

# Saint Ann Maronite Catholic

## Season of the Glorious Epiphany 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Epiphany



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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.

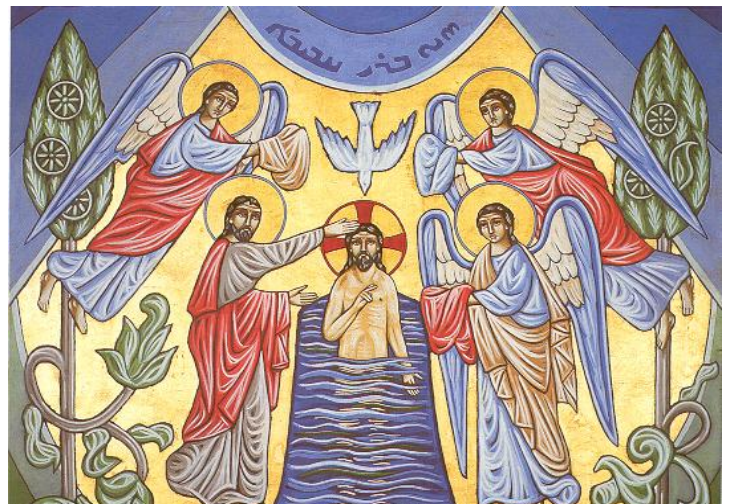
### What it Means to be Maronite: Spiritual Roots

by Bishop Gregory J. Mansour

Last but not least, is the love Maronites have for the Mother of God. Under the mantle of Our Lady of Lebanon, Cedar of Lebanon and many other local titles, she has been the Morning Star that leads us to Christ. In imitation of her purity, piety and devotion, Maronites fervently seek her intercession. The Patriarchs throughout the ages have always kept an image of the Mother of God near. At the dawn of the day, at its end, and during its trials and tribulations, the name of the Virgin (Adhra) is never far from the lips of believing and devout Maronites.

These seven traits tell us who we are, and who we ought to be. This identity, even more than our personal ancestry, gives us spiritual roots: a special belonging and participating in the Church, the Kingdom of God on earth. In imitation of Saint Maron and his love for Christ, and by our intimate involvement in the life of the Church, living as bridge builders, loving our place of origin, building strong families, remaining faithful to the Holy Father, loving Christ in Eucharistic offering, and maintaining a warm devotion to Mary, Mother of God, we know who we are and who we ought to be.

May the prayer of our Lady and Saint Maron be our companion, so that with them we may draw ever nearer to Christ and His Bride, the Church.



Liturgical Schedule & Intentions <i>Please remember to submit your intentions for Divine Liturgies as early as possible</i>				Readers & Greeter	Readings	Feast Day
Sat	11 Jan	4:30 PM	<i>For the donors of Catholic Extension Society</i>		E: Gal 6:1-10 G: Mt 3:7-12	
Sun	12 Jan	10:00 AM	<i>In memory of Dan Bajger by David &amp; Diana Hannoush</i>	Greeter: Deacon Richard Thornton En: Mikayla Boutros Ar: Diana Hannoush	E: 2Cor 10:1-11 G: Jn 1:29-34	<i>Council of Trent (1545)</i>

### *Prayer of the Week*

#### ***The Glorious Epiphany of our Lord***

On January 6th the Church celebrates the feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Epiphany is a Greek word which means a “manifestation” or an “apparition”. In Syriac, this word is “Denho”. Theophany means “an appearance of God”. Epiphany because on this day we celebrate the appearance or manifestation of Christ among us as God’s son and Theophany because for the first time in the Bible, the Holy Trinity was revealed, Father, Son and Holy Spirit at the Baptism of the Son.

The Epiphany water is blessed with a lighted charcoal which signifies the fire of the Spirit who entered the Jordan River at Christ’s Baptism. In our Maronite liturgy, this is the meaning of the ritual of immersing the inflamed charcoal in the water. It is like mixing fire and water, the fire represents divinity and the water represents our life or the material world. Symbolically, when our Lord went into the water to be baptized by Saint John the Baptist, he sanctified the water, the essential element of life. The water symbolizes the origin of creation and of every creature which is in need of sanctification through the Holy Spirit.

This water is then sprinkled on the congregation by the priest reminding them of their own baptism in which they put on a robe of Christ and were cleansed from their original sin. The water is also taken home and can be sprinkled or consumed.

*Jesus, Light of the world, you were baptized in the Jordan and revealed to us the Father and the Spirit, who bore witness to you from heaven. Purify us through your holy descent, enlighten us with your true knowledge and we will praise and glorify you, now and forever. Amen*

### **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 MEETINGS AND EVENTS/ Save the Date*

Sun	Jan 26	11:00 am	First holy communion class with Ms. Carolyn Lilli
Sun	Feb 9	10:00 am	<b>St. Maron Feast day</b>
Mon	Feb 24	6:30 am	<b>Ash Monday</b>

<i>Hospitality</i>		
Sun	12 Jan	<i>Holy Family Society</i>
Sun	19 Jan	<i>Holy Family Society</i>
Sun	26 Jan	<i>Parish Breakfast</i>
Sun	02 Feb	<i>Holy Family Society</i>

*Your responsibility: provide all supplies, clean up afterwards and remove the garbage*

#### **MEMORIALS for the month of January 2020**

##### *Altar Bread, Wine & Sanctuary Lamp*

*Daniel & Lucas Handy, Metz & Volkemer Families  
By Gerard Golden*

##### *Incense, Charcoal, & Candles*

*Brosnan & Cummings, Clancy & Golden Families  
By Gerard Golden*

#### **STEWARDSHIP**

<i>First Collection, Jan 04-05 / 2020</i>	<i>786.00</i>
<i>Bishop’s Appeal</i>	<i>30.00</i>
<b><i>TOTAL</i></b>	<b><i>\$816.00</i></b>

*We are grateful for your contributions, your financial support makes a difference*

#### **UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS**

12 Jan	Support for Bishop’s Appeal
19 Jan	Snow Removal
26 Jan	US Catholic Bishop’s Charities
02 Feb	Building and Ground Maintenance

## Points of Interest

### Christmas Thank you :

I deeply thank you for your Christmas wishes, prayers and gifts you sent and gave to me. May the joy and hope of this Christmas be with you always. May the peace and hope of Jesus Christ dwell in your hearts this new year and every year. Fr. Alaa Issa

### Memorial Offerings 2020:

The memorial offerings for the year 2020 are available. If you would like to donate for altar bread, wine & sanctuary lamp / incense, charcoal, & candles, please call the church office.

### Parking lot:

The parking in the rear of the church is intended for the convenience of our handicapped parishioners. Please do not park your car or block the alley. Thank you for your cooperation

### Offerings Envelops for 2020:

Production was delayed by the supplier and won't be received until Jan. In the interim, please use the blank envelopes in the rear of the church. Remember to print your name and/or envelope number.

### Memorial Messages and Advertisements:

Many thanks to those who support the parish bulletin. The time has come for us again to seek sponsors for the publication of the parish bulletin. Please support our bulletin by renewing your contract before the end of February. We count on your generous support

- ❖ **MEMORIAL MESSAGE:** \$75 for 1" x 2" space for 12 months
- ❖ **ADVERTISEMENT (Full Color):** \$100 for 1" x 2" space for 12 months
- ❖ **FULL PAGE:** \$1,000 for 40 spaces for 12 months
- ❖ **HALF PAGE:** \$650 for 20 spaces for 12 months
- ❖ **QUARTER PAGE:** \$450 for 8 spaces for 12 months
- ❖ **EIGHTH PAGE:** \$250 for 4 spaces for 2 months

### 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

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 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. 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	
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