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. & 10:00 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
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Pastor: Rev. Tony Massad
Deacon: William George
Subdeacons: James Essad, Albert Dohar
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: 7 MAY / 4TH SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION / ST. ANTONINO - 4:30 PM
+ In Thanksgiving for our **Mothers, Grandmothers and God-Mothers**
+ Repose of **Sied & Jeanette Thomas** by Family
+ Repose of **Susan Kermec** by Joseph & Marilyn Joseph
+ Repose of **Wadih Jabre** by Joann, Mary Jo, Rick & Lynn Knuth

SUN: 8 MAY / 4TH SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION / ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST
8:30 AM
+ In Thanksgiving for our **Mothers, Grandmothers and God-Mothers**
+ Repose of **Marcella George Petruzzi** by Joe & Linda Warino
+ Repose of **Trena Dohar** by Steve & Marian Welcsh
+ Repose of **Joseph & Naceebe Thomas** by Mark & Anne-Marie Luchansky and Joe & Deebie Thomas and Families

10:00 AM
+ In Thanksgiving for our **Mothers, Grandmothers and God-Mothers**
+ One Year Anniversary Memorial for **Jeffrey Chahine** by Family
+ Repose of **Sayde Gabriel** by Dr. Mounir & Linda Awad
+ In honor of **Marty Rachid (90th birthday) & Cecilia Abdella (94th birthday)** by Norman & Rachel Abdella

MON: 9 MAY / ISAIAH THE PROPHET
NO LITURGY

TUE: 10 MAY / ST. SIMON - 8:30 AM
+ Repose of **Theresa Gregg** by Sarah Yazbek
+ Repose of **Dr. Tom Gabriel** by wife Barb Gabriel & Family

WED: 11 MAY / ST. PONTIUS - 7:00 PM
+ Repose of **John Dohar** by Fred, Ann & Joseph Ciarniello
+ Repose of **Joseph M. Hayek** by Bruce & Karen Joseph

THU: 12 MAY / ST. EPIPHANIUS - 8:30 AM
+ Repose of **Sam Beshara** by Dr. Eli & Peggy Saadi
+ Repose of **Jeanne Essad** by Elizabeth Joyce

FRI: 13 MAY / ST. ADDAI - 12:00 PM
+ Repose of **Sied Thomas** by Dan & Catherine Thomas
+ Repose of **John Saba** by Marilyn Mastronarde

SAT: 14 MAY / 5TH SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION / ST. BONIFACE - 4:30 PM
+ Repose of **Genevieve Abdalla** by Rosette Hayek
+ Repose of **Anne Vross** by Tony & Ursula Bell
+ Repose of **Russell Saadey III** by Charles & Linda Bishara

SUN: 15 MAY / 5TH SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION / OUR LADY OF THE HARVEST
8:30 AM
+ Repose of **Fay Basile** by Hekmet & Jean Estaphan
+ Repose of **George Rohan, Sr.** by Jude & Rebecca Nohra
+ Repose of **Georgette Hammond** by George & Gerri Rohan

10:00 AM
+ Repose of **Richard Beshara** by Joe Karkafi
+ Repose of **Alfred Gabriel** by Ed & Lina Sargent
+ Repose of **Peter Dohar, Jr.** by William Michael

3 WAYS TO CONNECT TO LIVE STREAMS: YouTube: www.tiny.cc/stmaron
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THIS WEEK'S READINGS:
Heb 13:18-25; Jn 21:1-14

Lectors - May 7 & 8
Saturday
4:30 pm: Chris Brocious

Sunday
8:30 am: Salma Hallett
10:00 am: Gr. 3 & 4

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:
Eph 2:1-10; Jn 21:15-19

Lectors - May 14 & 15
Saturday
4:30 pm: Charles Zidian

Sunday
8:30 am: Anne-Marie Luchansky
10:00 am: Gr. 9-12

Altar Servers - May 14 & 15

Sat - 4:30 pm Alexander
Sun - 8:30 am Nic
10:00 am Celine/Croix

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

Please pray for
the following people who have died in the past years, May 7 - May 13:

Sadie Lewis, Jeffrey H. Chahine, Moubarkeh Jabbour, Sadie Ellis, Sadalla Najjar, Susan Kermec, Fr. Nemtallah El-Hayek, Mary Hayek, Mary Rose Hanna, Lunuflia Mansour, Rose Alexander, Michael C. Kunovic, Schaffer Thomas, Sophie Manser, Abraham Hammond, Delores Joseph, Basma El-Housseiny, Wardieh Saleh, William G. Farris Sr., Bader Joseph, John J. Mike

SHUT-INS AT HOME:
Frank Santisi, Jr., Liz Manser, Marie Eckenrode, Helene D'Apolito, Ida Michael, Vail Rohan, John Abbas, Tom Dohar

SHUT-INS:
Karimeh Rafidi (Christine Valley)

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

4TH SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

MAY 7 & 8, 2022

SANCTUARY CANDLES - MAY

In Loving Memory of **Nabeh J. Rouhana**
by Frances E. Rouhana Family
In Loving Memory of **Joseph N. Rouhana**
by Frances E. Rouhana Family
In Loving Memory of **Thomas & Catherine Sarkies**
by Frances E. Rouhana Family

ALTAR WINE - MAY

In Loving Memory of **The Deceased Members of the Tabet Family**
by Abraham & Saide Tabet

ALTAR BREAD - MAY

By the **Frances E. Rouhana Family**

Happy Birthday!

May 7 Anthony Luchansky
May 8 Sadie Marie Alexander, Al George, Juliette Palusak
May 9 Brad Marzano
May 10 Sue Ellis
May 11 Elizabeth Hanna
May 12 Alex El-Hayek, Gregory Thomas
May 13 Jo Ann Bukovinsky

Happy Anniversary!

May 7 Fred & Ann Ciarniello - 28 years
May 9 Mark & Anne-Marie Luchansky- 35 years
May 10 David & Madeline Clarke - 42 years
George & Nasta Khoury - 65 years
May 12 Bruce & Rosemarie Yardas - 49 years
May 13 Larry & Jo Ann (Bukovinsky) Stephan - 3 years

DESIGNER PURSE BINGO will be held at the National Shrine of our Lady of Lebanon in North Jackson on Saturday, May 14, at 6:30 PM. Tickets are now on sale and are $25 each or 8 for $175. For reservations call The Shrine at 330-538-3351. There will be 15 bingo games, door prizes, raffles, 50/50 & more! More information is available on The Shrine's Facebook page.

Weekly Financial Report	5/1/22
Offertory Collection (77 envelopes of 300 used)	$3136.00
Easter Offering	$1000.00
Eparchial Development Appeal	$100.00
Hosanna Sunday	$150.00
Caritas	$40.00
National Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon	$130.00
Candles	$24.00
Needy	$200.00

Thank you for your generous donations!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

MYO Meeting & Field Trip - Sun., May 15th
Silver Bullets - Wed., May 18th 11:00 AM
First Communion - Sun., May 22nd
Festival & Volunteer Meeting - Tues., May 24th 7:00 PM

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

THANK YOU! A sincere thank you to all who participated in the annual 25 Club Raffle and Dinner. It was the first in two years and it was a very enjoyable evening. We also appreciate the heroic efforts of the volunteers from Saint Maron who provided us with a fabulous meal. Truly a wonderful dinner. God bless all of you for all you have done for Our Blessed Lady. Sincerely,

Chorbishop Anthony Spinosa

ST. MARON EDUCATION FOUNDATION is accepting applications for scholarships. Applicants must use the website to apply & provide the materials as requested. Deadline is June 15. Go to www.stmaronyoungstownb.org/education-foundation/

NAM'S ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM is now accepting applications for the scholarships being offered. Applications are available on NAM's website at www.namnews.org. Those interested can pick up a flyer with more information detailing individual scholarships in the foyer of the church. Deadline to submit applications is May 31, 2022. For questions, call 330-212-9207.

TIME TO START FESTIVAL PLANNING! We will be meeting on Tuesday, May 24th, at 7:00 PM in Antioch Hall to start making plans and organizing for our 2022 Festival which will be held on August 20th & 21st. We welcome all parishioners who are willing to give of their time & talents to make this year's festival another success! Come one, come all!

FLOWERS Please help yourselves to the pots of Easter Lilies in the back of the church to enjoy in your gardens!

FATHER KNOWS BEST… **Fr. Jacques Kik**

What type of body did Jesus have after the resurrection?

We can assert from the Scriptures that the physical body of Jesus itself had resurrected, and he repeatedly highlighted this fact to his Apostles, lest they think he was a spirit or a vision: "See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." (Lk. 24:39) Then to prove his point, he asked for something to eat and "They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate it in their presence" (vv. 41–42).

Another unmistakable evidence of the physical nature of the resurrection body was that it possessed the physical scars from Jesus' crucifixion that no so-called 'spiritual' or immaterial body would have: "Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side…'" (Jn. 20:27)

Yet, this same physical body of resurrected Jesus was not quite the same! For example, it did not obey the laws of physics. Several times, he would suddenly appear or enter through walls: "the doors being locked… Jesus came and stood among them" (Jn. 20:19). "A week later his disciples were in the house again… Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them…" (Jn. 20:26). "While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them" (Lk. 24:36)

The glorified bodies we will have after the resurrection are the same ones we have now, yet spiritual, and thus will follow the spiritual order of things! This is hard for us to understand now, since we are constrained by our experience of physical bodies. St Paul beautifully explains this: *"So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown corruptible; it is raised incorruptible. It is sown dishonorable; it is raised glorious. It is sown weak; it is raised powerful. It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body" (1Co. 15:42-44).*

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May 5, 2022

I am writing this letter as an appeal and to ask for your help, especially for parents and grandparents of our youth who are in the age group of MYO, youth ages 12 – 18.

We all know that we have a beautiful and vibrant parish. Our parish is a treasure, and we work very hard to maintain it, keep it clean, and to update it because as our homes are an extension of us, so too is our parish. Although maintenance and renovations can be difficult and hard work, we know that there is a greater and more important goal and mission of our parish. Our main and prime focus is to practice and to pass on our Maronite faith heritage to our children. We do this so they can come to know and love our Lord Jesus and to grow in friendship and love for each other.

We have been blessed to have programs that help us do this in our parish. We have a MCFP program that helps to teach our youth about God and our faith. We have MCO geared towards our little ones. We have MYO to continue this growth in the teenage years, and we have MYA to help cultivate the faith as our children grow into young men and young women. In this letter I want to focus on MYO and the importance of this group and why I desperately NEED the help of you, our parents, and grandparents.

For many of our parishioners here, who grew up in this church and experienced at one time or another the youth group known as MYO, you were able to meet your friends at church for fun activities, dances, trips, prayers, and Liturgies. Throughout this time, you built lasting and beautiful friendships that you still have to this day. You know the fun and joy that comes from the group, the faith and life lessons you learned in a place that was safe and free of judgment and you made friends you still have 30 or 40 or 50 years later. Please don't deprive your children of the opportunity that MYO offers our youth and that you can pass on to your children. This has been something that not only has been a good thing for our youth throughout the generations but also a vital and integral part of the present and future of the parish. Our youth are the future of our parish family.

With this knowledge, I am asking for your help in reigniting our MYO to become a group that is vibrant and active again. It has been extremely difficult to have our youth come together for a MYO event or meeting. They are disinterested and disengaged. They have sports, friends, other activities, yet are bored. They tell mom or dad they don't want to go. What good is it to have a fundraiser if our youth are not coming to events or meetings so that we can use those funds? I hear, "My kids are busy, they have practice or a game," "They have friends to meet," "They don't want to come…" and the list goes on and on. All those things take precedence over the MYO.

We need them to be here, to make friends in this parish and with each other. **Kids go where their friends are and want to be with them. If our youth are not friends with each other in our parish, they generally will not come. We need our kids to be friends with each other here. This is not a perfect plan but gives us the best opportunity to retain our youth in our parish and help them to take ownership, knowing this is not just my parent's church, but this is my church too. By the way, their friends are invited and welcome to come!** We are fighting to keep our youth in our parish, and I feel as if most don't really care about this matter in the way they should. Where is our parish in the next 5, 10, or 20 years if we don't have our youth with us now? What does St. Maron look like in the next generation?

Currently, I send text messages to over 40 families to encourage them to bring their kids to the MYO. Many times, I don't receive any sort of acknowledgment and I know it is generally an ignored message because most of the time we will have less than 5 or 10 youth at our meeting or event. We also email about events, we make announcements from the altar, and print the activities and times and events in the bulletin. With all of this, for the most part, our youth are not coming or attending.

I need your help. What more can I do? What more can we do as a team? This is not just an effort you have to do alone; we want to help because this affects all of us. We all love our parish, and we want our children to know what a special place this is, and I make this appeal, sincerely, to you to ask what else can we do? It seems for many of our families every sport or activity or event takes precedence over our church and the MYO and its' important mission. How do we change that?

With those questions in mind, I want to invite you, specifically our parents of MYO aged youth, to join me and our MYO team in a meeting after Divine Liturgy on Sunday, June 5th in the Church. This will be a discussion for all of us to share our thoughts and ideas and to help all of us understand how we can continue the mission of St. Maron parish with the next generations.

I write this letter from my heart to appeal to yours. My intention was and is not to hurt anyone, the intention is for us to look at this situation soberly and to give us the opportunity to help each other to face the challenges at hand with our youth and how to better serve them. God bless all our families and especially our youth: the present and future of our parish.

With love and respect,

Fr. Tony Massad

P.S. If you would like to receive text messages for MCO (children's group), MYO, or MYA events (for any or all of the groups) please reach out to me and I will gladly add you to the list to keep updated.

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