

LITURGY INTENTIONS

<u>DATE AND TIME</u>			<u>IN LOVING MEMORY OF</u>	<u>REQUESTED BY</u>
Saturday	Nov. 30	5:00 pm	Ghassan & Linda Kairouz Peter Arida (40 Day Mass) Roy Seklecki	Amy Habib & Family Dolores Godlewski & Family M/M Sarkis Zaiter
Sunday	Dec. 01	10:00 am	John & Jennie Abounader Mansour Abou Joubrael Georgette Khoury Francis	Paulette Abounader & daughters M/M John Moussa M/M Fouad Khoury
		12:15 pm	Bahia & Joseph Mansour Roy Seklecki	M/M Fouad Ntanios Laila Hazzan & Family
Tuesday	Dec. 03	12:00 pm	Ghassan & Linda Kairouz	The Family
Wednesday	Dec. 04	12:00 pm	Ghassan & Linda Kairouz	The Family
Thursday	Dec. 05	12:00 am	Ghassan & Linda Kairouz	The Family
Friday	Dec. 06	12:00 pm	Ghassan & Linda Kairouz	The Family
Saturday	Dec. 07	5:00 pm	All Living & Deceased Members of St. John Maron	Abouna
Sunday	Dec. 08	10:00 am	Mulhim Badaway Peter P. Arida Peter P. Arida	M/M Karam Khoury Mason Michaels HNS of St. John Maron
		12:15 pm	Georgette Nasr Hanneh Hayek Barbara & Philippe El Khoury	Sonia Nasr M/M Fouad Ntanios

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: Eph 1:1-14 ~ **Gospel:** Lk 1:39-45

Next Weekend's Sacred Scriptures: Epistle: Heb 7:11-17~ **Gospel:** Lk 11:27-32

PARISH STEWARDSHIP (Nov. 24, 2013)

Regular Tithes:

5 pm & 10 am:	\$ 1416.00
12:15 pm:	\$ 327.00
TOTAL:	\$ 1743.00

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 THE BUILDING FUND
THE SECOND COLLECTION FOR NEXT WEEK IS FOR IMMACULATE CONCEPTION.

*ALTAR SERVERS:	Sat. 5:00 pm	*LECTORS:	Sat. 5:00 pm	Donna Amati
	Sun. 10:00 am		Sun. 10:00 am	MaryLou Badaway
			Sun. 12:15 pm	Henri Khoury
*PEACE BEARERS:	Sun. 10:00 am	*DEACONS:	Sat. 5:00 pm	Reggie Joseph
*GIFT BEARERS:	Sun. 10:00 am		Sun. 10:00 am	Tania Badaway
			Sun. 12:15 pm	Albert Farah
*INTERCESSIONS:	Sun. 10:00 am			



CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S SERVICE & MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 15-23:

Christmas Novena @ 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 18:

Advent Penance Service @ 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 24:

Vigil Eve Mass @ 6:00 p.m.

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.

CHRISTMAS NOVENA

The Novena will begin on Sunday, December 15th @ 7:00 p.m. and will continue every night until Monday, December 23rd.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

Penance service for Advent will take place on Wednesday, December 18, 2013 @ 7:00 p.m. along with the Christmas Novena.

ALTAR BOY PRACTICE

To all boys of our Parish who have made their First Communion ~ We are inviting you to attend an Altar Boy meeting and practice on Friday, December 6, 2013 @ 6:30 p.m. in the Church. Reminder to parents: Please make every effort to bring your son(s).



PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Sadie Joseph, Raghad Dabbikeh Schroeder, Zaine Joseph, Nelly Anthony, Norma Kamp, Angele Boujaoude, Myrna Haeick, Helen Milliken, Souraya Mansour, Mona Arida, Herbert Batt



PARISH SERVICE AWARD

In preparation for the St. John Maron 2014 PARISH SERVICE AWARD to be presented at the annual St. Maron Feast Day Dinner in 2014, the committee is requesting any parishioner who chooses to make a nomination to please pick up the **Eligibility Requirement Form** located at the entrance of the church. The award may be given to a maximum of ten parishioners of SJM who have served the parish during the year of Jan 1st—Dec 31st, 2013.

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY

The 15-week Split Club Membership forms and Women of the Year Nomination forms, along with criteria and a list of previous recipients are in the bulletin racks. Split Club drawing begins in January and the Women of the Year award will be given in March. A reminder that Women of the Year nominations must be signed and submitted by December 29, 2013. If you have any questions, please contact **committee chair coordinator, Carol Krestos @ (716) 560-1891**

ALTAR CLEANERS FOR DECEMBER

Laila Hazzan & Mona Hanna

LECTORS & DEACONS TRAINING



A training session for those who are signed up for the ministry of Lector & Deacon will take place on Tuesday, December 3, 2013 @ 7:00 p.m. in the Church. Please do your best to attend. *This is a very important meeting because is directed to enhance our Divine Liturgy (Holy Mass).*

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

May God fill you with joy and peace as you trust in his love.

ST. JOHN MARON THANKS

Amigone Funeral Home, Inc

5200 Sheridan Drive, Amherst, NY ~ (716) 631-9000

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

**IMPORTANT REGULATIONS
REGARDING SACRAMENTS & SERVICES
AT ST. JOHN MARON CHURCH**

BAPTISM:

All parents who desire Baptism for their children must contact the parish office two months prior to scheduling the date for Baptism.

WEDDINGS:

Engaged couples who desire the Sacrament of Marriage *MUST* schedule an appointment with the pastor to discuss date, time and marriage preparation. This *MUST* be done before you make any other wedding plans, i.e. Reception, Photographer, etc...

FUNERALS:

Please contact the pastor as soon as possible after the death of a loved one to schedule a date and make arrangements.

**PARISH COUNCIL OF
ST. JOHN MARON MARONITE CHURCH**

Terms for current Parish Council members concludes on December 31, 2013

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Parish Council, please submit a cover letter that includes your qualifications; the church activities in which you have participated; and a one paragraph summary statement that reflects your ability to serve and to contribute as a parish council member. Submit these materials to stjmaron@gmail.com or provide a hard copy to Abouna no later than the deadline of **Sunday, November 24, 2013.**

The Parish Council serves in an **advisory and visionary** capacity to the Pastor. To be eligible for a seat on the Parish Council, one must be a registered member of St. John Maron for at least 5 years; must be at least 21 years of age; and must be baptized and confirmed in the Catholic Church.

Formal Parish Council elections, if necessary, will occur on **Saturday, December 7th (6:00-7:00pm)**, and on **Sunday, December 8th (11:00-12:00 noon and 1:00-2:00 pm)** in the Education Center. Detailed Parish Council guidelines can be found at the church website.

“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!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Dec. 7, 2013** Adult Christmas Party
- Dec. 14, 2013** Children’s Christmas Party
- Dec. 31, 2013** New Year’s Eve Party
- Feb. 8, 2014** St. Maron Annual Dinner
- May 17, 2014** St. John Maron Scholarship Split Club

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Dec. 01, 2013 *NO class* (Thanksgiving Holiday)

CCD COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE

- Dec. 08, 2013:** *Georgina & Joseph AlMekhtifi*
- Dec. 15, 2013:** *Fadia & Gabe Zinaty*

CANDLE OFFERINGS



We kindly ask that if you or a loved one lights a candle to please find it in your heart to make donation to help offset costs of candles for St. John Maron Church.

CHRISTMAS FOOD DONATIONS

We are now collecting CHRISTMAS food donations of non-perishable food and/or monetary gifts for the poor. Please be generous in helping our friends in need. Food containers are placed at the entrances of the Church. May God bless you for your generosity.

**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