

St. John Maron

Maronite Catholic Church



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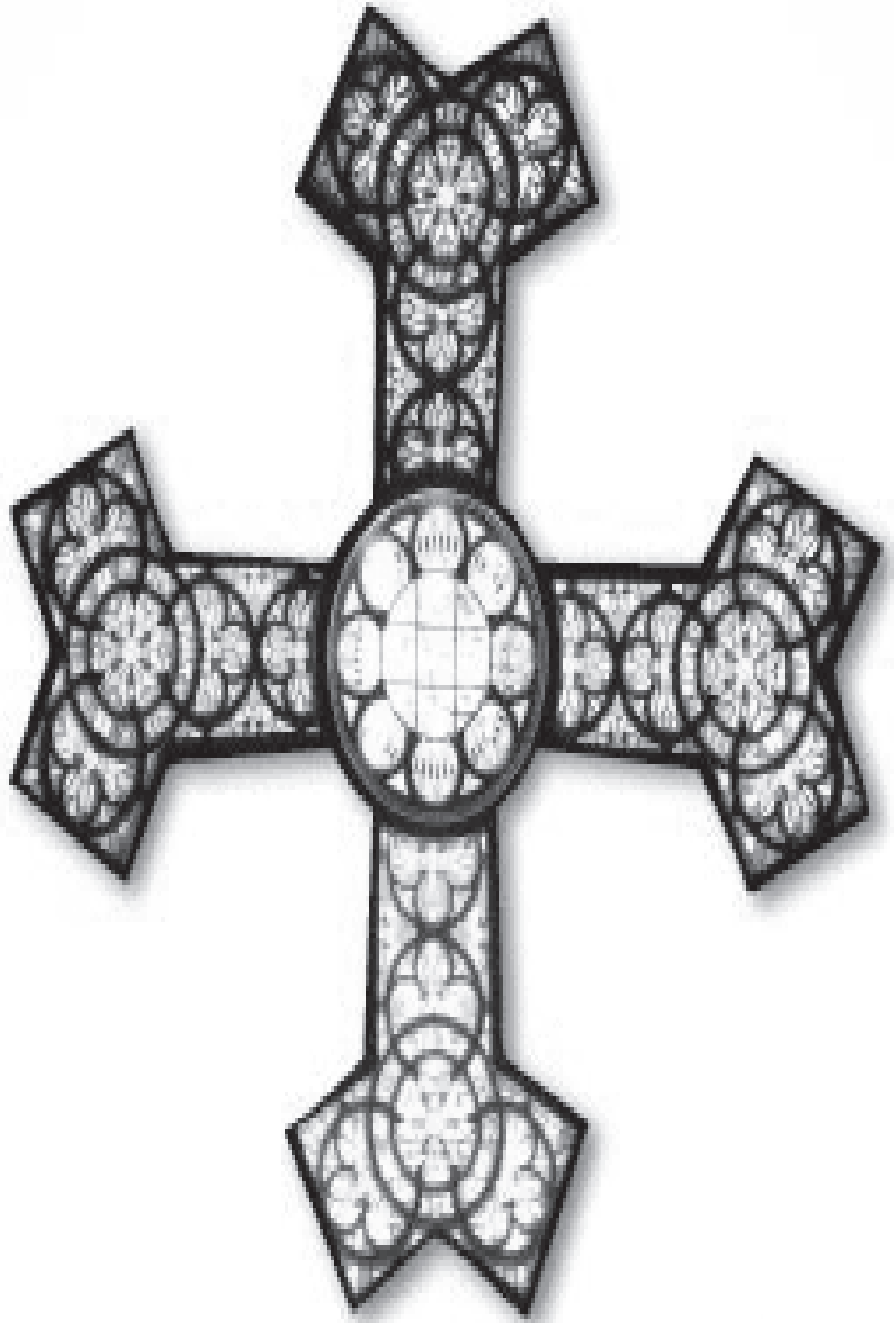
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ST. JOHN MARON PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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

TIME AND DATE

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

REQUESTED BY

5:00 PM Sat. Oct. 1	Victoria Lahood Joseph E. Joseph Jeanne D'Arc Abou Antoun Linda Kairouz	George Copeland Sisters John Maron & Rita Barrett M/M Emile Mansour The Altar & Rosary Society
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	The Members M/M Joseph Bittar Joseph & Georgina Al Mekhtifi The Family
12:15 PM Sun. Oct. 2	Said, Hanneh & Mary Hayek Peter Hayek Radah Chbat Linda Kairouz	M/M Edward Mariani Antoinette El Khoury Ferouz Dabbikeh Mona Hanna & Family
12:00 PM Tues. Oct. 4	Joseph Hanna	Abouna
12:00 PM Wed. Oct. 5	Linda Kairouz	Hayek Family
12:00 PM Thurs. Oct. 6	Peter Hayek	Amy Habib & Family
12:00 PM Fri. Oct. 7	Norman Joseph	D/M Felix Labaki
5:00 PM Sat. Oct. 8	Joseph E. Joseph Norman Joseph Jeanne D'Arc Abou Antoun Myron Mattrey	Amy Habib & Family Roy & Debbie Mura Terry Abraham
10:00 AM Sun. Oct. 9	Victoria Lahood Majid Mansour	Jennie Abou Nader Sheila & Randy Folaron
12:15 PM Sun. Oct. 9	Peter Hayek Jeanne D'Arc Abou Antoun	M/M Tanios Abounader & Family M/M Emile Mansour

The Altar Bread for this Month of October is given for the intentions of D. Sapienza by Cousins Sadie & Reggie

The Altar Wine for this Month of October is given in loving memory of Rev. Elias AbouJaoude by Dr. & Mrs. Philippe AbouJaoude

The Sanctuary Lamp for this Month of October is given in loving memory of Homer, Mary & Richard Hanson by Richard & Harriet Attea

****KEEP THE LEGACY ALIVE****

****PLEASE REMEMBER ST. JOHN MARON PARISH IN YOUR ESTATE PLANNING****

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

NEXT Weekend's Sacred Scriptures: Epistle: 1 Thes 5:1-11 ~ **Gospel:** Mt 24:45-51

Parish Stewardship (Sept. 25, 2011) **TO MEET EXPENSES WE NEED \$3,800 IN THE WEEKLY OFFERTORY.**
THE WEEKLY COLLECTIONS ARE KEY TO PAYING BILLS.

REGULAR TITHES \$2405.00

**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 BUILDING FUND
THE SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK IS FOR FUEL & UPKEEP**

Altar Servers: Sat. 5 p.m.:
Sun. 10 a.m.:
Sun. 12:15 p.m.

***Lectors:** Sat. 5 p.m.: Bob DiSibio
Sun. 10:00 a.m.: Ellen El Hawa
12:15 p.m.:

*** Peace Bearers:**



AUTUMN SPECTACULAR FUNDRAISER

The Autumn Spectacular Fundraiser Dinner will be held on **Saturday, November 12, 2011**. The Dinner Committee is hard at work planning the event and finalizing the details for a first-class Lebanese meal. As in past years, there will only be 450 tickets sold for the event and they are expected to go fast. Tickets are \$100. You can wait to be contacted by a ticket captain or you can purchase your ticket **now** by calling the Rectory (634-0669) or Fouad Hage, the event chairman (631-1301) or Dick Saffire (228-9052)

Dinner reservations will be accepted until Sunday, November 6th or until sold out. Dinner tickets are \$15 for the first reservation and \$25 for each additional guest. All prices are the same as past years. Reservations will be limited this year and there will be NO walk-ins accepted at the door on the night of the event. This is always a great event, please reserve early.

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 holyday 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.

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.

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.

MARONITE YOUTH ORGANIZATION

The MYO (Maronite Youth Organization) will have it's first meeting and class with Abouna Elie and Amy Khoury on Thursday, October 13 at 7 pm in the Rectory. All high school students are required to attend the meeting. If you have any questions please contact Amy Khoury @ 812-9014.

CANISIUS H.S. OPEN HOUSE

This year, the Canisius High School Open House will be held on **Sunday, October 16, anytime from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

Canisius H. S. also has a Shadow Program. Eighth Grade boys are invited to spend a full school day at Canisius attending classes to see for themselves what the school is all about.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

This is the last weekend to register your child. Also, please note that in order for your child to receive his or her First Holy Eucharist at St. John Maron, a two-year commitment to the program is required. Therefore, the attendance policy for Grades 2 and 3 will be strictly enforced and your child must attend two full years of classes. Absences will be limited to three per semester. It is the obligation of the parents to provide their children with a solid Catholic religious education. Parents who enroll their children in our catechetical program must be registered members of the parish.

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." Thank you for your cooperation.

Also, articles for the bulletin must be submitted to Abouna no later than Tuesday of each week.