

SAINT Maron Parish

MONTHLY BULLETIN #8
August, 2024



PARISH SCHEDULE

SUNDAY LITURGY | at 11:00 AM



St Maron Maronite Catholic Church
7032 Bowden Rd. Jacksonville, FL 32216

Divine Liturgy: Wed: 11:00 am; Thu 6:00pm:

Rosary - Mass - Adoration. **Sunday: 11:00am**

OFFICE HOURS: Tue thru Fri 9 AM - 2 PM

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Pastor: Rev. Raymond Khallouf

Deacon: Elias Shami

Season of Glorious Pentecost





FAMILY PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Before An Icon

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

O God, you desire that each of us
follow your invitation to holiness.
Stir up in the hearts of your people
the grace of a holy vocation.

Grant to us, through the prayer
of your Immaculate Mother, Mary,
and your foster father, Joseph,
the willingness and generosity to give
our time, talents, and our very lives
to the service of our Lord God and Savior,
Jesus Christ, and his Holy Church.

May men and women be inspired
to serve as faithful priests, brothers, sisters,
deacons, subdeacons,
holy married couples, parents and
generous single people.
May they share the truth and beauty
of our Catholic Faith,
so that all people
may know you better, love you more,
and serve you well.

O Lord our God to you be glory,
now and forever. Amen.

(Recite the Our Father, the Hail Mary and
the Glory Be together)

Prayer for Vocations

O heavenly Father, we pray for an increase in vocations to the
priesthood and religious life for the service of your holy people. We
ask you to send more Holy laborers into your vineyard through the
intercession of the Virgin Mary, Saint Maron, Saint Sharbel and all the
saints. Amen.



Join us
at

ST. MARON CHURCH

Every Thursday @ 6:00 pm.

Rosary, Mass & Eucharistic Adoration



Divine Liturgy



Holy Rosary



Eucharistic Adoration

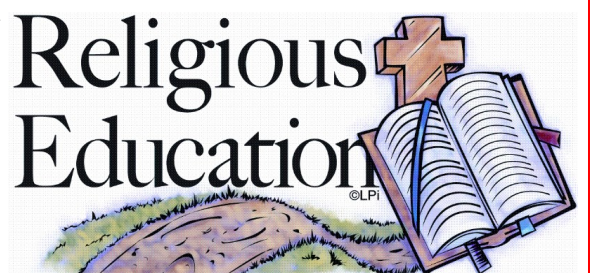
- **Rosary:** 6:00 PM
- **Divine Liturgy:** 6:30 PM Followed by
- **Eucharistic Adoration** until 8:00 PM

Registration for Religious Education for the year 2024-2025.

Our next school year 2024-2025 begin on Sunday September 1, 2024. The school classes starts every Sunday from 10.00 am to 10.45 am at the Church hall followed by attending Mass for the children and their parents.

To register your children in the **Sunday School**, you may visit the office or visit our website to get the form, fill it out and send it to the office in person or to the church email. *(detailed on the next page)*

Kindly, volunteers are needed to teach our children.





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Religious

Education Program

Registration for 2024-2025

Dear Parents,

It's time to register for 2024-2025 Religious Education Program and First Communion!

The First Communion classes are for two years of Studying the word of God. It's typically for 1st and 2nd graders. The Religious Education program is for 3rd to 8th graders.

I request you to fill the Registration Form and return before August 15, 2024. Our academic year will begin Sunday September 1, 2024 to Sunday April 27, 2025 from 10.00 am to 10.45 am at the Church Hall.

There is a one-time annual registration fee to meet various expenses towards textbooks, workbook, study materials, expenses for various activities to be organized during the year. Our teachers are volunteering their valuable time to teach and will continue to do so. Children currently registered for the Religious Education Program and First Communion must also re-register for 2024- 2025. Below is the fee structure:

One child: **\$35.00**

Two children: **\$60.00**

Three children: **\$70.00**

Please do not feel obligated to donate. We happily welcome all children.

For safety reasons, all children must have a registration form on file.

The Registration Form can be found on the church website www.stmaronjax.com by hovering over the resource tab and clicking on religious education. There is a red link to the form at the bottom of the page.

Please complete and return the Registration Form by email to stmaronjax@comcast.net or drop off the form to the Church Office along with a check payable to St. Maron Church at:

7032 Bowden Rd. Jacksonville, FL 32216.

With sincere prayers,

Father Raymond Khallouf.

MYA Eparchial Conference. (Ages 18-39)

Are you a young adult between the ages of 18 and 39? Are you looking to grow deeper in your faith and connect with other like-minded young adults from your culture and faith? Join our MYA family September 27th-29th at the Georgia Tech Hotel in Atlanta, GA for an unforgettable experience. The theme will focus on "How to pray with Scripture" and "Uniting with Christ in the Sacrifice of the Mass". The conference will include meals, breakouts, adoration, confession, fellowship and more. This year's keynote speaker will be world renowned lecturer Father Mitch Pacwa, S.J. who will be sharing his wisdom on biblical theology, with teachings from two of his books "How to Listen when God is Speaking" and "Eucharist - Bible Study for Catholics."

To learn more or to register for the conference visit myaeparchystmaron.org. **Early bird registration is now open, and late registration begins August 1st.** If you have any questions, reach out to MYA Eparchial President, Marla Saikali at mya.eparchystmaron@gmail.com. Or Mr. Elie Assi our MYA leader in St. Maron's Parish.



Encounter. Engage. Experience. Jesus in the Eucharist.

IMPORTANT ADDRESSES

Georgia Tech Hotel
800 Spring Street NW
Atlanta, GA 30308

St. Joseph Maronite Church
6025 Glenridge Dr
Atlanta, GA 30328

“Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

— Psalm 34:9

Questions?

Contact mya.eparchystmaron@gmail.com
Hotel block info can be found at
myaeparchystmaron.org/book-online





MYA CONFERENCE 2024

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SEPTMEBER 27 - 29 - ATLANTA, GA

Friday September 27

5:00 PM	Guest Check-In
6:00 PM	Ramsho
6:30 PM	Dinner
7:30 PM	Bishop's Talk
8:00 PM	Panel Discussion
8:30 PM	Break
8:45 PM	Adoration
9:15 PM	Trivia Night + Ice Cream Bar



Saturday September 28

9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy
10:00 AM	Breakfast
10:45 AM	Speaker Intro + Talk 1 with Fr. Mitch Pacwa
11:30 AM	Breakout Session 1
12:15 PM	Lunch
1:15 PM	Talk 2 + Q&A with Fr. Mitch Pacwa
2:00 PM	Breakout Session 2
2:45 PM	Break
3:00 PM	Adoration and Confession
5:00 PM	Closing Remarks + Q&A
5:30 PM	Break
8:00 PM	Dinner + Hafli



Sunday September 29

10:30 AM	Rosary
11:00 AM	Divine Liturgy
12:30 PM	Parish Luncheon



*Schedule is subject to change

This is a Church sponsored event. Please be mindful to dress modestly for all liturgical events and activities. Register now at myaeparchystmaron.org/book-online

Pilgrimage

With Mary
Sing Alleluia
to the Lord

October 15 - 22, 2024



attend the
canonization of
**The Blessed
Massabki
Brothers**

Tour Includes
Rome • Vatican City
San Giovanni • Assisi

Package Includes
International full coverage insurance,
2-person room, bus transportation,
monument entrance fees, hotel breakfast

Package Price: \$1900 / person
(airfare not included)

Limited seats available. Register by 8/31/2024

For more information,
contact Fr. Antoine Kairouz
abounaantoine13@gmail.com
724-732-4064



This trip is hosted by the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn.

BIBLE STUDY AT HOME

If any family wishes to have a bible study at home, please call the office

At (904)448-0203 and leave a message if no answer, we will return your call, or meet with Fr. Raymond to schedule a convenient time...



SUMMER TIME VACATION

Now that school is over and our parishioners love to visit their homeland meeting their beloved families, relatives and friends, make pilgrimages to religious places and enjoy tourism throughout the country,

we wish everyone a nice and safe summer holiday.

God Bless



prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel

“St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen”.



EPARCHIAL EVENTS FOR "MYO" AGES 12-18 / 2024 / 2025



NEW ENGLAND	25-27 OCT 2024	EPARCHIAL NORTH RETREAT America's Keswick Whiting, NJ
	29 MAR 2025	LENTEN DAY RETREAT (TBD)
	23-28 JUN 2025	NATIONAL MYO CONFERENCE (TBD)
	11-13 OCT 2025	EPARCHIAL NORTH RETREAT Marist Brothers Center Esopus, NY
MID-ATLANTIC	25-27 OCT 2024	EPARCHIAL NORTH RETREAT America's Keswick Whiting, NJ
	5 APR 2025	LENTEN DAY RETREAT (TBD)
	23-28 JUN 2025	NATIONAL MYO CONFERENCE (TBD)
	11-13 OCT 2025	EPARCHIAL NORTH RETREAT Marist Brothers Center Esopus, NY
SOUTH	7 DEC 2024	CHRISTMAS RETREAT Raleigh, NC
	15-17 FEB 2025	EPARCHIAL SOUTH RETREAT Camp Kulaqua Jacksonville, FL
	23-28 JUN 2025	NATIONAL MYO CONFERENCE (TBD)
FAR SOUTH	15-17 FEB 2025	EPARCHIAL SOUTH RETREAT Camp Kulaqua Jacksonville, FL
	23-28 JUN 2025	NATIONAL MYO CONFERENCE (TBD)
2024 / 2025 EPARCHIAL EVENTS		

Ladies Guild

All Adult women are invited to join St. Maron's Ladies Guild. Women gather to serve, pray and assist those in need. Please see Mrs. Joyce Bahri for details and membership.

Ladies' Guild

Church Etiquette

Please observe the following etiquette while attending Mass and before "God":

- * Arrive 15 minutes prior to Mass to prepare yourself for the Divine Liturgy.
- Turn your cell phones off or to silent mode (for emergency).
- * Refrain from chewing gum, crossing legs, personal conversations & etc...
- We kindly remind you to dress modestly when you come to Church. The Church is God's sacred house and we should dress with our best attire when we come to worship God. Please do not come to worship in shorts, mini-skirts, or sleeveless dresses, shirts, or blouses. Thank you for your consideration and adherence to this reminder.

**Church
Etiquette**

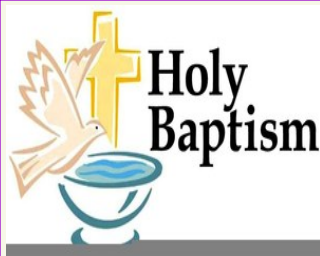


Epistle Readers August 2024

	English	Arabic	Readings
Sun Aug 4	Betty Fares	Bassam Rizk	Eph3:1-13
Sun Aug 11	Cynthia Thoerrisen	Dinalva naddaf	1 Cor3:1-11
Sun Aug 18	Gabriella Naddaf	Elie Assi	1 Thes2:1-13
Sun Aug 25	Sara Saghbini	Patrick Antoun	1 Thes1:1-10

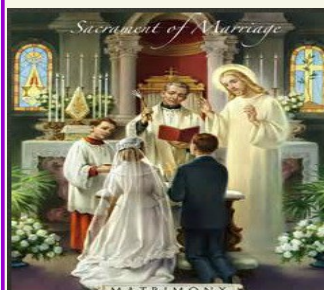
If for any reason you cannot make it or you would like to trade assignments with someone else, please contact Mr. Elie Assi.

DATE	* L I T U R G Y I N T E T I O N S *	From
 Remember your loved ones with Mass Intentions		
Sun Aug 4	Available	
Sun Aug 11	Available	
Sun Aug 18	Available	
Sun Aug 25	Available	



Sacrament of Baptism (And Chrismation)

The Sacrament of Baptism is usually celebrated on Sunday after the 11:00 am Liturgy. Other times may be arranged with the priest. Please contact the parish office with any recent births so we may note them in our bulletin.



Sacrament of Marriage

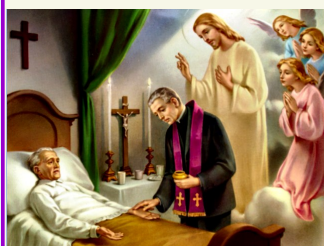
Preparation for Pre-Cana and arrangements for the Sacrament of Marriage must be made with the priest at least **6 months** prior to your anticipated wedding date.

weddings will not be celebrated in any other church but at St. Maron's



Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance)

Fr. Raymond is available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation before and after each Liturgy or by appointment. Remember, Christ is present in the participation of the Sacrament. When you confess your sins directly to God you miss out on receiving a beautiful Grace.



Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

If you anticipate a procedure or surgery, and would like to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, contact the parish office to make arrangements. Fr. Raymond will be happy to come and anoint you or a loved one in their affliction.



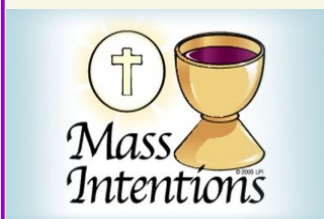
Communion to the Homebound

If you or your loved one is homebound and wish to receive Holy Communion, please contact the parish office to arrange a visit. Fr. Raymond is waiting for your call and will be glad to serve this Mystery.



Vocations

Do you feel as though God is calling you to serve him as a Priest or a Sister? If you are trying to discern your vocation, Fr. Raymond would be happy to meet with you to discuss.



Mass Intentions

Remember your loved ones with Mass Intentions. Please let us know early of your intentions in order to make mention of it in the bulletin. See or call Fr. Raymond.

EPARCHY'S CALENDAR - AUGUST 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 St. Shmouni and Her Sons	2 Translation of the Relics of St. Stephen, the First Martyr	3 David the Prophet
4 12th Sun of Pentecost St. John Vianney, the Curé d'Ars,	5 Moses the Prophet	6 The Transfiguration of Our Lord	7 St. Doumit	8 St. Dominic, Pope St. Sixtus II (+258),	9 St. Matthias, Ap	10 St. Lawrence
11 13th Sunday of Pentecost St. Clare	12 St. Shaina	13 St. Hippolytus of Rome, Bl. Michael McGivney (USA),	14 Micah the Prophet	15 The Assumption of the Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)	16 St. Roch	17 St. Myron of Cyzicus
18 14th Sunday of Pentecost The Letter of King Abgar to Christ	19 St. Luke of Baalbek	20 St. Bernard, Doctor of the Church	21 Samuel the Prophet	22 St. Symphorian	23 St. Isaac of Nineveh	24 St. Eutyches of Sebastia
25 15th Sunday of Pentecost St. Titus, One of the 72 Disciples, Ap	26 Pope St. Zephyrinus (+217),	27 St. Biyameen (Poemen) the Hermit	28 St. Moses the Ethiopian St. Augustine, Doctor of the Church	29 Beheading of St. John the Baptist	30 Bl. Brother Estephan Ne'mee	31 St. Zakhia (Nicholas), St. Aegidius (Giles),