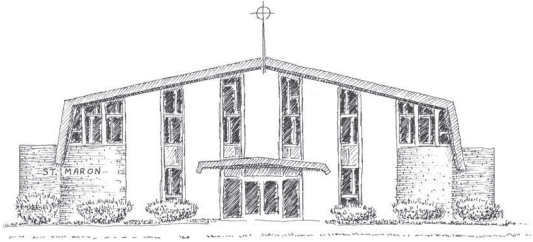


# Finding in the Temple

**JANUARY 2, 2011**

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## Finding in the Temple

We know little about the childhood of our Lord except for the incident which is celebrated in the liturgy today. Jesus, as a boy, joined his parents in going up to Jerusalem and the Temple for the feast of Passover. After fulfilling the requirements of Jewish law, Joseph and Mary set out for home, presuming that Jesus was traveling with relatives.

In reality, he had remained in Jerusalem where Mary and Joseph found him in the temple listening to the teachers and asking them questions. Luke's account of the incident ends with the note that Jesus was subject to his parents.

In today's feast two points become clear to us: Jesus fulfills the law of Moses in his own life, and he does so as one who humbled himself to become like us in all things, but sin.

On the feast of the Circumcision we were reminded that Jesus was subject to the requirements of the Mosaic law and today we are again reminded that Jesus fulfilled the spiritual responsibilities of a member of God's chosen people; for he prayed in the

temple and celebrated the Passover with his family, he who was both the true temple and the Passover sacrificed for us.

We are thus reminded that through our participation in the sacrifice of Christ's body we became living temples of the Lord.

Jesus listened to the teachers of the law and amazed them by his questions. He who was the teacher of Israel would establish a new law which would not be written on tablets of stone, but rather upon our hearts.

Christ our Passover and Teacher comes among us with the humility and simplicity of a Child.

He who was the eternal Son of God abandoned his prerogatives and taught us by his obedience to his parents that we are subject to our father in heaven, the Father's will must be our will, the Father's care and concern must be manifested in our love for his Children.

**Sunday, January 2, 2011**

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

- **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]**

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**Monday, January 3, 2011**

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

**Tuesday, January 4, 2011**

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

**Wednesday, January 5, 2011**

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

**Thursday, January 6, 2011**

9:00 a.m. **Epiphany of the Lord**,  
**Special Intention**, by Msgr. Baz

**Friday, January 7, 2011**

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

**Sunday, January 9, 2011**

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

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

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

- **Peter Michael 14 years anniversary**, by Wife Kamleh Michael
- **Akel Skandar Geryes 2 years anniversary**, by son Antoine & family
- **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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 English Soloist.....Ms. Mary Anderson  
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**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 & 26 2010 for the Collection is \$ 3,588.00 Candles \$151.00 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.

- **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.

### 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 next Sunday January 9, 2011. for Catholic Communications.

### Dates to Remember

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

### 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

### CONGRATULATIONS

We would like to congratulate the parents of the newly Baptized **Joseph Bitar**, who was baptized on Christmas Day. May the Lord bless the newly baptized babe and his family.

### THANK YOU NOTE

Msgr. Louis Baz would like to thank all of you for your generous gifts to the church and to him during Christmas Season. May God reward you with good health and peace in this coming 2011.

### 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.

### 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.