

# Saint Ann Maronite Catholic Church



## *Sunday of the Priests*

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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.

### **Maronite Rich Tradition**

#### *Written by Chorbishop Seely Beggiani*

It is likely that the Blessed Mother and the Apostles expressed their faith in Christ and worshipped in their Hebrew and Aramaic culture. What we refer to as Jewish Christianity spread to the east of Palestine to Mesopotamia, and north of Palestine to the regions east of Antioch. The liturgy that became crystallized in these regions constitutes the earliest liturgical tradition in the Church.

We are told by Theodoret, Bishop of Cyr, who wrote a Religious History, that among the holy hermits who lived in the region of Homs and Hama in Syria in the fourth century, there was a renowned person name Maron. Maron devoted his life to prayer and asceticism and to spiritual direction. He was known to have the gift of healing both of bodies and of souls. Maron himself did not found an institution. However, after his death in the fifth century his followers established a monastery in his name which became the major monastery in the region. Its monks were staunch defenders of the teachings of the Church. The monks and the lay people associated with the monastery became known as the Maronites.



Liturgical Schedule & Intentions <i>Please remember to submit your intentions for Divine Liturgies as early as possible</i>				Readers & Greeter	Readings	Feast Day
Sat	01 Feb	4:30 PM	<i>For the donors of Catholic Extension Society</i>		E: 2 Cor 7:11-16 G: Jn 19:38-42	
Sun	02 Feb	10:00 AM	<i>For the donors of Catholic Extension Society</i>	Greeter: Deacon Richard Thornton En: Davia Boutros Ar: Mirvatte Hannoush	E: 1 Tim 4:6-16 G: Lk 12:42-48	<i>Presentation of Christ in the Temple</i>

### Prayer of the Week

#### A PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

(By Pope John-Paul II)

**O Mary, Mother of Jesus Christ and Mother of priests,** accept this title which we bestow on you to celebrate your motherhood and to contemplate with you the priesthood of, your Son and of your sons, O holy Mother of God.

**O Mother of Christ,** to the Messiah-priest you gave a body of flesh through the anointing of the Holy Spirit for the salvation of the poor and the contrite of heart; guard priests in your heart and in the Church, O Mother of the Savior.

**O Mother of Faith,** you accompanied to the Temple the Son of Man, the fulfillment of the promises given to the fathers; give to the Father for his glory the priests of your Son, O Ark of the Covenant.

**O Mother of the Church,** in the midst of the disciples in the upper room you prayed to the Spirit for the new people and their shepherds; obtain for the Order of Presbyters a full measure of gifts, O Queen of the Apostles.

**O Mother of Jesus Christ,** you were with him at the beginning of his life and mission, you sought the Master among the crowd, you stood beside him when he was lifted up from the earth consumed as the one eternal sacrifice, and you had John, your son, near at hand; accept from the beginning those who have been called, protect their growth, in their life ministry accompany your sons, O Mother of Priests. 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 [stanmaronitechurch@gmail.com](mailto:stanmaronitechurch@gmail.com) "Pray to me, and I will listen to you" (Jeremiah 29; 12)

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

Sun	Feb 9	10:00 am	<b>St. Maron Feast day, Liturgy followed by Lunch</b> <b>The Installation of Ann Marie Grady as member in the order of St. Sharbel.</b>
Mon	Feb 24	6:30 am	<b>Ash Monday</b>
Sun	Mar 1	11:00 am	<b>First holy communion class with Ms. Carolyn Lilli</b>
Wed	Mar 4	6:30 pm	<b>Parish Council Meeting</b>
Sun	Mar 15	11:00 am	<b>Religious Education with Ms. Carolyn Lalli &amp; Brother Joshua</b>
Sun	Apr 26	12:00 pm	<b>Basket Party Chinese Auction</b>

Hospitality		
Sun	02 Feb	<i>Carol Shufelt</i>
Sun	09 Feb	<i>St. Maron Lunch</i>
Sun	16 Feb	<i>Available</i>
Sun	23 Feb	<i>Available</i>

*Your responsibility: provide all supplies, clean up afterwards*

#### MEMORIALS for the month of February 2020

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

*In memory of Rita Rizk and good health of Foad Rizk*

*By Charbel & Aya Rizk*

##### Incense, Charcoal, & Candles

*In memory of Elias, Nadia and Marwan Rahal*

*By Mr & Mrs Elias Hannoush*

#### STEWARDSHIP

<i>Collections, Jan 25-26 / 2020</i>	<i>737.00</i>
<i>USCCB</i>	<i>93.00</i>
<i>Pancake Breakfast</i>	<i>55.00</i>
<i>Bulletin Income</i>	<i>150.00</i>
<i>Bishop's Appeal</i>	<i>10.00</i>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,045.00</b>

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

#### UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

02 Feb	Building and Grounds Maintenance
09 Feb	Support for Assessment
16 Feb	Bishop's Appeal
23 Feb	Snow Removal

## Points of Interest

**St. Maron Feast Day:** Please mark your calendar for the feast day of St. Maron on **Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am**. The Divine Liturgy will be followed by lunch. There will be a sign up sheet in the church hall for those who would like to bring food. Please sign your name and the dish you plan to bring. Please call Georgette Hannoush (ph: 518-207-6187) or Patti Thornton (ph: 518-364-6645).

**Installation of Ann Marie Grady to the Order of St. Charbel:** Ann Marie Grady has joined the order of St. Charbel. She is an active member of St. Ann Maronite Church. Bishop Gregory Mansour has granted Fr. Alaa the right to perform the official indoctrination ceremony on Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup> 2020 during the Divine Liturgy on the Feast of St. Maron. The Order provides financial support to seminarians of the Maronite Church in the United States. For more information, please visit <https://www.orderstsharbel.org/>

**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

**Thank you:** THANK YOU to all that donated to the adopt a family. The organization that gave us the family stated that the family was so appreciative with everything that was given to them.

**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. Please call the church office for more information.

**HELP WANTED:** The Daughters of St. Ann will be holding a **Basket Party Chinese Auction on April 26, 2020**. We are asking the parishioners to help by donating a basket valued at \$25.00 or more for this event. We need 50 Baskets or more to make this event a success. Some Ideas:  
Fishing basket/ Beach Basket/Easter party/ Christmas wrapping basket/ Italian night/ Movie night/ Family game night/ Relaxation basket/ Wine basket/ Coffee baskets/ Craft basket  
These are just some: Use your Imagination and help us make this a success. Don't forget to tell your family and friends about this April 26, 2020 Watervliet Elks Lodge 501 4 th Ave Watervliet, NY 12189 Doors Open at 12PM, Admission \$3.00

### 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	In loving memory of James TRAA Requested by Beverly TRAA
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