

APRIL 24, 2016 FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION الأحد الخامس من بعد القيامة

LITURGY INTENTIONS			IN LOVING MEMORY OF	REQUESTED BY
Saturday	April 23	5:00 pm	Antoine Hage Souhad Hayek	Michaelene McFarlane M/M Terry Newcomb
Sunday	April 24	10:00 am	Norman & Bedie Joseph Nelly Anthony Majid & Badwiah Mansour Elias & Haseebah Mansour Joseph Farris Laure Moussa (40 Day Mass)	Amy Habib & Family M/M Tony Moussa The Family M/M Tony Mansour M/M Joseph Bittar Bachir Moussa's Family
Sunday	April 24	12:15 am	Juliet & Dan Budi & Richard Moses Antonios Mansour Bahieh & Joseph Mansour Maurice Chayban (Anniversary)	Moses Family M/M Samir Mansour M/M Emil Mansour M/M Paul Chayban
Tuesday	April 26	8:00 am	Ghassan & Linda Kairouz	The Family
Wednesday	April 27	8:00 am	Arthur Zohab	Abouna
Thursday	April 28	8:00 am	Rose Korkemaz	Abouna
Friday	April 29	8:00 am	Ghassan & Linda Kairouz Carmen & Linda Carini	The Family Mrs. Anna Lahood
Saturday	April 30	5:00 pm	Antoine Hage Sister John Maron Abdallah	Michaelene McFarlane Regina, Rosemary & Dolores Joseph
Sunday	May 01	10:00 am	Majid & Badwiah Mansour	The Family
Sunday	May 01	12:15 am	Nemtala, Jeanette & Richard Moses	The Moses Family

The Altar Bread for April is in loving memory of Souhad Hayek by Elie & Diana Harfouche.

The Altar Wine for April is in loving memory of Souhad Hayek by Elie & Diana Harfouche.

The Sanctuary Lamp for April is in loving memory of Souhad Hayek by Elie & Diana Harfouche.

Wealth May Last A Lifetime. A Legacy of Charity & Good Deeds Lasts Forever.

PLEASE REMEMBER ST. JOHN MARON PARISH IN YOUR ESTATE PLANNING

**OUR GRATITUDE TO ALL WHO ARE SUPPORTING ST. JOHN MARON CHURCH.
YOUR GENEROSITY IS A BLESSING.
PARISH STEWARDSHIP (April 10, 2016)**

Regular Tithes: 5:00 pm & 10 am Mass: \$1,549.00 12:15 pm Mass: \$ 725.00 Total: \$2,274.00

***ALTAR SERVERS:**

Sun. 10:00 am: Elias & Jonathan Mansour

***LECTORS:**

Sat. 5:00 pm Donna Amati
Sun. 10:00 am Nila Khoury
Sun. 12:15 pm Rita Hayek

***PEACE BEARERS:**

Sun. 10:00 am:

***DEACONS:**

Sat. 5:00 pm Regina Joseph
Sun. 10:00 am Joe Bittar
Sun. 12:15 pm Albert Farah

***GIFT BEARERS:**

Sun. 10:00 am

***PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: Sun. 10:00 am**

THE 3RD ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL ROSARY

St. John Maron cordially invites all parishioners to pray with us at our Third Annual International Rosary, **SUNDAY, May 1, 2016 at 7:00 pm.** A reception will follow in the Cedars Banquet Facility. As all Catholic Churches from the Buffalo area have been invited to attend, we would be honored if all our parish families make every effort to attend this beautiful tribute to our Blessed Mother.

2016 ASSESSMENT/ BISHOP'S APPEAL

Thank you to all who have donated to the 2016 Bishop's Appeal. As of this date, 101 families out of 255 families have generously contributed as follows:

Family Name beginning with the letter:

A = 14 families	J = 2 families	S = 10 families
B = 4 "	K = 4 "	T = 1 "
C = 4 "	L = 2 "	U = 1 "
D = 5 "	M = 19 "	V = 0 "
E = 1 "	N = 4 "	W = 1 "
F = 1 "	O = 1 "	X = 0 "
G = 3 "	P = 2 "	Y = 1 "
H = 15 "	R = 1 "	Z = 3 "
I = 2 "		

This reminder is for all those who have not yet made their contribution. Every parish family is kindly asked to do their share so that our St. John Maron Parish will be able to meet its obligation toward our Diocese, which is (\$35,000).

PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Therese Bittar, Antoinette Shehadi, Mirna Haeick, Joseph El Halal, Chris Curry, Elaine Braham, Loulou Chbat, Jacob Akiki, Norma Kamp, Mona Arida

YEAR OF MERCY

(Dec. 8, 2015 - Dec. 8, 2016)

To gain a plenary (full) indulgence, you must do the following during this Holy year:

1. Attend Mass (Your Parish).
2. Perform the act with a contrite heart.
3. Go to confession.
4. Receive Holy Communion.
5. Pray for the Pope's intentions.
6. Perform works of mercy by feeding the hungry, visiting the sick, counseling the doubtful and comforting the afflicted.

"Be merciful as your Heavenly Father is."

Luke 6:36

LEBANESE FESTIVAL

The LEBANESE FESTIVAL always takes place the last weekend of the Month of July. The date of the 2016 Lebanese Festival is: **July 29th, 30th, & 31st.**

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR.

FOOD PANTRY CARING & SHARING

For the *Month of April*, we ask you to donate *Spaghetti and Spaghetti Sauce*. The containers are at the entrances of the Church. During this Jubilee Year of Mercy, let us put our faith into action by sharing our blessings with those in need.

THE SECOND COLLECTION FOR THIS WEEK IS FOR MOTHER'S DAY
THE SECOND COLLECTION FOR NEXT WEEK IS FOR THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF LEBANON

This Weekend's Sacred Scriptures: Epistle: Eph 2:1-10 ~ Gospel: Jn 21:15-19
Next Weekend's Sacred Scriptures: Epistle: Rom 10:1-13 ~ Gospel: Lk 24:36-48

ST. JOHN MARON THANKS THE ORIGINAL PANCAKE HOUSE

Williamsville, Amherst & Orchard Park, NY

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

**THE EPARCHY OF ST. MARON
7TH ANNUAL BENEFIT DINNER**

I am pleased to invite you all to attend the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn's Seventh Annual Benefit Dinner on **Tuesday, May 3 at the New York Athletic Club**. This year's Dinner will feature a reception, an excellent meal, and a special honor for Mrs. Nohade Boorady, who is from nearby Dunkirk. It will also include a commemoration of the **Eparchy's 50th Anniversary**, which is being celebrated this year. Bishop Robert Shaheen will also be our honored guest. Registration information for the Benefit Dinner is at <http://stmaron.org/news.html>. I also have some copies of invitations that I would be pleased to give you. Please support this Dinner by attending or with a donation. Thank you. *Abouna*

VISIT OF ST. SHARBEL RELICS

We are honored to have the relic of St. Sharbel visiting our parish on **May 10th & May 11th, 2016**. Please refer to the slinger in this week's bulletin. For information, please contact **Dr. & Mrs. Philippe Jaoude @ (716) 632-0364, Chairpersons.**

**ST. JOHN MARON
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

St. John Maron Church has received an announcement from the Supreme Headquarters of the Knights of Columbus that our Chapter has become *official*. **Our Knights of Columbus Council number is 16441**. The Council's Installation of Officers/Chartering will take place in the very near future. May God bless this organization and all that its members will do in service to God, our Church, the community and Order.

NAM CONVENTION INFORMATION

The 53rd National Apostolate of Maronites (NAM) National Convention will be held this year from **July 6-10, 2016**, at Our Lady of Lebanon Church, San Francisco Bay Area, CA. Pre-registration deadline is: June 13, 2016. For more information, please visit: www.namnews.org or contact Collette Jowdy, NAM Regional VP, at (716) 706-0505 / cfjowdy@yahoo.com, or Nila Khoury, NAM Delegate at (716) 868-6351 / nilakhoury@icloud.com

CCD COFFEE HOUR

Apr. 24, 2016: Mr. & Mrs. John Moussa

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Apr 24: Regular class

Apr. 28: 6:30 p.m. Scapular & Confession
First Communion Practice

May 01: 12:00 noon ~ First Communion

Attention Parents of First Communicants
Thursday, April 28 at 6:30 p.m., First Communicants will be enrolled in the Scapular, Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Communion practice. ALL children and parent(s) must attend.

Next Sunday, May 1, our 15 communicants will be receiving their First Holy Eucharist. May Jesus' presence in the Eucharist nourish their souls, give them strength to overcome temptation, and provide them with the sacramental grace to live a life of love.

Our First Communicants are as follows:

Maya Atallah (Crowning the Blessed Mother)	
Angelina Damian	Joseph Moussa
Joseph El Khoury	Lynn Ntanios
Adam Frank	Francesca Olivieri
Lucas Ibrahim	Anthony J. Rittling
Joseph Khoury	Naya Sabha
Jude Khoury	Ethan Sobon
Ruby Khoury	Angelina Zinaty

NAM POSTER CONTEST

All children, K-12, are encouraged to participate in the NAM Poster Contest by creating a Grade-Themed Poster or Essay. Flyers are available from the teachers. Poster board is available from the Third Grade classroom. Must be handed in no later than **Sunday, May 15**.

*Faith is being sure of what we hope for
And certain of what we do not see*

Hebrews 11:1

ST. JOHN MARON CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

- New Registration
- Change of Address
- Moving Out Of Parish
- Want Envelopes