

LITURGY INTENTIONS

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

REQUESTED BY

Saturday	Jan. 06	5:00 pm	Ghassan and Linda Kairouz	Abouna
Sunday	Jan. 07	10:00 am	Nawal Al Mekhtifi (Anniv.)	Samir & Katia Mansour
			Louise & Tom Joseph & Richard Moses	The Moses Family
			Maurice Chayban	M/M Paul Chayban
			Lamia & Antonio Farah	Christopher & Laura Mansour
			Issa & Assad Aboudib (1 Year Ann.)	M/M Assad Aboudib
Tuesday	Jan. 09	8:00 am	No Mass	
Wednesday	Jan. 10	8:00 am	No Mass	
Thursday	Jan. 11	8:00 am	No Mass	
Friday	Jan. 12	8:00 am	No Mass	
Saturday	Jan. 13	5:00 pm	Deceased Members of the Diab and Attaf Joseph Families	The Family of Elias D. Joseph
Sunday	Jan. 14	10:00 am	Badweh Mansour	Mr. & Mrs. Elias Mansour
			Laura Azzi (40 Day Memorial Mass)	Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Bittar
			Joseph G. Hanna, Sr.	Mrs. Mona Hanna & Family

The Altar Bread for January is in memory of Julia & John Joseph of Philadelphia by Mary & John Joseph
The Altar Wine for January is in memory of Julia & John Joseph of Philadelphia by Mary & John Joseph
The Sanctuary Lamp for January is in memory of Julia & John Joseph of Philadelphia by Mary & John Joseph

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 (December 31, 2017)
Regular Tithes: 5:00 pm & 10:00 am Mass: \$1,399.00 ~ 12:00 pm Mass: \$449.97 Total: \$1,848.97

***ALTAR SERVERS: Sun. 10:00 am:** Elias & Jonathan Mansour

***LECTORS: Sat. 5:00 pm** Tom Haykel
Sun. 10:00 am Christine Bitar

***PEACE BEARERS: Sun. 10:00 am:**

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

***GIFT BEARERS: Sat. 5:00 pm -**
Sun. 10:00 am -

DEACONS: Sat. 5:00 pm Bassam Deeb
Sun. 10:00 am Nila Khoury

MASS BOOK FOR 2018

The 2018 Mass Book is now open for anyone who wishes to schedule Masses in ADVANCE. There are forms at the entrances of the church. Please be sure to fill out the form completely when requesting a mass.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

- Jan. 07 ~ Regular Class
- Jan. 14 ~ Children’s Liturgy (Grade 2) **Report Cards**
- Jan. 21 ~ Regular Class

Meeting: The meeting for the communicant parents on Sunday, January 28 at 11:15 am will be held in the 6/7 Grade Classroom. **Parents must attend this meeting.**

COFFEE HOUR:

- Jan. 07 ~~~ Odeale Frank
- Jan. 14 ~~~ Maggie Issa
- Jan. 21 ~~~ Joe & Ann Marie Lattanzio
- Jan. 28 ~~~ Frances Harfouche

Coffee Hour is for the benefit of the parents while your children are in class. It is also an obligation for those parents who wish to have their children attend St. John Maron Religious Education to provide refreshments one Sunday per school year. The coffee list is posted in the Education Hall. If for some reason, you are unable to fulfill your obligation on the Sunday you are assigned, it is your responsibility to switch with someone else or find someone to take your place. You must inform Debbie Tartick as soon as possible of any change. Thank you for your cooperation.

PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Laila Deeb, Abouna Youssef Khoury, Sarah Attea Griffin, Frances Flynn, Douglas Franke, Mirna Haieck, Chris Curry, Loulou Chbat, Mona Arida, Robert DiSibio, Victor Khoury, Joseph Martino, Pamela Ravangard, Victoria Healy, Rita Larson.

PARISH ROSARY

We, the Altar and Rosary Society, would like to invite and remind all parishioners that a **Parish Rosary** will take place **on a Monday of each month (Oct. – May 2017-2018) at 7:00 PM in the Church. The next Rosary is scheduled for Monday, January 8, 2018 at 7:00 PM.** We hope you and your family will join us in praying for your intentions, the intentions of Pope Francis, and for world peace. If you are interested in saying a decade of the Rosary either in English or Lebanese, please contact Carole Farah at 317-902-5323 or Regina Joseph at 716-883-6194.

IS GOD CALLING YOU?

Today we hear that Jesus’ coming into our world and all of the love he poured out for us, through much sacrifice, was done in obedience to the Father’s will. Remember that it may be God’s will that you be a priest, or a religious sister or brother. If so, will you follow Jesus’ example of faithfulness? If God is calling you to a church vocation, call Abouna Elie (716) 634-0669.

THE SECOND COLLECTION FOR THIS WEEK IS FOR THE BUILDING FUND.

THE SECOND COLLECTION FOR NEXT WEEK IS FOR FUEL AND UPKEEP.

This Weekend’s Sacred Scriptures: Epistle: Titus 2:11– 3:7 ~ **Gospel:** Lk 3:15
Next Weekend’s Sacred Scriptures: Epistle: 2 Cor 4:5-15 ~ **Gospel:** Jn 1:35-42

ST. JOHN MARON THANKS

PIERRE STUDIO II

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

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE

Starting on Sunday, January 7, 2018 and continuing through February 18, 2018 there will only be one mass on Sunday at 10:00 AM. The 12:15 Masses will resume on February 25, 2018. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation and we look forward to seeing you at either our 5:00 PM Mass on Saturday or the 10:00 AM on Sunday.

New Years Prayer

~ 2018 ~

*Thank you Lord for giving us
The brand New Year ahead
Help us live the way we should
As each new day we tread.
Give us gentle wisdom
That we might help a friend
Give us strength and courage
So a shoulder we may lend.
The year ahead is empty
Help us fill it with good things
Each new day filed with joy
And the happiness it brings.
Please give the leaders of our world
A courage born of peace
That they might lead us gently
And all the fighting cease.
Please give to all upon this earth
A heart that is filled with love
A gentle happy way to live
With Your blessings from above.*

~Charlotte Anselmo

CARING & SHARING

During the Month of January, we ask you to Donate canned soup, chicken broth and canned chile for the caring and sharing project. 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. As always, thank you for your help!

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.

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 the **ST. JOHN MARON ENDOWMENT FUND & ST. JOHN MARON SCHOLARSHIP FUND**. These two special funds will ensure that the work and mission of St. John Maron Church can continue for generations. Making such a donation is a lasting testament that has great significance.

SACRAMENT VISITATION

Abouna Elie would like to bring the Sacraments to those who can't make it to Church. Please have someone inform the rectory office if you or your loved ones is homebound by sickness or in a nursing home. We depend on you to let us know of persons who would like us to visit with the Sacrament and God's blessings.

~EPIPHANY~

~Celebrating the Maji's visit to the Christ Child~

May the glory of the Lord fill your hearts with eternal peace and joy.

ST. JOHN MARON CHURCH MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone: _____

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