjoy the beautiful Falls of Neuse Dam, tucked between lush forests and the serene waters of Falls Lake, then continue to visit St. Sharbel church.

Guided Umstead Park Walk (All Ages)

For nature lovers, immerse yourself in the beauty of Umstead Park on a guided walk through lush forests and peaceful trails.

Raleigh Highlights (All Ages)

Tour The Cathedral of The Sacred Heart Of Jesus & Explore Raleigh famous Sunflower fields.

The Museum Of Natural Sciences (Youth & Kids)

The largest in the Southeast, with Dinosaurs, fossils, butterfly conservatory, storm simulators, and scientists in action.

After-Party Karaoke: Be the Star of NAM!

Enjoy Lebanese oldies, favorite hits, and on-demand songs every night! Send us your requests, grab the mic, and join the fun for an unforgettable sing-along experience after the party!

Trolley Pub (MYA)

An MYA favorite, the Raleigh Trolley Pub is a fun, pedal-powered bar crawl through the city's best spots! Bring your friends, enjoy drinks, and explore downtown in a unique, lively way. (Fri 3-5 PM)

Theology On TAP (MYA)

Have a drink and dive deep into an exciting discussion about our faith with our incredible Bishop Elias Zaidan and Bishop Gregory Mansour!

Escape Room (MYA & MYO)

Available all convention long—grab friends, book a slot, and test your skills in this thrilling experience.

Dance, Mobility & Wellness (All Ages)

Stay active with dance, fitness, and expert mobility guidance for all ages. There's something for everyone to keep moving and feeling great!

Midnight Bite: Late-Night Cravings, Covered!

Keep the night going with delicious bites available for order after party hours. Whether you're craving a snack or a full meal, enjoy a late-night treat before calling it a night!

Fun, Food & Friendship With Father Boutros (MYA)

Catch up with old friends, make new ones, and enjoy dinner with heartfelt conversations.

Dinner & Icebreakers (All Ages)

By age groups, where we'll get to know each other and our fellow convention-goers. The perfect way to make connections.

MYO Lounge: Connect & Play

A space for MYO to enjoy games, creating friendships that will last beyond the convention.

Kids Zone (age 5 to 12)

Enjoy a mix of indoor and outdoor games, fun activities. A perfect space for kids to play, explore, and create unforgettable memories!

Board Games Lobby

Join friends or participate in a tournament with a wide array of cards, backgammon, and board games available at any time.

Opening Our Hearts: A Night of Adoration & Hymns

Starting our weekend with Adoration and sacred time of prayer, reflection, and confession. Continue the evening with uplifting hymns and prayers, bringing everyone together in song through our beloved sacred chants.



Jubilee Year Pilgrims of Hope (All Ages)

We're blessed to have our NAM Convention in a Jubilee Year, so let's make the journey leading up to it a pilgrimage of ignited faith and renewal of hope. As we prepare, we'll reflect on the lives of saints like Saint Thérèse of Lisieux, the Massabki Brothers, and Carlo Acutis, showing that holiness is for everyone. We'll collect images and stories to celebrate 60 years of heritage, setting the path for a future of holiness.

Stay tuned to our emails and social media for updates!

WORKSHOPS

AI-Powered Growth

Discover how to explore and scale your business using modern tools, especially AI. Explore beginner-friendly AI concepts, interactive projects, and ethical strategies to leverage AI while staying true to your Christian vocation.

Faithful Success

Achieve career and entrepreneurial success while staying true to your faith and values. Learn how to thrive in this world with purpose, integrity, and abundance—keeping your heart set on heaven.

The Sanctity of Life and Marriage

We are created in God's image, and every stage of life, from conception to death, is sacred. This session explores the divine value of life and the importance of marriage in the Church, where vows are not only sacred but reflect our commitment to God's love and plan.

The Commission For Lebanon

A workshop focussing on the Church's stance regarding current events in Lebanon.

Understanding The Maronite Liturgy

We will delve deeper into the meaning and significance of the Maronite Liturgy—exploring what happens during the celebration and why each part is important.

ENTERTAINMENT

DJ Gilbert

Enjoy a great mix of Arabic and American hit songs the whole weekend as we dance the nights away!

Friday Hafli

Charbel Bassil & USA Special

Friday Night Hafli - Dress in your best traditional Lebanese outfit, dance and dabke to the voice of Lebanese Singer Charbel Bassil! We'll honor American Independence Day with a special celebration, featuring vibrant sound and light displays!

Saturday Gala Dinner

Lebanese Star Hisham El Hajj

An unforgettable evening with Star Hisham El Hajj, as he fills the night with his captivating music and lively performances. Enjoy a night of elegance, celebration, and entertainment at this exclusive event!

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The National Apostolate of Maronites (NAM) is the official lay apostolate of the Maronite Church of the USA and the only one in the world. Its mission is to assist its bishops, serve as a link in unifying Maronite laity in the US, and strengthen the bond between clergy and laity. Helping to preserve Beit Maroun for generations to come. You can make a difference, keep the flame burning.



WHY BECOME A MEMBER

- *Participation in NAM Conventions and Events*
- *Discounted Registration*
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St. Ephrem The Man and the Myth

April

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The Stories We Tell

10:00–11:30 am

We do terrible things to the saints. Instead of modeling ourselves on them, we recreate them in our own image. This session opens with an overview of how the Ephrem of history has been systematically erased and replaced by a caricature of someone who never existed. The reasons for this are as troubling as they are destructive.

Ephrem's World

1:30–3:00 pm

Recovering the Ephrem of history begins by letting him speak for himself, from his own time and place. How did the circumstances of Ephrem's life shape him? How did Ephrem become Ephrem?



Joseph P. Amar,
PhD

May

01

The Work of Your Helper

10:00–11:30 am

How did Ephrem understand himself? He informs us that he has the anointing of heaven, that he speaks for God, that the power that animates and enlivens scripture flows into him, and through him, into his own time. But there are skeletons in his closet: Ephrem carries a dark secret from his past.

Why Ephrem Matters

1:00–2:30 pm

Ephrem's vision offers a path that is simple but hard. It is not the path of orthodoxy (right doctrine) or orthopraxy (right morality) but of orthopathy (authentic spirituality), which is nothing less than an embrace of ROZO.

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 Ephrem the Syrian: The Man and the Myth
 Guest Speaker:
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Schedule Maronite Enrichment Days April 29-May 02, 2025				
	Tuesday, April 29, 2025	Wednesday, April 30, 2025	Thursday, May 01, 2025	Friday, May 02, 2025
8:30 am–9:30	Arrival	Celebration of the Divine Mysteries		Celebration of the Divine Mysteries
9:30–10:00		Coffee Break	Coffee Break	Coffee Break
10:00–11:30		1st Session: The Stories We Tell	3rd Session: The Work of Your Helper	
12:00–1:00 pm		Light Lunch	Light Lunch	
1:00–1:30pm		Concert 1:00–1:30 Maronite Seminary Chamber Choir	4th Session: 1:00–2:30 Why Ephrem Matters	
1:30–3:00pm		2nd Session: 1:30–3:00 Ephrem's World		
		Free Time	Break: 2:30–5:45pm	
5:45–6:45	Celebration of the Divine Mysteries		Celebration of the Divine Mysteries	
6:45 pm—?	Light Dinner		Dinner	



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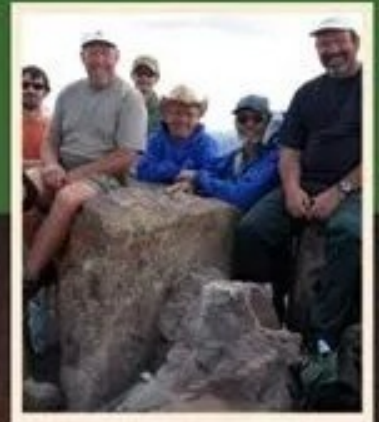
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