

St. John Maron

Maronite Catholic Church



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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.

DIVINE LITURGIES

WeekdaysTuesday-Friday.. (No Mass On Monday) ..12:00 PM
Holy Days12:00 PM & 7:00 PM
Weekends5:00 PM Saturday; 10:00 AM & 12:15 PM Sunday
July - August5:00 PM Saturday; 11:00 AM Sunday

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sundays (September through May)11:00 AM – 12:00 Noon
Parents must be active parishioners and must attend church regularly in order to enroll their children in the Religious Education program of St. John Maron.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Upon request or according to the following schedule:

Saturday4:30 – 4:50 PM
Sunday9:30 – 9:50 AM and 11:45 – 12:05 PM

HOSPITAL & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call and notify the parish so that we can attend to your spiritual needs

MYSTERIES OF INITIATION

For Baptisms and Confirmation, please contact the parish office to set a date and to make arrangements

MYSTERY OF CROWNING

Marriage arrangements must be made Six (6) Months in advance. Those who plan to get married outside of the United States and need a testimonial for Free State to Marry must contact the Pastor in advance.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

A Heartfelt Welcome to all new parishioners. We would invite each family and/or individual to please register with us by filling out the Registration Form available at the entrances of the Church or by stopping by the Parish Office.

2040 Wehrle Drive, Williamsville, NY

LITURGY INTENTIONS

<u>TIME AND DATE</u>	<u>IN LOVING MEMORY OF</u>	<u>REQUESTED BY</u>
6:00 PM Sat. Dec. 24 Vigil Eve	Deceased Members of the Moran & Joseph Families Eli Joseph & Moses Joseph	St. John Maron Church Zaine Joseph
12:00 AM Sat. Midnight Mass	For the deceased & living members of St. John Maron	
11:00 AM Sun.	Christmas Day ~ For the deceased & living members of St. John Maron	
12:00 PM Tues. Dec. 27	NO MASS	
12:00 PM Wed. Dec. 28	NO MASS	
12:00 PM Thurs. Dec. 29	NO MASS	
12:00 PM Fri. Dec. 30	NO MASS	
5:00 PM Sat. Dec 31	Amelia Moran	Amy Habib & Family
10:00 AM Sun. Jan. 1	Ghassan & Linda Kairouz	Abouna
12:15 PM Sun. Jan. 1	Edward Greige Boutros & Eid Maged	Antoun Greige & Family M/M Sayed El Khoury

The Altar Bread for this Month of December is given in loving memory of **Said, Hanneh, Pete & Mary Hayek**

The Altar Wine for this Month of December is given in loving memory of **Said, Hanneh, Pete & Mary Hayek**

The Sanctuary Lamp for this Month of December is given in loving memory of **Joseph H. & Georgette Attea** by **Richard & Harriet Attea**

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

This Weekend's Sacred Scriptures: Epistle: Heb 1:1-12 ~ **Gospel:** Lk 2:1-20

NEXT Weekend's Sacred Scriptures: Epistle: Eph 2:11-22 ~ **Gospel:** Lk 2:21

Parish Stewardship (Dec. 18, 2011) **TO MEET EXPENSES WE NEED \$3,800 IN THE WEEKLY OFFERTORY.**
THE WEEKLY COLLECTIONS ARE KEY TO PAYING BILLS.

REGULAR TITHES \$2,438
 FUEL & UPKEEP \$ 480

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 ASSESSMENT/BISHOP APPEAL
NEXT WEEK THE SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR INTIAL OFFERING (cost of envelope box)

*** Altar Servers:** Sat. 6 p.m.: Jonathan Mansour & George Newcomb
 Midnight Mass.: Elias Zinaty & John Shelby
 Sun. 11 a.m.: Peter Hayek & Michael Hayek

*** Lectors:** Sat. 6:00 p.m.: Bob DiSibio
 Midnight Mass: Ellen ElHawa
 Sun. 11:00 a.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. ***A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND 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.

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 31: New Year's Eve @ 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, January 1: New Year's Day @ 10:00 & 12:15.

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.

MANDATORY ALTAR SERVER 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.**

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."

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

There will be no Religious Education classes for the next two Sundays (12/25 & 1/1), due to the Christmas holidays. Classes will resume January 8, 2012.

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

Jesus is the reason for the season!

