

| <u>LITURGY INTENTIONS</u> | | | <u>IN LOVING MEMORY OF</u> | <u>REQUESTED BY</u> |
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| Saturday | Apr. 08 | 5:00 pm | M/M Toufic Karam Joan Hens Voss Jacob Akiki Zmorrad Maroun & Dec. of the Anthony Fam. Florenzia Sambrano | Mr. Mike Karam Dr/Mrs Felix Labaki Mrs. Ramona Arida Mr. Sarkis Anthony Miss Theresa Akiki |
| Sunday | Apr. 09 | 10:00 am | Antonios & Bahieh Mansour Florenzia Sambrano (40 Day) Michael Merii Majid & Badwiah Mansour Mansour & Zahira Chayban | M/M Elias Mansour Dr/Mrs George M. Youkim M/M Tony Hamad M/M Doumit Chayban The Family |
| Sunday | Apr. 09 | 12:15 am | Souhad Hayek Peter Hayek Antonios Mansour Ntanios & Zelfa Shehadi | The Family The Family The Family M/M Fouad Ntanios Mrs. Kattour Khoury |
| Tuesday | Apr. 11 | 8:00 am | Ghassan & Linda Kairouz | The Family |
| Wednesday | Apr. 12 | 8:00 am | Carmen & Linda Carini | Miss Anna Lahood |
| Thursday | Apr. 13 | 8:00 am | Fahed M. Kairouz Souhad Hayek Badieh & Nawal El Mekhtifi Amal Khoury Torbey | The Family The Family M/M Samir Mansour The Hayek Family |
| Friday | Apr. 14 | 8:00 am | Ghassan & Linda Kairouz | The Family |
| Saturday | Apr. 15 | 5:00 pm | Living & Deceased of St. John Maron Church | Abouna |
| | Apr. 16 | <i>Midnight Mass</i> | Living & Deceased of St. John Maron Church | Abouna |
| Sunday | Apr. 16 | 11:00 am | Living & Deceased of St. John Maron Church | Abouna |

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 (April 2, 2017)

Regular Tithes: 5:00 pm & 10:00 am Mass: \$2,435.00 12:00 pm Mass: \$843.00 Total: \$3,278.00

- *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 Henri Khoury
- *GIFT BEARERS:** Sat. 5:00 pm: Mike Karam, Yvonne Labaki
Sun. 10:00 am: Dr/M George Youakim
Sun. 12:15 pm: The Hayek Family
- *INTERCESSIONS:** Sun. 10:00 am:

**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

“OUR PARISH ENJOYED....”

In an opportunity for our parish family to come together and share a meal, we enjoyed a Pot Luck Dinner on Friday, March 31. We thank all who supported this event with their attendance, their delectable dishes, and in helping with set-up and clean-up. Everyone enjoyed it! God’s blessings to our devoted parishioners who are dedicated to the welfare of our parish.

Abouna

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!**

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, Victoria Healy.

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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

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 THE BUILDING FUND.
THE SECOND COLLECTION FOR NEXT WEEK IS FOR ASSESSMENT/BISHOP’S APPEAL.**

This Weekend’s Sacred Scriptures: Epistle: Phil 1:1-13 ~ Gospel: Jn 12:12-22
Next Weekend’s Sacred Scriptures: Epistle: 1 Cor 15:12-26 ~ Gospel: Mk 16:1-8

**ST. JOHN MARON THANKS
BURNS BARBER SHOP**
1030 Union Rd., West Seneca, NY 14224 ~ (716) 674-1651
*Please support and acknowledge them when needed as a “thank you” for advertising at
St. John Maron Church.*

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. 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. 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.

A Blessed Sha'neneh!

شعينة مباركة!

ST. JOHN MARON NEW MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **Zip:** _____

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