

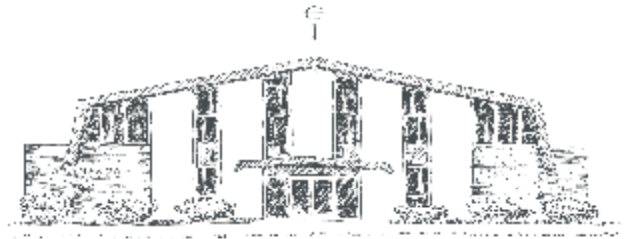
Saint Maron Catholic Church

First Sunday after Holy Cross September 16, 2018

What does the Cross of Christ mean to me today?

The absurd and the scandal of the Cross

We celebrate the feast of the cross of Christ; every day we decorate the cross, we kiss it, we wear it around our neck ... We Christians, are we crazy? Paul had announced it: the cross is "a scandal for the Jews and folly for the Greeks". The "Gospel of the Cross" is "absurd" for the world (1Cor 1: 18-25). Faith in the crucified God resembles extraordinarily to a continuous suicide of reason". And John Paul II noted that the true challenge to every philosophy "is the death on the cross of Jesus Christ".



How can we honor the Cross if the Crucified was a cursed (Deut. 21.23), if Christ died here, on Calvary, despised by all, without compassion from anyone, and with the apparent abandonment from God, his Father: "My God, God mine, why have you forsaken me?"(Mt 27.46). Christ's death on Calvary is the greatest sin committed by humanity.

The Cross, the center of our faith

And yet, for us the Cross of Jesus is the center and foundation of our faith. Peter says: we have been freed from sin "with the precious blood of Christ" (1 Pet 1:19). And he did it so that we have life: eternal life "(Jn 3:16). The two mosaics of Calvary are: the sacrifice of Isaac and the Crucifixion of Christ.

The Cross: manifestation of the love of God.

The Gospel says: "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son ... (Jn 3,16).) And Paul adds:" he loved me and gave himself for me "(Gal 2:20). On Calvary, man can learn what Love is and who God is, because "where there is Love there is God". Pope Benedict XVI said: "Let us look carefully at this crucified man ... we will discover that the Cross is the luminous sign of love; even more, of the immensity of God's love, of what we could never have imagined ... ". In fact: "No one has greater love than this: to give his life for his friends. You are my friends ... "(Jn 15,13). On Golgotha it clearly appears that "God is Love" (1Jn 4:16). Love forgets evil,



11466 Kercheval Avenue, Detroit, MI 48214-3307
Office: 313-824-0196 - Cell: 216-544-6035 - Fax: 313-824-6418
Website: www.saintmaronchurch.com
Email address: saintmarondetroit@gmail.com



LITURGY INTENTIONS

Sat. Sept. 15: Exaltation of the Holy Cross

- 4:00 pm no Liturgy

Sun. Sept. 16: Exaltation of the Holy Cross

- 9:30 am [Lector: Robert Safadi]

Special intentions

- 11:30 am [Lector: Alex Agbay]

Special intentions

NEXT WEEK

Sat. Sept. 22:

4.00 pm The children living in poverty and suffering

Sun. Sept. 23:

- 9:30 am [Lector: Robert Safadi]

Liturgy for all people diagnosed with Cancer

- 11:30 am [Lector: Alex Agbay]

Liturgy for Charles Abood (by Raymond Mabarak)



ST CYPRIAN OF CARTHAGE

Saint Cyprian became the Bishop of Carthage, North Africa, in 249 A.D. and was martyred for the faith in 258 A.D. on September 14th, which later became the Feast of the Holy Cross. Cyprian had a deep love for the unity of the Church, and did all he could to protect that unity.

He wrote: "**You cannot have God for your Father if you do not have the Church for your Mother.** God is one and Christ is one, and his Church is one; one in faith, one in the people cemented together by harmony into the strong unity of the body... If we are heirs of Christ, let us abide in the peace of Christ; if we are the children of God, let us be lovers of peace".

Catechism of the Catholic Church

Christ - The Unique Word of Sacred Scripture

In order to reveal himself to men, in the condescension of his goodness God speaks to them in human words: "Indeed the words of God, expressed in the words of men, are in every way like human language, just as the Word of the eternal Father, when he took on himself the flesh of human weakness, became like men."

Through all the words of Sacred Scripture, God speaks only one single Word, his one Utterance in whom he expresses himself completely:

You recall that one and the same Word of God extends throughout Scripture, that it is one and the same Utterance that resounds in the mouths of all the sacred writers, since he who was in the beginning God with God has no need of separate syllables; for he is not subject to time.

For this reason, **the Church has always venerated the Scriptures as she venerates the Lord's Body.** She never ceases to present to the faithful the bread of life, taken from the one table of God's Word and Christ's Body.

In Sacred Scripture, the Church constantly finds her nourishment and her strength, for she welcomes it not as a human word, "but as what it really is, the word of God". "In the sacred books, the Father who is in heaven comes lovingly to meet his children, and talks with them.

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR FEASTS

- 09 - 16 St Cyprian Bishop of Carthage
- 09 - 17 St Sophia and her 3 Daughters
- 09 - 24 St Thecla
- 09 - 27 St Vincent de Paul

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.

Collection: Sept. 9, 2018

Sunday Collection	\$ 1816
Donuts & Coffee Donation	\$ 37
August Total Income	\$ 23,368.57
August Total Expense	\$ 27,022.78

If you require any further information, visit the office and I will be more than happy to share all the details and answer questions or concerns.

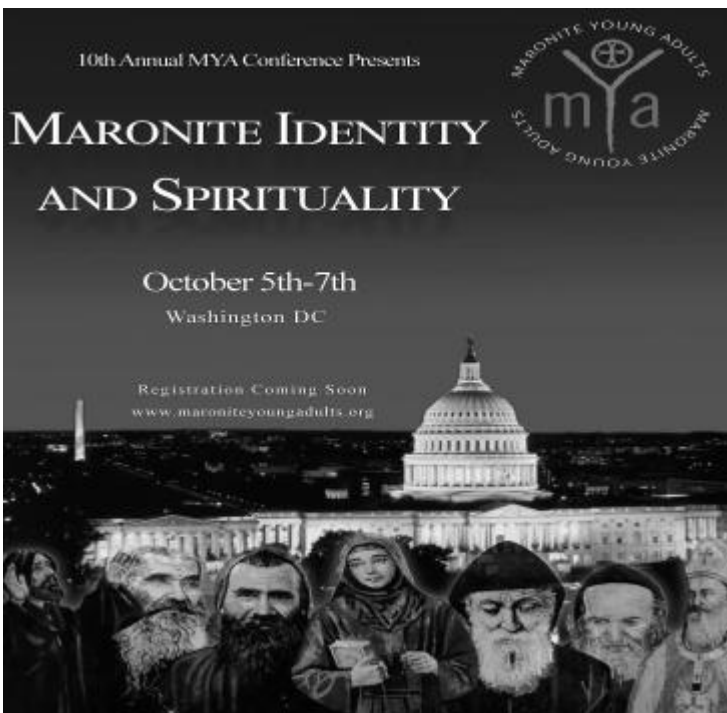
Parish Staff

Organist	Miss Rita Shemmai
Choir Director	Mrs. Hasna Geagea
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
Arabic classes director	Mr. Tony Geara
English Soloist	Ms. Mary Anderson
History & Archive Coordinator	Ms. Veronica Asmar

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.**





TRUST, EARNED BY GENERATIONS OF CARE

Serving the Community for over a Century

Grosse Pointe Woods
20705 Mack Avenue | 313-884-5500
Warren
32000 Schoenherr | 586-293-8030
ahpeters.com

ALL PRO *New & Repairs*

Roofing • Gutters • Siding
Professional Reasonable Senior Discounts
Over 40 Years... Same Owner, Same Phone Number
Call John (586) 776-5167



Eddie O'Brien 248.854.2876
Ed O'Brien 313.378.0253
www.2EdsRealty.com
2 Eds Realty Team
Two Eds Are Better Than One!
www.2EdsRealty.com
2EdsRealty@gmail.com



HELP PROTECT YOUR FAMILY

With a home security system monitored by ADT professionals 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. As an added benefit, installing a Security System may qualify you for a Homeowners Insurance discount.
CALL NOW! 1-888-331-6501



Merrill Lynch is proud to support St. Maron and St. Sharbel Church.



Shadi Maasri
Financial Advisor
Portfolio Advisor
313.594.9206
Merrill Lynch
290 Town Center Dr.
Ste 1100
Dearborn, MI 48126
fa.ml.com/shadi-e-maasri

Merrill Lynch Wealth Management makes available products and services offered by Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, a registered broker-dealer and Member SIPC, and other subsidiaries of Bank of America Corporation. Investment products:
Are Not FDIC Insured | Are Not Bank Guaranteed | May Lose Value
© 2018 Bank of America Corporation. All rights reserved.
ARVBHCB | MLWM-100-AD | 470944PM-1017 | 10/2017



Lebanese • Italian • American • Greek

(586) 979-4460
Fax (586) 979-0908
38550 Van Dyke
Sterling Heights, MI 48312
email: ike@ikesrestaurant.com
www.ikesrestaurant.com

ALL ABOUT PLUMBING

(248) 542-7850
\$20.00 OFF
any plumbing work

THIS SPACE IS **AVAILABLE**

EXPERT ADVICE IN PERSON

Allstate



► Chaptini Agency
248-371-1818
rchaptini@allstate.com

© 2016 Allstate Insurance Co. 206112

FREE AD DESIGN WITH PURCHASE OF THIS SPACE.
- 800-477-4574 -

catholicmatch®

Michigan



CatholicMatch.com/MI

We believe we serve all families best when we offer them a choice.
A CHOICE OF FACILITIES... A CHOICE OF SERVICES... A CHOICE OF COSTS...

Chas. Verheyden
FUNERAL HOMES, INC.
FAMILY OWNED SINCE 1908

EASTPOINTE CANTRELL CHAPEL (313) 821-9040	GROSSE POINTE Mack at Outer Dr. (313) 881-8500	CLINTON TOWNSHIP Garfield Ave S of Hall Rd. (586) 286-6400	DETROIT DON GRAHAM CHAPEL (313) 849-0120
EASTPOINTE SCHULTZ CHAPEL Griatot S of 9 Mile Rd. (586) 775-2200	WARREN DUROSS CHAPEL Schoenherr S of 12 Mile Rd. (586) 756-5530	DETROIT RISKO CHAPEL Michigan Ave at Cecil (313) 841-8284	

WWW.VERHEYDEN.ORG

AVAILABLE FOR A LIMITED TIME

ADVERTISE YOUR **BUSINESS HERE**

Contact Judee Nelson to place an ad today!
jnelson@4LPi.com or (800) 477-4574 x6319

FREE CONSULTATION ~ SAME-DAY QUALIFICATION



Alex Kandah, NMLS #383536
Sr. Mortgage Banker
Call Now 248-633-8555
www.homeloansbyalex.com



- Purchase or Refinance
- Consolidate Debt/ Home Rehab
- Nationwide Lender
- Unmatched Service and Rates

Bank of England Mortgage is a division of Bank of England. NMLS 418481. Member FDIC. Equal Housing Lender.

