

# Saint Ann Maronite Catholic Church

*Season of the Holy Cross*

*1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Exaltation of the Cross*



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# WELCOME

Thank you for worshipping with us today. We are blessed by your presence. The Maronite Church is one of 21 Eastern Catholic Churches in full communion with Rome. The Maronite Church dates back to the early Christians of Antioch where "they were called Christians for the first time" (Acts 11:26)

### *Some differences you may notice*

- + The Entrance dialog and Consecration are in Syriac Aramaic, the language of Jesus, Mary and the Apostles.
  - + The Sign of Peace begins at the altar and is carried to the congregants by peace bearers.
  - + Communion is by intinction and on the tongue. There is no communion in the hand.
- We hope and pray your experience is spiritually enriching.

## QURBONO The Book of Offering

### THE STRUCTURE OF THE NEW MARONITE QURBONO

#### *The Structure of the Anaphora*

#### *The Introduction to "Holy, Holy, Holy"*

The celebrant continues, announcing that it is truly right to thank the Lord, since He is the source of all blessings and gifts from the creation of the world to the incarnation. God must be glorified, not only by the people on earth, but also by the angels in heaven, as clearly appears in the vision of the prophet Isaiah (6:3), in which the prophet listened to the seraphim, shouting: "Holy, Holy, Holy". The Church shouts with them: "Holy...", adding the words of Psalm Sunday: "Hosanna, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord..."

#### **The Thanksgiving to the Father**

The celebrant continues the prayer of thanksgiving. Depending on each anaphora, it is sometimes long, sometimes brief; it centers on the never-ending thanksgiving to the Father who created us and, though we have distanced ourselves from Him, never let us down; on the contrary, He promised us a Savior, sent to us the prophets, and in the fullness of time, sent us His only Son. Each anaphora recalls these stages of our salvation and expands on them. However, the theme is one and the same, that is; thanksgiving to the Father for the principal stages of our salvation, and the announcement of the infinite love of God for us.

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## 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Hafli



## Lebanese Dinner Sat, Nov 2, 2019

## BULLETIN Sep 14 – 15 /2019

| Liturgical Schedule & Intentions   |        |          |  | Readers & Greeter   | Readings                          | Feast Day                           |
|--|--------|----------|--|---|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Please remember to submit your intentions for Divine Liturgies as early as possible</b> |        |          |  |   |                                   |                                     |
| <b>Sat</b>   | 14 Sep | 4:30 PM  | <i>For the donors of catholic Extension Society</i>  |   | E: Jude 17-25<br>G: Lk 23:36-43   |                                     |
| <b>Sun</b>   | 15 Sep | 10:00 AM | <i>In loving memory of Gwen Korkemaz by Michael &amp; Karen Rezey<br/>And Nabih Korkemaz &amp; Raymond Morris by Carolyn lalli</i> | Greeter: Rosemary Patnode<br>En: Betty Karrat<br>Ar: Diana Hannoush | E: 2 Tim 2:1-10<br>G: Mk 10:35-45 | <i>Sts. Shaina &amp; Sassine, C</i> |

## Prayer of the Week

*Feast the Exaltation of the Holy Cross  
By St. Pope John Paul II*

Dear Brothers and Sisters, we are invited to look upon the Cross. It is the “privileged place” where the love of God is revealed and shown to us.... On the Cross human misery and divine mercy meet. The adoration of this unlimited mercy is for man the only way to open himself to the mystery which the Cross reveals.

The Cross is planted in the earth and would seem to extend its roots in human malice, but it reaches up, pointing as it were to the heavens, pointing to the goodness of God. By means of the Cross of Christ, the Evil One has been defeated, death is overcome, life is given to us, hope is restored, light is imparted. *O Crux, ave spes unica!*...

“As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him may have eternal life” (John 3:14-15), says Jesus. What do we see then when we bring our eyes to bear on the cross where Jesus was nailed (cf. John 19:37)? We contemplate the sign of God’s infinite love for humanity.

*O Crux, ave spes unica!* Saint Paul speaks of the same theme in the letter to the Ephesians.... Not only did Christ Jesus become man, in everything similar to human beings, but He took on the condition of a servant and humbled Himself even more by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross (cf. Philippians 2:6-8).

Yes, “God so loved the world that He gave His only Son” (John 3:16). We admire — overwhelmed and gratified — the breadth and length and height and depth of the love of Christ which surpasses all knowledge (cf. Ephesians 3:18-19)! *O Crux, ave spes unica!* ... Through the mystery of your Cross and your Resurrection, save us O Lord! Amen

## UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS/ Save the Date

|     |        |         |  |
|-----|--------|---------|--|
| Sat | Sep 14 | 1:00 pm | National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children. Albany Rural Cmtry |
| Sun | Sep 15 | 11 am   | Meeting with Parents of First Communicants                           |
| Sun | Spt 15 | 11 am   | Religious E with Brother Joshua                                      |
| Tue | Oct 22 | 6:30 pm | St Charbel Evening Prayer  |
| Sat | Nov 2  | 7 pm    | <b>Annual Hafli</b>  |

## Hospitality

|     |        |                   |
|-----|--------|-------------------|
| Sun | 15 Sep | Available         |
| Sun | 22 Sep | Available         |
| Sun | 29 Sep | Pancake Breakfast |
| Sun | 06 Oct | Available         |

*It is your responsibility to provide all supplies, clean up afterwards and remove the garbage*

## MEMORIALS for the month of September 2019

### Altar Bread, Wine & Sanctuary Lamp

*In Memory of Jim Traa  
by Beverly Traa*

### Incense, Charcoal, & Candles

*In Memory of Gardner Wittner  
by Beverly Traa*

## STEWARDSHIP

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| <i>Sep 07-08 / 2019</i>                   | <i>1190.00</i>           |
| <i>Parish Programs</i>                    | <i>15.00</i>             |
| <i>Air Conditioning</i>                   | <i>5.00</i>              |
| <i>Catholic University of America</i>     | <i>60.00</i>             |
| <i>Fuel and Heat</i>                      | <i>5.00</i>              |
| <i>Building &amp; Grounds Maintenance</i> | <i>10.00</i>             |
| <i>World Missions</i>                     | <i>5.00</i>              |
| <i>Snow Removal</i>                       | <i>5.00</i>              |
| <i>Memorial</i>                           | <i>100.00</i>            |
| <b><i>TOTAL</i></b>                       | <b><i>\$1,395.00</i></b> |

## Prayer Requests:

Our heavenly father asks us to “Pray for one another” (James 5:16) and we are happy to join you in praying for your specific need. A book has been placed on a desk at the top of the main staircase. Please write your intention and the date in the book, or email us at [stannmaronitechurch@gmail.com](mailto:stannmaronitechurch@gmail.com) “Pray to me, and I will listen to you” (Jeremiah 29; 12)

## UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

|        |                               |
|--------|-------------------------------|
| 15 Sep | Air Conditioning              |
| 22 Sep | Building & Ground Maintenance |
| 29 Sep | Fuel & Heat                   |
| 06 Oct | Parish Programs               |

## Points of Interest

**National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children:** Please join us as Fr. Alaa and Bishop Scharfenberger lead us in a memorial service at the gravesite of 17 abortion victims. Saturday, September 14, 1 pm. Albany Rural Cemetery, Section 68, Lot 16 Cemetery Avenue in Menands, NY.

**Tenth Annual Benefit Dinner in Manhattan:** Thursday, October 3, 2019 at the New York Athletic Club for the Tenth Annual Benefit Dinner for the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn. For reservation and more information please visit <https://www.stmaron.org/benefit-dinner-2019>

**Coffee Hour Sponsors:** Sponsoring coffee hour is simple and open to everyone. Sign up in the book in the vestibule. Select the Sunday of your choice. On that day, bring some cold beverages and something to munch. Sponsors need to bring coffee, creamer, sweetener and paper products. You can do it alone or with friends, just clean up afterwards and take the rest of your goodies home. Any questions please ask a Council member or call the office.

**Religious Education:** Children aged 8 - 14 are invited to attend a monthly class with Br. Joshua. This class will introduce students to the Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church. Please see Br. Joshua on Sunday, Sep. 15, after mass. Parents of children preparing for First Communion should meet with Carolyn Lalli on the same day, in the front office. Please bring your child's baptismal certificate.

**Annual Haffli:** the 18th Annual Haffli (Lebanese Dinner) will be held on **Saturday, Nov. 2 at the Italian American Community Center in Albany.** To make this event very successful we need your help by joining us with your families and friends, and we are producing an Evening Program Book to better showcase our supporters. Please consider promoting your business, honoring the memory of a loved one, or showing your support for our community by sponsoring our Haffli. Please we need your help to keep the door of our church St. Ann opened, the weekly income from collections and donations is helpful but is not enough to maintain our church and pay the bills. It is the time to show your love to this small church with big heart. Please do not wait call us for your reservation and for Sponsorship.

### Pastoral Instruction

- + BAPTISM & CHRISMATION: Preparation is required. We encourage this to begin at least one month before the Baptism.
- + MARRIAGES: Arrangements six (6) months in advance.
- + NEW PARISHIONERS: Welcome to our parish family. May you find spiritual nourishment among our community. Please be sure to register with our parish by calling the Parish House.
- + HOSPITAL VISITS, SICK CALLS & SHUT-INS: If someone is hospitalized, sick, in rest homes or unable to leave home, please let us know by calling Father Alaa Issa.
- + CONFESSIONS: By appointment.
- + DEVOTIONS: Rosary on every Sunday at 9:00 AM before the Divine Liturgy.

## In Loving Memory of Abraham & Mary (Joseph) NACKLEY & daughters Mary, Catherine, Rose, Lena & Edith

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| In Memory of the deceased members of The RICE & HEALY Families  | In Memory of Michael-David HANNOUSH by his grandparents, Elias & Georgette  |
| In Memory of the deceased members of the REZEY & NACKLEY, SEE & CLOUGH Families                           | In Loving Memory of our parents Frieda & John Karrat Evelyn & Thomas Hakim  |
| In Loving Memory of Rose, Nabih, Fr. Paul, Mike, Joe & Peter KORKEMAZ The KORKEMAZ Family                 | In Memory of the deceased members of The TALARICO & DEEP Families   |
| In Loving Memory of Dominic & Edith FARINA requested by their Family                                      | In Memory of the deceased members of the TAMER & THORNTON Families  |
| In Loving Memory of Joseph & Helen YAMIN JABOUR. William & Marilyn MARVIN requested by Joe & Kathy JABOUR | Prayer for Life<br>Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn child that I have spiritually adopted, who is in danger of abortion.<br>Bishop Fulton J. SHEEN |
| In Loving Memory of Walter & Mary GOLDEN & the deceased members of the VOLKOMER & GOLDEN Families         |   |
| In loving memory of Fr. Fared SALAMEH & the deceased members of the SALAMEH Family by SALAMEH Family      | In loving memory of James TRAA Requested by Beverly TRAA  |
| In loving memory of Ted & Ellen DEEB Requested by Their family  | <i>Available</i>  |
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