

# 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)

From September to May



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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 JAN / THE FINDING OF OUR LORD IN THE TEMPLE / Malachi the Prophet**  
**4:30 PM**

+ Repose of **Jaime Cardenas Duran, Beatriz Ramirez Granados, Anabel Cardenas Ramirez** by Joe & Adriana Bishara and Family  
+ Repose of **Thomas Dohar** by Ron Galip

**SUN 04 JAN / THE FINDING OF OUR LORD IN THE TEMPLE /**  
Pope St. Caius / St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

**08:30 AM**

+ Repose of **Susan Garcia** by Neil & Mary Beth Taylor  
+ Repose of **Ray Najem** by Penelope Sullivan

**11:00 AM**

+ 40 Day Memorial of **Raymond Geitani** by Family  
+ Repose of **Joseph M. & Phillip Hayek** by Rosette & David Hayek  
+ Repose of **Subdeacon Albert Dohar** by Scott & Cara Essad

**MON 05 JAN/07:00 PM/Vigil of the Glorious Epiphany/St. Paul, the 1<sup>st</sup> Hermit / St. John Neumann**  
+ Repose of **Amelia Yazbek** by Ann Detec

**TUE 06 JAN / 12:00 PM / THE GLORIOUS EPIPHANY**

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

**WED 07 JAN / 07:00 PM / Praises of St. John the Baptist**

+ Repose of **Michael Mike, Jr.** by Mounir & Linda Awad

**THU 08 JAN / 8:30 AM / St. Carterius, The Priest**

+ Repose of **Nokhbat Abi Saleh** by Sue Nakley

**FRI 09 JAN / 12:00 PM / St. Eustratius, The Wonderworker**

+ Repose of **Bill Miller** by the Borak Family

**SAT 10 JAN / FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY / St. Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa**  
**4:30 PM**

+ Repose of **Ida Michael** by Lou & Karen Fusillo  
+ Repose of **Robert Simon** by Mounir & Roula AbouSaleh

**SUN 11 JAN / FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY / St. Theodosius of Antioch**

**08:30 AM**

+ Repose of **Gerry Kopp** by John Kopp & Family

+ Repose of **Gertrude Greco** by Beverly Marinelli

+ Repose of **Steve Welcsh** by Andre & Loretta Camarata

**11:00 AM**

+ Repose of **Antoine & Antoinette Abi Habib** by George & Liliane Abi Habib

+ Repose of **Nabeh J. & Frances E. Rouhana** by Family

*May the Epiphany  
remind us of the good  
news of Christ.*



*Remember in your prayers*

#### SHUT-INS AT HOME:

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



#### CONNECT TO LIVE STREAMS:

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

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#### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

1 Kings 3:5-7,9-12,14; Heb 7:11-19;  
Lk 2:41-52

#### Lectors - January 3 & 4

##### Saturday

4:30 pm: Madeline Clarke  
/ Charles Zidian, Jr.

##### Sunday

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

11:00 am: Joseph Simon

/ Alexander Simon

#### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Is 40:6-11, 2 Cor 10:1-11

Jn 1:29-34



#### Lectors - January 10 & 11

##### Saturday

4:30 pm: Carol Essad  
/ Mike Dohar

##### Sunday

8:30 am: Beverly Mike-Nard  
/ Salma Hallett

11:00 am: Christa Farah

/ MCF (5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade)

#### ALTAR SERVERS

##### THIS WEEK - Jan. 3 & 4

Sat. - 4:30 pm Volunteers

Sun. - 8:30 am Charbel / Christa

11:00 am Juliani



##### NEXT WEEK - Jan. 10 & 11

Sat. - 4:30 pm Volunteers

Sun. - 8:30 am Ryan / Ava

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 3 - 9

Thomas E. Stephens,  
George (Jarjoura) Farris,  
Ida George, Joseph F. Simon,  
Aniece Matta, Georgette Hammond,  
Angeline O'Conner, Mike Coury,  
John Farris, Abbas Yaffet,  
Sophia Naffah Beggiani, Faye Basile,  
Fred Merkich, Rose Marie Barkett,  
Phillip Hayek, Helene D'Apolito,  
Patricia Abraham, Rose Peter Elias,  
Caiser Joseph, Helen Nohra,  
Hanne Achkar, Joseph Ghossain,  
Juana Mendez, Joseph M. Hayek

For emergencies,  
Please contact:

Fr. Tony Massad at (810) 691-7055

# THE FINDING OF OUR LORD IN THE TEMPLE

JANUARY 03 & 04, 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 04 Nancy Boulos  
 Jan 05 K. Anthony Hayek, Bedros Moradian,  
 Nicholas Morgione  
 Jan 06 Antonia Chahine, Joseph Chahine, Ann Ciarniello,  
 Salim El-Hayek, Juliani Gonzalez  
 Jan 07 Rocco Dohse, Dominic Dohse, Joe Elzighondy, Gracia Simko  
 Jan 08 Francesca Dohar, Theresa Mike, Luke Rohan  
 Jan 09 Julien Abi-Habib, Rama Chamoun



## Happy Anniversary!

Jan 05 Salloum & Rose Sahyoun (51 Years)  
 Jan 08 Neil & Mary Beth Taylor (19 Years)



## MYO SPAGHETTI DINNER

The Annual John Abbas MYO Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser  
 will be held on Sun., Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026,  
 from Noon to 3.00 pm  
 at the Church's Antioch Hall.  
 Adult \$12 - Youth (ages 6-13) \$6.  
 Kids under the age of 5 are free of charge.



Save The Date for MYO Midwest Regional Retreat  
 on March 13<sup>th</sup> through 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026.  
 More Information to follow.

## Weekly Financial Report 12/28/2025

Offertory Collection (52 envelopes used of 258)	\$9,345.00
Candles	\$360.00
Needy (3 envelopes)	\$55.00
Christmas Offerings (65 envelopes)	\$4,910.00
Feast of the Circumcision (1 envelope)	\$100.00
Online Offerings (4 envelopes)	\$275.00

Thank you for your generous donations!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- St. Maron Feast Day Hafle - Sat., Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> after 4:30 pm Liturgy (MC)
- VBS 2026 - June 8<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026 (Antioch Hall)
- St. Maron Festival 2026 - July 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026

MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR!

## FEAST OF THE GLORIOUS EPIPHANY (Holy Day of Obligation)

Vigil Divine Liturgy: Monday, Jan 5<sup>th</sup> at 07:00 PM  
 Feast Day Divine Liturgy: Tuesday, Jan 6<sup>th</sup> at 12 Noon



## ST. MARON FEAST DAY

Celebrate St. Maron's Feast Day

on Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup>

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](mailto:stmaronyoungstown@gmail.com),  
 or scan the QR code.



## THE EPIPHANY: CHRIST REVEALED TO THE WORLD

On the Feast of the Epiphany, celebrated on January 6<sup>th</sup>, the Maronite Church proclaims the Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ as the supreme manifestation of His divine identity. This feast reveals Christ not to a single people, but to all humanity, as the long-awaited Messiah and the beloved Son of the Father.

When Jesus approaches John the Baptist at the Jordan, He does so in profound humility. Though sinless, He steps into the waters alongside sinners, choosing solidarity with fallen humanity. In this act, Christ does not seek purification; rather, He purifies the waters themselves, transforming them into a source of life and salvation. His obedience becomes a living teaching: the path to glory passes through humility, surrender, and trust in the Father's will.

At the moment of His Baptism, heaven is opened. The Holy Spirit descends in the form of a dove, resting upon the Son, while the voice of the Father resounds:

"You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased" (Luke 3:22). Here, the mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is revealed, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit acting in perfect unity. This divine manifestation confirms that Jesus is not merely a prophet, but the Son sent to redeem the world. For this reason, the Baptism of the Lord stands at the heart of Epiphany: God makes Himself known.

In the Maronite tradition, this event also carries a deeply sacramental meaning. By entering the Jordan, Christ sanctifies all waters, preparing them to become instruments of grace. Our own baptism flows from this sacred moment. Through baptism, we are united to Christ's death and resurrection; we die to sin and rise to new life. We are adopted as children of God and sealed with the Holy Spirit, called to live as witnesses of Christ's light in the world.

The Baptism of the Lord therefore challenges each of us to reflect on our own baptismal identity. Just as Christ willingly entered the waters, we too are called to humble ourselves before God, allowing Him to cleanse our hearts, renew our faith, and strengthen us by His Spirit. Epiphany is not only a celebration, it is a calling: to live as revealed sons and daughters of God, shining His light through lives of holiness, obedience, and love.





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

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

12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

**Adults \$12**

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6-13 \$6**

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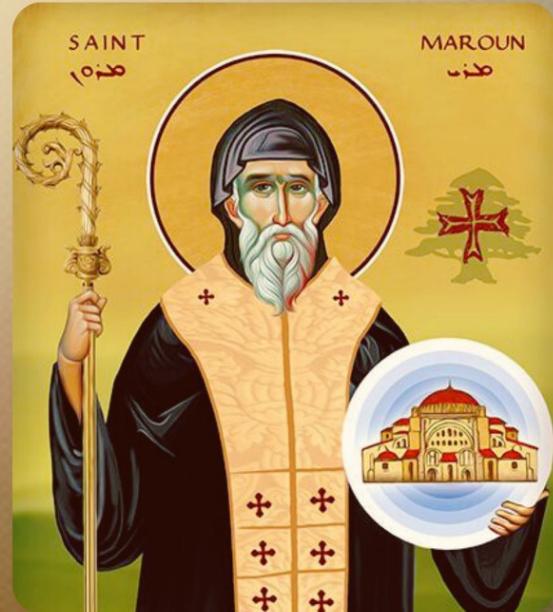
# St. Maron's Feast Day Celebration

**Saturday, February, 7<sup>th</sup>  
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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