

# St. John Maron

## Maronite Catholic Church



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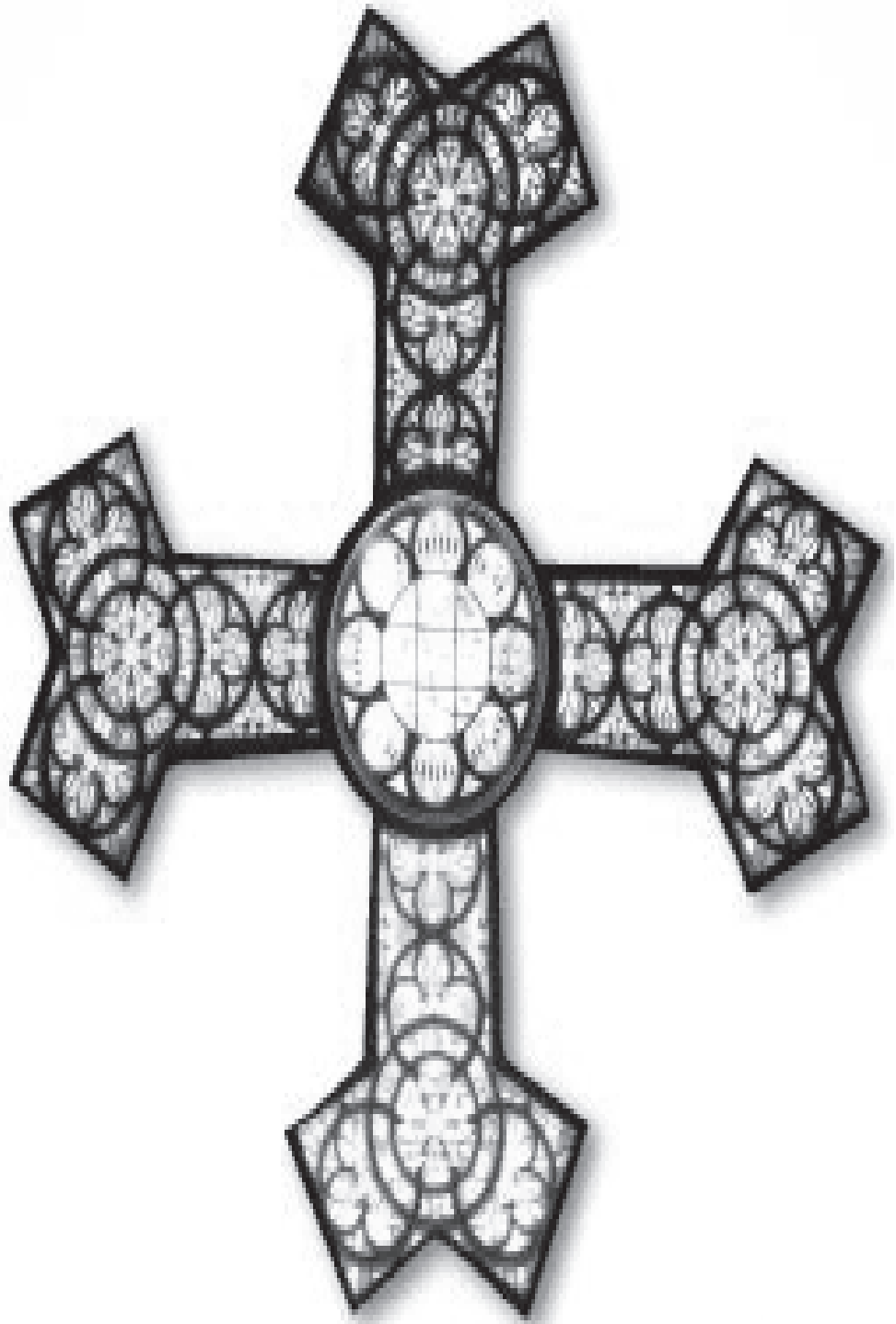
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### ST. JOHN MARON PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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 our precious heritage to our children and to promote human life and dignity in our community and in the world.



**"The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God." 1 Cor. 1:18**

**2040 Wehrle Drive, Williamsville, NY**

**LITURGY INTENTIONS**

**TIME AND DATE**

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF**

**REQUESTED BY**

5:00 PM Sat. Oct. 8	Joseph E. Joseph Norman Joseph Jeanne D'Arc Abou Antoun Myron Mattrey	D/M Felix Labaki Amy Habib & Family Roy & Debbie Mura Terry Abraham
10:00 AM Sun. Oct. 9	Victoria Lahood Majid Mansour	Jennie Abou Nader Sheila & Randy Folaron
12:15 PM Sun. Oct. 9	Peter Hayek Jeanne D'Arc Abou Antoun Therese & Kanan Dagher	M/M Tanios Abounader & Family M/M Emile Mansour Drs. Fadi & Christiane Dagher Abouna
12:00 PM Tues. Oct. 11	Linda Kairouz	
12:00 PM Wed. Oct. 12	Zmorred Maroun & Deceased Members of the Anthony Family	Sarkis Anthony Hayek Family Abouna
12:00 PM Thurs. Oct. 13	Peter Hayek	
12:00 PM Fri. Oct. 14	Josephine Bassil	
5:00 PM Sat. Oct. 15	James Crehan The Sfeir & Karam Families Jeanne D'Arc Abou Antoun	M/M Philip Haroney Sadie Joseph & Family Mary Berg
10:00 AM Sun. Oct. 16	Joseph E. Joseph Jewel Attea Jeanne D'Arc Abou Antoun Richard Vincent Joseph Majid Mansour	Amy Habib & Family M/M Frank Attea M/M Ronald Attea The Family Gina & Alan Govern Samir & Kahla Mansour The Hayek Family M/M Fouad Natanios
12:15 PM Sun. Oct. 16	Badeh Al-Mekhtifi Peter Hayek Bahieh & Joseph Mansour	

**The Altar Bread** for this Month of October is given for the intentions of D. Sapienza by Cousins Sadie & Reggie

**The Altar Wine** for this Month of October is given in loving memory of Rev. Elias AbouJaoude by Dr. & Mrs. Philippe AbouJaoude

**The Sanctuary Lamp** for this Month of October is given in loving memory of Homer, Mary & Richard Hanson by Richard & Harriet Attea

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

**This Weekend's Sacred Scriptures: Epistle:** 1 Thes 5:1-11 ~ **Gospel:** Mt 24:45-51

**NEXT Weekend's Sacred Scriptures: Epistle:** Phil 2:12-18 ~ **Gospel:** Mt 25:1-13

**Parish Stewardship** (Oct. 2, 2011) **TO MEET EXPENSES WE NEED \$3,800 IN THE WEEKLY OFFERTORY.**  
**THE WEEKLY COLLECTIONS ARE KEY TO PAYING BILLS.**

REGULAR TITHES \$1980.00

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.

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

**TODAY THE SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR FUEL & UPKEEP**  
**THE SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK IS FOR MARONITE PATRIARCHAL CHARITIES**

**Altar Servers:** Sat. 5 p.m.:

Sun. 10 a.m.:

Sun. 12:15 p.m.

**\*Lectors:** Sat. 5 p.m.: Tom Haykel

Sun. 10:00 a.m.:

12:15 p.m.:

**\* Peace Bearers:**



## **AUTUMN SPECTACULAR FUNDRAISER**

The Autumn Spectacular Fundraiser Dinner will be held on **Saturday, November 12, 2011**. The Dinner Committee is hard at work planning the event and finalizing the details for a first-class Lebanese meal. As in past years, there will only be 450 tickets sold for the event and they are expected to go fast. Tickets are \$100. You can wait to be contacted by a ticket captain or you can purchase your ticket **now** by calling the Rectory (634-0669) or Fouad Hage, the event chairman (631-1301) or Dick Saffire (228-9052).

Dinner reservations will be accepted until Sunday, November 6th or until sold out. Dinner tickets are \$15 for the first reservation and \$25 for each additional guest. All prices are the same as past years. Reservations will be limited this year, and there will be NO walk-ins accepted at the door on the night of the event. This is always a great event, please reserve early.

## **LITURGICAL COMMITTEE**

A Liturgical Committee for St. John Maron is being formed. The committee will consist of five parishioners, including a member of the Parish Council. The Committee will be given the responsibility of improving the overall quality of worship at the Parish. Specific duties will include:

- 1) Planning Masses with Abouna—Opening the Church, preparing and coordinating readers, ushers, gift bearers, and the needs for special services and holyday Masses.
- 2) Ensuring the congregation is silent and solemn before and during Masses.
- 3) Working with the choir to coordinate music and liturgy.
- 4) Working with the Altar & Rosary Society to prepare the altar for Sundays and holydays.

Any parishioner who would like to be considered for this position, should call Abouna Elie at 634-0669.

## **SUNDAY'S COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEER LIST**

### **10:00 a.m. Mass**

October 9 - Milani Mahfoud  
October 16 - Georgina Kabanal  
October 23 - Odeal Frank  
October 30 - Chris & Claudia Bellok

## **2012 MASS BOOK**

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

## **ALTAR BREAD AND WINE & SANCTUARY LAMP**

Sponsors 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.

## **YOUR COMMITMENT IN THE WEEKLY FINANCIAL SUPPORT 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!**

## **ORGANIST NEEDED**

St. John Maron Church is looking for an Organist for hire: to organize our music ministry. If you know of anyone, please contact Abouna Elie @ 634-0669.

## **PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH**

Lillian Noah, Raghad Dabbikeh  
Schroeder, George Hayek,  
Lily Simon, Nagibe Betros

Please remember the sick of our Parish family in your prayer.

## **WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY**

Our deepest sympathy and sincere condolences go to the family and relatives of Faouzi Maalouf who passed away recently in Lebanon. Faouzi is the father of Rita Hayek and May Atallah. May the Lord grant eternal rest to the soul of his servant, Faouzi, and may He grant comfort and consolation to all those who mourn him.

## **PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Please be advised that the Parish office hours are **Mondays and Wednesdays from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** Any requests for Masses, Baptism's, Marriages, etc. should be made at that time. A message can be left on the office phone at any time during the week, and Abouna will get back to you as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation.

## **HOLY NAME SOCIETY MEETING & STEAK DINNER POSTPONED**

The Holy Name Society has **postponed** the Membership/Steak Dinner that was scheduled for this coming Monday. Details on a new date will be forthcoming. Also, the Holy Name Meeting that was scheduled for this Sunday has been **cancelled**. The next meeting of the Holy Name will be held **Sunday, November 13**.

Are you aware that the Holy Name Society uses email to keep its members informed of Parish and Society news? If you would like to be added to the email list, please send your email address to [sjmholyname@gmail.com](mailto:sjmholyname@gmail.com). You do not have to be a member to receive these emails.

## **MARONITE YOUTH ORGANIZATION**

The MYO (Maronite Youth Organization) will have its first meeting and class with Abouna Elie and Amy Khoury on **Thursday, October 13 at 7 pm in the Rectory**. All high school students are required to attend the meeting. If you have any questions please contact Amy Khoury @ 812-9014.

## **CANISIUS H.S. OPEN HOUSE**

This year, the Canisius High School Open House will be held on **Sunday, October 16, anytime from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

Canisius H. S. also has a **Shadow Program**. Eighth Grade boys are invited to spend a full school day at Canisius attending classes to see for themselves what the school is all about.

## **ST. GABRIEL'S CHURCH RAFFLE**

The Holy Name Society of St. Gabriel's Church in Elma, NY is sponsoring their 3rd Annual Home Electronics & Appliance Raffle on Sunday, 10/23/11, from 1-4 p.m. Prizes include 50" Plasma HDTV, front load washer & dryer, gas range, etc. Tickets are \$25, which includes refreshments and roast beef sandwiches. Please call the Rectory (668-4017) for information.

## **A FRIENDLY REMINDER**

Please note that if you wish to have a Mass said for a loved one, a "Divine Liturgy Intention Form" **must** be filled out and submitted to Abouna or sent to the Rectory. The form is located at each entrance of the Church. This is also necessary for the "Altar Bread and Wine and Sanctuary Lamp." Thank you for your cooperation. **Also, articles for the bulletin must be submitted to Abouna no later than Tuesday of each week.**