

Saint Maron Catholic Church

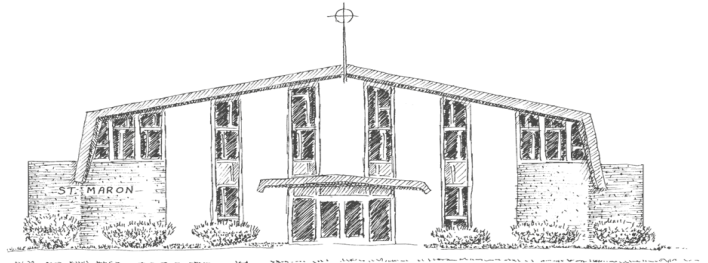
Fifth Sunday After the Holy Cross October 19, 2025

The Parable of the Ten Virgins reminds us of a fundamental truth of faith: we must be ready. The Lord may come suddenly or after a long delay. In the meantime, we must guard against three spiritual pitfalls: **Discouragement**: becoming weary and falling asleep in faith. **Distraction**: filling the waiting time with worldly concerns. **Disobedience**: hearing the Word but failing to live it.

The groom and the wedding symbolize the fullness of life we long for. The night represents the unexpected nature of the Lord's coming. Preparation cannot be improvised, it must begin now, through small, daily acts of love and righteousness. Let Us Reflect and Examine Ourselves in Light of Five Biblical Truths:

1- "The Kingdom of Heaven will be like ten virgins who went out to meet the bridegroom with their lamps burning."

Do you grasp the significance of this parable? Do you feel you are journeying toward the Kingdom of God? Do you believe in it? What are your thoughts about your future? Do you illuminate them with the lamp of faith and love or are you content with what is merely human and material?



2- "Five were foolish and five were wise; the foolish took no oil with them."

Do you identify more with the wise or the foolish? Why did the foolish forget their oil, and why didn't the wise share theirs? Can love be lent? Can one stay awake or fall in love on behalf of another? The "little vessels" of the wise are prayer, the habit of doing good, the desire for God, and a life attentive to values.

3- "Because the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept."

How do you respond to moments of fatigue and discouragement? Are you spiritually drowsy, or do you stay awake through prayer, reflection, and seeking? What aspects of your faith do you tend to neglect—faith, hope, charity?

4- "The bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding, and the door was shut."

The foolish virgins did only what was expected—carrying a lit lamp. The wise went beyond the minimum. Do you have an "oil reserve" that sustains you through weariness and daily trials? Do you know how to plan, hope, invest in goodness, and love with increasing generosity?

5- "Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

We must remain attentive, with our senses alert, to perceive the Lord's promises guiding our lives. Are you vigilant in the face of life's events, recognizing that this is how God reaches you? Do you joyfully await the gift of entering the wedding chamber with the Groom?

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LITURGY INTENTIONS

Sun. October 19: Fifth Sunday after Holy Cross

(Song 5:2-8; 1 Phil 2:12-18; Mt 25:1-13 Lit. p 606)

- 9:30 am

Liturgy for June Mabarak, 40 Day Mass, by Family

Liturgy for Marie Michaels, by Kathleen Galen

Liturgy for Delores Mabarak, by Liz Abood

- 11:30 am

Liturgy for Samira Howard, Birthday
Remembrance, by Carol Monsour

Liturgy for Archbishop Francis Zayek, Birthday
Remembrance, by Kathy & Gary Housey

Liturgy for Couples praying for the Gift of
Children, for all Infants Lost to Miscarriage and
Stillbirth

NEXT WEEK

Sun. October 26: Sunday of Christ the King

(Job 29:1-16; Rom 12:9-21; Mt 25:31-46 Lit. p 606)

- 9:30 am

Liturgy for Marie Michaels, by Carol Monsour

Liturgy for Richard Milad Joseph, 48th
Anniversary, by Family

Liturgy for all St. Maron Volunteers and their
Families

- 11:30 am

Liturgy for Aida Ghafari, by Pauline & Pierre Saba

Liturgy for all Donors and Supporters of Saint
Maron Church

Liturgy for all St. Maron Volunteers and their
Families

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

SIN

V. The Proliferation of Sin

Sin creates a proclivity to sin; it engenders vice by repetition of the same acts. This results in perverse inclinations which cloud conscience and corrupt the concrete judgment of good and evil. Thus sin tends to reproduce itself and reinforce itself, but it cannot destroy the moral sense at its root.

Vices can be classified according to the virtues they oppose, or also be linked to the capital sins which Christian experience has distinguished, following St. John Cassian and St. Gregory the Great. They are called "capital" because they engender other sins, other vices. They are pride, avarice, envy, wrath, lust, gluttony, and sloth or acedia.

The catechetical tradition also recalls that there are "sins that cry to heaven": the blood of Abel, The sin of the Sodomites, The cry of the people oppressed in Egypt, The cry of the foreigner, the widow, and the orphan, injustice to the wage earner,

Sin is a personal act. Moreover, we have a responsibility for the sins committed by others when we cooperate in them:

- by participating directly and voluntarily in them;
- by ordering, advising, praising, or approving them;
- by not disclosing or not hindering them when we have an obligation to do so;
- by protecting evil-doers.

Thus sin makes men accomplices of one another and causes concupiscence, violence, and injustice to reign among them. Sins give rise to social situations and institutions that are contrary to the divine goodness. "Structures of sin" are the expression and effect of personal sins. They lead their victims to do evil in their turn. In an analogous sense, they constitute a "social sin."

The Human Communion

The vocation of humanity is to show forth the image of God and to be transformed into the image of the Father's only Son. This vocation takes a personal form since each of us is called to enter into the divine beatitude; it also concerns the human community as a whole.

Collection October 12, 2025

Sunday Collection	\$ 3,513
Online Donations	\$ 240
Donation by mail	\$ 510
Coffee & Donuts	\$ 0
You can support the Church by mail or through our website donating online www.saintmarondetroit.org/donate-online	

BREAD AND WINE

Please contact the Rectory to donate the Host and Wine for \$50.00/month, we will be accepting donations from three different families each month.

- Bread and Wine for the month of October 2025, in Loving Memory of **Dr. Daher Rahi**, by Chrissy Kassab and Family
- Bread and Wine for the month of October 2025, in Loving Memory of **Mazie Jabbs**, by Anthony Isaac
- Bread and Wine for the month of October 2025, in Loving Memory of **all Deceased Members of the Mabarak Family**, by Robert Mabarak

Thank you so much to everyone who attended, sponsored, volunteered, and worked tirelessly to make our 60th Anniversary Weekend a joyful and successful celebration. We are truly blessed to have such an amazing and dedicated community. As we look ahead, may our shared faith, love, and commitment continue to build a bright and grace-filled future. May God keep blessing our parish abundantly!

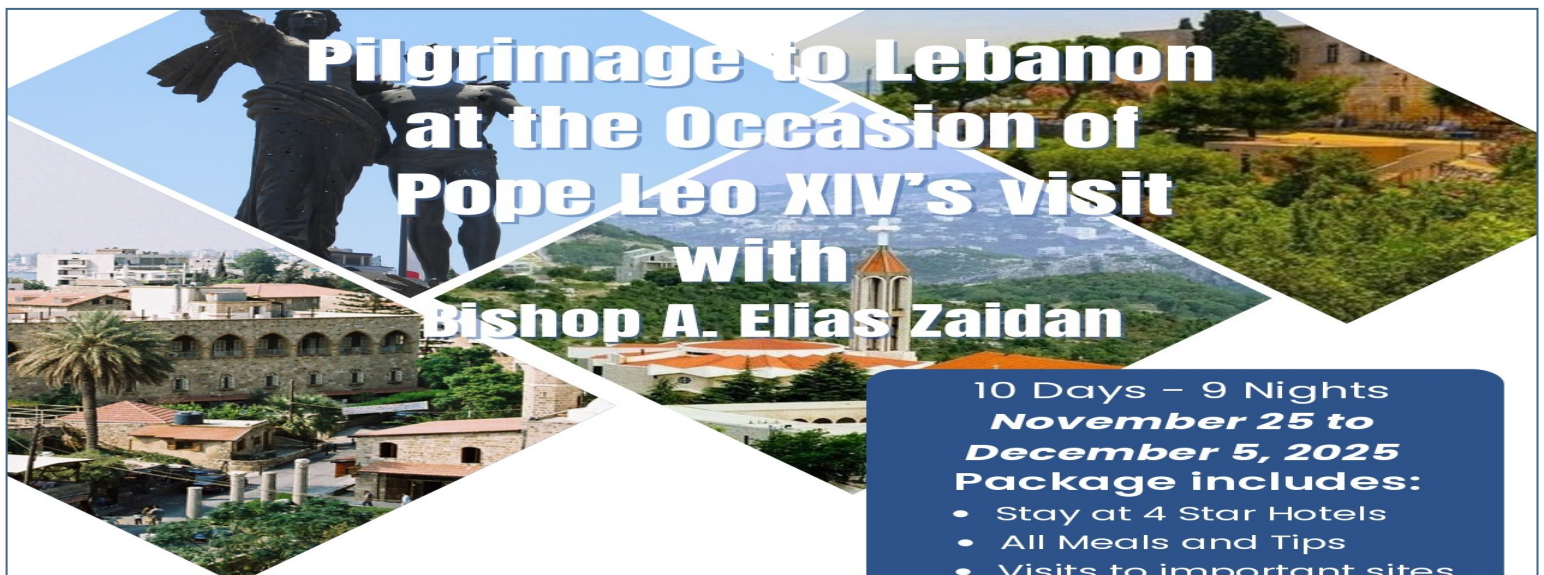
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Friday October 24th, 2025 - Starting @ 7:00pm



SUNDAY OCTOBER 26
AFTER 11:30 AM LITURGY



REQUIREMENTS

- \$1,000 Deposit Required Per Person or registration/space cannot be guaranteed
- Departure from the U.S. on November 25 to arrive in Lebanon by November 26
- Full Pilgrimage amount due by November 1, 2025

TO RESERVE

Call: Ivette Jackson: 323-336-3168
Jamileh Koury: 818-626-9193
Email: info@eparchy.org

10 Days – 9 Nights
**November 25 to
December 5, 2025**
Package includes:

- Stay at 4 Star Hotels
- All Meals and Tips
- Visits to important sites
- English Speaking Guide
- Transportation between sites
- Entrance Fees

\$1,600

FOR DOUBLE OCCUPANCY
PER PERSON

\$2,200

FOR SINGLE OCCUPANCY
PER PERSON

Flights to/from the United States to Lebanon
Round Trip need to be booked separately.