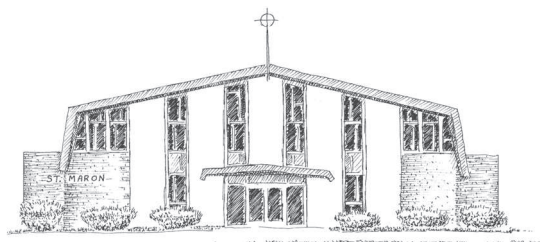


Praises to the Blessed Mary

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The infant Child of Mary and Joseph has been wrapped in swaddling clothes and placed in a manger-there is no room for them in the inn. If we were to see the Child, we would not perceive him to be any different than any other infant: he is hungry, he cries, he sleeps. Yet this Child is the word made flesh (John 1:14).

This infant is not simply endowed with special gifts or even filled with grace-this Child IS God.

This is the mystery of the incarnation:

Jesus is fully human and fully divine. Our minds boggle at such a mystery. We find it hard to believe that word of Yahweh, the all-powerful God of the Old Testament, is personified in this helpless Child. But this is our faith.

The mystery of the incarnation challenges us to set aside our own categories about the nature or

will of God and to concentrate upon the person of Jesus. Many of us have preconceptions of what God is or what God wants. When we find that these preconceptions do not concur with our words and actions of Jesus, we reject Jesus, arguing that he cannot be God because he does not fit our understanding of God. However, Jesus told us, "if you really knew me, you would know my Father also" (John 14:7). To know Jesus is to know God.

Meditating upon the helpless child in the manger calls us to accept the love of God as it is manifested in the person of Jesus.

It challenges us to believe that God can-and indeed-does love us with the heart of an infant.

If we do not ourselves become like little children, we will not enter the kingdom of God.

Sunday, December 26, 2010

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

- **Richard Milad Joseph birthday and Christmas remembrance and deceased members**, by the family
- **Tofic & Jamal Maroun**, by Michael Gabriel
- **Ferris & Zehia Thomas and deceased children**, by Sam Thomas

11:30 a.m. [Lector: Don Howard]

- **For Peace on Earth**, by Msgr. Baz
- **For the sick parishioners of St. Maron**, by Msgr Baz

Monday, December 27, 2010

9:00 a.m. Werner Schmidt, by Dennis and Helen Finke

Tuesday, December 28, 2010

9:00 a.m. Esperanza Loera, by Rosi and Tommy Quintera

Wednesday, December 29, 2010

9:00 a.m. Special intention, by Msgr. Baz

Thursday, December 30, 2010

9:00 a.m. Special Intention, by Msgr. Baz

New Year Liturgy

Friday, December 31, 2010

New Year Liturgy

5:00 p.m. For Peace on Earth, by Msgr. Baz

Saturday, January 1, 2011

New Year 2011

9:30 a.m. For Peace on Earth, by Msgr. Baz

11:30 a.m. For Peace on Earth, by Msgr. Baz

Sunday, January 2, 2011

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

- **Special Intention**, by Msgr. Baz
- **For all the sick people in the parish**, by Msgr. Baz

11:30 a.m. [Lector: Don Howard]

- **Special Intention**, by Msgr. Baz
- **For all the sick people in the parish**, by Msgr. Baz

Parish Staff

Secretary.....Ms. Inaam Tamer
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 Language Classes Director....Mrs. Theresa Ghafari
 Arabic Choir Director
 English Soloist.....Ms. Mary Anderson
 History & Archive Coordinator. Ms. Veronica Asmar

DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

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

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

Our Offerings to God

Our offerings for Sunday, December 19, 2010 for the Collection is \$

WISH LIST FOR THE CHURCH

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

- **Bread and Wine For a special intention** by anonymous for the month of January 2011
- **Bread and Wine For a special intention** by **M/M Karam Karam** for the month of January 2011.
- **Bread and Wine** is in memory of **Habib and Muna Safadi**, by **Hanna Safadi & family** for the month of February 2011.
- **Bread and Wine in memory of Assad Amine** by **the family** for the month of February 2011.
- **Bread and Wine in memory of Ghassan Ghafari** by **Theresa Ghafari and family** for the month of March 2011.
- **Bread and Wine in memory of Assad Amine** by **the family** for the month of April 2011.
- **Bread and Wine in memory of Chemali and Mabarak families** by **Dolores & Ray Mabarak** for the month of May 2011.
- **Bread and Wine in memory of Assad Amine** by **the family** for the month of May 2011.

Big Thank you

A big thank you to the Asmar Family for setting up the Christmas decorations and for their hard work. May God Bless them.

LET US KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS

St. Maron's parishioners and friends who are **shut-ins**: Harriet Armaly, Josephine Johns, Victoria Peters.

sick: Julie Hakim, Ronald Hakim, Joyce Mabarak.

Second Collection

There will be a second collection on Sunday January 9, 2011. for Catholic Communications.

Dates to Remember

12-31-2010 New Year's Party (don't miss it)

2-5-2011 St. Maron's Feast Day Banquet (more

St. Maron's Church Hundred year Celebration

We are having our 100 year Anniversary Celebration on the weekend of Sept 30, Oct 1, & Oct 2, 2011. Our Beloved Bishop Shaheen will be present among us. We will have the following events:

9-30-11 **Clergy Night Banquet**

10-1-11 **100 Year Anniversary Mass & Banquet**

10-2-11 **Family Day Celebration**

If you can help in any way, please see the Chair Person Theresa Ghafari.

We are looking forward to have a historical celebration.

MARONITE SYNAXARION

- 1-6 The Glorious Feast of the Epiphany
- 1-12 The Council of Trent
- 1-15 Our Lady of the Sowing
- 1-17 St. Anthony The Great
- 1-24 St. Francis De Sales
- 1-28 St. Ephrem The Syriani
- 1-31 St. John Bosco

In Memory of Assad Amine

We thank the family of Assad Amine for donating the the new chandelier in Church in his memory. May God bless the Amine family and may Assad rest in peace.

Big Thank you

A big thank you to all the teachers and the children who served the Mass beautifully last Sunday.

Big Thank you

A big thank you to LMD (Lebanese Maronites of Detroit) our new Church Club, for organizing, cooking, and serving our Christmas Luncheon. If you like to join the group, please contact Mazen Daibis or Rudy Jabbour.

Eparchy Raffle

Our Bishop Robert Shaheen has asked all of the Maronite Churches to help him finish building our New Maronite Heritage Institute in Missouri. In order to do so, he sent us 50 raffle tickets, \$50.00 each to be sold at St. Maron Church. Drawing is at 3-2-11. Prizes are: \$10,000.00, \$4,000.00, \$1,000.00. Please call Msgr Baz @ 313-824-0196 or Rudy Jabbour @ 313-826-4192 for Tickets. Thank you for your help in this matter.