

<u>LITURGY INTENTIONS</u>			<u>IN LOVING MEMORY OF</u>	<u>REQUESTED BY</u>
Saturday	Apr. 01	5:00 pm	Sr. Techla, Sadie & Mary Joseph For The Healing of Alfred Sambrano Jacob Akiki	Family of Elias D. Joseph Dr/Mrs George M. Youakim Mrs. Dolores Godlewski
Sunday	Apr. 02	10:00 am	Jacob Akiki Peter & Najibe Betros Antonios & Bahieh Mansour Jacob Akiki Zahira & Mansour Chayban Michael Merii Majid & Badwih Mansour Noel El Mekhtifi Souhad Hayek	Dr/Mrs George M. Youakim M/M Joseph Bittar M/M Samir Mansour M/M Joseph Bittar The Family M/M Tony Hamad M/M Doumit Chayban M/M Doumit Chayban The Family
Sunday	Apr. 02	12:15 am		
Tuesday	Apr. 04	8:00 am	Ghassan & Linda Kairouz	The Family
Wednesday	Apr. 05	8:00 am	Carmen & Linda Carini	Miss Anna Lahood
Thursday	Apr. 06	8:00 am	Fahed M. Kairouz	The Family
Friday	Apr. 07	8:00 am	Ghassan & Linda Kairouz	The Family
Saturday	Apr. 08	5:00 pm	M/M Toufic Karam Joan Hens Voss Jacob Akiki	Mr. Mike Karam Dr/Mrs Felix Labaki Mrs. Ramona Arida
Sunday	Apr. 09	10:00 am	Antonios & Bahieh Mansour Florenca Sambrano (40 Day) Michael Merii Majid & Badwih Mansour	M/M Elias Mansour Dr/Mrs George M. Youkim M/M Tony Hamad M/M Doumit Chayban
Sunday	Apr. 09	12:15 am	Souhad Hayek Peter Hayek Antonios Mansour	The Family The Family M/M Fouad Ntanios

The Altar Bread for April is in loving memory of the Hayek Family by Mrs. Marie Hayek

The Altar Wine for April is in loving memory of the Hayek Family by Mrs. Marie Hayek

The Sanctuary Lamp for April is in loving memory of the Hayek Family by Mrs. Marie Hayek

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 (March 26, 2017)**

Regular Tithes: 5:00 pm & 10:00 am Mass: \$1,738.00 12:00 pm Mass: \$510.00 Total: \$2,248.00

***ALTAR SERVERS:** Sun. 10:00 am: Elias & Jonathan Mansour ***LECTORS:** Sat. 5:00 pm Tom Haykel
Sun. 10:00 am Christine Bitar
Sun. 12:15 pm Elie Korkomaz

***PEACE BEARERS:** Sun. 10:00 am: ***DEACONS:** Sat. 5:00 pm Regina Joseph
Sun. 10:00 am Tania Badawy
Sun. 12:15 pm Jamil Anz

***GIFT BEARERS:** Sat. 5:00 pm: Velia Youakim
Sun. 10:00 am: M/M Samir Mansour
Sun. 12:15 pm: The Hayek Family

***INTERCESSIONS:** Sun. 10:00 am:

2017 ASSESSMENT/ BISHOP'S APPEAL

Letters and pledge/donation cards have been mailed to every parish family. As Christians, it is our responsibility to make the commitment to help others in need. Please be generous with your donations to the Assessment/Bishop's Charity Appeal. **Every parish family is kindly asked to do their share so that our St. John Maron Parish will be able to meet its goal, which is \$35,000.**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Apr. 02: Regular Class

Apr. 09: No Class; Easter Break

Apr. 16: No Class; Easter Break

Apr. 23: Regular Class

Apr. 28: Scapular ceremony, communion practice 6:30pm

Apr. 30: Regular Class

VOLUNTEERS FOR COFFEE HOUR

Apr. 02: Bill & Suzie Cardone

Apr. 23: Dolla & Jamie Soban

Apr. 30: Roula Damian

NAM POSTER CONTEST

Contest pamphlets have been given to the children. St. John Maron has had winners every year, so we encourage all children, including high school and MYO to participate by submitting their posters or essays.

LEBANESE FESTIVAL

The **LEBANESE FESTIVAL** takes place always on the last weekend of the Month of July.

The date of the 2017 Lebanese Festival is:
July 28th, 29th, & 30th.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR.

GOOD FRIDAY HOLY LAND COLLECTION

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. **PLEASE BE GENEROUS!**

CARING & SHARING

During the *Month of April*, we ask you to donate a variety of canned tomatoes, including whole and puree. The containers are at the entrances of the Church. If you know of any family or person who is in need, please contact Abouna. This information will be kept confidential. Thank you, always, for your help!

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.

PARISH ROSARY

Abouna and the Altar and Rosary Society invites all parishioners to join in the Parish Rosary on **Monday, April 3, 2017** at 7:00 p.m. Let's pray this beautiful prayer to our Lady for peace in our world. Refreshments to follow.

*One who does not seek the cross of Jesus
isn't seeking the glory of Christ.*

ST. JOHN MARON NEW MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **Zip:** _____

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

LENTEN & HOLY WEEK MASS & SERVICE SCHEDULES

Sunday, April 9th

Palm Sunday @10:00 a.m.

Palm Sunday @12:15 p.m.

Thursday, April 13th

Holy Thursday @7:00 p.m.

Friday, April 14th

Signing of the Chalice 11:00 a.m.

Good Friday Service @ 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 15th

Easter Vigil Mass @ 5:00 p.m.

Midnight Mass @12:00 a.m.

Sunday, April 16th

Easter Sunday Mass @11:00 am

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday during Lent at 7:00 p.m.

SHOW YOUR

“LOVE & GRATITUDE”

It is a great blessing for our parishioners to have the opportunity to sponsor the Altar Bread, Wine & Sanctuary Lamp. We all have a reason to be thankful and we all have deceased members for whom we can dedicate this beautiful blessing. **Please sponsor one month when you are called!**

RE M I N D E R

SMOKING is ABSOLUTELY FORBIDDEN in ANY AREA of the Church or Church grounds at ANY TIME.

PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Josette Sfeir, Jolee Manns, Frances Flynn, Douglas Franke, Antoinette Shehadi, Mirna Haeick, Chris Curry, Loulou Chbat, Mona Arida, Robert DiSibio, Victor Khoury, Joseph Martino, Theresa Mosey, Pamela Ravangard.

WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Our deepest sympathy and sincere condolences go to the family, friends, and relatives of *Mr. Michael Merii*, the beloved son of *Mrs. Souad Merii and the Late Joseph Merii, and sister of Mrs. Petty Al Dik*, who went to the Lord on March 21, 2017. May the Lord grant him eternal rest and give comfort and consolation to all those who mourn him.

CONFESSION DURING LENT

You are encouraged to approach the Sacrament of Reconciliation during this season of Lent. Catholics must go to confession at least once a year and as often as they need to, in order to cleanse themselves of sins and be in a state of grace.

LENTEN GUIDANCE

Good Friday (April 14), and ALL Fridays of Lent are days of Fast & Abstinence. Abstinence from meat, and fasting binds all physically capable Catholics, Eastern and Western, who are 14 years old and older. Fasting in the Catholic Church involves no eating or drinking (except water and medicine) from midnight until noon, and doing works of charity. The rest of the day's normal meals can be taken but without meat.

GOOD FRIDAY FLOWERS

As always, we thank you for bringing flowers to the Tomb of Jesus Christ at the Good Friday Service. However, you are kindly asked to limit yourself to only (2) roses/flowers. (Flowers should be short stems and contain no wrapping.) Thank you for your understanding.

PARISH PARKING LOT

All parishioners are kindly advised to call and notify the parish office if it is necessary to leave your car in the parking lot of St. John Maron Church. Any car of which the parish is not aware, will be towed away at the owner's expense. Thank you for your continued cooperation.

**THE SECOND COLLECTION FOR THIS WEEK IS FOR EASTER FLOWERS.
THE SECOND COLLECTION FOR NEXT WEEK IS FOR THE BUILDING FUND.**

This Weekend's Sacred Scriptures: Epistle: 2 Cor 10:1-7 ~ Gospel: Mk 10:46-52
Next Weekend's Sacred Scriptures: Epistle: Phil 1:1-13~ Gospel: Jn 12:12-22

ST. JOHN MARON THANKS MOSES INSURANCE GROUP

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