

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.

CONFESION

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 17 JAN / SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY / St. Anthony the Great
4:30 PM**

+ Repose of **Ameen Tabet** by His Sisters, Saide Tabet & Samira Tabet Gabriel
+ Repose of **Richard, Francis, Lena & Ronnie Marinelli** by Beverly Marinelli
+ Repose of **William Michael** by Ron Galip

SUN 18 JAN / SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY / St. Athanasius of Alexandria / St. Cyril of Alexandria / Establishment of the Chair of St. Peter in Rome

08:30 AM

+ Repose of **Olga Zeidan** by Samir & Yolla Boulos
+ Repose of **Michael Mike, Jr.** by Anthony & Christine Vross

11:00 AM

+ Repose of **Henry Hanna** by Nina Hanna
+ Repose of **Ray Najem** by Joe & Marilyn Joseph

**MON 19 JAN / St. Macarius of Egypt
NO LITURGY**

TUE 20 JAN / 8:30 AM / St. Euthymius the Great

+ Repose of **Rizzie D. Yazbek** by David and Madeline Clarke, & Families

WED 21 JAN / 07:00 PM / St. Sebastian

+ Repose of **Madonna & Sarkis Najem** by Clara Nawfal

THU 22 JAN / 8:30 AM / St. Timothy, Disciple of St. Paul

+ Repose of **The Holy Souls in Purgatory** by John Abbas, Jr.

FRI 23 JAN / 12:00 PM / Pope St. Sergius I / St. Marianne Cope

+ Repose of **Gertrude Greco** by The Borak Family

SAT 24 JAN / SUNDAY OF THE PRIESTS / St. Francis de Sales

4:30 PM

+ 3-Year Memorial of **John Metzinger** by Tom and Vinetta Metzinger, & Family
+ Repose of **William Manser** by Beverly Marinelli & Loretta Morgione

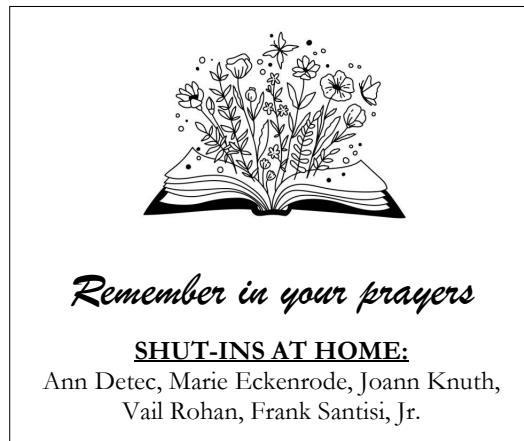
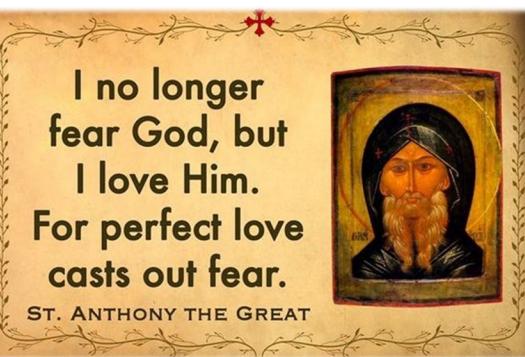
SUN 25 JAN / SUNDAY OF THE PRIESTS / Conversion of St. Paul

08:30 AM

+ Repose of **Gerry Kopp** by John Kopp and Family
+ Repose of **Susan Garcia** by Steve † & Marian Welcsh

11:00 AM

+ Repose of **Frances E. Rouhana** by Family
+ Repose of **Victoria Koury** by Nina Hanna



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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Jer 1:4-10; 2 Cor 4:5-15;
Jn 1:35-42



Lectors - January 17 & 18

Saturday

4:30 pm: Christopher Brocious
/ Charles Zidian, Jr.

Sunday

8:30 am: Anne-Marie Luchansky
/ Salma Hallett

11:00 am: Meckenzie DePasquale
/ Makayla DePasquale



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Mal 2:1-5-9; 1 Tim 4:6-16;
Lk 12:42-48



Lectors - January 24 & 25

Saturday

4:30 pm: Carol Essad
/ Mike Dohar

Sunday

8:30 am: Thomas Calko
/ Theresa Calko

11:00 am: Kalyn Sharrow
/ MCF (3rd & 4th Grade)



ALTAR SERVERS

THIS WEEK - Jan. 17 & 18

Sat. - 4:30 pm Volunteers

Sun. - 8:30 am Joe / Anna

11:00 am Juliani



NEXT WEEK - Jan. 24 & 25

Sat. - 4:30 pm Volunteers

Sun. - 8:30 am Charbel / Christa

11:00 am Sergio

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
January 17 - 23

Kelly Alexander, Michael Mike Jr.,
John Simon, Robert E.Otto,
George Ellis Sr., G. George Joseph,
Amelia Latessa, Victor Vesia,
Amira E. Estephan, Josephine Gabriel,
James T. Thomas, Msgr. Elias Hayek,
Elias Alexander Sr.,
Charles B. Thomas, Paul Simon,
Joseph M. Joseph, Joseph Saad,
Miladeh Tannous, Peter Joseph,
Anthony Cefalu, Edward Lett

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

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 17 & 18, 2026

SANCTUARY CANDLES - JANUARY

- ♦ In Loving Memory of **Thomas M. & Mary Zackia Joseph**
by Their children, Grandchildren, and Great-grandchildren
Of the Marzano, Joseph & Yardas Families
- ♦ In Loving Memory of **Helene & Tony D'Apolito**
by Michael & Georgia Dohar, and Families
- ♦ In Loving Memory of **Rizzie D. Yazbek**
by David & Madeline Clarke, and Families

ALTAR WINE - JANUARY

- ♦ In Loving Memory of **John & John Charles Bishara**
by Family

ALTAR BREAD - JANUARY

- ♦ In Loving Memory of **Lloyd Yazbek & Rizzie Yazbek**
by Linda B. Yazbek, and Family

Happy Birthday!

Jan 17 Sami Aboujaoude, Sahar El-Hayek, Brian See

 Jan 18 Nathan Scrocco, Diane Warchol
 Jan 21 Alexandra Chammas, Joseph Mike, Daniel Parra,
 Elizabeth Sohaiby
 Jan 22 Sarah Clarke, Lynne Nastase, Jacob Simon, Steve Vasbinder
 Jan 23 Chelsea Hillard, John Jakubek, Jr.

MYO NEWS



Congratulations to the newly elected MYO Board for 2026! With great joy, we announce the team of young leaders who have stepped forward to serve our youth group with faith, and commitment: President James Abi Habib; Vice-President Celine Chammas; Fundraiser Coordinator Maria Mohn; Event Coordinator Cybelle Feghali; and Social Media Coordinator Sami Abou Jaoude.

MYO PASTA DINNER

The Annual John Abbas MYO Pasta Dinner Fundraiser will be held on Sun., Feb. 1st, 2026, from Noon to 3:00 pm at the Antioch Hall.

Adult \$12 - Youth (ages 6-13) \$6.



Kids under the age of 5 are free of charge.

Please know that MYO fundraisers are made possible through the generous support of our parishioners. These efforts should be received with gratitude and not taken for granted. In appreciation of this support, MYO members are expected to give back by volunteering to help offset the cost of attending the retreat. Therefore, volunteering at the Spaghetti Dinner is mandatory. If a member is unable to volunteer due to sports or other important commitments, a parent is asked to volunteer in their place.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- State of the Parish Address** - Sun., Jan. 25th after the 11 o'clock Mass
- MYO Pasta Dinner** - Sun., Feb. 1st (12 - 3 pm) (Antioch Hall)
- St. Maron Feast Day Hafle** - Sat., Feb. 7th after 4:30 pm Liturgy (MC)
- VBS 2026** - June 8th through 12th, 2026 (Antioch Hall)
- St. Maron Festival 2026** - July 11th & 12th, 2026

ST. MARON FEAST DAY

Celebrate St. Maron's Feast Day

on Saturday, February 7th

beginning with Divine Liturgy at 4:30 pm
followed by a festive Hafli at 6:30 pm

at the Maronite Center.

Enjoy an abundant Lebanese dinner featuring Lebanese appetizers table, fattoush, roasted leg of lamb, mediterranean chicken, rice with orzo, green beans (lubiya), shells with white clam sauce, cauliflower with tahini sauce, garlic dip, and traditional Lebanese desserts.

The evening will include DJ music and dancing with tabl and derbake
a photo booth, and **BYOB**.

Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$10 for children ages 6-10,
and free for children 5 and under.

Seating is open unless a full table is reserved.

For tickets, call 330-792-2371,
email stmaronyoungstown@gmail.com,
or scan the QR code.



I would like to express my sincere and heartfelt thanks to the Youngstown community for the privilege of serving as a visiting priest over the past three months. From the moment I arrived, I was met with warmth, kindness, and generosity, all of which made my time among you truly memorable and spiritually enriching. I am especially grateful for the generous and thoughtful Christmas gifts, which I received. I carry with me beautiful memories of this community and remain thankful for the love shown to me. Please know that you remain in my prayers, and I kindly ask for yours as I begin this new chapter in my priestly ministry.

Fr. Gilbert Walker

GOSPEL OF THE WEEK

John 1:35-42 show us that in the Maronite tradition, this "remaining" reflects the call to dwell continually in God's presence through the Eucharist, prayer, and fidelity to the Church's living tradition.



Jesus' invitation, "Come and see," affirms that faith is born through encounter and experience, not mere instruction.

The Gospel then shows how encounter leads to mission: Andrew, transformed by his time with Christ, immediately seeks out his brother Simon and brings him to Jesus, reminding us that evangelization begins in the family and flows naturally from a heart touched by grace. When Jesus looks at Simon and gives him the new name Peter, He reveals His divine authority and His power to reshape human identity, calling forth strength and purpose where weakness once dwelled.

In this passage, the Maronite Church hears a call to remain rooted in Christ, to allow His gaze to transform us, and to become living witnesses who invite others to "come and see" the joy of the Gospel.

Prayer

O Lord Jesus, You who search our hearts and call us by name,
deepen our desire to seek You,
grant us the grace to remain in Your presence,
and transform us by Your love,
that we may become faithful witnesses
who lead others to You and glorify Your holy Name, now and forever.

Amen.

Weekly Financial Report		01/11/2026
Offertory Collection (77 envelopes used of 258)		\$4,939.00
Candles		\$183.00
Needy (5 envelopes)		\$155.00
Epiphany (17 envelopes)		\$425.00
Maronite Voice (12 envelopes)		\$160.00
Energy Needs (2 envelopes)		\$65.00
Feast of the Circumcision (1 envelope)		\$10.00
Online Offerings (5 envelopes)		\$475.00

Thank you for your generous donations!



Our Delicious

**ANNUAL JOHN ABBAS MEMORIAL PASTA DINNER
TO BENEFIT MYO**

Will be held
on Sunday, February 1st
In Antioch Hall!

12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Adults \$12

**Youth ages
6-13 \$6**

**Kids under 5
Free**



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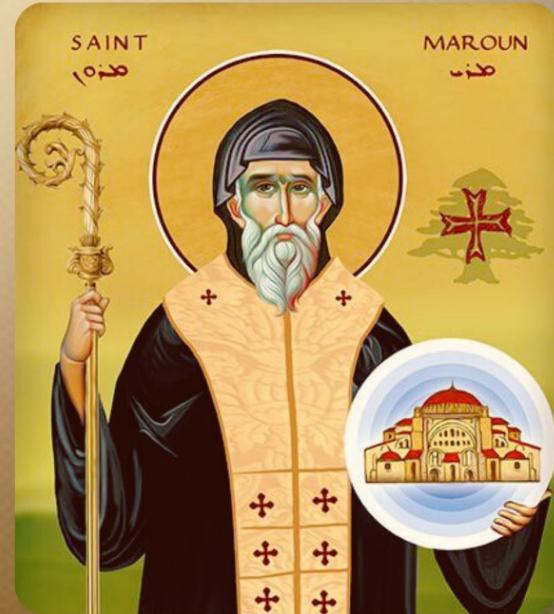
St. Maron's Feast Day Celebration

Saturday, February, 7th
Liturgy at 4:30 pm
Hafli starts at 6:30 pm
at the Maronite Center

Menu:

- Lebanese Appetizers Table
- Fattoush
- Roasted Leg of Lamb
- Mediterranean Chicken
- Rice w/ Orzo
- Green Beans (Lubiya)
- Shells w/ White Clam Sauce
- Cauliflower w/ Tahini Sauce
- Garlic Dip
- Lebanese Desserts

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w/ TABL & DERBAKE
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is joyful to announce
the Subdiaconate Ordination of

Joseph Simon

which will take place on
Saturday, February 7th
by Chorbishop Michael Kail.

We also extend our heartfelt farewell and best wishes to

Fr. Youssef Barakat

as he begins his new pastoral assignment
at the Mission of St. Sharbel in Milwaukee.

May the Lord bless them both abundantly in their ministry and service.



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