

St. John Maron

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ST. JOHN MARON PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Maronite Catholic Family in Western New York, descendants of the Church of Antioch, children of Beit Maroun, and part of the same Universal Church, are committed, through Time, Talent and Treasure, to preserve the faith of Peter, to hand down the torch of our precious heritage to our children and to promote human life and dignity in our community and in the world.



**FOR UNTO US IS BORN THIS DAY IN THE CITY OF DAVID
A SAVIOUR, WHICH IS CHRIST THE LORD. Luke 2: 11**

2040 Wehrle Drive, Williamsville, NY

LITURGY INTENTIONS

<u>TIME AND DATE</u>	<u>IN LOVING MEMORY OF</u>	<u>REQUESTED BY</u>
5:00 PM Sat. Dec 31	Amelia Moran	Amy Habib & Family
10:00 AM Sun. Jan. 1	For the Healing of Richard Hunter, Jr.	Patrick & Rita MacDiarmid
12:15 PM Sun. Jan. 1	Edward Greige Boutros & Eid Maged	Antoun Greige & Family M/M Sayed El Khoury
12:00 PM Tues. Jan. 3	NO MASS	
12:00 PM Wed. Jan. 4	NO MASS	
7:00 PM Thurs. Jan. 5	Halim Habib Joseph Hanna	Amy Habib & Family Mona Hanna & Family
12:00 PM Fri. Jan. 6	<i>Feast of the Epiphany</i> Zmorred Maroun & Deceased Members of the Anthony Family	Sarkis Anthony
5:00 PM Sat. Jan.7	Halim Habib & Family Henry Godlewski	Amy Habib & Family Dolores Godlewski & Family
10:00 AM Sun. Jan. 8	Louise & Tom Joseph	M/M Richard Moses
12:15 PM Sun. Jan. 8	Boulos & Tony Majed Fawzi Maalouf Mohsen Ramia - 40 Day Mass	M/M Sayed El Khoury Mrs. Nelly Anthony & Family Karam & Nadia Kaban

The Altar Bread for January is given in loving memory of

The Altar Wine for January is given in loving memory of

The Sanctuary Lamp for January is given in loving memory of **Kaffa Abdella, Mary Bittar, Mary Milan** by M/M Richard Attea

****KEEP THE LEGACY ALIVE****
****PLEASE REMEMBER ST. JOHN MARON PARISH IN YOUR ESTATE PLANNING****

This Weekend's Sacred Scriptures: Epistle: Eph 2:11-22 ~ **Gospel:** Lk 2:21
NEXT Weekend's Sacred Scriptures: Epistle: 2 Cor 10:1-11 ~ **Gospel:** Jn 1:29-34

Parish Stewardship (Dec. 25, 2011) **TO MEET EXPENSES WE NEED \$3,800 IN THE WEEKLY OFFERTORY.**
THE WEEKLY COLLECTIONS ARE KEY TO PAYING BILLS.

REGULAR TITHES \$6,738.00

PLEASE CONTINUE TO USE YOUR ENVELOPES.
 THANKS TO ALL WHO ARE HELPING. YOUR GENEROSITY IS A BLESSING.
IF EACH PARISHIONER HELPS A LITTLE, WE CAN ACCOMPLISH A LOT.

TODAY THE SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR INITIAL OFFERING (cost of envelope box)
NEXT WEEK THE SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR THE BUILDING FUND

“A Tithe is not only a Debt we owe; It is also a Seed we Sow

*** Altar Servers:** Sat. 5 p.m.: Jonathan Mansour
 Sun. 10 a.m.: Michael Hayek
 Sun. 12:15 p.m.: Peter Hayek & John Shelby

*** Lectors:** Sat. 5:00 p.m.: Bob DiSibio
 Sun. 10:00 a.m.: Joe Bitar
 Sun. 12:15 p.m.:

*** Peace Bearers:**

*** Gift Bearers:**

*** INTERSESSIONS:**

HEARTFELT GRATITUDE

I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all the parish families of St. John Maron for their patience and generosity this past year. Thanks to all those who are involved in educating our children, caring for our youth, lectors, deacons, altar servers, festival and all fund-raising volunteers, the staff of our parish office, generous benefactors, and all those who work behind the scenes. May God bless you and your loved ones abundantly. ***WISHING YOU A BLESSED NEW YEAR FULL OF LOVE, HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.***

Abouna Elie

ENVELOPE OFFERING BOX SET

The Offering Envelope box set for each parish family are now located in the back of the Church. Please be sure to pick up your box set.

If you did not receive any envelopes, please contact the parish office.

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

The Epiphany Mass (**Holy Day of Obligation**) will be celebrated on the eve of the Epiphany, Thursday, January 5, at 7:00 p.m. There will also be a 12:00 p.m. Mass on the feast day, Friday, January 6. ***If you wish to have Holy Water***, you may bring your own "Holy Water" bottle and place it on the table provided for the water jars.

2012 CALENDARS

St. John Maron Calendars for the new year are available at all the entrances of the Church. ***Please take as many as you would like!!!***

YOUR COMMITMENT IS NEEDED

St. John Maron Parish exists to *Support Your Faith & Attend to Your Spiritual Needs*. We need **Your Faithful Weekly Financial Support**. Please Remember to **Make Up your Weekly Envelopes** (Weekly, Fuel, Building Fund etc.) for your Saint John Maron Parish...when returning after being away for vacation, travel, etc... **OUR PARISH IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF US ALL**. Thank you in advance for your commitment and your generosity. May God Bless you!

2012 MASS BOOK

The 2012 Mass Book is now open for anyone who wishes to schedule Masses IN ADVANCE

PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Lillian Noah, Raghad Dabbikeh Schroeder, George Hayek, Lily Simon, Nagibe Betros, Richard Hunter, Shirley Adimey. Please remember the sick of our Parish family in your prayer.

ALTAR BREAD AND WINE & SANCTUARY LAMP

Sponsors are needed for the Altar Bread and Wine & Sanctuary Lamp. Anyone who wishes to do so in thanksgiving or in memory of deceased loved one(s), may fill out the appropriate form available at each of the entrances of the church. You may sponsor each or all items on a weekly or monthly basis. The offering is \$10 for each week of Altar Bread, \$10 for each week of Altar Wine and \$10 for each week of Sanctuary Lamp.

ALTAR SERVERS

MANDATORY MEETING

Attention boys 4th Grade and up — there will be a **mandatory** meeting and practice for any boy wishing to become an altar server and also for those who are presently altar servers. The practice will be **Thursday, January 19 at 6:30 p.m. in the Church.**

LECTORS NEEDED

We are in need of lectors in both English and Arabic languages to proclaim the Word of God during the Divine liturgies (Saturday and Sunday). If you would like to help in this ministry, please indicate so by signing the sheet located at the entrance of the Church. Brief training will be part of this endeavor. **This is an important part of the Liturgy and your help is greatly needed.** Thank You!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education classes will resume on January 8, 2012. **Those children selected to participate in the Children's Mass on January 15 MUST BE IN ATTENDANCE ON JANUARY 8.**

OFFICE BUSINESS, REQUESTS FOR RECORDS, MASSES, ETC...

Parishioners who are in need of anything from the Parish Office or *Abouna*, such as scheduling Masses, Baptisms, meetings, requests for records, etc... are kindly asked to call or visit the parish office during the week (Monday -Friday) so that we can properly attend to matters.

NO SATURDAYS OR SUNDAYS.

Please, call the Parish Office and leave a message. **PLEASE NOTE:** Articles for the bulletin must be submitted to the Parish Office no later than Tuesday of each week.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Please be my shepherd, Jesus, that's all I ask of you - in good times and in bad this year, take my hand and lead me through.

Happy New Year!