



## Saint Ann Catholic Church • Maronite Rite

A Catholic Parish of the Antiochian Syriac Maronite Church

**Jurisdiction:** *Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn* (<http://stmaron.org/>)

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### Mass Schedule

**Sundays:** 10:00 AM | **Tuesdays – Saturdays:** 7:30 AM

**Holy Days of Obligation:**

Vigil Liturgy: 6:30 PM | Actual Feast Day: 7:30 AM

### Office Hours

**Tuesday through Friday:** 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

*Mondays: office is closed. / Saturdays: by appointment.*

## LITURGICAL SERVICES

### Sacraments of Baptism & Confirmation

Please call the parish office for arrangements 3 weeks prior to the celebration of the Sacrament. Parents & Godparents should meet with the Pastor to schedule a date & arrange for proper parental preparation.

### Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation

Confession can be heard before and after Liturgies or by appointment

### Sacrament of Matrimony (Marriage)

For Weddings, 6 months advance notice is required in order that proper preparation may be made for the celebration of the Sacrament.

### Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

If a family member is seriously ill at home or in a hospital, or they are unable to come to Church and would like to receive communion at home, please call the parish office to arrange for Communion, Confession or the Anointing of the Sick with Holy oil. *The list is updated every Thursday; if you would like to add a name, please call the parish office no later than Wednesday.*

### Funerals

Please contact the Pastor as soon as possible after the death of a loved one.

### Mass Intention Dedications

If you would like to have a mass dedicated, Mass cards are available for various intentions including memorials. Your voluntary gifts of any amount are gratefully accepted. Mass reservations should be made in advance.

You can request an announced or an unannounced Mass Intentions to be said for a living or deceased family member, friend or loved one by calling the parish office or sending an e-mail to schedule intentions.

## Parish Vocations

**Priesthood:** Chorbishop Joe Kaddo, (Pastor of St. Anthony Fall River)

**Religious Life:** Brother Paul HOOVER of the Most Holy Trinity Monastery

**Candidate to subdiaconate:** Richard THORNTON

## CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS

### Parish Pastoral Council

As an advisory Board, this council meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every month.

– President: Rosemary PATNODE.

### Daughters of St. Ann

This woman's organization meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at 6:30 PM. – President: Patti THORNTON.

### St. Maron Men's Society

This men's organization meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month after Mass. – President: Al PATNODE.

### Junior MYO

The Junior MYO is a group of young people 10 years old and up. The Youth organization meets on the last Sunday of every month after 10 am Mass in the church. – Coordinator: Carol SHUFELT.

### Religious Education

Religious Education is available for all children in 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grades.

Classes are scheduled for 1 Friday and 1 Saturday a month. – Coordinator: Sr Florence Joseph FLAHERTY, D.C.

### St. Ann Liturgical Choir

Choir practice takes place the first Monday of each month at 6:30 pm. No special training is required. – Director: Richard THORNTON.

### Family & Sanctity of Life Committee

The Purpose of this committee is to promote within our parish prayer, education, and action in the defense of all life. Meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month after 10 AM Mass. – Chairperson: Thomas RILEY Sr.

### Liturgical & Spiritual Committee

## Welcome to our Visitors!

Thank you for joining us today. We hope you will grace us with your presence again. Though not well known in the west, the Catholic Church is comprised of 22 Churches: 21 Eastern and 1 Western Church. The Eastern Catholic Churches (including our Maronite Catholic Church) refer to those that developed in the eastern half of the Roman Empire, including the communities that derived from them, and are in communion with Rome.

The Maronite faithful persevere in the faith of their ancestors, spiritually united with each other in the Church throughout the world. By a consistent Christian witness, animated by the beautiful theological and spiritual heritage which they have received, the Maronite Church contributes in a unique way to the ongoing renewal and upbuilding of the entire Catholic Church. For additional information, see the Catholic Encyclopedia or other online resource.

## Upcoming events – Mark your calendars

Sat	Sep 6	Annual Charity Golf Tournament (sponsored by SMMS)
Sun	Sep 7	Parish Picnic & Election of New Officers for Parish Organizations
Sat	Sep 13	Memorial Service for Abortion Victims – 1pm, Albany Rural Cemetery
Sun	Sep 14	Maronite Day at the Auriesville Shrine
Sun	Nov 2	Subdiaconate Ordination of Richard Thornton Sr.
Sat	Nov 8	(7pm) 14th Annual Lebanese Hafla

## Upcoming MEETINGS

Su	Sep 7	St. Maron Men's Society Meeting
Su	Sep 7	Family & Sanctity of Life Committee Meeting
Mo	Sep 1	St. Ann Liturgical Choir Meeting
Th	Aug 21	Daughters of St. Ann Meeting
We	Aug 25	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting



## Season of the Glorious Pentecost

### Altar Gifts for Sep 2014

In memory of Mary & Abraham JOSEPH (Nackley) and daughters Mary, Catherine, Rose & Edith

*Requested by Lena JOSEPH*

*The Sanctuary Lamp burns continuously, reminding us of Christ, the eternal and everlasting light. It is proper and fitting to offer our Sanctuary lamp in memory, to honor a loved one or for a special intention.*

The 2015 Calendar is now available to register your intentions. These are scheduled on a first-come- first-served-basis to ensure an equal opportunity for everyone. Contact the office to arrange your memorial.

### 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost Sunday, Aug 31

St. Abda, M – St. Zakhia (Nicholas), C – St. Aegidius (Giles), C

1 Cor 3:1-11

Lk 8:1-15

*The Divine Liturgy is celebrated in memory of:*

- ✦ Luigia BIZZARRO, requested by Vivian Karam
- ✦ Barbour YAMIN & Josephine MARDIGIAN, requested by John & Vicky Healy

*For the blessing and special intentions of:*

- ✦ For all members of Labor who work diligently for fair and honest wage and treatment on the occasion of Labor Day
- ✦ For a peaceful resolution of local area conflicts
- ✦ For the newly married couple, David & Courtney Patnode
- ✦ For Theresa Shufelt on the occasion of her graduation
- ✦ Good health of Cancer patients, our sick & homebound

Ushers	Please Volunteer
Greeter	Patricia Thornton
Ar. Lector	Diana Hannoush
En. Lector	Karen Rezey
Intercessions	Betty Karrat

### Weekly Schedule

**Mon., Sep 1;** St. Simon the Stylite, C

1 Jn 13:31-35 Lk 13:31-35

No Divine Liturgy

**Tue., Sep 2;** St. Mammas the Great, M

1 Jn 2:1-11 Lk 14:1-6

No Divine Liturgy

**Wed., Sep 3;**

1 Jn 2:12-20 Lk 14:7-11

No Divine Liturgy

**Thu., Sep 4;**

1 Jn 2:21-29 Lk 14:12-15

No Divine Liturgy

**Fri., Sep 5;** St. Sharbel of Raha and his Sister, M  
Bl. Teresa of Calcutta, C

1 Jn 3:1-10 Lk 14:16-24

No Divine Liturgy

**Sat., Sep 6;** St. Michael the Archangel, An

1 Jn 3:11-22

Lk 14:25-35

No Divine Liturgy

### 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost Sunday, Sep. 7

St. Ann, Patroness of our Parish

1 Thes 2:1-13

Lk 10:38-42

*The Divine Liturgy is celebrated in memory of:*

- ✦ Laura SCHIANI, requested by Fred & Betty Karrat
- ✦ Frank C. MAYHEW, requested by Ann Marie Grady
- ✦ Victims of September 11, 2001 and their families, on the 13th anniversary of the terrorist attacks against the United States.

*For the blessing and special intentions of:*

- ✦ For the spiritual growth and outreach of St. Ann's and for the Deceased and living Parishioners of St. Ann
- ✦ Intentions & continued good health of Lillian KINGSTON, 95<sup>th</sup> birthday, requested by Gerard GOLDEN
- ✦ Good health of Cancer patients, our sick & homebound

Ushers	Please Volunteer
Greeter	Carolyn Lalli
Ar. Lector	Rita Frangieh
En. Lector	Al Nahal
Intercessions	Richard Peters

### Pope's Sep Prayer Intentions

**Mentally Disabled:** That the mentally disabled may receive the love and help they need for a dignified life.

**Service to the Poor:** That Christians, inspired by the Word of God, may serve the poor and suffering.

### Pray for our Sick and Homebound

Heal Your servants, who are sick, O Lord, and send them help and comfort from Your holy place.

Jim TRAA, Wadad FRANGIE, Chantelle BOUDIWAN, Jay MOONEY, Chas TANGREDI, Paul STAVIS, Foutine FRANGIE, Joyce & Christy FIRSTIUN, Juliann HALLAL, Donata CALDARONI, Alisa BURKE, Jamileh K-MOUAWAD, Caroline-Marjorie FIELDS, Della MAWAD, Katherine RIBUSTELLI, Marilyn MARVIN, Margaret McDonough; Pauline NAHAL, Sarah BRENENSTUHL, Gail MOFFRE, Ellen DEEB; Robert SCHARG; Marian DEEP; Adma Bouchaaya

### Requested prayers from the Book of prayers

- ✦ For lapsed Catholics, especially young women.
- ✦ For the spiritual conversion of agnostics.
- ✦ For those undergoing medical tests and surgery.

### September Birthdays

*As they celebrate their birthdays this month, we hold up to God the lives of:*

Sep 1 James Traa	Sep 2 Stephanie Peters
Sep 4 Henry James Nahal	Sep 10 Davia Boutros
	Paul Rezey
Sep 29 Vivian Karam	

*We ask that many blessings be theirs in the coming year.*



## Schedule of Hospitality Sponsors

Sign-up sheets are in the binder on the table in front of St. Ann in the main entrance of the church.

Please consider sponsoring Sunday refreshments. Thank you.

Aug 31 Al & Denise Patnode  
Sep 7 Parish Picnic  
Sep 14 St. Maron Men's Society  
Sep 21 Available  
Sep 28 Available

## Your Gift to God for Aug 17

Counted by Rick Thornton & Marion Fotache

<b>Weekly Offering</b>	<b>\$775.00</b>
Building Fund	\$50.00
Fuel & Heat	\$70.00
Assessment / Bishop Appeal	\$150.00
Feast of the Assumption	\$72.00
Christians in Iraq	\$349.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1466.00</b>

## Your Gift to God for Aug 24

Counted by Marrian Furfaro & Ronald Bagley

<b>Weekly Offering</b>	<b>\$959.00</b>
Building Fund	\$9.00
Assessment / Bishop Appeal	\$50.00
Fuel & Heat	\$35.00
Parish Charities	\$232.00
Feast of the Assumption	\$50.00
Christians in Iraq	\$181.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1516.00</b>

## Schedule for Collection Counters

Aug 31 Rosemary Patnode & Rick Thornton  
Sep 7 MariOn Furfaro & Ronald Bagley  
Sep 14 Rosemary Patnode & Rick Thornton  
Sep 21 MariOn Furfaro & Ronald Bagley  
Sep 28 Rosemary Patnode & Rick Thornton  
Oct 5 MariOn Furfaro & Ronald Bagley

## Pope Francis via Twitter - @Pontifex

Christians knows how to give. Their lives are filled with generous acts – often hidden – towards their neighbour.

## Annual Parish Picnic - Reminder

St. Ann Church will be hosting a the **Annual Parish Picnic** next Sunday, September 07, 2014. We will be celebrating the Feast of St Ann on that day. The picnic will be held after Liturgy whether rain or shine, and will provide a great opportunity for fellowship at this very important time in the history of our Parish.

Neighbors are invited to tour the church building and join us for a bite to eat.

Parishioners are asked to bring a dish to share. A sign up sheet is located in the back of the Church; please indicate what you are planning to bring.

This year will highlight a baked bean "throw down" competition. Independent judges will sample the

tasty offerings submitted by 4 parishioners. This is a blind competition. Bring the family and invite the neighbors for a fun event.

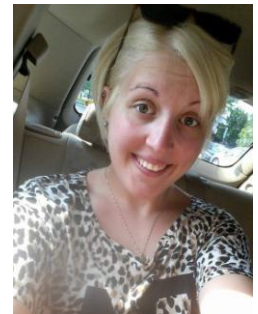
Parishioners interested in planning, and/or volunteering at the picnic, should contact Father George. For additional information please contact Rosie Karame, Kathy Boutros, or Jean Warner.

## Congratulations to Theresa SHUFELT

Congratulations to Theresa Shufelt, daughter of Clayton and Carol SHUFELT.

Theresa will be attending Louisiana Tech this fall on a **full academic scholarship**.

She will have a double major in Computer Software Engineering and Computer Information Systems. Theresa will also be a member of the college bowling team.



Dear Theresa,

Your parents, Clayton & Carol, your family and your parish, we are so proud of you! so proud of you.

Keep walking by faith for God has great plans for you.

Good luck and congratulations! May God Bless You Always!

## Congratulations to the newly married couple

Congratulations to David John Patnode (son of John Patnode) & Courtney PATNODE.

David & Courtney were married on August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at the Patnode Summer Home in Au Sable Forks, NY.



Dear John & Courtney,

May our Lord richly bless your life together with Peace and Happiness, and make your love fruitful for His glory and your Joy both here and in eternity.

## Congratulations to Michael Yamin

Congratulations to Michael Yamin, son of Betty and Mickey Yamin, on the opening of his new venture, Firehouse Subs, on Loudon Rd. in Latham, NY!



Firehouse Subs are specialized in hot subs and submarine sandwiches made with premium meats and cheeses, steamed to perfection, then piled high on a toasted private recipe sub roll.

Firehouse Subs opened this week in Latham, and we wish him much good luck for a successful future.

## Daughters of St. Ann - K of C Craft Fair

The Daughters of St. Ann will be participating in the Knights of Columbus, Latham Chapter, Craft Fair on **Sat. Sept. 13, 2014**. Any handmade donations would be greatly appreciated. We also will need help the day of the sale. Please contact **Patti Thornton** if you can help in any way. The K of C Hall is situated at 378 Troy Schenectady Road. Thanks in advance for your help!





## Coming soon ... Saturday Mass

At the request of parishioners, beginning on **September 13**, an evening vigil mass will be held at 4:30 pm each Saturday. This initiative is tentative, and relies on parishioner participation. Volunteers are needed to serve as sacristans, ushers, lectors, cantors and altar servers. Attendance is also a qualifying factor. Those interested in serving in these ministries, should contact Fr. Bouchaaya as soon as possible, for scheduling purposes. Please share this information with family and friends.

## Memorial Service for Aborted Children at Albany Rural Cemetery

On Saturday, September 13, pro-life Americans throughout the country will gather at the gravesites of aborted babies and other memorial sites dedicated in their honor for the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children.

Solemn vigils will be held at these sites to commemorate the more than 50 million children who have lost their lives to legal abortion since 1973, and to remind our society of the humanity of the unborn child. Please join us for the memorial service in our community:

Event: **National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children**

When: *Saturday, September 13, 1 pm*

Where: **Albany Rural Cemetery, Section 68, Lot 16 Cemetery Avenue in Menands, NY 12204**

For more Info:

Call Rick Thornton Ph: (518) 364-6645 Email: rwsr@yahoo.com or Carolyn Lalli Ph: (518) 250-5697 Email: ctlalli@gmail.com

Together let us remember the victims of abortion and pray for a final end to this injustice in our land during the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children.

Map: <http://www.mobilemaplets.com/showplace/8675>

## Maronite Day at the Auriesville Shrine

September 14, 2014 has been set as the date for the celebration of Maronite Day at the Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs in Auriesville, NY. We will be joining with our sister Maronite parish of St. Louis Gonzaga from Utica, NY for a picnic starting at 12 noon in the shrine's pavilion, followed by celebration of Divine Liturgy in the Coliseum at 4 PM. More information will be provided as the date approaches.

## Disposal of Palms and other Religious Articles and Sacramentals

From now until September 30, 2014, a basket will be placed in the back of the church to be used for the collection of unused, damaged and discarded sacramentals. These include dried out palms from Palm Sunday, statues, broken rosaries and other religious articles that must be disposed of in a respectful manner. All returned Palms will be burned and used for the distribution of ashes on Ash Monday. All other items will be disposed of properly. If you have any questions regarding this activity, please contact Father George.

## LET ME DISH YOU SOME DIRT

*By Richard Thornton, Sr.*

This week's gospel reading, the parable of the sower, Luke 8:1-15, is a very familiar portion of scripture. It can be very tempting to gloss over it and think to ourselves, "I've heard this story, hundreds of times before, and there is nothing new here for me." Because we think that we know this story so well, we think we can close our ears to what the Lord wants to say to us.

In fact, that is the point of the parable. We need to constantly and attentively listen to and reflect on the Word of God, and then act on it.

What applied 2000 years ago still applies today. Some people are as hard as a highway when it comes to God's truth. They hear but it goes in one ear and out the other. Some people hear the gospel of Jesus Christ and like what they hear. They attend church, read scripture, and are full of excitement and joy. But they don't last long. As soon as the sun gets too hot and life's circumstances are tough, they lose interest and forget about God and His word. There is the person who hears God's word and decides to get started in the Christian life. She is serious, really wants to believe and is anxious to be a Christian and grow in her faith, taking on the Christian lifestyle. Then the thorns of life's circumstances come along and choke out the word of God. It isn't that she turned against God so much as she's turned to something else. She neglected the crop of God's truth and focused on the thorns of life's situations. And then there are those who hear the word of God. They let it sink in. They aren't distracted by the ups and downs of life. God's word grows in their lives and changes them and they produce spiritual fruit in a huge way.

Right after Jesus told his disciples the meaning of this parable, He proclaimed, "Therefore, consider carefully how you listen. Whoever has will be given more; whoever does not have, even what he thinks he has will be taken from him" (Luke 8:18). How we listen and respond to God, as he speaks to us, will determine the amount of growth and spiritual fruit we will have at the time of our personal harvest. Another way to say it is this, the condition of our hearts will determine what God's Word can do in our lives. When God's word comes to us, how will we respond to it? Upon what kind of soil within us will His seed fall?

Let's all be like that good soil. We can never lose sight, though, that good and rich soil needs to be prepared and taken care of. Let our soil allow for the deep rooting of the Word of God and may we encourage the plant of faith it produces to grow by holding that Word firmly, paying attention to it day and night. We need to fertilize it with the fellowship received from our church community. It needs to be pruned with our prayer and reflection and regularly watered with worship and the frequent reception of the sacraments. It is essential that soil be weeded by us proclaiming and not losing sight of the Kingdom of God; it will be hoed by the graces we have received from the Holy Spirit. With all of that, the seed of His word will bring forth fruit a hundred fold in our soil to the praise and glory of God and our harvest will yield eternal life and joy with God in His kingdom!

## Catholic, Orthodox patriarchs visit Irbil to support displaced Iraqis



BEIRUT (CNS) -- A delegation of Catholic and Orthodox patriarchs visited Irbil, Iraq, to show their support and solidarity with the more than 100,000 Christians and minorities displaced in the country by the advance of Islamist militants.

Lebanese Cardinal Bechara Rai, patriarch of the Maronite Catholics, said the Aug. 20 trip was "a first step in the implementation of the statement issued by the patriarchs," referring to a special summit Aug. 7 to address the crisis facing Christians in Iraq and Syria. "The first and essential clause in the



statement is our support for Christians who have left their houses because of the Islamic State and other terrorist organizations," Cardinal Rai said.

Cardinal Rai left Beirut with Melkite Catholic Patriarch Gregoire III Laham, Syriac Catholic Patriarch Ignace Joseph III Younan and Syriac Orthodox Patriarch Ignatius Aphrem II. Upon their arrival in Irbil, the capital of the Kurdish region of Iraq, the prelates were joined by Chaldean Catholic Patriarch Louis Sako of Baghdad and local officials, including Kurdistan's Regional Interior Minister Karim Sinjari and Irbil Governor Nawzad Hadi.

The patriarchs visited refugees and prayed with them at three churches in Irbil hosting refugees from the Ninevah Plain. The refugees fled after being told by the Islamic State militants to convert to Islam, pay the Islamic jizya tax, or be killed. Many were robbed of their possessions before being forced to flee.

"We want all the Christians, Muslims, Yazidis, Sunnis, Shiites and Kurds to stay in Iraq and not to leave because this is our homeland, this is our culture, and civilization and we do not want to part with it," Cardinal Rai told reporters. "The ones who want to help us must work to stop injustice, help us end injustice and help our people regain their rights. This is what we want from the ones who want to help." "We cannot stand idly by and watch as evil oppresses the people. We will carry our cause to the whole world."

In a news conference before leaving Iraq, the patriarchs expressed support for human rights, including the right of Christians to remain in their homes. "We cannot tolerate the tragedy we have witnessed here today," said Orthodox Patriarch Ignatius. He urged U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon to visit the regions to determine if the displaced Iraqis could continue to live this way.

## **Demons Believe and Tremble**

### **A Reflection on the Theft of the Eucharist by Satanists**

A couple of years ago I wrote of an unusual experience I had at Mass wherein a person who was troubled by a demon had those demons manifest themselves at the consecration, causing the person to run out of the Church.

I thought of that long-ago incident in relation to the current events transpiring in Oklahoma City, where a satanic cult stole the Eucharist from a Catholic parish and announced plans to desecrate it at a satanic "mass" in September. Archbishop Paul Coakley filed a lawsuit, asking a judge to stop the desecration by requiring the group to return the stolen property. He indicated in the suit that the Host was to be desecrated in the vilest ways imaginable as an offering in sacrifice to Satan.

A spokesman from the satanic group, Adam Daniels, said, "The whole basis of the [satanic] 'mass' is that we take the consecrated host and give it a 'blessing' or offering to Satan. We're censoring it, [I think he means using incense], doing all things that's [sic] normally done to bless a sacrifice, which is obviously the host body of Christ. Then we're taking that and we're reconsecrating it, or the Devil does..."

In light of the threatened lawsuit, the group returned the consecrated host to the Church. Thanks be to God. But did you notice the satanic spokesman's attestation regarding the host: "which is obviously the host body of Christ"?

Grave and sad though this incident was (and it wasn't the first), these Satanists obviously consider the Catholic Eucharist to be the Body of Christ. Unless I missed it, there have been no

attempts by Satanists to steal and use a Methodist host, or an Episcopal one, or a Baptist one, or a Lutheran one, etc. It is a Catholic host they seek. Here then is an affirmation of the Scripture which says, Even the demons believe—and shudder (James 2:19).

Elsewhere, Scripture says of a demon that afflicted a man among the tombs, And when he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and worshiped him (Mark 5:6). And in Luke's Gospel, And demons also came out of many, crying, "You are the Son of God!" But he rebuked them, and would not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Christ (Lk 4:41-42).

Indeed, as many who have assisted at exorcisms can attest, there is wonderful power in holy water, relics, the exorcist's cross, the touch of a priest's stole, and so forth in afflicting demons and urging them to leave. Yet so many Catholics and others discount these sacramentals (as well as the Sacraments), using them carelessly, infrequently, or not at all. Many people, even faithful Catholics, consider them of little significance. But demons do not. Shamefully, demons sometimes manifest more faith (out of fear) in these things than actual believers who ought to revere them out of loving faith. Even this Satanist in Oklahoma acknowledges that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist and he seeks a host for that reason, although obviously for nefarious and perverse purposes.

*Monsignor Charles Pope*

## **Saint of the Week: St. Simon the Stylite**



St. Simeon was the first and probably the most famous of the long succession of stylitoe, or "pillar-hermits", who during more than six centuries acquired by their strange form of asceticism a great reputation for holiness throughout eastern Christendom. Stylites comes from the Greek word stylos, which means pillar, or column. It was on top of a pillar that St. Simeon spent the largest part of his extraordinary life.

Simeon was born at Sisan near the northern border of Syria and began life as a shepherd boy for his father's flock of sheep. When he was just 13-years-old, he heard the Gospel passage: "Blessed are they that mourn; blessed are the clean of heart." He went to a wise old man and asked him the meaning of these words. He explained to the boy that eternal happiness can only be achieved with suffering, and that solitude is the most secure way to attain it. Impressed with this explanation, the young man joined some hermits who lived in a nearby monastery.

After some years in different monasteries, however, he retired to live alone and avoid the numerous visitors who were constantly seeking him out. He determined to take up his abode on the top of a pillar. There he remained most of the time standing, exposed to inclement weather, and absorbed in continuous prayer. He died in 459 at age 69, having lived 36 years of his life on the top of different pillars.

## **The Maronite Liturgy: The Pre-Anaphora The Creed**

Before beginning the Eucharistic prayer, the assembled community makes a profession of faith. Faith is made up of many elements. At its most fundamental level, faith is a personal encounter with God and our definitive response of mind and heart to God in love. It creates a personal relationship between the believer and God. In faith we choose to view God, the world



and ourselves through the eyes of Christ. We choose to make His will, His priorities, and His values our values. In order to come to an understanding of our commitment of faith, to define who we are as a community, and to articulate our faith to ourselves and others, it becomes necessary to express our inner faith externally in a series of beliefs and doctrines.

In the early church, when there were many adult converts, candidates for baptism were called upon to profess their faith publicly. Concise formulas of faith or creeds were developed for this purpose. At the first Ecumenical Council of Nicea in 325, a creed was written to express the major beliefs of the church at that time. In the sixth century, this Nicene Creed was incorporated into the Divine Liturgy.

In reciting the Nicene Creed we affirm that we are a part of the Christian tradition, that we are prepared to integrate that tradition into our lives and actions. We also affirm that the Eucharist in which we are about to participate is a sign of our unity with the faith of the apostles and with our fellow believers.

Since the Creed was inserted in the Divine Liturgy at a late date, its exact place in the pre-anaphora is unclear. The Roman Church places it at the beginning, while the Eastern Churches place it after the offering of the gifts. The Maronite Church has tended to follow the Roman practice. *to be continued*

### Maronite Term of the Week

**FETGOMO (fet GO mo)** (Syr): The Alleluia verse after the First Reading of the Service of the Word. It is variable with the text of the feast or commemoration..

*Source: Captivated by your Teachings by Fr. Anthony J. Salim*

### Second Annual Charity Golf Tournament

St Ann's Maronite Catholic Church will be hosting its Second Annual Charity Golf Tournament on Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at the Fairways of Halfmoon. The format is a four person scramble. Some of you may be asking what a scramble is. The four-man scramble features teams of four players competing against one another. In this format, each team's players hit from the tee box, and then the team members choose the best of the four shots for the next shot. All team members then play the second shot from that location, and again choose the best shot. Play continues in this manner until the hole is completed. The team then records its score and maintains that format for all 18 holes. The prime advantage of a scramble is that it allows players of all abilities to contribute to the team's success and helps speed play. The cost is \$100.00 per golfer and \$400 for a foursome. Should you not have a foursome and wish to play golf you will be included in a foursome.

There will be several contests during the day: longest drive, and closest to the pin on a par three hole for both men and women, a putting contest, 50/50 tickets, door prizes and a silent auction of sports memorabilia - baseball, football and hockey, each with a certificate of authenticity.

Golfers will enjoy breakfast, lunch on the course and a reception afterwards including two hours of beer, wine and soft drinks, along with a buffet.

Non-golfers are welcome to join the post golf reception, be eligible for door prizes and participate in the silent auction. The cost for the reception is only \$35.00.

Mark your calendars and join us for a fun event! This is a great opportunity to make new acquaintances and enjoy the friendship of family and friends. More importantly, it is a fun way to support our parish while experiencing a wonderful day outdoors enjoying the beautiful view of the Berkshires and Green Mountains.

For additional information or to sign up for the tournament, contact: Albert Nahal (518) 894-6011 or Joe Jabour (518) 221-6638.

### Knights of Columbus Offers Matching Gift Campaign to Support Iraqi Minorities

*The Knights of Columbus announced this week that is establishing a fund to assist those – particularly Christians as well as other religious minorities – facing a horrific and violent persecution and possible extinction in Iraq and the surrounding regions.*

The Knights has pledged an initial \$500,000 and will match an additional \$500,000 in donations from the public.

"The unprovoked and systematic persecution and violent elimination of Middle East Christians, as well as other minority groups, especially in Iraq, has created an enormous humanitarian crisis," said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. "Pope Francis has asked the world for prayers and support for those affected by this terrible persecution, and we are asking our members, and all people of good will, to pray for those persecuted and support efforts to assist them by donating to this fund."

Anderson added: "It has shocked the conscience of the world that people are systematically being purged from the region where their families have lived for millennia – simply for their faith. It is imperative that we stand in solidarity with them in defense of the freedom of conscience, and provide them with whatever relief we can."

Those seeking to assist with the relief efforts can donate to K of C Christian Refugee Relief by visiting [www.kofc.org/Iraq](http://www.kofc.org/Iraq) or by sending checks or money orders to:

**K of C Christian Refugee Relief,  
Knights of Columbus Charities,**

**P.O. Box 1966, New Haven, CT 06509-1966.**

Donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc., is recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a charitable organization under section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code, and 100 percent of all donations collected by Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc., will be used for humanitarian assistance for those Christians – as well as other religious minorities –being persecuted or displaced in Iraq and the surrounding region.

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**Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and may perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen**

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