



Saint Maron Church



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Saint Maron Maronite Church

February 2012

Upcoming Events

St. Anne's Club Meeting

Wednesday, February 1, 2012

St. Maron's Feast Hafli

Saturday, February 4, 2012

MYA Meeting

Sunday, February 5, 2012

Men's Club Meeting

Monday, February 6, 2012

St. Rafka Club Meeting

Wednesday, February 8, 2012

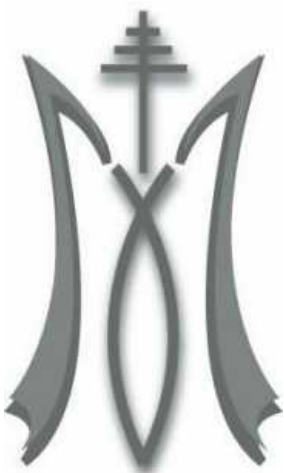
MYO Meeting

Saturday, February 11, 2012

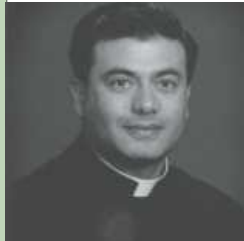
Taste of Lebanon Dinner

April 22nd, 2012

**Please reserve these
important dates.**



Message from our Pastor



Beloved Parishioners and Friends of St. Maron's,

I can not find words to express my gratitude and thanksgiving for the overwhelming 50th birthday party that you put together on January 7th. The whole weekend was full of an abundance of blessings and spiritual gifts from so many wonderful people that showered me with their prayers, love, and support.

I can indeed say that I am one of the luckiest priests in the world to have such a wonderful community and to receive such great cooperation and support. The 560 people who attended this party were radiating with the love of God and with the spirit of friendship and peace. In my 23 years of service among you I have received much more than I have given. I apologize to those who did not have tickets to be with us physically and I appreciate their prayers. I look forward to another year of blessings and grace to be spent with you and once again I assure you of giving my best to your service.

Please join us on February 11th for a Hafli and Dinner for the 12th Solemnity of the Feast of Saint Maron our Patron. I pray that God, through his intercession, may bless you all and grant you faith and health. Please feel free to contact me if I can be of any help at any time.

Devotedly Yours,

Msgr. sharbel Maroun

Pastor

St. Maron's Feast Day

Hafli/Dance & Dinner

Please join us for our Dinner and Dance in celebration of St. Maron's Feast Day on **Saturday, February 4th, 2012.** Come **join us and bring a friend** to enjoy live music and Lebanese food.

For Tickets 612-379-2758 or www.stmaron.com

Community News

- St. Mary's Orthodox, 17th St. NE, Minneapolis is having their 26th Annual Duchnovich Day Celebration, A Russian Winter Feast on Saturday, February 4th, 2012 starting at 3:30pm. Dinner tickets \$25.00 Adult, \$7.00 Children (5years under free). Contact Karen Varian at 763-242-4898 for more details.
- Church of St. Charles Borromeo, 2727 Stinson Blvd., Minneapolis, MN is having some Pre-Lenten FUN on Sunday, February 19th from 7:30am to 6pm. There will be games, fun, food, and fabulous live auction. Call the parish office for more information at 612-781-6529 or visit www.stchb.org.
- Pope John Paul II, 1630 4th Street NE, Minneapolis, MN 55413 is having their OPEN HOUSE on February 2, 2012 at 6:00pm. Now Registering students for 2012-2013. Questions, please call Maureen Novak at 612-789-8851.

Congratulations Graduates

Our best wishes go out to the following members of our parish who graduated recently from college.

- **Zeina Khalife**
- **Maggie Bedwani**
- **Rebeckah Elkhoury**



We wish these graduates all the best in their future endeavors and we assure them of our prayers and love.

New Birth

Our congratulations and best wishes go out to **Mr. & Mrs. John and Rougina Alexander** on the birth of their son **Michael**.

**May the Lord God bless him
with peace**



Deepest Sympathy

- Our condolences and deepest sympathy go out to our brother **Antoine Mefleh** on the death of his beloved father **Gerges Mefleh** who died in Lebanon recently.
- We also offer our condolences and deepest sympathy to our sister **Nawal Ailabouni** on the death of her sister **Juliet Barakat** who died in Canada.
- Also we offer our deepest sympathy to our sister **Paula Alexander** on the death of her beloved mother **Mary Kinev** and father **William Kinev** who died within three weeks from each other.

We pray that the Lord God may grant rest in his kingdom to Gerges, Juliet, Mary, and William and patience and faith to their families.

Thank You Radulovich!

Our thanks and appreciation goes out to the **Kozlak-Radulovich Funeral Chapels** for sponsoring our 2012 calendars.

May the Lord God bless you one hundred fold.

Memorial Acknowledgement

Our thanksgiving and gratitude go out to our brother **Henry Basil** for his generous donation of \$25,000.00 toward our parish in loving memory of his beloved wife **Marjorie**. May her memory be eternal and may the Lord reward you Henry and your family with health and serenity.

Pray For Our Sick

Please remember in your prayers all the sick and homebound of our parish-family especially:

Bill Farhet Jr., Terrance Moses, Floreen Roerig, Therese Jacob, Rosemary Hennem; gen Resha; Jake LaFerriere, Colleen Risk, Anthony Awad, Luella Simon, Jean Daher, Clayton Charlie, Joseph Anton, Debra Mueller, Khalife Khalife, Michael Joseph, Barbara Simon, Marie Cyryt, Carol Haddad

and all the sick and homebound of our Parish Family.

Retrouvaille for Hurting Marriages

Retrouvaille helps couples put the pieces of their marriages back together and rebuild loving relationships. Twin Cities Retrouvaille offers a program consisting of a weekend and six follow-up sessions. The program is offered several times a year. Registration is required. For more information, please call 651-457-8838, or visit [http:// www.helpourmarriage.com](http://www.helpourmarriage.com).

Parish Acknowledgement

Our thanks and appreciation goes out to **Sami Salha** for all his work for updating our website constantly and for keeping our internet functioning. We also thank Sami for professionally videotaping our Liturgies as well as our parish special events.

May the Lord God bless you.

TALITHA CUMI

For Love of God and neighbor.

Thank you everyone who donated food for the hungry and gifts for the needy. Thank you for your generosity. You may continue to bring food, cleaning items, and paper products.

God bless you.

Generous Gift Acknowledgement

Our gratitude and thanksgiving go out to our brother **John Nasseff** for his generous donation of \$100,000.00 toward our parish in honor of the 50th Birthday of Abouna sharbel Maroun.

May the Lord God reward you, John, with health and peace of heart and mind and multiply your spiritual and earthly riches. We are ever thankful to you!

Scripture Readings

Sunday, February 5:

2 Cor 10:1-11 and Jn. 1:29-34

Sunday, February 12:

2 Cor 4:5-15 and Jn 1:35-42

Sunday, February 19:

Gal 3:23-29 and Jn 3:1-16

Sunday, February 26:

Rom 7:1-6 and Jn 4:5-7, 9-26

You are encouraged to read the Holy Scriptures in advance.



To get a copy of the bulletin early go online to www.seekandfind.com/StMaronChurch, Minneapolis, MN. Click on the church and at the bottom of the page to sign up for notification.

Lenten Guidelines 2012

Our Lent begins this year with Ash Monday on February 20th, 2012. Divine Liturgies for Ash Monday will be at 10:00am and 7:00pm.



Here are the Lenten regulations:

- All those who have reached their 14th birthday are to abstain from eating meat on Ash Monday and on all Fridays of Lent.
- Fasting should be from midnight until noon.
- Of course you are all encouraged to also fast and do other kinds of penance on the other days during Lent, especially Fridays.
- There are plenty works of charity and you can help by doing your share of compassion and mercy.
- Most important, instead of GIVING UP—MAKE UP!

Have a blessed Lent.

Benediction of the Cross

Please note that every Friday during Lent starting Friday February 24th, we will be celebrating the Ramsho (Evening Prayers) and the Benediction of the Cross at 6:30 pm. Please join us with your family for this service and for a potluck supper following this service. You are encouraged to prepare a salad or meatless dish and bring it with you to the hall so we can share it together. This a wonderful way for us to pray and to socialize together and to get to know each other better and to meet new parishioners of our parish.

Friday Potluck Suppers

Please remember that our potluck suppers will take place every Friday of Lent starting Friday, February 24th, 2012. You are encouraged to bring a soup or salad to share with others. Please keep it simple, as it is Lent. It is okay to sacrifice a little, once a week, to help the poor. After all, this is the meaning of Lent.

Confession During Lent

You are all encouraged to approach the Sacrament of Reconciliation during this season of Great Lent. Father will be available on Fridays one hour before the Benediction of the Cross and before or after the Liturgies on the weekends or by appointment. Please make a point to reconcile yourself with God and your neighbor during this Lent.

Three Maronite Bishops

We rejoice on the election of three new Maronite Bishops:

- ◇ Bishop **Mounir Khayrallah** for Batroun, Lebanon
- ◇ Bishop **Michel Aoun** for Byblos, Lebanon
- ◇ Bishop **Elias Sleiman** for Latiqiya, Syria

May God the Holy Spirit bless them and grant them wisdom in shepherding His flock.



Born In Christ

We rejoice with **M/M Roukos and Tacla Jacobs** on the Baptism and Confirmation of their daughter **Nouralina Mariam**.

May the Lord God bless her and grant her holiness and peace on her journey toward heaven.



Saint Maron

Deepest Sympathy

Our condolences and deepest sympathy to her family on the death of Nazira Nour. We pray that the Lord God may grant rest and peace to his servant Nazira.

Car to Abouna

Abouna wishes to express his deep gratitude to **John Nasseff** for donating one of his SUV Mercedes to him. He took his old Nissan and revealed a beautiful car for his use.

May God bless you Hanna and reward you with health of spirit, mind and body.

May you continue to receive and give generously!

Is St. Maron's in Your Will?

Please, treat your spiritual home of St. Maron as one of your children. This will help the legacy to continue on to future generations.

The official legal bequest language for St. Maron is "I [your name], of [city, state, zip] give, devise and bequeath to St. Maron Maronite Catholic Church, 602 University Ave. NE, Minneapolis, MN 55413, [written amount or percentage of the estate or description of property for its unrestricted use and purpose]."

A legacy gift is the ultimate expression of support for St. Maron. Through your planned estate gift, you can touch the lives of others and enhance the community's ability to continue to serve.



Rest in Peace Debra

Our deepest sympathy and condolences go out to our brother Matt Mueller and his daughters Alex and Lauren on the death of their beloved wife and mother **Debra Abalan Mueller**, 51 who passed away recently after a battle of 3 years with her disease.

In recent months Debra started coming to our parish and rediscovered her roots and fell in love with the Maronite Liturgy and roots. She was a beautiful soul who is now in God's loving hands.

Please, keep Matt, Alex and Lauren as well as her parents and sister and brothers in your prayers.

May her soul rest in peace.

Liturgy Intentions: February 1-February 29, 2012

Wednesday	Feb. 1	6:00pm	For our Parishioners, Sick, Benefactors and Friends
Thursday	Feb. 2	9:30am	Marie George by James & Colette Thompson
Friday	Feb. 3	9:30am	Marie George by Josephine Dahdah
Saturday	Feb. 4	4:00pm	Larry Stevenson by Nancy Stevenson, Bill, Chris, & Michele Farhet
Sunday	Feb. 5	10:15am	Intentions of Jessica Khamiss by M/M Jerry Jacobs Marie George by John and Gayle DeWolf, Fred & Geraldine Ojile; Richard Thomas
Monday	Feb. 6		No Liturgy
Tuesday	Feb. 7	6:00pm	Marie George by Bill and Carolyn Farhet
Wednesday	Feb. 8	6:00pm	Intentions of Caroline Zogheib & Family by Christopher & Jean Strickland; Farah Farah by the Family
Thursday	Feb. 9	10:00am	Feast of Saint Maron (1601st Anniversary) For All our Parishioners, Friends, and Benefactors
Friday	Feb. 10	9:30am	Marie George (1st Birthday in Heaven); Laura Houle
Saturday	Feb. 11	4:00pm	Albert Nesser by the Family; Marie George by Therese & Renee Bedros, Jamil Swade
Sunday	Feb. 12	10:15am	For all our Parishioners, Friends, and Benefactors
Monday– Friday	Feb. 13– Feb. 17		No Liturgy
Saturday	Feb. 18	4:00pm	Syrus Kouri by Wife Dorothy & Family; Marie George by Carmen Beainie
Sunday	Feb. 19	10:15am	Marie George by Carolyn Zogheib
Monday	Feb. 20	10:00am 7:00pm	Ash Monday Liturgy For a Blessed & Holy Lent;
Tuesday	Feb. 21	6:00pm	William Kinev by John and Gayle DeWolf; Debra Mueller
Wednesday	Feb. 22	6:00pm	Intentions of John Nasseff (88th Birthday); Boutros and Zmeroud Nasseff and their deceased.
Thursday	Feb. 23	9:30am	For all the Forgotten Souls by Amira Farah
Friday	Feb. 24	6:30pm	Ramsho & Benediction of the Cross
Saturday	Feb. 25	4:00pm	Marie George by Mark & Barbara Saba
Sunday	Feb. 26	10:15am	Intention of the Newly Ordained Bishops Mounir Khayrallah, Michel Aoun and Elias Sleiman
Monday	Feb. 27		No Liturgy
Tuesday	Feb. 28		No Liturgy
Wednesday	Feb. 29		Marie George by Viviane Dahdah and Family For the Living and Deceased who have no one to pray for them

February 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:00p Liturgy 7:00p St. Anne's	2 9:30am Liturgy	3 9:30am Liturgy	4 4:00pm Liturgy 6:00-12:00 p.m. Hafti- St. Maron Feast
5 10:15am Liturgy MCF Class 12:00 MYA Meeting	6 No Liturgy 7:00 pm Men's Club Meeting	7 6:00pm Liturgy	8 6:00pm Liturgy 7:00 pm St. Rafka Meeting	9 Feast of St. Maron 10:00am Liturgy	10 9:30am Liturgy	11 11:00am MYO Meeting 4:00pm Liturgy
12 10:15am Liturgy MCF Class	13 No Liturgy	14 No Liturgy	15 No Liturgy	16 No Liturgy	17 No Liturgy	18 4:00pm Liturgy
19 10:15am Liturgy MCF Class	20 Ash Monday 10:00am and 7:00 pm	21 6:00pm Liturgy	22 6:00pm Liturgy	23 9:30am Liturgy	24 6:30pm Benediction of the Cross & Potluck	25 4:00pm Liturgy
26 10:15am Liturgy MCF Class	27 No Liturgy	28 NO Liturgy	29 6:00pm Liturgy			

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Maronite Christian Formation

- 2/5 Class: **Patriarch Projects** due for display.
- 2/12 **NO CLASS.** St. Maron's Feast Day.
- 2/19 Class: Play—**Cana Sunday.** * Teens are main characters for all three plays; lower grades dress in shepherd costumes. MYO Liturgy. NAM Contest begins.
- 2/18 **ASH MONDAY.** Fast. Lent begins. Every Friday, **Ramsho and Benediction** at 6:30 p.m.
- 2/26 Class: Teach about **penance**; encourage reconciliation.
- 3/4 Class: Play— **Loaves and Fishes***
- 3/11 Class. **Daylight Savings Time** begins. *Spring forward!*
- 3/18 Class. **Children's Liturgy**, Grade 1 and those who have not served.
- 3/25 Class. NAM Contest ends.
Play: **Raising of Lazarus.***
- *We would like to have the teens do these three plays or one large Passion Play. More information to follow. Any questions, please contact Joan or Carla.

Share Your Talents

We need kind volunteers to do the following tasks:

- Put overhead cabinets in the classroom.
- Paint outside of our house at 206 Sixth Ave. NE
- New computer for the Hall Manager
- Rewire a computer in the office for network & TV.

Stewardship Thought

We urge all of you who have seen the generosity of John Nasseff and Henry Basil and others who have made a difference in our parish to increase your own generosity toward your home of St. Maron. These extra donations come in order to fill the gap of some of the expenses that we have in our parish.

Each one of us is in need of giving and giving from the heart in order for our parish to grow and to prosper. Therefore, please consider increasing your own gift toward your parish of St. Maron. Thanking you in advance for your generous heart.



Project Roots



An office in Los Angeles, under the direction of Father Abdallah Zaidan, M.L.M., will assist those interested to:

1. Obtain their sacramental records from their country of origin.
2. Connect with family members living in their place of origin and though out the world where they emigrated.
3. Obtain Lebanese citizenship, if desired.
4. Obtain immigration records, if desired.
5. Remain connected with the Maronite Church here and throughout the world.

Lack of registration abroad of your marriages and births in the past have affected the demographics in such a way that will change Lebanon beyond recognition. This threatens to disturb the balance and damage the distinctive formula of Lebanon as a "message" country and pluralistic society. We now have a chance to reverse that trend. Lebanon calls upon you to take the initiative to support our heritage. Don't deprive yourself or your children of their rights to property, inheritance, residence and work in Lebanon. Give your children *dual nationality* – Lebanese and American. The **Project Roots**, in cooperation with the **International Maronite Foundation** can assist you to register with the Lebanese authorities free of charge. All your official papers lodged with the Project Roots for the registration process will be returned to you within two weeks.

Contact the Parish Office for your Application Form at (612) 379-2758.

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What value do we place on our membership in the community of the church?

Month of January, 2012

Envelopes this Month:

Collections – Envelopes ...\$ 29,621
Collections – Donations....\$ 26,783
Collections—Other..... 2,692
Total\$ 59,096

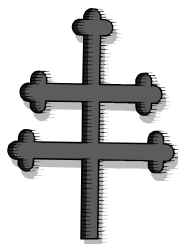
Budget for December.....\$27,415

Actual Expenses.....\$30,776

Profit or loss \$28,320

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Charitable Donations

Please remember to keep your spiritual home of St. Maron in mind when making any charitable donations. Some companies will match your donation to the church, so please be sure to ask.

May the Lord, the Giver of all good things, reward you many fold for your generosity.

Cedars Hall Rental

Our Cedars Hall is available for your special occasions. Parishioners get a special discount that is our cost. For fees and availabilities, please contact Mary Podein or the parish office.

MCF Teachers Needed

We are always in need of teachers and substitute teachers to assist in teaching our children, The Maronite Christian Formation. If you are interested to volunteer please contact Carla Bedros at 651-235-5742 or Joanie Moses at 651-341-3337 for more information.

GUIDELINES

Divine Liturgies:

Saturday 4:00 pm (English)
Sunday10:15 am (English, Aramaic, & Arabic)
MondayNO DIVINE LITURGY
Tuesday6:00PM (Except last Tuesday of the Month)
Wednesday.....6:00PM
Thursday9:30AM
Friday9:30AM

Religious Education: After 10:15am Sunday Liturgy

Baptism: Contact the priest when the baby is born.

Confessions: Saturday 3:15-3:45 pm or by appointment.

Marriage: Contact the priest **SEVEN MONTHS** prior to the wedding.

Illness: Please call the rectory, if someone is sick at home, hospital or in a Nursing Home.

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St. Maron's Hafli

Our parish of St. Maron will honor the **Feast of Our Patron Saint Maron** with a **Hafli on Saturday, February 4, 2012.**

Please *reserve* this date to celebrate together!

To purchase tickets, call the parish office 612-379-2758 or purchase online at: www.stmaron.com .

Tickets will be \$10.00 more at the door.

Come Join Us for a memorable evening with delicious Lebanese Dinner and a fabulous band.