

LITURGY INTENTIONS

<u>DATE AND TIME</u>		<u>IN LOVING MEMORY OF</u>		<u>REQUESTED BY</u>
Tuesday	Dec. 24	6:00 pm	CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS @ 6:00 P.M. Deceased members of the Moran & Joseph Families	St. John Maron Parish
Tuesday	Dec. 25	Midnight	CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS @ 12:00 A.M. The deceased and living members of St. John Maron Parish	
Wednesday	Dec. 25	11:00 am	CHRISTMAS DAY MASS @ 11:00 A.M. The deceased and living members of St. John Maron Church Peter Arida	Ramona Arida & Family
Thursday	Dec. 26	12:00 am	Ghassan & Linda Kairouz	The Family
Friday	Dec. 27	12:00 pm	Ghassan & Linda Kairouz	The Family
Saturday	Dec. 28	5:00 pm	Deceased of the Joseph, Sfeir, Karam, & Attea Families	Sadie Joseph & Family
Sunday	Dec. 29	10:00 am	Ghassan & Linda Kairouz Helen Milliken	The Family Jean Panzaralla
		12:15 pm	Bahia & Joseph Mansour Claus Leyder	Ntanios Mansour M/M Tony Hayek
Tuesday	Dec. 31	5:00 pm	Amelia Moran	Amy Habib & Family
Wednesday	Jan. 01	11:00 am	Ghassan & Linda Kairouz & Rose Kairouz	The Family

The Altar Bread for December is in loving memory of Ghassan & Linda Kairouz by The Family

The Altar Wine for December is in loving memory of Ghassan & Linda Kairouz by The Family

The Sanctuary Lamp for December is in loving memory of Elias D. Joseph & Joseph E. Joseph
by Sadie Joseph & Family

****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: Heb 11:23-31 ~ **Gospel:** Mt 2:13-18

PARISH STEWARDSHIP (Dec. 22, 2013)

Regular Tithes:

5 pm & 10 am: \$ 853.00
12:15 pm: \$ 1,076.00
TOTAL: \$ 1,929.00

PLEASE CONTINUE TO USE YOUR ENVELOPES.
OUR GRATITUDE TO ALL WHO ARE SUPPORTING ST. JOHN MARON CHURCH.
YOUR GENEROSITY IS A BLESSING.

THERE IS NO SECOND COLLECTION FOR CHRISTMAS.
THE SECOND COLLECTION FOR THIS WEEKEND IS THE ASSESSMENT/BISHOP APPEAL.

***ALTAR SERVERS: Tues. 6:00 pm** Jonathan & Elias Mansour ***LECTORS: Tues. 6:00 pm** Tom Haykel & Mark Ibrahim

Midnight Mass Michael Hayek & John Shelby **Midnight** Ellen & Regina El Hawa & Joseph Hayek

Wed. 11:00 am **Wed. 11:00 am** Henri Khoury

***PEACE BEARERS: Sun. 10:00 am**

***DEACONS: Tues. 6:00 pm** Joseph Bittar

***GIFT BEARERS: Sun. 10:00 am**

Tues. Midnight Albert Farah

Wed. 11:00 am Nila Khoury



CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S SERVICE & MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, December 25:

Midnight Mass @ 12:00 a.m.
Christmas Day @ 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday, December 31:

New Year's Eve @ 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 1:

New Year's Day @ 11:00 a.m.

PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Sadie Joseph, Raghad Dabbikeh Schroeder,
Zaine Joseph, Nelly Anthony, Norma Kamp,
Angele Boujaoude, Myrna Haeick,
Souraya Mansour, and Mona Arida



CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2013

If you want a monetary contribution to be included for the year 2013, it must be turned into the Rectory by Tuesday, December 31. Any donations received after December 31, will be counted as a 2014 contribution.

ENVELOPE OFFERING BOX SET

The offering box set for each parish family is 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.

2014 CALENDAR

St. John Maron Calendar for the New Year is available at all the entrances of the Church. *Please take as many as you would like!!!*

2013 NEW YEAR'S PARTY

St. John Maron's New Year's Eve Party will take place on Tuesday, December 31, 2013 From 7 pm - 2 am @The Cedar's Banquet Facility featuring: D.J., Doumit Chayban. Let us bring our parish family together to celebrate the New Year.

FOR TICKETS PLEASE CALL:

Rima Zinaty (716) 432-3849
Carol Krestos (716) 560-1891
Teresa Hayek (716) 622-9179

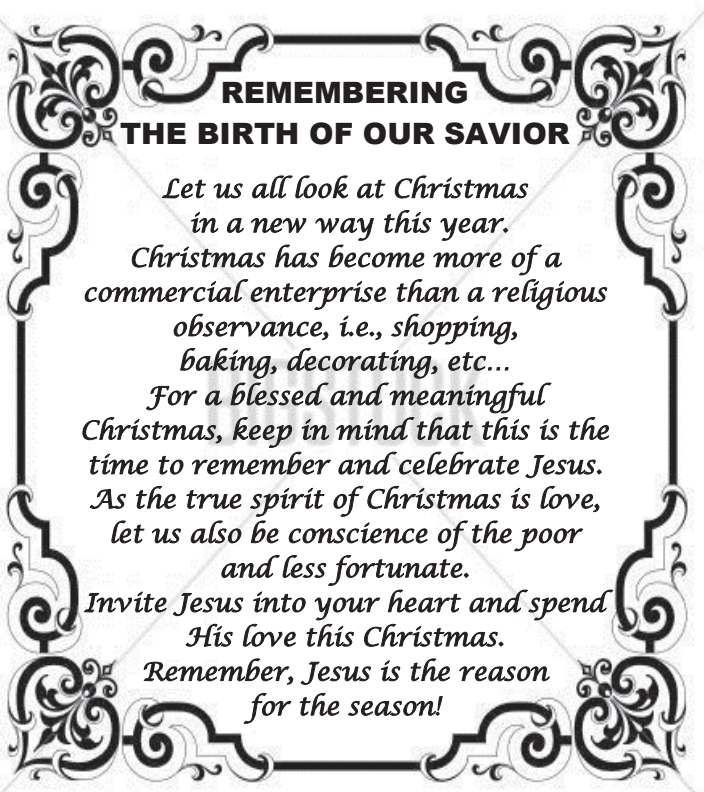
THIS FUNDRAISER BENEFITS OUR PARISH.

PARISH VISITATION

You may receive a call from the Parish Office that Abouna would like to make a visit to your home. Please accept this visit by opening your hearts and welcoming him into your home. Abouna requests coffee only during his visits.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Jesus is the reason for the season!



REMEMBERING THE BIRTH OF OUR SAVIOR

Let us all look at Christmas in a new way this year. Christmas has become more of a commercial enterprise than a religious observance, i.e., shopping, baking, decorating, etc... For a blessed and meaningful Christmas, keep in mind that this is the time to remember and celebrate Jesus. As the true spirit of Christmas is love, let us also be conscience of the poor and less fortunate. Invite Jesus into your heart and spend His love this Christmas. Remember, Jesus is the reason for the season!

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MASS BOOK FOR 2014

The 2014 Mass Book is now open for anyone who wishes to schedule Masses in ADVANCE.

ST. JOHN MARON THANKS WARM & FUZZY HOME HEATING & COOLING (716) 885-8888

Please support and acknowledge them when needed as a "thank you" for advertising at St. John Maron.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Grace and love to you beloved parishioners and friends. I welcome you to your home of St. John Maron Church and I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year full of love, health and happiness.

I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all parish families of St. John Maron for their commitment 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.

Please call upon me anytime you may need my services, and I assure you of my constant prayers and ask you to remember me in your prayers.

Abouna Elie

“SMOKE FREE” CAMPUS

As a friendly reminder, please *DO NOT SMOKE* in front of entrances and exits of the Church, Banquet Facility, and Education Center. We also ask that you *DO NOT PARK* in the front entrance of the Church. Please park in designated parking spots only!

OBSERVANCE OF FIRE LANES



We kindly request that all parishioners NOT park in any of the fire lanes located on St. John Maron’s Campus i.e. Entire Front entrance, half circle, and West side entrance of the Church Building.

Otherwise, the violating vehicle will be towed at owner’s expense.

BABY GRAND OR UPRIGHT PIANO NEEDED

To improve on the enhancement of our beautiful campus, St. John Maron is looking for two pianos (**Baby Grand & Upright**) that are in working condition. If you have or know of anyone who has a piano and are willing to donate to our church, please contact Abouna. As always your love and concern for our parish is exemplary. (Your donation can be used as a tax deduction).

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Feb. 9, 2014** St. Maron Annual Dinner
- May 17, 2014** St. John Maron Children Scholarship Fundraiser-Car Raffle

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Dec. 29, 2013 No class-Christmas Break

CCD COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE

- Jan. 5, 2014:** Rita & Joe Hayek
- Jan. 12, 2014:** Jackie & Karam Khoury

CANDLE OFFERINGS

We kindly ask that if you or your child lights a candle, please place the proper offering in the collection slot to help offset costs of candles.

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY

The next Altar and Rosary meeting will be held on Monday, January 20, 2014 followed by the Rosary. Light refreshments will be served following the meeting.

ALTAR CLEANERS FOR DECEMBER

Laila Hazzan & Mona Hanna

ABOUNA SPEAKS TO OUR PARISH

The Holy Name Society and The Altar and Rosary Society are co-sponsoring a presentation by our Pastor, Abouna Elie on the topic of “*THE IMPORTANCE OF ST. JOHN MARON PARISH AND ITS SIGNIFICANCE IN THE LIFE OF OUR FAMILIES*”. This event will take place in the banquet facility on Sunday, January 12, 2014 at 11:15 a.m. SHARP in between the liturgies. Please plan to attend this informative session. Light refreshments will be served.

**PLEASE RESPECT OUR NEW LITURGY BOOKS BY
HANDLING THEM WITH CARE AND RETURNING
THEM PROPERLY IN THE PEWS**

ST. JOHN MARON CHURCH MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ **Zip:** _____
Phone: _____

CHECK ONE:

- New Registration
- Change of Address
- Moving Out Of Parish
- Want Envelopes