

LITURGY INTENTIONS

DATE AND TIME		IN LOVING MEMORY OF		REQUESTED BY
Saturday	Dec. 28	5:00 pm	Deceased Members of the Joseph, Sfeir, Karam & Attea Families	Sadie Joseph & Family
Sunday	Dec. 29	10:00 am	Helen Milliken	Jean Panzavalla
		12:15 pm	Bahia & Joseph Mansour Claus Leyder	Ntanos Mansour M/M Tony Hayek
Tuesday	Dec. 31	5:00 pm	New Year's Eve Liturgy Amelia Moran	Amy Habib & Family
Wednesday	Jan. 01	11:00 am	New Year's Day Liturgy Ghassam & Linda Kairouz	The Family
Thursday	Jan. 02	12:00 pm	Ghassan & Linda Kairouz	The Family
Friday	Jan. 03	12:00 pm	Ghassan & Linda Kairouz	The Family
Saturday	Jan. 04	5:00 pm	Peter P. Arida	Fred & Rita Larson
Sunday	Jan. 05	10:00 am	Louise & Tom Joseph	M/M Richard Moses
		12:15 pm	Semaan Mahfoud Hanna & Maurice Chayban Abboud Youssef Damian (1 Year Anniversary)	Fouad & Mariette Mansour M/M Paul Chayban Joseph & Roula Damian

The Altar Bread for January is in loving memory of Michael J. Youakim by Dr./Mrs. George M. Youakim

The Altar Wine for January is in loving memory of Michael J. Youakim by Dr./Mrs. George M. Youakim

The Sanctuary Lamp for January is in loving memory of Michael J. Youakim by Dr./Mrs. George M. Youakim

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

This Weekend's Sacred Scriptures: Epistle: Heb 11:23-31 ~ **Gospel:** Mt 2:13-18

Next Weekend's Sacred Scriptures: Epistle: Heb 7:11-19 ~ **Gospel:** Lk 2:41-52

PARISH STEWARDSHIP (Dec. 25, 2013)

Regular Tithes:

6 pm & 12 am: \$ 5,593.00
 11:00 am: \$ 1,318.00
TOTAL: \$ 6,911.00

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

THE SECOND COLLECTION FOR THIS WEEK IS FOR ASSESSMENT/BISHOP APPEAL.
THE SECOND COLLECTION FOR NEW YEAR IS FOR THE INITIAL OFFERING.
THE SECOND COLLECTION FOR NEXT WEEK IS FOR THE BUILDING

***ALTAR SERVERS:** Sat. 5:00 pm
 Sun. 10:00 am

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

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

****INTERCESSIONS:** Sun. 10:00 am

***LECTORS:** Sat. 5:00 pm Tom Haykel
 Sun. 10:00 am Marylou Badawy
 Sun. 12:15 pm Maya ElHawa

***DEACONS:** Sat. 5:00 pm Reggie Joseph
 Sun. 10:00 am Tania Badawy
 Sun. 12:15 pm Henri Khoury



NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, December 31:

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

Wednesday, January 1:

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

**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 joyous 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

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.

PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Sadie Joseph, Raghad Dabbikeh
Schroeder, Zaine Joseph, Nelly Anthony,
Norma Kamp, Angele Boujaoude,
Myrna Haeick, 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.

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THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Be thankful for the angels God sends us through one another.

ST. JOHN MARON THANKS

ATTORNEY NORMAN MATTAR

8604 MAIN ST, STE. 1, WILLIAMSVILLE, NY (716) 633-4300

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

A WARM THANK YOU

A JOYFUL thank you to *Donna & Roger Amati, Reggie Joseph, and Amy & John Zavitz* for their continuous dedication during this Christmas season and for decorating our beautiful church. And for the *Choir* led by *Bou Aboujaoude* for the musical inspiration during our Christmas liturgy. All of your hard work touched us all during this beautiful and joyful season.

A NOTE OF GRATITUDE

I would like to thank you for your prayerful best wishes, Christmas cards and generous gifts during this Holy Season. Your kindness and continued support have deeply touched me. Please be assured of my daily prayers and liturgies at the altar of St. John Maron throughout this coming year. May our generous Lord shower upon you His abundant graces and may He bless you and yours throughout the New Year!

Abouna Elie

SAVE THE DATE

St. Maron Annual Feast Day Dinner will be held on **Sunday, February 9, 2014**. Further information will be forthcoming.

His Excellency, Most Reverend Richard Malone, Bishop of the Diocese of Buffalo will be our guest of honor.

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)

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Feb. 9, 2014** St. Maron Annual Dinner
- May 17, 2014** Car-Raffle Benefitting the Children Scholarship Fund.

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

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.

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 BREAD, WINE & SANCTUARY LAMP

Anyone who wishes to sponsor the Altar Bread & Wine & Sanctuary Lamp 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.

MASS BOOK FOR 2014

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

BULLETIN INFORMATION

If you are you interested in adding information to the weekly bulletin for St. John Maron, please submit all information to the parish office **NO LATER than 12 p.m. on WEDNESDAYS.**

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