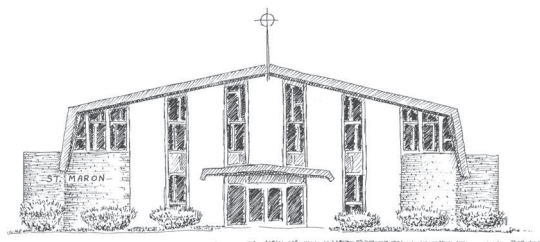


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We celebrate the feast of the Epiphany of our Lord Jesus Christ. In the eastern Churches this feast is known by two names: Epiphany and Theophany. The Greek word, "Epiphany" means "a manifestation" or "an apparition" and the word, "Theophany," "an 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.

Sunday, January 9, 2011

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

- **For the living and deceased members of the Shikany and George family**, by Diane George
- **Victoria Sam**, by M/M Anthony Lasha
- **Special Intention**, by Msgr. Baz
- **For all the sick people in the parish**, by Msgr. Baz

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

Monday, January 10, 2011

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

Tuesday, January 11, 2011

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

Wednesday, January 12, 2011

9:00 a.m. For all parishioners, by Msgr. Baz

Thursday, January 13, 2011

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

Friday, January 14, 2011

9:00 a.m. For all the sick people in the parish, by Msgr. Baz

Sunday, January 16, 2011

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

- **Victoria Sam**, by Catherine Stapelton & Michael Simon
- **4th anniversary for Rev. Joseph Bitar**
4th anniversary for Martin Asmar
Birthday remembrance for Fr. Antoun Saad, by Asmar family
- **Special Intention**, by Msgr. Baz
- **For all the sick people in the parish**, by Msgr. Baz

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

- **Catherine Aziz**, by Mamie Amine
- **Special Intention**, by Anonymous
- **Parishioners of St. Maron**, by Msgr. Baz

Parish Staff

Secretary.....Ms. Inaam Tamer
 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
 Church Business Manager.....Mr. Edward O'Brien
 Ladies Altar Society President Ms. Veronica Asmar
 Ushers Coordinator.....Mr. Raymond Mabarak
 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, January 1 & January 2 2011 for the Collection is \$1,757.00, candles \$53.00

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

Today the second collection is for Catholic Communications.

Dates to Remember

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

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

New Year Party

New Year Party was a success, a big thank you to all who attended, helped, and supported this event. May God bless you all and May 2011 be a Blessed and Happy year for you.

St. Maron's Monthly Financial Report for December 2010

Total Income: \$13,659.50

Total Expenses: \$10,271.02

Total Profit: \$3388.48

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.