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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.



**BEHOLD, THE LAMB OF GOD,
WHO TAKES AWAY THE SIN OF THE WORLD.** Jn. 1: 29

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. 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
12:00 PM Tues. Jan. 10	NO MASS	
12:00 PM Wed. Jan. 11	NO MASS	
12:00 PM Thurs, Jan. 12	NO MASS	
12:00 PM Fri. Jan. 13	NO MASS	
5:00 PM Sat. Jan. 14	Rev. Simon El Khoury	M/M Sayed El Khoury
10:00 AM Sun. Jan. 15	Mohsen Ramia Vincent Safy	M/M Tony Ibrahim Amelia Safy & Family
12:15 PM Sun. Jan. 15	Linda Kairouz Jack Dabbikeh Sarkis & Sadie Abraham & Sons	M/M Francis Saad Ferouz Dabbikeh Isabelle Abraham

The Altar Bread for January is given in loving memory of **Rose, Jim & Karema Abraham by their loving family**

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: 2 Cor 10:1-11 ~ **Gospel:** Jn 1:29-34

NEXT Weekend's Sacred Scriptures: Epistle: 2 Cor 4:5-15 ~ **Gospel:** Jn 1:35-42

Parish Stewardship (Jan. 01, 2012) **TO MEET EXPENSES WE NEED \$3,800 IN THE WEEKLY OFFERTORY.**
THE WEEKLY COLLECTIONS ARE KEY TO PAYING BILLS.

REGULAR TITHES \$3,288.00

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 THE BUILDING FUND
NEXT WEEK, THE SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR FUEL & UPKEEP

“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.: John Shelby & Peter Hayek
 Sun. 12:15 p.m.: Elias Zinaty & Michael Hayek

*** Lectors:** Sat. 5:00 p.m.: Tom Haykel
 Sun. 10:00 a.m.: Joe Bitar
 Sun. 12:15 p.m.: Rita Hayek

*** Peace Bearers:**

*** Gift Bearers:**

TO ALL WHO MADE THIS CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

My deepest appreciation to all parishioners of St. John Maron. Your presence at Mass and your dedication to the spirit of the season, your very generous monetary donations, and your gifts of flowers and other kind offerings, have contributed to making this a most exceptional Christmas .

It is so wonderful to see more and more of you at Mass every week, and as your spiritual leader, I look forward to our continuing this spirit of community during the coming year. Many blessings to each of you and your families in the New Year.

Abouna Elie

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU

The great success of our Christmas activities is due in large part to the many people who contributed to this success ~ ~ to Ellen El Hawa and Rimon Moawad, who coordinated the *Children's Christmas Party*; to Aline Aboujaoude, who coordinated and directed the Children's Christmas Play; and to Diana Harfouche, who coordinated the *Adult Christmas Party*. Thank you to you and the many parishioners who shared their time, talents and energy in making these events so enjoyable. A good time was had by all!!

ABOUNA YOUSSEF 50TH ANNIVERSARY

A Mass and reception honoring Abouna Youssef Khoury in celebration of his 50th Anniversary in the Priesthood will be held on **January 29, 2012 at the 12:15 p.m. Mass and afterwards in the Cedar's Banquet Hall.** Let's honor Abouna Youssef by attending this celebration.

2011 RECORD OF CONTRIBUTIONS

The record of contributions for your 2011 tax statements will be available in the near future. Any questions, please contact the parish office.

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.**

2012 CALENDARS

St. John Maron Calendars for the new year are available at all 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!

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.

SAVE THE DATE

To honor the many MATRIARCHS and PATRIARCHS (75 years young and older) who have given selflessly to our parish over the years, a reception celebrating their legacy will be held on **Sunday, February 5, 2012** at the 10:00 a.m. Liturgy. A reception will follow in the Banquet Hall. **A letter of invitation will be sent to all parishioners.** Please plan on attending this special celebration.

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!

2012 MASS BOOK

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

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.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Give the world the best you have, and the best will come back to you