

LITURGY INTENTIONS

<u>DATE AND TIME</u>			<u>IN LOVING MEMORY OF</u>	<u>REQUESTED BY</u>
Saturday	Sept. 21	5:00 pm	John Phillips	M/M Bruce Shelby
Sunday	Sept. 22	10:00 am	Joseph Merii	M/M Tony Hamad
			Youssef El Khoury	The Khoury Family
		12:15 pm	Nayef Khoury	M/M Fouad Khoury
			Joseph Hanna	Mona Hanna & Family
			In Thanksgiving to St. Theckla	Kamal & Colette Jowdy & Family
			Moussa Aboudib (9th Day Mass)	M/M Assad Aboudib
Tuesday	Sept. 24	12:00 pm	Irene J. Youakim (1 Year Anniversary)	Dr/M George Youakim
Wednesday	Sept. 25	12:00 pm	Ghassan & Linda Kairouz	The Family
Thursday	Sept. 26	12:00 pm	Ghassan & Linda Kairouz	The Family
Friday	Sept. 27	12:00 pm	Ghassan & Linda Kairouz	The Family
Saturday	Sept. 28	5:00 pm	Marilyn Phillips	M/M Bruce Shelby
Sunday	Sept. 29	10:00 am	Maryann & George Schrath	M/M Richard Moses
			Living & Deceased Members of the St. Theresa Club	The Members
			Daoud Khoury	M/M Fouad Khoury
		12:15 pm	Badih Al Mekhtafi (Anniversary)	Samir & Katia Mansour

The Altar Bread for September is in loving memory of Irene J. Youakim by Dr. & Mrs. George Youakim

The Altar Wine for September is in loving memory of Irene J. Youakim by Dr. & Mrs. George Youakim

The Sanctuary Lamp for September is in loving memory of Irene J. Youakim by Dr. & Mrs. George Youakim

****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. 15, 2013)

Regular Tithes:

5 pm & 10 am: \$ 1,256.00
 12:15 pm: \$ 327.00
TOTAL: \$ 1,583.00

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'S APPEAL.
THE SECOND COLLECTION FOR NEXT WEEK IS FOR THE BUILDING FUND.

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education classes began Sunday, September 8, 2013. It is imperative for each child to attend Religious Education classes weekly to enhance his or her knowledge of their Maronite Catholic Faith and Spiritual Growth. Please keep in mind that your child needs to consistently attend class in order to participate in church functions such as Christmas plays and festival dancing.

Registration will take place this Sunday, September 22nd between 11:00 a.m. and 12 noon in the Education Center. Calendars will be available during this time. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact **Debbie Tartick** (Religious Education Coordinator) at (716) 681-6844 or (716) 472-6149.

CCD COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE

September 22, 2013: *Elizabeth Mekhtafi*
September 29, 2013: *Elias & Kathy Mansour*

NOTE: To Parents and Coffee Servers ~ Children are NOT ALLOWED to take donuts without a parent present. IN ADDITION, children are not allowed donuts before class. It is up to the parents to purchase a donut for their child to be eaten only AFTER class. Also, please remember to clean up your area after coffee and dessert. Let's all be considerate and not leave a mess for the coffee servers to clean up! As every family takes a turn serving coffee, let us all treat others the way we would want to be treated when it is our turn to host. Thank you!

PARISH COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Council announces that an architectural firm has been contracted to develop "conceptual renderings" for the renovation of our Church. The process to finalize this phase of the project will take approximately six months.

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



HOLY NAME SOCIETY

The Annual, "*Membership Steak Dinner*" on Sunday, October 13, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. will be held in the Education Center.

MARONITE YOUNG ADULT (MYA)

The MYA Group would like to invite all parishioners for Rosary Prayers on Wednesday, September 25th @ 7:00 p.m. in honor of Saint Moura's Feast Day, a Martyr from the Middle East. A reception with coffee and desserts will follow.

OFFERTORY GIFTS

Members of the congregation may be asked during the weekend Liturgy to take up the Offertory Gifts. In particular, if the Mass is offered for a member of your family and/or loved one, you may want to present the Offertory Gifts. May God bless you abundantly for participating in this great honor.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Nov. 9, 2013** Autumn Spectacular Fundraiser
- 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

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

For we walk by faith, not by sight.

ST. JOHN MARON THANKS

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

S.A.V.E. O.N.E.

S.A.V.E. O.N.E. is a foundation to support orphans in Lebanon. The Annual Fund Raising event, "The Taste of Lebanon" will be held on **Tuesday, October 1, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.** at **Joseph's Country Manor**. Reservations are \$65 per person, and must be made by September 24. Contact Regina Joseph @ 883-6194 for reservations.

CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

An anonymous donor has made a scholarship available to St. John Maron families with children attending Catholic elementary schools within the Diocese of Buffalo. Please contact The Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Buffalo at (716) 847-8369.

IMPORTANT REGULATIONS REGARDING SACRAMENTS AT ST. JOHN MARON CHURCH

BAPTISM:

All parents who desire Baptism for their child 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 marriage preparation, and scheduling a coordinated date between the intended couple and the pastor. This **MUST** be done prior to any other wedding plans that are made.

FUNERALS:

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

BOOK ON THE LIFE OF ST. SHARBEL

Over the years, we have received requests for information on the life of St. Sharbel. We have been fortunate to receive a recently printed book entitled St. Sharbel From His Contemporaries To Our Era. The Book of St. Sharbel is located on a table in the entrance of the church. Please pick one up.

A LASTING GIFT

Have you considered making a lasting gift in memory of a loved one in lieu of flowers at a time of Death, Wedding, Baptism, First Communion, or any occasion?! Please give primary consideration to **ST. JOHN MARON'S ENDOWMENT FUND & ST. JOHN MARON'S SCHOLARSHIP FUND**. These two special funds will ensure that the work and mission of St. John Maron Church can continue for future generations. Making such a donation is a lasting testament that has great significance.

"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. (This is a New York State Law). We also ask that you **DO NOT PARK** in the front entrance of the Church. Please park in designated parking spots only! (This is a New York State Law and Fire Hazard) Let's kindly remind ourselves of our environment and our safety.

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!*

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