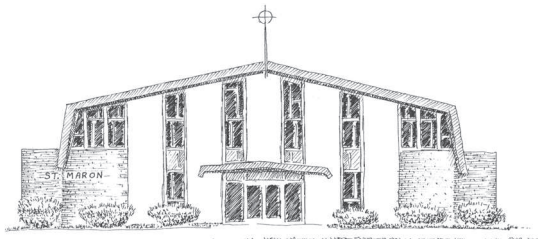


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We celebrate the feast of the Epiphany of our Lord Jesus Christ. In the eastern Churches this feast is known by two names: Epiphany and Theophany. The Greek word, "Epiphany" means "a manifestation" or "an apparition" and the word, "Theophany," "an appearance of God." on this day we celebrate the appearance or manifestation of Christ among us as God's Son.

The feast of Epiphany was first celebrated in the East around the third century and eventually was adopted by the Western Church. In the Eastern Churches the celebration of the Epiphany originally centered on both the Birth of our Lord and his baptism. When the later Western feast of Christmas was introduced into the East, Christmas became the feast of the Birth of our Lord and the Epiphany, that of his baptism.

The feast of the Epiphany is intimately connected with the mystery of our Lord's birth. The Child who was born for us and the Son who was given to us is manifested before us to be the Son of the Most High.

Christ begins his public life with his baptism by John in the Jordan river. At his baptism Christ is seen as the fulfillment of John's preaching: he is the Messiah and the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

The Father and the Holy Spirit are witnesses to Christ for he is the beloved Son of the Father and upon him the Spirit rests. Thus at the baptism of the Lord we have not only an epiphany or manifestation of Christ as God's Son, but also a theophany or manifestation of the Holy Trinity-Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The feast of the Epiphany reminds us not only of the baptism of Christ, but also of our own baptism. St. Ephrem in his Hymn on Epiphany says: "...our blessed Lord came to be baptized with sinners and because of his glory the heavens were opened. The one who purifies all creatures, desiring to cleanse them, went into the waters and sanctified them for our baptism." It is for this reason that we bless water on this day. Originally, the mystery of baptism was celebrated on this feast and the waters blessed were those of baptism.

We celebrate the manifestation or epiphany of the Trinity at the baptism of Christ as well as the manifestation of the glory of God in the person of the Lord come into the world, that is to say, the manifestation of Christ, the word of God, among us. Let us then call to mind the grace of God who has appeared for the salvation of all, and thank him for the baptism through which we have been begotten in the Spirit and through which we have put on Christ and become children of the Father.

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

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

- **For the deceased members of the Ghafari family, by the Ghafari family**
- **Nakhle El Tawil**, by Joe Slim
- **8th anniversary for my mother Antoinette Tabet**, by Noha Tabet & family

Monday, January 9, 2011

9:00 a.m. **Mrs. Norah Thalys**, by James & Teresa Manoharan

Tuesday, January 10, 2011

9:00 a.m. **Ted Mansour**, by Tom & Laura Mansour

Wednesday, January 11, 2011

9:00 a.m. **Karen Solomon**, by Chuck & family

Thursday, January 12, 2011

9:00 a.m. **Sandy Lapino**, by Joann Adado

Friday, January 13, 2011

9:00 a.m. **Helen O'Brien**, by nieces

Saturday, January 14, 2012

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

Sunday, January 15, 2012

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

- **Roy Sam**, by Marcel & Elaine Hage
- **Rev. Joseph N. Bitar, 5th anniversary Martin Asmar, 5th anniversary & Rev. Antoun Saad Birthday remembrance**, By the Asmar family & Michael Gabriel
- **Joyce Mabarak**, by Robert Gilmore

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

- **Boulos Helou and Victoria Helou-Fares**, by the Helou family
- **For all the sick people in the parish**, by Msgr. Baz

Parish Staff

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 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, January 1 2012 for the Collection is \$ Candles \$ 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 today Sunday January 8, 2011. for Catholic Communications. Thank you for all your help in this matter.

St Maron Feast Day Celebration

This year, we will have a party to celebrate St. Maron's Feast Day, on Saturday 2-4-12, at St. Maron's Banquet Center. More information will follow next week. Please save the date. For tickets or more information please call Rudy @ 313-826-4192

We need your Email Id's

We need the parishioners email Addresses so we can get in touch with you and send you special announcements or notifications. Please call the church office @ 313-824-0196 or talk to Msgr. Baz after the Liturgies.

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.

RENEW YOUR YEARLY MASSES

Please fill up the form to make sure your yearly masses are scheduled.

It is a good thing you do when you remember your deceased family members during this coming year.

Don't forget to offer masses for the poor souls in purgatory too.