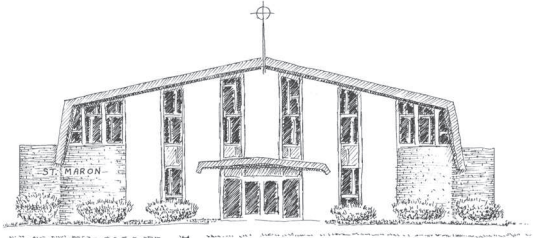


**SIXTEENTH WEEK OF PENTECOST**  
**Parable of the Pharisee & Tax Collector**  
**SEPTEMBER 5, 2010**

**Saint Maron Maronite Catholic Church**



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**BIRTH OF THE VIRGIN MARY**

**The History of the  
Liturgical Celebration of Mary's Birth**

The Churches of Constantinople in the East and Rome in the West celebrate liturgies in honor of Mary's birth from the sixth and seventh centuries on. The origin of the liturgy is traced to the consecration of the church in Jerusalem in the sixth century that has been traditionally known as St. Ann's Basilica. The original church built in the fifth century was a Marian basilica erected on the spot known as the Shepard's field and thought to have been the home of Mary's parents. After its destruction and reconstruction in the sixth century, the basilica was named in honor of St. Ann.

By the seventh century the liturgy was also celebrated in Rome where it had been introduced by monks from the East. From there, it spread throughout the West, and by the thirteenth century the liturgy had developed into a solemnity with a major octave (eight days of commemoration prior to the liturgy) and a solemn vigil which prescribed a fastday. Pope Sergius I (687-701) established a procession (a *litania*) from the Roman Forum to St. Mary Major for the feast.

During the reform of St. Pius X, the octave was simplified and in 1955 Pius XII abolished it. The liturgy received the rank of feast.

The date of September 8 was chosen as the eighth day (an octave) after the former Byzantine New Year. Although Mary's birth was celebrated on various dates throughout the centuries, September 8 predominated. The feast celebrating Mary's Immaculate Conception on December 8 (a liturgy instituted later) was set to correspond to nine months before Mary's birth.

In the East, Mary's birthday is celebrated as one of the twelve great liturgies. The title for the liturgy in the East: "The Birth of Our Exalted Queen, the Birthgiver of God and Ever-Virgin Mary." Around the year 560, Romanos the Melodist wrote a Kontakion for this celebration. The oldest existing sermon for the liturgy was written by St. Andrew of Crete.

**HAIL MARY FULL OF GRACE**

**THE LORD IS WITH YOU**

**PRAY FOR US ALWAYS**

**Sunday, September 5, 2010**

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

- **Happy 95th Birthday for Diane George** by her children
- **4th anniversary for Lillian Gabriel and 3rd anniversary for Helen Solomon,** by the Asmar Family
- **Boulos Helou,** by the Helou Family
- **Good health,** by anonymous
- **Ron Kovach, (40 days liturgy)** by his wife, (out of town)

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

- **Toufic Asmar 1 year anniversary,** by his wife and daughter
- **Joseph Mabarak 3 years remembrance,** by brother Raymond Mabarak
- **Louis LaHood-Sarkis 24 years remembrance,** by his family and his children.

**Monday, September 6, 2010**

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

**Tuesday, September 7, 2010**

- **9:00 a.m. Special intention,** by Msgr. Baz  
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**No masses on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday this week. Monsignor Baz will be**

**Sunday, September 12, 2010**

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

- **Matry Thomas,** by Mrs. Jeanette Aesy
- **Special Intention,** by anonymous
- **For the sick parishioners,** by Msgr. Baz
- **In Appreciation of the Volunteers** who worked hard at our picnic and the Generous Donors May God Bless them all.

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**Parish Staff**

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 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 VOCATION**

**Our Offerings to God**

**Our offerings for Sunday, Aug. 29, 2010 for Collection is \$1222.00 Candles is \$165.00**

**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.**

- **Joelle & James Alibri** are offering the Host and Wine for the month of **September**.
- **In memory of Samuel and Elizabeth Raies** are offering Host and Wine by the Family for the month of **October**
- **In memory of Tabet & Fleifel families** are offering the Host and Wine by Nuha Tabet for the month of November
- **Bread and Wine for a special intention** for the month of December by Dr. and Mrs. Raymond Farrar.
- **Bread and Wine** for special intention for the month of December by Carol Monsour.
- **Bread and Wine For a special intention** by anonymous for the month of January 2011

**Please Dress Modestly**

Please remember to dress modestly and with respect for God's home.

Please No shorts, sleeveless dresses, miniskirts, or T-shirts. Thank you.

**ARABIC CLASSES REGISTRATIONS**

Please, if you are interested in signing for the Arabic classes.

We urge you to register as soon as possible.

Registration forms are available at the Hall.

**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, and Archbishop Francis Zayek.

**Dates to Remember**

- Sept 14, 2010** Advisory Board Meeting
- Sept 15, 2010** Clergy appreciation Banquet

**St. Maron's Church Hundred year Celebration**

**We are having our 100 year Anniversary Celebration on the weekend of October 1 and October 2, 2011.**

**We are looking forward to have a historical celebration.**

**More details to follow.**

**MARONITE SYNAXARION**

- Sept 1 St. Simon The Stylite
- Sept 6 St. Michael The ArchAngel
- Sept 8 Nativity of The Virgin Mary
- Sept 14 Exaltation of The Holy Cross
- Sept 24 St. Thecla
- Sept 27 St. Vincent De Paul

**WE NEED PEOPLE TO OFFER BREAD AND WINE FOR THE ALTAR FOR NEXT YEAR 2011. THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP.**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION**  
**2010-2011**

PLEASE FILL UP THE FORM AND GIVE IT TO Msgr. Baz for this coming year. Thank you.

**St. Maron's Monthly Financial Report for August 2010**

**Total Income: \$11,186.00**  
**Total Expenses: \$10,150.44**  
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**Total Profit: \$1035.56**

