

# St. John Maron

## Maronite Catholic Church



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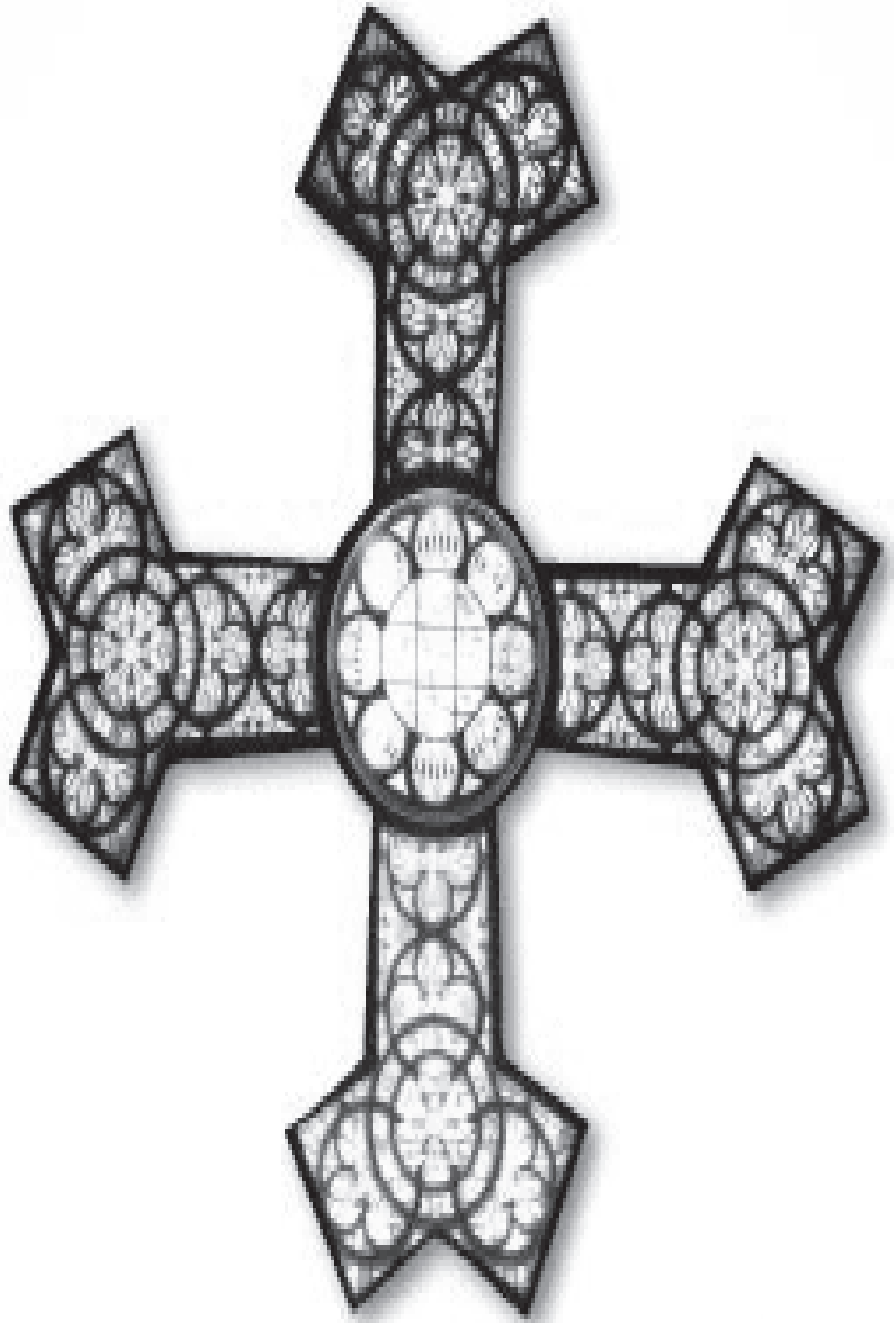
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### ST. JOHN MARON PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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**

<u>TIME AND DATE</u>	<u>IN LOVING MEMORY OF</u>	<u>REQUESTED BY</u>
5:00 PM Sat. Sept. 24	Nelson Williams Jeanne D'Arc Abou Antoun Joseph E. Joseph Edward Arida In Thanksgiving for St. Tackla Peter Hayek	Clark & Anna Alt M/M Fouad Hage Jacob & Theresa Akiki Peter Arida M/M Kamal Jowdy The Hayek Family Ferouz Dabbikeh Abouna Elie
10:00 AM Sun. Sept. 25	Jeanne D'Arc Abou Antoun Linda Kairouz	Samir & Katia Mansour M/M George Mansour Mona Hanna & Family Amy Habib & Family Theresa Abraham Elaine Niedziela The Hayek Family M/M Steve Lisicki
12:15 PM Sun. Sept. 25	Badih Al-Mekhtifi Mehjeh Zaki Nehme Joseph Hanna (Anniversary) Habib Yazbec Michael Abraham	George Copeland Srs. John Maron & Rita Barrett M/M Emile Mansour The Altar & Rosary Society
12:00 PM Tues. Sept. 27	Jeanne D'Arc Abou Antoun	The Members
12:00 PM Wed. Sept. 28	Peter Hayek	M/M Joseph Bittar
12:00 PM Thurs. Sept. 29	Linda Kairouz	Joseph & Georgina Al Mekhtifi The Family
12:00 PM Fri. Sept. 30	Linda Kairouz	M/M Edward Mariani Antoinette El Khoury Ferouz Dabbikeh
5:00 PM Sat. Oct. 1	Victoria Lahood Joseph E. Joseph Jeanne D'Arc Abou Antoun Linda Kairouz	
10:00 AM Sun. Oct. 2	Living & Deceased Members of the St. Theresa Social Club M/M Anis Bittar, Joseph Attea & Kafa Abdella Semaan Mahfoud	
12:15 PM Sun. Oct. 2	Said, Hanneh & Mary Hayek Peter Hayek Radah Chbat Linda Kairouz	

**The Altar Bread** for this Month of September is given in memory of  
**The Altar Wine** for this Month of September is given in loving memory of  
**The Sanctuary Lamp** for this Month of September is given in loving memory of

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

**This Weekend's Sacred Scriptures: Epistle:** 1 Cor 15:19-34 ~ **Gospel:** Mt 24:1-14

**NEXT Weekend's Sacred Scriptures: Epistle:** Phil 3:17-4:1 ~ **Gospel:** Mt 24:23-31

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

REGULAR TITHES	\$1631.00
FUEL COLLECTION	326.00

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 ASSESSMENT/BISHOPS APPEAL**  
**THE SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK IS FOR THE BUILDING FUND**

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

**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:**

**DONATIONS IN MEMORY OF  
LINDA KAIROUZ**

A memorial fund will be established for four families in Lebanon whom Mrs. Kairouz has been helping over the past years. These people are physically handicapped, have no family, and have no source of income. It is Abouna's wish to continue this kindness in his mother's honor.

Your donation may be made to "St. John Maron for Linda Kairouz."

Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness, and God's blessings to you always.

**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 holiday 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.

**S.A.V.E. - O.N.E.**

S.A.V.E. - O.N.E is a foundation to support orphans in Lebanon. Our annual fund-raising event, "The Taste of Lebanon" will be held on Tuesday, October 4, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at Joseph's Country Manor. Reservations are \$65.00 per person and must be made by September 28. Contact Regina Joseph at 883-6194 for reservations.

**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.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Religious Education Instruction will begin on **Sunday, September 11, 18, and 25**. If you have not received a letter in the mail, I apologize and ask that you please join us and register your child on the above dates.

Teachers and Assistants are also needed. If you have any questions, please contact Corinne Sindo at 834-7301.

**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, Baptismal'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.

**SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH OCTOBERFEST** ~ will be held on Sunday, September 25, 2011, from 5:00-9:00 p.m., at St. Aloysius Gonzaga Church, 157 Cleveland Dr., Cheektowaga, NY. German music, food and drinks will be featured. Cost: \$5.00 per person (or \$6.00 at the door). Call 759-6454, Ext. 20, for tickets or information.

**ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY**

Thank you to all those who cooked, decorated and set up for the Membership Reception last Monday evening. We all had a wonderful time! Be sure to sign up for the Maid of the Mist/Luncheon Excursion on Saturday, October 1. If you want to attend the luncheon only, the cost of the ticket is \$18.00 (\$30.00 for both).

Please be sure to take a Fall 2011 Newsletter, which is in the bulletin rack.

**HOLY NAME SOCIETY MEETING &  
STEAK DINNER**

The Holy Name Society will hold its monthly meeting after the 10:00 a.m. Liturgy on **Sunday, October 9**. The meeting will be held in the church rectory with coffee and danish.

On **Monday, October 10, 2011**, the Holy Name Society will hold its annual membership drive and complementary steak dinner beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Banquet Hall. Please plan to attend and enjoy an evening with fellow society members.

**ANNUAL NOVENA IN HONOR OF SAINT THERESE,  
THE LITTLE FLOWER OF JESUS**

**at the Carmelite Monastery, 75 Carmel Road, Buffalo, NY.** The annual public Novena in honor of St. Therese, The Little Flower of Jesus will begin on Friday, September 23, and closes on the feast day, Saturday, October 1. It will be conducted by Rev. James Erving, O.M.I., Pastor of Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish in Port Isabel, TX.

Services each evening of the Novena will begin with the Rosary at 7:00, followed by Mass. All are asked to be modestly and suitably dressed.

Confessions will be heard after services on weekdays, but not on Sunday.