



Saint Maron Maronite Catholic Church

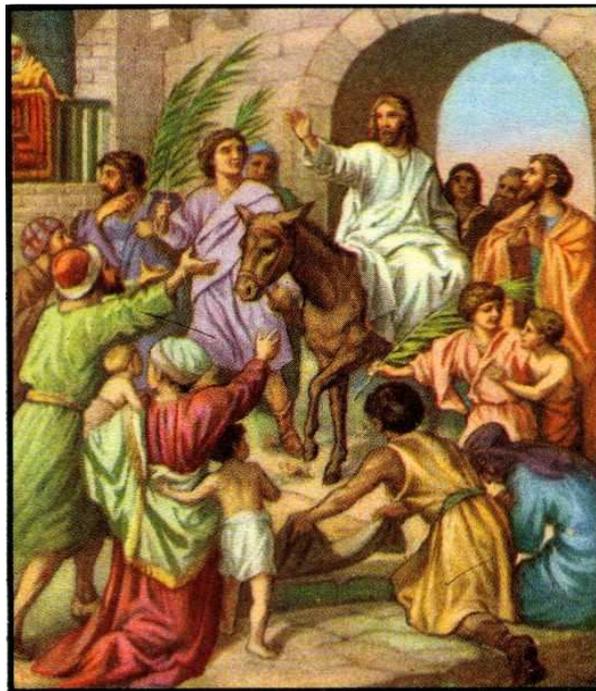
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Beloved parishioners:

The last Sunday of March 2015 marks the feast of “Sha’neenee” / Hosanna Sunday known also as Palm Sunday. With this Sunday we enter the Holy Week, the holiest of weeks.

Hosanna Sunday commemorates the solemn Messianic entry of our Lord Jesus Christ to Jerusalem, an entry to his passion and redemptive death. That’s why today’s celebration is colored with both joy and sorrow at the same time. Palm Sunday’s liturgy combines two

contrasting moments, one of glory (the welcome of Jesus into Jerusalem as king of peace), and one of suffering and sorrow (the drama of His unjust trial and passion culminating in His crucifixion and death).

Even though Hosanna Sunday is celebrated with a triumphal procession, pageantry and spectacular ceremony, the true festive and glorious celebration of Jesus' final triumph is saved for Easter Sunday, when we celebrate the Lord's Resurrection from the dead, which is the feast of all feasts.

Let us remember that the Holy Week can become "holy" for us only if we actively take part in its rituals, liturgies and prayers. (Refer to Holy Week Program). Proper participation in the Holy Week's spirit and liturgy will deepen our relationship with God, increase our faith and strengthen our lives as disciples of Jesus. This is also the week when we should lighten the burden of Christ's passion through our corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

The slogan shouted in the streets of Jerusalem proclaiming Jesus as king was "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the king of Israel." (Jn 12:13) "Hosanna" from the Hebrew "housha'na" means "Lord save us". This term is derived from the same etymology of our Lord's name: Yeshou', which means "Savior".

This salvific event is a fulfillment of a prophecy foretold by the prophet Zechariah in 520 BC: "Fear no more, O daughter of Zion; see, your king comes, seated upon an ass's colt" (Zechariah 9: 9). Ass's colt is symbol of peace and humility, as opposed to the war horse, and regal chariot.

We want to welcome Jesus again today and everyday like those who welcomed him in Jerusalem: We want to renew our faith in him as the only savior of the world; we want to welcome him into our hearts, our homes, our families, our parishes, and our entire world.

Happy Sha'neenee, and Blessed Holy Week.

Father Elie

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Prayer to Saint Joseph

To you, O Saint Joseph, we come with confidence trusting in your powerful protection. Your loving service to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and your

fatherly affection for the Child Jesus inspire us with faith in the power of your intercession before the throne of God.

We pray, first of all, for the Church that it may be free from error and corruption, and be a shining light of universal love and justice.

We ask your intercession for our loved ones in their trial and adversities, that they may be inspired by the love, obedience and affection of the Holy Family and be to each other a mutual source of consolation and Christian fidelity.

Keep us one and all under your protection so that, strengthened by your example and assistance, we may lead a holy life, and come to the possession of everlasting happiness in Heaven. Amen

(The month of March is dedicated to Saint Joseph, May his prayers be a shield of protection for us and for all our families).

Church's News & Events

Feast of Saint Maron

Our parish's celebration of the feast of Saint Maron was so enjoyable; everyone enjoyed lunch and fellowship after Divine Liturgy. Our sincere thanks go to all the sponsors of this event: Dr. Fady Bahri, Mr. Antonio Mahfoud, Chef Samir Gebrael, Dr. Gaby Bahri, Mr. Elias Trad and Mr. Pierre Barakat.

Net income came to \$3,055/ and the 2nd collection for building fund: \$1,845.

Fast and Abstinence during Lent

Fast is obligatory on Great Friday of Crucifixion. Abstinence from meat is obligatory on all Fridays during the Lenten Season.

Adoration of the Holy Cross

Every Friday during the Season of Great Lent, the Service of the Blessing with the Holy Cross (Ziah Assaleeb) is held at 7:00 PM. Confessions will be available before or after the service and upon request.

Second collection

A second collection will be taken during all Sundays of Lent for "Eparchial Charities Appeal".

St Maron's Youth Group Activities

St Maron's Youth Group held their meeting on February 7, 2015 at the church hall with Father Elie and Dr. Gabriella Assi. Fr. Elie spoke about the importance of maintaining and cherishing our spiritual identity and our Eastern Tradition as a means of enrichment of our Christian faith for us and for others. He spoke in brief about the Maronite tradition and the necessity of realizing in all circumstances the principal goal of our life: The glory of God and the salvation of our soul.

The Youth discussed and decided to organize the following activities:

-Serve the Mass on every first Sunday of the month: Readings, offerings, intentions, and thanksgiving hymn.

-Have a half day retreat for Lent on March 21st, 2015 from 10:30 AM to 3:30 PM which include a presentation by Fr. Elie, penitential rite and confessions. Youth from other churches will be invited. Lunch will be catered and sponsored by St Maron's council of the Knights of Columbus.

-Sponsor a meatless dinner on Friday March 6, after the service of the cross.

On the agenda also participation in the Eucharistic Congress and visiting religious sites and other social activities such as movie night...

Lenten dinners

St Maron's Youth Group is organizing a Lenten meatless dinner on Friday March 6, 2015 at 7:30 PM after the service of the Cross at the church hall.

Sponsors are welcome. Adults: \$15 / kids \$10

St Maron's council of the Knights of Columbus is organizing a meatless dinner on all other Fridays of Lent after the service of the Cross.

Sponsors are welcome. \$10 per person

Youth Retreat

The Youth Group is organizing a half-day retreat at St Maron's church with the participation of St Ephrem church on Saturday March 21st from 10:30 AM to 3:30 PM. All participants are asked to register with Dr. Gabriella Assi, Youth group leader, prior to retreat.

Program:

-10:30 Arrival / Introductions

-11:00 Spiritual Presentation

-12:30 Lunch

-1:30 Penitential rite/Confessions

-2:30 Discussion/Testimonies

-3:30 Adjournment

St Maron's Women Group activities

-St Maron's Women Group are continuing their Rosary prayers during Lent every Thursday at 11:00 AM. Since the month of March is dedicated to St Joseph, the prayers will be offered in devotion to St Joseph.

-A Kibbee sale prepared by Yasmine Mahfoud and Rita Assi will take place on Sunday March 1st after Mass at the hall. The kibbee will be prepared and sold in single trays (Kibbee b-ssaniyee). You can place your order with Diane Shami (714-6404); you have the option to get it baked or raw (You freeze it or bake it on your own). Donation: \$20

-A Maamoul sale will take place on Hosanna Sunday (March 29) at the hall after Mass. The Maamoul will be prepared by the Ladies Group on March 24, 25.

Welcome

Our warm welcome is extended to Charles & Sherine Akl and their family who moved to Jacksonville from North Carolina and joined our church.

Baptism congratulations

Our congratulations go to Daoud and Marcelle Naddaf for the baptism of their daughter **Leia Rita** on February 21, 2015. May God bless her and the entire family.

LED Candles



LED candles operating on battery for use in processions (instead of wax candles), are available at the church. They are practical, clean and safe. Donation: \$15 each.

Eucharistic Congress 2015 / *Come to the house of the Lord*

All our parishioners are strongly encouraged to participate in the annual Eucharistic Congress organized by the Diocese of Saint Augustine.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for this spectacular event, slated for March 13-14, 2015, at the Prime F. Osborn III Convention Center in Jacksonville (free admission). To learn more, visit: <http://www.floridaeucharist.org>



Passion Week and Easter Program:

Hosanna Sunday, March 29

11: 15 AM Divine Liturgy / Blessing of Palms and solemn procession.

Monday & Tuesday of Passion week March 30 & 31

7:00 PM coming to the Harbor prayers followed by the Blessing with the Holy Cross.

Wednesday of Passion Week April 1st

7:00 PM Rite of the Lamp & Anointing of the sick followed by the Blessing with the Holy Cross.

Thursday of the Mysteries, April 2nd

7:00 pm Last Supper Divine Liturgy & the Rite of Washing of feet.

Great Friday of the Crucifixion, April 3rd

6:00 PM Adoration of the Cross & Burial of Our Lord.
(Fasting and abstinence are obligatory).

Great Sunday of Resurrection, April 5th

11:15 AM Easter Divine Liturgy & the Rite of Peace.

CHRIST IS RISEN, TRULY RISEN...Halleluia

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Parish Council News

Saint Maron parish council held the monthly meeting on February 10th, 2015 at the church hall.

ATTENDEES:

Father Elie, Deacon Shami, Dr. John Assi, Dr. Naja Naddaf, Mrs. Sanaa Saliba, Ms. Carol Tegho, Mr. Elias Trad.

Topics to be discussed:

- 1- St. Maron's Feast Event
- 2- Upcoming Activities
- 3- Use of the Hall space
- 4- Website status
- 5- Religious Education / Prayer groups
- 6- Property insurance & Loan

7- The endeavor of getting a Shrine dedicated to St. Charbel

8- Altar rails

1- The net income of St Maron's lunch came to \$3,055/ and the 2nd collection for building fund was: \$1,845.

2- For the Upcoming Activities, on Fridays a meatless dinner will be served.

On March 21st, the youth will have a retreat.

For Ahad l'Chaanine, the Ladies' Guild will organize a Maamoul Sale.

3- The Hall occupation is referred to as "Use". Fees are referred to as "Donation for hall use". A policy set and presented by Fr. Elie was approved and it will be published in the newsletter.

Active members of the church will be given a 30% discount for the use of the church.

Mr. Trad recommended setting up camera surveillance to protect premises and have records of possible damages to Hall.

4- The Church's Website has undergone numerous problems with the host companies overcharging fees when Credit Card payments are made through the Website. Authorize.net as well as Global payment have been problematic.

Mr. Trad offered to rebuild the Website using Go-Daddy combined with Pay-Pal which will form a good combination for our community to donate to our Church online.

Our community will also be able to advertise their companies through the Church's Website.

5- We are still looking for volunteers for Religious Education for our kids; so far we have only one lady that gave her name.

Mrs. Saliba expressed that the youth complained that Bible Studies are being implemented as part of their activities but Father Elie explained that prayer and religious education are very important and should be an essential part of the Youth meetings, and that they are usually brief.

A Saturday/ or Sunday evening Mass possibility was discussed; further studies are needed in this regard.

Regarding which principal language should be used at our Mass, Fr. Elie explained that the Eparchy's directives are that the Mass has to be celebrated in the country's official language which of course is English. Father Elie also explained that even though some hymns are chanted in English, the music reflects our Eastern Tradition.

Regarding prayer groups' activities, all members of these groups should be active in the church and work under the church's guidance and the pastor's direction.

6- The Church's property insurance has been active with "Catholic Mutual Group". The premium of coverage is based on the Replacement Cost.

Father Elie and Mr. Gaby Hitti who completed the required form for the new church coverage tried to lower the value (of just the building) to \$900,000.00. but the Insurance Company evaluated it at \$1,500,000. With this estimate our insurance policy is more than doubled. Detailed numbers of values and payments will be presented at the next meeting.

Also, Father Elie will set up a meeting with the Diocese's Financial Chief Officer to finalize the loan which is now in the amount of \$361,111.38. Dr. John Assi and Mrs. Carol Tegho will join Fr. Elie for the meeting.

- 7- Father Elie has been promoting the execution of Shrine erection dedicated to our beloved St. Charbel. Bishop Estevez, has expressed that it will be easier to accomplish this project on the Marywood retreat center premises than on Nombre De Dios premises in St. Augustine. Fr. Elie would like to form a committee to manage this project.
- 8- The work on installing two rails for altar access is underway. The purpose of these rails is to provide safer use of steps for some of our senior parishioners. Dr. Assi is handling this project.

International Calls Deal

You can get a special group rate for your international calls from: Btone Company. You may call Fouad Fadel at: (248) 605-8641 or 1-800-694-3105 or visit: www.Btone.us for more information.

Loan payment

Our next goal for the coming year is to pay off the church loan (\$361,111.38). We hope before long we can organize a “Mortgage Burning Party”.
Donations towards loan payment are welcome.

Caritas Lebanon

Christians in Lebanon are suffering. Please pray for Lebanon! If you are able to relieve some of the suffering, please visit: www.caritas.org.lb.

Seating in church

Please always occupy the pews in the front of the church (The last four or five pews on each side are not to be occupied unless there are no free pews in the front).
Please be punctual for Mass. Readers, choir members and altar boys should be at church at least 10 minutes before Mass.
Everyone is required to be dressed with appropriate church attire.

Entrance door during Mass

In order to maintain quiet and undistracted atmosphere at Mass. The entrance door to be used during Mass is from the drop-off area.

Saint Charbel Shrine

Father Elie approached Bishop Felipe Estevez, Bishop of the Diocese of Saint Augustine with the idea of erecting a Shrine for Saint Charbel on the Mission “Nombre de Dios” site in the city of Saint Augustine, since St Charbel has become nowadays a very popular saint worldwide. The Bishop welcomed the idea but suggested the Shrine be erected at “Marywood Retreat and Conference Center”.

Father Elie would like to form a special committee to manage this project, so please let him know if you would like to be part of this committee. Remaining stones from the church construction can be used for the shrine.
Please pray for this proposal to come into fruition.

Dedication Commemorative Ad Book

The Commemorative Ad Book published on the occasion of the dedication of our new church is available for purchase. Donation: \$25.



Maintaining God's House

We thank all families and individuals who tithe regularly and generously to the church. Please note that the annual registration dues (\$250) are meant to be just a part of tithing fulfillment.

All families/Individuals are urged to make this contribution, which is usually taken at the beginning of the year, unless they are financially unable.

You can always mail your tithing and Sunday's offering to the church even though you may not be attending.

According to God's and Church's commandments, every working individual that receives a salary is required to tithe to the church on a personal level.



Use of the church hall

Our church hall is available for use for your special celebrations. A 30% discount will be granted to active members of the church. Please contact the church for reservations.

Policy for the use of Saint Maron Hall

**7032 Bowden Road
Jacksonville, FL 32216
Ph: (904) 448-0203**

The Hall capacity is 160 people (Provided dance space).

- 1- Security deposit/Registration in the amount of \$400 is required upon registration for the hall. This deposit is refundable after damage assessment.
- 2- In case of cancellation, a notification is requested at least two weeks ahead of the event; otherwise half of the registration fee will not be refunded.
- 3- The fees for the use of the hall are in accordance to the number of occupants for the event and the hours of operation:

Up to 75 people: \$650 / Up to 100 people: \$750

Up to 130: \$850 / Up to 160: \$950

- 4- Any damage occurring to the hall or to any artifacts within the perimeter of said property will be deducted from the security deposit. Debris from food and drink including candy wrappers etc.

must be disposed of properly. Cans and bottles should be emptied and recycled; no liquids should be trashed in garbage bags. Damages exceeding the security deposit will be the responsibility of the undersigned.

- 5- The hall is and shall remain a smoke free environment. Remains from smoking are to be kept in proper containers outside of the building.
- 6- The hall is to be evacuated by 11:45 PM. A charge of \$100 will be added when that time is exceeded.
- 7- Decoration attached with tapes or tacks on walls and / or drapery, removing items from walls, the use of confetti, standing on chairs and tables, are strictly prohibited. Decorations on tables and suspending from the ceiling are allowed.
- 8- An additional fee in the amount of \$200 is to be charged for food preparation in the kitchen.
- 9- Table linens are available if desired; fees are negotiable.

* **Attention:** Set up and decorations should take place on the same day of event, if needed to be done one day in advance or to take more than five hours, an additional charge will apply. In case of the preparation of food in the kitchen takes more than four hours or needed to be done a day before, an additional charge will apply also.

Respectful communication should be observed to the landlord at all times and strict adherence to the rules above.

Signature _____

Date _____

Policy for Saint Maron Hall Use Disclaimer Proclamation

I, the undersigned.....,

am aware and agree that I am fully responsible for any damages

and accidents that occur on the premises of Saint Maron property

during my occupancy. This includes all persons and personal

property affiliated with me or my function.

In the case of monthly use I agree to pay the proper deposit and advanced payment at the beginning of the month.

I also agree to be responsible to make sure all utilities, electrical and water, are properly turned off, and doors locked at the end of the function.

Signature

Date

**Policy for the use of Saint Maron Hall
7032 Bowden Road
Jacksonville, FL 32216
Ph: (904) 448-0203**

Name.....

Address.....

Phone number.....

Date of event:

Duration of function: From..... To.....

Time of Hall's set up and opening.....

Type of food preparation.....

Type of Music.....

Number of guests.....

Requirements:

*A photocopy of Driver License or Photo ID.

*Deposit payment.

*Full payment a week before function if paid by check.

*Hall is to be cleared by 11:45 PM.

Signature

Date

Church Website/Donate on line

Our church introduced a “Donate on line” program using credit cards. The program is available through the church’s website: www.stmaronjax.com .

Your benefits from this program are: 1-You earn points on your credit card; 2-You keep accurate records of your donation; 3- You save time and stamps on writing and mailing checks; 4-Your donation is tax deductible.



For more information you may contact Mrs. Sana’ Saliba at (904) 514-4114. If you would like to place an Ad on the website please contact Mr. Elias Trad at (561) 809-8668.

2015/ DATES FOR SECOND COLLECTIONS

January 25, 2015	United States Catholic Bishops' Worldwide Charities (This collection combines the four USCCB collections: Central and Eastern Europe, the Church in Latin America, Catholic Relief Services, and Operation Rice Bowl [which is part of CRS]. The total is divided accordingly.)
February 16 - April 5 (Lent)	Eparchial Charities Appeal
April 3, 2015 (Good Friday)	Holy Land Collection (Part of this collection is sent through the USCCB to the Holy Land and another part is sent directly to the Maronite Eparchy of Haifa.)
April 26, 2015	Catholic Home Missions Appeal (This collection is used for Missions in the USA. Our Eparchy has received large grants from the USCCB from this collection for several years.)
May 3, 2015 Feast of O. L. North of Lebanon	National Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon (All funds collected are sent from the Chancery directly to our Shrine in Jackson, Ohio.)
May 17, 2015	Catholic Communications Campaign (Following the norms established by the USCCB, 50% of this collection is sent to them for national Catholic television, radio and other media, and 50% is retained by our Eparchy for the Maronite Voice and any other communication needs we may have.)
June 28, 2015 Feast of Sts. emergency Peter & Paul	Holy Father's Collection (Peter's Pence) (The entire collection is sent to the Holy Father for him to assist with financial assistance to aid the most needy throughout the world.)
September 13, 2015	Catholic University of America (This collection provides funding for academic scholarships at CUA. Our own seminarians are given a 50% discount in tuition.)
October 18, 2015	World Mission Sunday (formerly, Propagation of the Faith) (As established by the USCCB, 91% of this collection goes to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, and 9% to the Catholic Near East Welfare Association [CNEWA]).
December 6, 2015	Maronite Patriarchal Charities / (All the proceeds from this collection are sent directly to our Patriarch for his charitable works.

Some directives for the use of the new church

- A new missal is being used in the new church. Please make sure to follow closely this new missal since some of the wording in Liturgy is now different.
- **We have 120 books. Each family/ individual is called to help defray the cost of this new missal (\$30 each). Also Sponsors for the new books are welcome.**
- Missals must not be removed from church nor handled by small children.
- **No food or drinks are allowed in the new church facility (including cry-room).**
- Mezzanine is not to be used except when no other seats are available in the nave (main sanctuary).

- **Special attention should be given (in particular to kids) to not touch fire alarm levers, the alarm will go off instantly, and we will be charged a fine (\$250 minimum). It is better not to mess with any switches or volume controls in the church.**
- Only toddlers 4 years of age and under are to be in cry-room with one of the parents. Cry-room is not a playground but a training ground. Please don't let kids wander in hallways during Mass.
- **It is preferred to use the eastward entrance door (closest to the hall). Drop-off area is to be used especially by elderly and in raining weather.**
- Normally the right-side of doors will be unlocked. The sacristy's door is a service door to be used only by clergy.
- **Since the pews are not screwed to the (marble) floor, please do not force the pews to move when sitting.**
- Please always try to occupy the front of the church and be punctual. Readers, choir members and altar boys should be at church at least 10 minutes before Mass, and are required to be dressed with appropriate church attire.
- **Smoking is not allowed by any church's entrance door. Also chewing gums are not allowed in church; Gums should be disposed of in trash cans.**
- Fellowship will be taking place immediately after Mass in the social hall not in church.
- **Hymnal sheets will be placed on the entrance table; kindly return them to the table at the end of the Mass.**
- The drop-off area is not a parking place; that area should remain unblocked.
- **Unless for emergency, please use bathrooms in the hall. Please make a special effort not to use restrooms during Mass since this is most disrespectful to God and disrupt the people around, and not to let small kids unattended in bathrooms. And please make sure all sanitary products are placed in trash receptacles.**
- All phones and devices are not allowed in the church or are to be turned off during Mass.

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A reminder of the obvious

Out of respect first for God and second for those who are in church to worship Him, there needs to be a sincere effort to dress appropriately and decently, arrive on time, control your children, and keep your phones and all electronic devices off until after Mass.

Protecting God's children

Pamphlets outlining the pro-active policy of the United States Catholic Bishops to protect children are available at the church, or by logging on to www.usccb.org/ocyp/. Likewise

information on our own Eparchial policy on sexual abuse can be found on our Eparchial website www.stmaron.org. It takes a dedicated team effort to safeguard our children.

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Project Roots



The Maronite Eparchies of Saint Maron and of Our Lady of Lebanon join together to help people reconnect with their Christian spiritual roots in Lebanon and the Middle East. An office in Los Angeles will assist those interested to:

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

For more information you may contact: Main office (CA) Ph: (310) 275-6634 / (310) 276-1939 MLM 333 South San Vicente Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90048. Or visit websites: www.projectroots.net & www.registerlebnani.com

Project Roots is an endeavor of the two Maronite Eparchies in the US in collaboration with the Maronite Foundation in the World / Christian Lebanese Foundation (CLFW).

Register in Lebanon with us and **spread the word** about the need for registration. Your registration will NOT jeopardize your American citizenship. It will help Lebanon maintain the demographic and political power-sharing balance and prevent the Christians there from becoming only **10%** of the population.

Contact one of **Project Roots** representatives **today** and start the process. You can even use the website (www.projectroots.net) to register online and get a chance to win **free tickets to Lebanon**.

If you have already tried to register without success, sign the **Lebanese Citizenship Petition**:

www.yes-i-want.com. Together, we can effect change!

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Bequests and Planned Giving

Have you considered including your Parish in your will? A will is an expression of your commitment to the principles, people and institutions that you cherish here on earth. As an active participant and a supporter of your Church, a bequest in your will ensures that the work of the Maronite Church can continue after you are gone. It is a lasting testament that has great significance.

Remembering your Parish in your will is easy to do. Here is an example of the words you can use to do this:

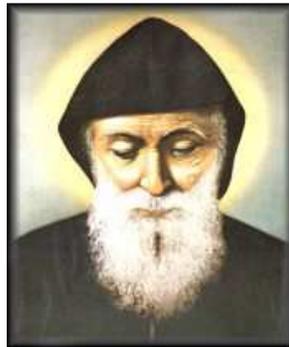
"I give and bequeath to St. Maron Maronite Catholic Church, located on 7032 Bowden Rd in Jacksonville, Florida, _____% of the residue of my estate [Or: The sum of \$_____."

Tax-Smart Giving of Appreciated Stock or other Assets

The gift of an asset such as common stock or mutual fund shares is a smart way to make a contribution and receive maximum tax benefits based on the value of the asset. Gifts of other appreciated assets such as land, antiques, and homes, can also be utilized as potential gifts with valuable tax benefits. Gifts of these assets should be considered on a case-by-case basis and discussed with an accountant or tax adviser.

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Order of Saint Sharbel



Bishop Gregory Mansour has asked all clergy in the Eparchy of Saint Maron to assist in enriching the order of Saint Sharbel both spiritually and on the level of involvement.

The order of Saint Sharbel, established in 1980, is an organization of lay people and clergy who have pledged their spiritual strength and financial support to the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn.

Its first objective is to direct financial assistance towards educating the seminarians

of our Eparchy.

When it will be possible the second objective is to provide additional benefits to our retired clergy in order for them to live with dignity and make it easier for them to share the wisdom of their years.

One way in sharing in the Order's objectives is to become a member. There are two forms of membership annual and perpetual. All billing comes from the Chancery Office and is paid to the Chancery.

Annual Membership

An Annual Member is one who pledges to donate \$500.00 annually or four equal installments of \$125.00 yearly (yearly membership starts from the month you join).

Perpetual Membership

A Perpetual member is one who makes a one-time donation of \$5,000 to the Order's Trust Fund. Perpetual members can choose to make four equal installments over a one-year period.

For more information you may visit the Eparchy's website: www.stmaron.org

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Reflection of the month:

**"Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers...
Trust in the Lord, and do good"**

Psalm 37: 1, 3
