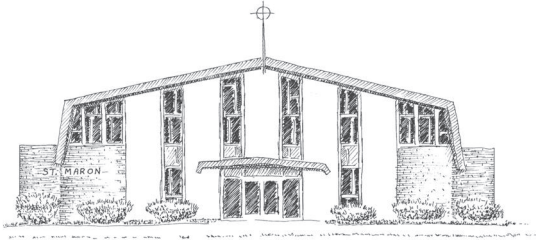


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THE SEASON OF ANNOUNCEMENT IS A COMMEMORATION OF THOSE EVENTS SURROUNDING AND CULMINATING WITH THE INCARNATION OF JESUS. THE SEASON OPENS WITH THE ANNOUNCEMENT TO ZECHARIAH THAT JOHN, THE FORERUNNER OF JESUS, WAS TO BE BORN .

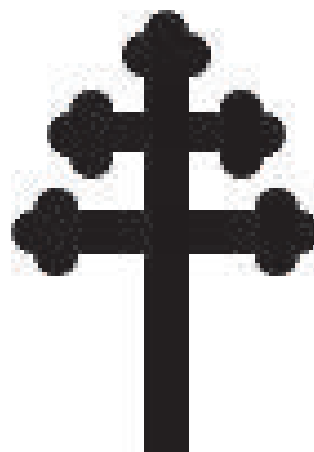
GABRIEL APPEARED TO ZECHARIAH, A DESCENDANT OF AARON, A MEMBER OF THE PRIESTLY CASTE. THIS APPEARANCE TOOK PLACE WHILE ZECHARIAH WAS FULFILLING ONE OF THE PRIESTLY FUNCTIONS, THE OFFERING OF INCENSE AT THE TEMPLE ALTAR.

ALTHOUGH HE KNEW THAT NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR GOD, ZECHARIAH DOUBTED THE MESSAGE. IN ORDER TO BRING HIM TO BELIEF, GABRIEL GAVE HIM A SIGN: ZECHARIAH WAS TO BE MUTE UNTIL THE BIRTH OF HIS SON. THIS SIGN

GIVEN TO ZECHARIAH IS INTENDED FOR ALL OF US. JOHN THE FORERUNNER IS THE LINK BETWEEN THE OLD AND NEW COVENANTS.

WITH THE COMING OF THE SAVIOR, THE OLD WILL BE SILENCED AND THE NEW COVENANT PROCLAIMED.

FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT, WE CRY OUT WITH ZECHARIAH, " BLESSED ARE YOU, O GOD!"



THE EARLY FATHERS PROVIDE US WITH AN INTERESTING EPILOGUE TO THIS ACCOUNT. THEY TAUGHT THAT ZECHARIAH WAS MARTYRED BECAUSE HE REFUSED TO DISCLOSE JOHN'S HIDING PLACE TO HEROD'S SOLDIERS

Saturday, November 12, 2016

4:00 p.m. Baz & Haddad families, by Chorbishop Baz

Sunday, November 13, 2016

9:30 a.m. [Lector: Robert Safadi]

- **Josephine John**, by Lena & Renee Kerkyras
- **Special intention**, by anonymous
- **For good health**, by parishioner

11:30 a.m. [Lector: Alex Agbay]

- **Donald Howard**, by Cecelia John
- **Nimnoon & Nicholas Ghaphery (Wheeling)**
- **Special intention**, by anonymous
- **For good health**, by parishioner
- **For peace in the Nation**, by Chorbishop Baz

Monday, November 14, 2016

9:00 a.m. Joseph & Rose Baz, by Chorbishop Baz

Tuesday, November 15, 2016

9:00 a.m. for the poor souls in purgatory, by Chorbishop

Wednesday, November 16, 2016

9:00 a.m. for peace in Lebanon and the nation

Thursday, November 17, 2016

9:00 a.m. For all the parishioners of St. Maron

Friday, November 18, 2016

9:00 a.m. Baz & Haddad families, by Chorbishop Baz

Saturday, November 19, 2016

4:00 p.m. Baz & Haddad families, by Chorbishop Baz

Sunday, November 20, 2016

9:30 a.m. [Lector: Robert Safadi]

- **Mike Michael**, by a friend
- **Special intention**, by anonymous
- **For good health**, by parishioner

11:30 a.m. [Lector: Alex Agbay]

- **Donald Howard**, by his sister Dolores Hejjawi
- **Bolous Helou & Victoria Fares**, by Cesar & Diane Helou
- **For the intention of Chorbishop Louis Baz**, from the Nimnoon Ghaphery (Wheeling WV)
- **Special intention**, by anonymous
- **For good health**, by parishioner
- **For peace in the Nation**, by Chorbishop Baz

**CLOSING OF THE
JUBILEE YEAR
YEAR OF MERCY**

Parish Staff

Church Attorney	
Director of Public Relations	Dr. Daher Rahi
Church Accountant	Mr. Peter Jabbour
Hall Manager	Mr. Rudy Jabbour
Ladies Altar Society President	Ms. Veronica Asmar
Ushers Coordinator	Mr. Raymond Mabarak
Religious Education	Mrs. Julie Gharios
Organist	
English Soloist	Ms. Mary Anderson
History & Archive Coordinator.	Ms. Veronica Asmar

DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturdays at 4:00 p.m.

Sundays at 9:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

Weekdays at 9:00 a.m.

OFFICE HOURS

Weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
The Office is closed on Weekends.

MYSTERY OF BAPTISM & CHRISMATION

You must be a **registered** and **active** member of the parish. Please inform the church office when your child is born. Arrangements should be made **between the parents and the church three weeks in advance of the date** you desire to have your child Baptized and Chrismated. Godparents must be baptized, at least age 14 and must provide a letter of "Good Standing" from their lawful pastor.

MYSTERY OF CROWNING

Allow a MINIMUM of SIX months for all necessary preparations including pre-marriage sessions. The new Code of Canons for the Oriental Churches (CCEO) makes this time frame an absolute necessity. No exceptions will be made unless for extreme reasons.

MYSTERY OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Notify the parish offices or the priest as soon as possible if a family member is in the hospital, nursing home, or is a shut-in, so that the priest can minister to them

SCRIPTURE READING

Sunday Nov.13	Rom4:13-25	Lk	1:1-25
Sunday Nov. 20	Gal 3:15-22	Lk	1:26-38

Our Offerings to God

Our offerings for Sunday, both Collections on Sunday November 6, 2016 is \$1,881.00. Thank you for your support to St. Maron Church

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 November 2016, in memory of Joseph Kaspor 69 year death anniversary, by **Madeline & Norman Foster**
- **Bread and Wine** for the month of November 2016, for good health for the **Rahi family**, by **Chrissy Kassab and her family**
- **Bread and Wine** for the month of November 2016, In memory of **Elias Lattouf**, by **M/M Tony Barrak**
- **Bread and Wine** for the month of December 2016, for all members of the Parish, by **Madeline & Norman Foster**
- **Bread and Wine** for the month of December 2016, in memory of **Hanna Youwanis**, by **M/M Tony Barrak**
- **Bread and Wine** for the month of January 2017, in memory of **Fayez & Nader Shaers**, by **Margo Shaers**
- **Bread and Wine** for the month of February 2017, in memory of **Fayez & Nader Shaers**, by **Margo Shaers**

Cardinal Bechara Boutros Rahi Scholarship

Applications are available for the first annual Cardinal Bechara Boutros Rahi Scholarship, which will be awarded to one deserving student at the end of the 2016-17 school year. Dr. and Mrs. Daher Rahi and Family donated \$50,000 to establish the scholarship fund in honor of Cardinal Rahi.

In order to qualify for the scholarship, students must be 17 or older; a senior in high school who has received a letter of acceptance to a university; have a 3.5 or higher grade-point average; and demonstrate dedication to church and community.

Deadline for the applications is December 11,2016

Viewing of Video of Chorbishop Elevation

We will be showing the video from the reception we've had for Chorbishop Baz Elevation, on Sunday 11-13-16 in the Hall after both liturgies.

SUPPORT OUR YOUTH

On the Third Sunday of every month, we will have a special collection. We will call it change collection. Please Bring your coins with you.

Also on the fourth Sunday of every month, we will have a Bake Sale. Everyone is welcome to contribute by making some sweet dishes, to sell or buy; in order to raise funds to cover our cost for the youth programs.

We need your support for our future youth.

NOVEMBER CALENDAR FEASTS

- 11-1 St. All Saints
- 11-2 All Souls
- 11-3 St. Risha
- 11-5 St. Asia the Righteous
- 11-8 St. Michael the Archangel
- 11-10 St. Moura
- 11-11 St. Mennas & St. Martin
- 11-13 St. John Chrysostom & St. Francis Cabrini
- 11-14 St. Philip, (Apostle)
- 11-16 St. Matthew The Evangelist (Apostle)
- 11-17 St. Gregory
- 11-18 St. Romanos (Raymond)
- 11-27 St. James Intercisus
- 11-30 St. Andrew (Apostle) & St. Beshai

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet to be recited on the first Saturday of every Month. it will be recited on **Saturday December 3, 2016, at 3:00 P.M..** The "**family that prays together, stays together**" and it can only bring great blessings to your family and to our parish.

Arabic, Catechism, and Dabke classes

Arabic, Catechism, and Dabke classes have already started; If interested, Please make sure to register.

REUNION MASS

Reunion Mass the Third Sunday of Every Month

Sunday, November 20th, 9:30 am;

followed by a Social Hour at St. Maron Hall

LET US KEEP PRAYING FOR THE SICK

Josephine Saigh, Emily Michael, Dr. Claire Ammoun, Victoria Andreson and all the sick in our parish. Thank you.

WE ARE HAVING A NEW YEAR PARTY

Singer Karim Jaber, DJ, Lighting, & Sound by Backstage Management, Awsome Dinner prepared by Ike. Everything will be first class. Please call Rudy for details 313-826-4192

ST MARON FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

Will be held on 2-4-17. His Excellency Bishop Zaidan will be joining this year. We need volunteers and committee members if interested please contact Mrs Theresa Ghafari @ 313-549-9642. A kickoff meeting will be held on 11-13-16 at 11:00 am at the hall.