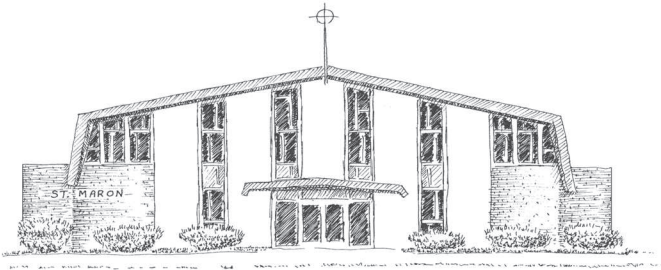


OCTOBER 9, 2011

FOURTH WEEK AFTER THE CROSS

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SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Saint Francis is called the little poor man of Assisi. He was born in the year 1182 in the town of Assisi in Italy. His father's name was Bernadone. Bernadone was a very wealthy merchant of Assisi. Francis was a very good-looking boy. He was merry and soft-hearted. So he had many friends. All the noble men's sons were his companions.

Francis was brought up in luxury and gaiety. He spent a considerable portion of his wealth in extravagant pleasures. He used to drink with the young princes of the land.

One day Francis was joking and laughing with his friends. A beggar came along crying for alms. Francis, who was soft-hearted, gave whatever he had in his pocket to the beggar. His companions mocked at him for his charitable act. Dispassion dawned in his heart. The sight of the beggar set him thinking about the poverty and misery of mundane life. He gave much money to the poor. His father thought that Francis was wasting his money and rebuked him.

Sometime after this, Francis was laid up in bed for many months on account of some serious disease. He was about to die. But the Lord saved him as he had to carry out a definite mission in his life. The nature of Francis was entirely changed. Francis prayed to the Lord for light and guidance as to his future. He had a vision of Lord Jesus. He made a strong

determination to renounce his old way of living to tread a life of purity and to dedicate his life to the service of humanity.

Francis' friends mocked at him and teased him. His father turned him out of the house. Francis lived like a beggar. His old friends even pelted him with stones and mud. He bore everything with patience. He wore a coarse dress and ate simple food.

Francis lived in a cave in the mountains of Assisi and spent his time in prayer and meditation for two years. Some kind people gave him food, but very often he had to starve.

Francis called the body '*brother ass*'. He kept this *brother ass* under perfect discipline and control. Sometimes he kept this *brother ass* without food and water and denied it some special food that it liked very much.

St. Francis collected many followers and founded the Order of Mendicant Friars or Franciscans. The members of this Order have to take a vow of poverty, chastity, love and obedience.

St. Francis gave up his mortal coil in 1228.

The followers of St. Francis built a beautiful church round him on the hill of Assisi, the hill he so dearly loved. The influence of St. Francis and the sweet aroma of the life he lived will last for ever.

Sunday, October 9, 2011

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

- **Thanksgiving to Almighty God for my 30 years of priesthood**
- **Joyce Mabarak**, by St. Maron Altar Society
- **Joseph & Victoria Gabriel & deceased family members**, by Michael Gabriel
- **Carol Ciancola**, by Diane George

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

- **Thanksgiving to Almighty God for my 30 years of priesthood**
- **Boulos Helou and Victoria Fares**, by the Helou family

Monday, October 10, 2011

- **9:00 a.m. NO MASS**

Tuesday, October 11, 2011

- **9:00 a.m. NO MASS**

Wednesday, October 12, 2011

- **9:00 a.m. NO MASS**

Thursday, October 13, 2011

- **9:00 a.m. NO MASS**

Friday, October 14, 2011

- **9:00 a.m. NO MASS**

Sunday, October 16, 2011

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

- **Joyce Mabarak**, by Pete & Wendy Elam
- **For Peace in the Nations**, by Msgr. Baz
- **For all the sick in our parish**, by Msgr. Baz
- **For all our parishioners**, by Msgr. Baz

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For any emergency during Msgr. Baz trip, please call Rudy Jabbour on (313) 826 4192 or (248) 910 1011 and he will help you for all your needs. Thank you

Parish Staff

Secretary.....Ms. Inaam Tamer
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 Ushers Coordinator.....Mr. Raymond Mabarak
 Language Classes Director....Miss Caren El Khoury
 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 October 2 collection is \$3507.00 Candles \$127.00 Thank you for your support.

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 the month of October 2011. By **Dr. & Mrs. Raymond d Farrar**
- **Bread and Wine in memory of Youssef Saliba** for the month of October 2011, by M/M Bassel Atallah
- **Bread and Wine in memory of George Atallah** for the month of November 2011, by M/M Bassel Atallah
- **Bread and Wine in memory of Richard & Bahia Joseph & sons** for the month of December 2011, by Eva & Theresa & Family
- **Bread and Wine in memory of Milad Saab** for the month of December 2011, by M/M Bassel Atallah

LET US KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS

St. Maron's parishioners and friends who are **sick**: Harriet Armaly, Josephine Johns, Victoria Peters, Catherine Marr, Julie Hakim, Ronald Hakim.

ARABIC CLASSES
WILL BEGIN ON
OCTOBER THE 9TH, 2011.

Msgr. Baz will be going to Lebanon to visit his family and celebrate his 30 th anniversary with them.

He will be leaving this Sunday and coming back on October 27,

Email Id's and Facebook Id's

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A BIG THANK YOU FROM MSGR BAZ FOR THE 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Thanks to the committee of the 100 Year Anniversary, to the Chair Person Theresa Ghafari, The Committee members, the workers especially the LMD members, The Alter Society, the Choir, the Parishioners, all who attended, all who donated, the Maronite Community of Detroit, and all who worked hard to make this 100 anniversary a successful event. I also like to thank my brother priests for their support. We thank all mighty God for his help in making this a successful event. May God Bless you all. Thank You

OCTOBER CALENDAR FEASTS

- 10-1 St. Theresa of the child Jesus
- 10-4 St. Francis of Assisi
- 10-7 St. Sarkis & Bacchus
- 10-9 St. James
- 10-14 St. Shaaya
- 10-15 St. Theresa of Avila
- 10-18 St. Luke
- 10-20 St. St. shallita

SECOND COLLECTION
NEXT WEEKEND OCTOBER 16 IS FOR
WORLD MISSION