

# St. John Maron

## Maronite Catholic Church



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### HOLY NAME SOCIETY

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Vicki Karam, Pres. ....870-6655

### MARONITE YOUTH ORG.

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Albert Farah .....837-6917

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR

Deborah Tartick .....681-6844



### 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

Weekdays .....Tuesday-Friday.. (No Mass On Monday) ..12:00 PM  
Holy Days ..... 12:00 PM & 7:00 PM  
Weekends ..... 5:00 PM Saturday; 10:00 AM & 12:15 PM Sunday  
July - August ..... 5:00 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:

Saturday .....4:30 – 4:50 PM  
Sunday ..... 9:30 – 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>
5:00 PM Sat. Dec. 10	Deceased of the Crehan Family Sadie Joseph James & Rose Abraham	M/M Philip Haroney Amy Habib & Family Daughters & Families
10:00 AM Sun. Dec. 11	Henry Godlewski & Joseph Arida	Dolores Godlewski
12:15 PM Sun. Dec. 11	Maged & Adele Maged Bahieh & Joseph Mansour	M/M Sayed El Khoury M/M Fouad Natanius
12:00 PM Tues. Dec. 13	Joseph Hanna	Mona Hanna & Family
12:00 PM Wed. Dec. 14	Michael & Elias ElKhoury	M/M Victor ElKhoury & Family
12:00 PM Thurs. Dec. 15	Zmorred Maroun & Deceased Members of the Anthony Family	Sarkis Anthony
12:00 PM Fri. Dec. 16	Ghassan & Linda Kairouz	Abouna
5:00 PM Sat. Dec 17	All Souls Elias & Joseph E. Joseph	M/M Sayed El Khoury Sadie Joseph & Family
10:00 AM Sun. Dec. 18	Bernadette & Julian Palinski Mohsen Ramia	M/M Richard Moses Lynn Clarke
12:15 PM Sun. Dec. 18	Ghassan Dergham Moura Youssef Michael & Elias El Khoury Linda Kairouz Zahira Chayban	M/M Sayed El Khoury M/M Fouad Natanius M/M Victor El Khoury & Family M/M Victor El Khoury & Family M/M Maurice Said

**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:** Eph 3:1-13 ~ **Gospel:** Mt 1:18-25

**NEXT Weekend's Sacred Scriptures: Epistle:** Rom 1:1-12 ~ **Gospel:** Mt 1:1-17

**Parish Stewardship** (Nov. 27, 2011) **TO MEET EXPENSES WE NEED \$3,800 IN THE WEEKLY OFFERTORY.**  
**THE WEEKLY COLLECTIONS ARE KEY TO PAYING BILLS.**

REGULAR TITHES \$2,894.00

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 THE CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**  
**NEXT WEEK THE SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR FUEL & UPKEEP**

**\* Altar Servers:**  
 Sat. 5 p.m.: George Newcomb  
 Sun. 10 a.m.: Stephen Khoury & Cory Badawy  
 Sun. 12:15 p.m. John Shelby & Michael Hayek

**\* Lectors:** Sat. 5:00 p.m.: Tom Haykel  
 Sun. 10:00 a.m.: Christine Bitar  
 12:15 p.m.: Rita Hayeik

**\* Peace Bearers:** 10:00 a.m.: Jordan Khoury & Chelsie Khoury  
**\* Gift Bearers:** 10:00 a.m.: Justin Harfouche & Peter Walsh  
**\* INTERSESSIONS:** 10:00 a.m. : Tania Khoury, Matthew Saleh, Alex El Khoury

**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

**CHILDREN'S PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Our annual Children's Christmas Party (parents are welcome) will be held on *Saturday, December 17, 2011 at 6 p.m. at the Cedar's Banquet Hall*. Food & entertainment will be provided. Also, guest appearance will be Santa Claus! For reservations and information, please call Rimon Moawad (572-3213) or Ellen Elhawa (380-2423) by December 7.

**HOLY NAME SOCIETY MEETING**

The Holy Name Society will participate in the 10:00 a.m. Liturgy on **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2011**, followed by a Society meeting. We welcome all to participate in the Liturgy and then attend the meeting. Coffee and Danish will be provided.

**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!

**HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES**

Our deepest sympathy and sincere condolences go to the family of *Ethel M. Attea*, who passed away on November 28, 2011.

Also, our deepest sympathy and sincere condolences go to the family of *Jennie Abounader*, who passed away on November 29, 2011.

May the Lord grant eternal rest to the souls of His maids, Jennie and Ethel, and may He grant comfort and consolation to all those who mourn them.

**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

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

**SUNDAY'S COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEER LIST**

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

December 11 - Joseph & Rita Hayek

December 18 - Collette Jowdy

**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.

**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."

**CHRISTMAS NOVENA**

Will begin on Thursday, December 15th @ 7 p.m. and will continue every night till December 23rd.

**CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULES**

*Saturday, December 24:* Vigil Eve Mass @ 6:00 p.m.  
Midnight Mass @ 12:00 p.m.

*Sunday, December 25:* Christmas Day @ 11:00 a.m.



*Saturday, December 31:* New Year's Eve @ 5:00 p.m.

*Sunday, January 1:* New Year's Day @ 10:00 & 12:15.

**CHRISTMAS FOOD DONATIONS**

We are now collecting Christmas food donations of non-perishable foods and/or monetary gifts for the poor. Food containers may be found at the entrances of the Church. May God bless you for your generosity. For information, please call Dolores Godlewski @ 681-0758 or *Abouna* at the parish office.

**THOUGHT OF THE WEEK**

*Kind words are short & easy to speak,  
but their echoes are endless.*