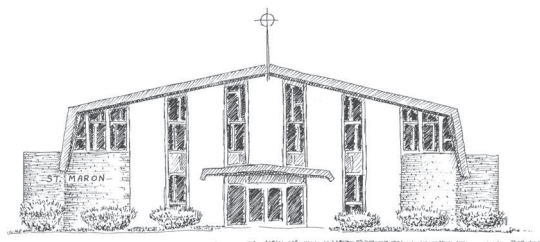


# FEAST OF THE CIRCUMCISION OF THE LORD

## JANUARY 1, 2012

### Saint Maron Maronite Catholic Church



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**AND A VOICE CAME FROM THE HEAVENS, SAYING, "THIS IS MY BELOVED SON, IN WHOM I AM WELL PLEASSED." (MATTHEW 3:17)**

When Jesus gets in the water with the rest of the sinners, what's ours becomes His and what's His becomes ours, given to us at our Baptism. We can call this the "blessed exchange." Jesus takes our sins, our wretchedness and wickedness, our judgment and damnation. All of that is His now. In our Baptism we are given what is His: righteousness, innocence, blessedness, the forgiveness of sins, a heavenly Father, a kingdom and eternal life. Quite an unfair trade for Jesus. Yet He accepted it from the father with glad heart that is full of love for us sinners. Jesus didn't need to be baptized, John realized this. He knew that Jesus was a spotless Lamb of God and when he tried to prevent Him from going into the water, Jesus said that He must be baptized to fulfill all righteousness. What exactly is "righteousness?" Righteousness is Jesus taking our place as sinners and giving us His place as the Son of God. At Jesus' Baptism, the Father declares that this is



His Beloved Son for all the world to hear. "That's my boy!" says the Father, who rejoices that the Son obeys Him to go and save sinners. The Spirit descends, marking Jesus as the Savior and The One Whose Word saves us. Now, at our Baptism, what Jesus accomplished and was given in His Baptism becomes ours. When we are baptized, His righteousness is our righteousness, that is, our sins are forgiven and wiped away. When we were baptized, the Father declared that we are His Beloved Sons and daughters too, just as Jesus is. When we were baptized, the Spirit was given to us, like a dove, to show that we now have peace with God. Jesus the Sinless becomes sin for us at His baptism and by His death and resurrection now gives us in our Baptism to be Sons and daughters of God. A blessed exchange indeed! In the Name of Jesus. Amen.

**Sunday, January 1, 2012**

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

- **Roy Sam**, by the family
- **Special Intention, by Msgr. Baz**
- **For all the sick people in the parish, by Msgr. Baz**
- **For Peace on earth, by Msgr. Baz**

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

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

**Monday, January 2, 2011**

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

**Tuesday, January 3, 2011**

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

**Wednesday, January 4, 2011**

7:00 p.m. **For all parishioners**, by Msgr. Baz

**Thursday, January 5, 2011**

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

7:00 p.m. **Epiphany of the Lord, Blessing of the Water**

**Friday, January 6, 2011**

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

**Saturday, January 7, 2012**

4:00 p.m. **Special Intention**, by Msgr. Baz

**Sunday, January 8, 2012**

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

- **Roy Sam**, by Cecilia John
- **Esther Kassab**, by Juliette Hakim
- **Joyce Mabarak**, by M/M Edward Eissa
- **For all the sick people in the parish**, by Msgr. Baz

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

- **Nakhle El Tawil**, by Joe Slim
- **Special Intention**, by Msgr. Baz
- **For all the sick people in the parish**, by Msgr. Baz

**Parish Staff**

Secretary.....  
 Parish Council President.....Dr. George B. Ghanem  
 Stewardship Committee President...Dr. G. Ghafari  
 Church Attorney.....Mr. Don Howard  
 Director of Public Relation.....Dr. Daher Rahi  
 Church Accountant.....Mr. Peter Jabbour  
 Hall Manager.....Mr. Rodolphe Jabbour  
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 Ladies Altar Society President .Ms. Veronica Asmar  
 Ushers Coordinator.....Mr. Raymond Mabarak  
 Language Classes Director.....Mrs. Nouha Tabet  
 Organist.....Mr. Teddy Tedesco  
 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 25 2011 for the Collection is \$2553.00, Candles \$92.00 thank you for all your donations to St. Maron church.

**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.

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- **Bread and Wine in memory of Fayez Shaer & Nader Shaer** for the month of January 2012, by Amal Shaer

**PARISH COUNCIL**

There will be a parish council meeting on Tuesday January 10, 2012 at 7 PM.

**CHILDREN MASS**

THE CHILDREN MASS FOR THIS MONTH WILL BE ON January 15, 2012 at 11:30 am.

**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.

**Second Collection**

There will be a second collection next Sunday January 8, 2011. for Catholic Communications.

**Dates to Remember**

2-5-2011 St. Maron's Feast Day Banquet (more info to come)

**FROM THE DESK  
OF MSGR. BAZ  
HAPPY  
NEW  
YEAR  
2012**

**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

**Blessing of the Homes**

Msgr. Baz is going to bless the homes of the parishioners with Epiphany Water during the month of January. He will call you first to let you know or you can call the office to make an appointment.

**THANK YOU NOTE**

Msgr. Louis Baz would like to thank all of you for your generous gifts to the church and to him during the Christmas Season. May God reward you with good health and peace in this coming 2012.

**OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY**

We offer our deepest sympathy to the family of **Victor Hage** who passed away and was buried on December 22, 2011. My his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.