

Saint Maron Catholic Church

Love of Neighbor September 9, 2018



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THE GOOD SAMARITAN

The parable of the Good Samaritan contains the face of God and the possible solution of the whole drama of man.

Who is my neighbor? This is the starting question. The answer from Jesus operates a shift of meaning (who of these three has become "my neighbor"? The central verb of the parable, the one from which every subsequent gesture of the Samaritan flows, is expressed with the words "he had compassion". Compassion is to feel pain for man's pain; mercy is to bend, to take care of healing wounds. In the gospel of Luke "to feel compassion" is a technical term that indicates a divine action with which the Lord gives back life to those who do not have it. To have mercy is the human action that derives from this "divine feeling".

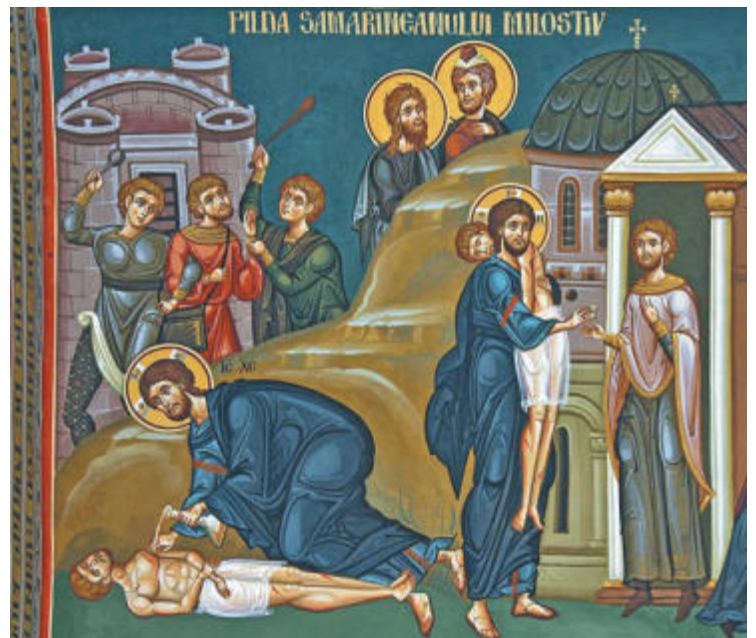
The first three gestures of the Good Samaritan are: to see, to stop, to touch, to outline the first three actions of mercy.

To See: he saw and he had compassion. He saw the wounds, and let himself be wounded by the man's wounds.

To Stop: stop your way, your projects, let the others dictate the agenda, stop at the life that moans and calls.

To Touch: the Samaritan gets close, pours oil and wine, wraps the man's wounds, loads him, and takes him. Touching is a hard word putting us to the test. It is not spontaneous to touch the contagious, the infectious, and the wounded. But in the gospel every time Jesus is moved, He stops and touches. Showing that love is not an emotional fact, but it is a fact of hands, of touch, concrete, tangible.

The Samaritan takes care of the wounded man in an exaggerated way. But in this excess, in this expenditure, in acting in loss and without counting, in this one-sided and unconditional love, it becomes happy, divine news for the earth.



Saturday, September 8, 2018

- 4.00 pm For all families in crisis,

Sunday, September 9, 2018

9:30 am [Lector: Robert Safadi]

- For all families in crisis,

11:30 am [Lector: Alex Agbay]

- Joseph Mabarak, 11th year remembrance ,
by his brother Raymond Mabarak

Thursday September 13, 2018

7:00 pm Mass of the feast of the Holy Cross

Friday September 14, 2018

9:00 am Mass of the feast of the Holy Cross

Saturday, September 15, 2018

- 4:00 pm No Mass

Sunday, September 16, 2018

9:30 am [Lector: Robert Safadi]

- Special intention

11:30 am [Lector: Alex Agbay]

- Special intention



*Join us on Thursday
September 13, for a
7pm liturgy to celebrate
the Feast of the Exalta-
tion of the Holy Cross,
followed by an outdoor
procession. You are all
welcome for some
refreshments in the
Parish hall.
If you would like, you
can bring a dish to
share.*

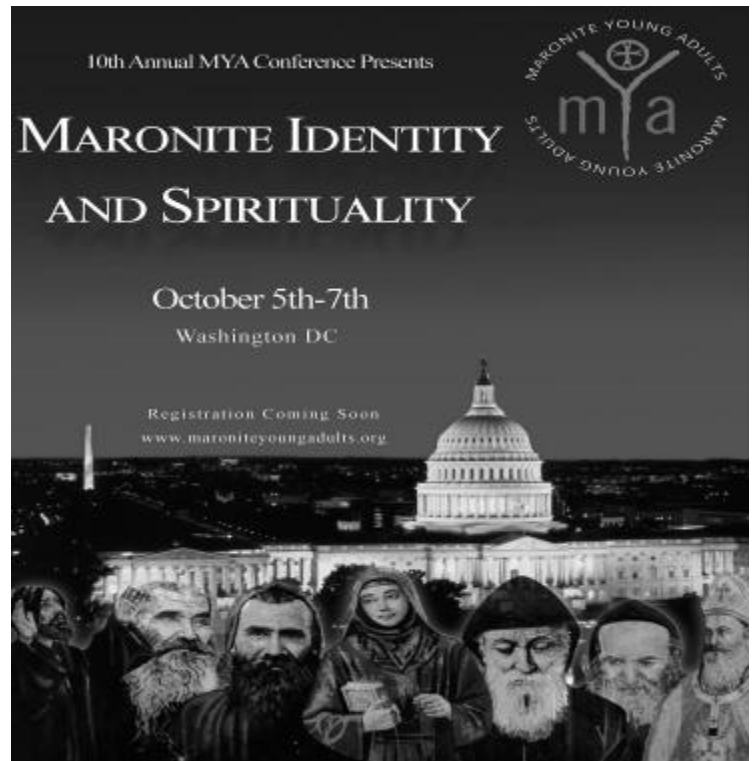
Catechism of the Catholic Church

The supernatural sense of faith

All the faithful share in understanding and handing on revealed truth. They have received the anointing of the Holy Spirit, who instructs them and guides them into all truth.

"The whole body of the faithful. . . cannot err in matters of belief. This characteristic is shown in the supernatural appreciation of faith (*sensus fidei*) on the part of the whole people, when, from the bishops to the last of the faithful, they manifest a universal consent in matters of faith and morals."

"By this appreciation of the faith, aroused and sustained by the Spirit of truth, the People of God, guided by the sacred teaching authority (Magisterium),. . . receives. . . the faith, once for all delivered to the saints. . . the People unfaithfully adheres to this faith, penetrates it more deeply with right judgment, and applies it more fully in daily life."



SEPTEMBER CALENDAR FEASTS

- 09 - 08 Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 09 - 09 Sts Joachim and Anne
- 09 - 14 Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- 09 - 15 Sts Shaina and Sassine

Please contact the office or email us to register or make changes in your registration or if a member of your family is ill or hospitalized and would like to receive a visit from the priest.

Thank you for your generosity and your support to St. Maron Church

Collection	\$ 2067
Sunday 09/02/2018	
Second collection	\$ 220
Coffee and donuts	\$ 27
Parking rental	\$ 300

Parish Staff

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MYO IS BACK!

The MYO (Maronite Youth Organization) has been inactive for a few years, but it is time to start it up once again. All teens, ages 12-18 (7th - 12th grade) are encouraged to join. The goal of the MYO is to get to know each other, to take ownership in our church, and to address teen concerns in a faith based way. The first meeting for teens and parents will be on **September 9th immediately following the 11:30 Liturgy.**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask Father Roby or Elias Hazkial, (313) 363-9476.

BREAD AND WINE

Please contact the Rectory to donate the Host and Wine for \$50.00/month, we will be accepting donations from three different families each month.

- **Bread and Wine** for the month of September 2018, in loving memory of **Maroun & Wardieh Khalil**, by the family
- **Bread and Wine** for the month of September 2018, in loving memory of **deceased members of the parish**, by **Norman & Madeline Foster**
- **Bread and Wine** for the month of September 2018, for a **Special Intention, by anonymous.**



SEPTEMBER 14-16, 2018

St. Sharbel Church has a new home

JOIN US FOR A WEEKEND OF CELEBRATIONS!

Dedication Weekend

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2018

Prayer & Benediction of Saint Sharbel – 6:30 pm
Meet & Greet – 7:00 – 8:00 pm

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2018

Gala / Banquet
6:00 pm – 12:00 am

The Palazzo Grande

54660 Van Dyke, Shelby Township, MI

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2018

Divine Liturgy with Dedication & Consecration – 11:00 am

Join us for a

Cigar & Wine Night

Wednesday September 26 at 7:30pm

The Patio Of St. Maron's Rectory

11466 Kercheval St., Detroit MI 48214

Scotch / Wine & Cigars
Appertizers & Desserts

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