

**OUR LADY OF MERCY
MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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**The 4th Sunday after Epiphany/Presentation of Christ in the temple
February 2nd, 2025**



Reconciliation (Confessions)

Saturday – 2:30pm to 3:30pm

Sunday – 8:30am to 9:30am

By appointment

Divine Liturgy/Mass Schedule

Tuesday through Friday 9am
in the Chapel.

Saturday – 4pm/Sunday – 10am

Eucharistic Adoration

Thursdays - 9:30pm to 10:30pm

Fridays - 9:30am- 10:30am

Saturdays – 2pm to 3:45pm

First Saturday Devotion

Every 1st Saturday

2:00pm – Eucharistic Exposition

3:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

3:10pm Holy Rosary

4:00 pm Divine Liturgy

Baptism and Chrismation

Contact the priest at least
three (3) months prior to the
requested date.

Matrimony /Crowning

Contact the priest at least
one (1) year prior to
requested date.

If you are new to the parish, please know that you are dearly loved and welcomed to be a member of our community of faith. To ensure receiving communication from the parish as a parishioner, please see the priest or one of the ushers.

“YOU ARE PRECIOUS AND HONORED IN MY SIGHT AND I LOVE YOU” ISAIAH 43:4

Divine Liturgy Intentions –The 4th Sunday after Epiphany/Presentation of Christ in the temple

Saturday February 1st - In memory of Roger & Lina Nehme

Sunday February 2nd - In memory of Alfred & Sayde Gabriel and Samira Mousa; Requested by Rabih Gabriel
Roman 9:30-10:4; Luke 2:22-35

Monday February 3rd - For the intentions of Adelaide Egan

Tuesday February 4th – For the intentions of Pat & Kimberly Long

Wednesday February 5th – For the intentions of Sue McBride

Thursday February 6th – For the intentions of William Egan

Friday February 7th - For the intentions of John & Katherine Hanley

Saturday February 8th - In memory of Tyler Hannoush (40 days anniversary)

Sunday February 9th - In memory of Georgette Ibrahim, Rosa & Youssef Chahine Requested by
Charlotte & George Jreige

Stewardship of God's Blessings for the Week of 01/19/2024-01/26/2025

Saturday/Sunday collection - \$1681.00 **Online Giving** - \$212.24; Donation-\$650.00 **Total –\$2543.24**

Second collection to be forwarded to the Eparchy: \$274.00

Thank you for your continuous support of our parish and its many needs. May God bless your generosity to Our Lady of Mercy. To make a tax-deductible online offering especially when you are not here, please go [to our Church's website](#) and scroll down to donate.

“Whatever you do, do from the heart, as for the Lord and not for others, knowing that you will receive from the Lord the due payment of the inheritance” (Colossians 3:23-24) and remember that “God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Corinthians 9:7)

Please remember Our Lady of Mercy Church in your will.

**SAVE THE DATE AND MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS ASAP– SAINT MARON CELEBRATION
WILL TAKE PLACE ON SATURDAY FEBRUARY 22ND, 2025 – CHECK THE FLYER FOR MORE
INFORMATION**

Gifts of the Heart for the Month of February

Altar Candles in the church - In memory of Louis Iovieno offered by Louise Iovieno.

Altar Bread and Wine in the Church – Private Intention offered by Aline & Fadi Khoury

Sanctuary Lamp in the church -

Altar Candles, Sanctuary Lamp, Altar Bread and Wine in the chapel –

Adoration Candles in the Church -

Promoting Vocations - The Eparchy is trying to bring more awareness to the different vocations in life. For this reason, an icon of the Holy Family along with a prayer will be given to a different family each week for prayer every night so God may guide us to discern and promote the various vocations. **See Fr. Peter for more information. To register, please click [here](#).**

Scripture Verse for the week- **FOR I KNOW THE PLANS I HAVE FOR YOU,” DECLARES THE LORD,
“PLANS TO PROSPER YOU AND NOT TO HARM YOU, PLANS TO GIVE YOU HOPE AND A FUTURE. -
Jeremiah 29:11**

Saint Maron Hafle

February 22nd 2025 - 08:30 pm

Adults \$75

Kids \$35
12 YO & under

Kibbeh Nayyeh
\$15/plate

Cash Bar

Raffle

Great Food

Ayad Atallah

Reservation: (Deadline February 16)

* Emile Khoury: (774) 641-9707

* Rony Zoghby: (774) 312-3447

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St. Therese *The Little Flower,*
Please pick me a Rose from the Heavenly
Garden and send it to me with a Message of
Love. Ask God to grant me the Favor I Thee
implore and tell Him I will Love Him each day
More and More.

(The above prayer, plus 5 Our Fathers, 5 Hail Mary's, 5 Glory Be's, must be said on 5 successive days, before 11 a.m. On the 5th day, the 5th set of prayers having been completed, offer one more set — 5 Our Father's, 5 Hail Mary's, 5 Glory Be's.)

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يا إخوتي، ماذا نقول؟ إن الأمم الذين لم يسعوا إلى البر قد أدركوا البر، أي البر الذي هو من الإيمان. أما إسرائيل الذي سعى إلى شريعة البر، فلم يبلغ شريعة البر. لماذا؟ لأنه لم يسع إلى البر بالإيمان بل بالأعمال. فعثروا بحجر العثرة، كما هو مكتوب: «ها إني أضع في صهيون حجر عثرة، وصخرة شك، فمن يؤمن به لا يحزى». أيها الإخوة، إن بغية قلبي وتضرعي إلى الله من أجل بني إسرائيل ليخلصوا. فأنا أشهد لهم أن فيهم غيرة لله، ولكن بدون معرفة صحيحة. فقد جهلوا بر الله، وحاولوا أن يثبتوا بر أنفسهم، فلم يخضعوا لبر الله؛ لأن غاية الشريعة إنما هي المسيح، لكي يتبرر به كل مؤمن.

إنجيل القديس لوقا 2: 35-22

ولما تمت أيام تطهير يوسف ومريم بحسب تورا موسى، صعدا به إلى أورشليم ليقدماه للرب، كما هو مكتوب في شريعة الرب: «كل ذكر فاتح رحم يدعى مقدسا للرب»، ولكي يقدم ذبيحة، كما ورد في شريعة الرب: «زوجي يمام، أو فرخي حمام». وكان في أورشليم رجل اسمه سمعان. وكان هذا الرجل بارًا تقيًا، ينتظر عزاء إسرائيل، والروح القدس كان عليه. وكان الروح القدس قد أوحى إليه أنه لن يرى الموت قبل أن يرى مسيح الرب. فجاء بدافع من الروح إلى الهيكل. وعندما دخل بالصبي يسوع أبواه، ليقيموا بما تفرضه التوراة في شأنه، حمله سمعان على ذراعيه، وبارك الله وقال: «الآن تطلق عبدك بسلام، أيها السيد، بحسب قولك، لأن عيني قد أبصرتا خلاصك، الذي أعدته أمام الشعوب كلها، نورًا ينجلي للأمم، ومجدًا لشعبك إسرائيل!». وكان أبوه وأمه يتعجبان مما يقال فيه. وباركهما سمعان، وقال لمریم أمه: «ها إن هذا الطفل قد جعل لسقوط ونهوض كثيرين في إسرائيل، وآية للخصام. وأنت أيضًا، سيجوز في نفسك سيف، فتتجلي حقايا قلوب كثيرة.»

Letter to the Romans 9: 30-33. 10:1-4

What then are we to say? Gentiles, who did not strive for righteousness, have attained it, that is, righteousness through faith; but Israel, who did strive for the righteousness that is based on the law, did not succeed in fulfilling that law. Why not? Because they did not strive for it on the basis of faith, but as if it were based on works. They have stumbled over the stumbling-stone, as it is written, 'See, I am laying in Zion a stone that will make people stumble, a rock that will make them fall, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.' Brothers and sisters, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. I can testify that they have a zeal for God, but it is not enlightened. For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God, and seeking to establish their own, they have not submitted to God's righteousness. For Christ is the end of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.

Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke 2: 22 - 35

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'