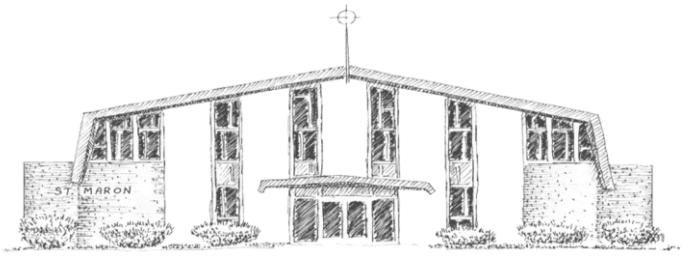
Saint Maron Catholic Church

Consecration of the Church

Sunday November 1st, 2026

This Sunday, we begin a new liturgical year in our Maronite Church. Just as the earth revolves around the sun, the Church revolves around Christ, who is our light and our life. Throughout the liturgical year, we walk with Jesus through His birth, ministry, death, and Resurrection. We celebrate Christmas, Easter, Pentecost, and the great moments of salvation not simply to remember the past, but to grow closer to Him. Although we hear the same Gospels and celebrate the same feasts each year, our journey is not a circle that brings us back to the same place. It is a spiral that draws us closer to Christ.

Sunday's Gospel presents us with a remarkable question. Jesus asks His disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” They repeat what others are saying. But Jesus goes deeper: “But who do you say that I am?” It sounds almost like a quiz! Jesus is not looking for information. He is inviting His disciples to examine their faith and their relationship with Him.



At the beginning of this new liturgical year, the Church invites us to answer that same question: Who is Jesus for us? Is He simply someone we hear about on Sundays, or is He truly the center of our lives? We may call Him our friend, Savior, Lord, and God. But these words must mean something in the way we live.

When Simon Peter declares, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God,” Jesus entrusts him with a mission: to become the rock upon which He will build His Church. Peter's profession of faith becomes a responsibility.

The same is true for us. Through Baptism, we received not only a Christian name but also a new life and a mission. We are called to become living stones in God's Church, building up our community rather than tearing it down through gossip, division, or indifference. It is not enough to say that Jesus is the Son of God. Even the devil recognizes His identity. True faith must be visible in our daily actions: in the forgiveness we offer, the people we serve, especially the poor, the prayers we make, and the love we share.

As we begin this new year, let us ask ourselves one question: Does the way we live show that Jesus is truly our Lord? May this liturgical year bring us not merely through another cycle of celebrations, but into a deeper friendship with Christ and a stronger commitment to His Church.

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Liturgy Intentions

Sun. Nov. 1: Consecration of the Church

(Is 54:1-10; Heb 9:1-12; Mt 16:13-20 Lit. p 7)

- **9:30 am**

Liturgy for Joe Keys, 6 Year Anniversary, by Cheryl Keys

Liturgy for all Deceased Members of St. Maron Church

Liturgy for all the victims of St Georges church in Jordan

Liturgy for Couples praying for the gift of Children

- **11:30 am**

Liturgy for Toufic Barrak, 40 Day Mass, by his children Tony, Josephine, and Naji and their Families

Liturgy for Olga El-Khoury, 40 Day Mass, by her daughter Sonia Barrak and Family

Next Week

Sun. Nov. 8: Renewal of the Church

(2 Mac 10:1-8; Heb 9:11-15; Jn 10:22-42 Lit. p 7)

- **9:30 am**

Liturgy for Margaret Helou, by Cesar & Diane Helou

Liturgy for Margaret & Boulus Helou, Victoria, Charbel, and Katrine Fares, by Cesar & Diane Helou

Liturgy for Sam Thomas

- **11:30 am**

Liturgy for Rev. Francis & Wadad Obeid, Tony & Beline Obeid

Liturgy for Raymond & Emile Obeid, by Tony & Beline Obeid

Liturgy for Wardiyeh Khalil, 9 year anniversary, by Family

Catechism of the Catholic Church

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

THE THIRD COMMANDMENT

II. The Lord's Day

The Sunday Eucharist is the foundation and confirmation of all Christian practice. For this reason, the faithful are obliged to participate in the Eucharist on days of obligation, unless excused for a serious reason (for example, illness, the care of infants) or dispensed by their own pastor. Those who deliberately fail in this obligation commit a grave sin.

Participation in the communal celebration of the Sunday Eucharist is a testimony of belonging and of being faithful to Christ and to his Church. the faithful give witness by this to their communion in faith and charity. Together they testify to God's holiness and their hope of salvation. They strengthen one another under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

"If because of lack of a sacred minister or for other grave cause participation in the celebration of the Eucharist is impossible, it is specially recommended that the faithful take part in the Liturgy of the Word if it is celebrated in the parish church or in another sacred place according to the prescriptions of the diocesan bishop, or engage in prayer for an appropriate amount of time personally or in a family or, as occasion offers, in groups of families."

A day of grace and rest from work

Just as God "rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had done," human life has a rhythm of work and rest. the institution of the Lord's Day helps everyone enjoy adequate rest and leisure to cultivate their familial, cultural, social, and religious lives.

On Sundays and other holy days of obligation, the faithful are to refrain from engaging in work or activities that hinder the worship owed to God, the joy proper to the Lord's Day, the performance of the works of mercy, and the appropriate relaxation of mind and body. Family needs or important social service can legitimately excuse from the obligation of Sunday rest. the faithful should see to it that legitimate excuses do not lead to habits prejudicial to religion, family life, and health.

Sunday October 25, 2026

Sunday Collection	$ 3,612
Online Donations	$ 50
Donation by Mail	$ 170
Coffee & Donuts	$ 56
Votive Candle	$ 482

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 November 2026, in Loving Memory **of All Deceased Members of the Mabarak Family**, by Robert L. Mabarak and Melissa A. Gilmore
- Bread and Wine for the month of November 2026, in Loving Memory **of Moufid Eid**, by Louana & George Ghafari
- Bread and Wine for the month of November 2026, in Loving Memory of **Dr. Daher Rahi**, by Chrissy Kassab and Family

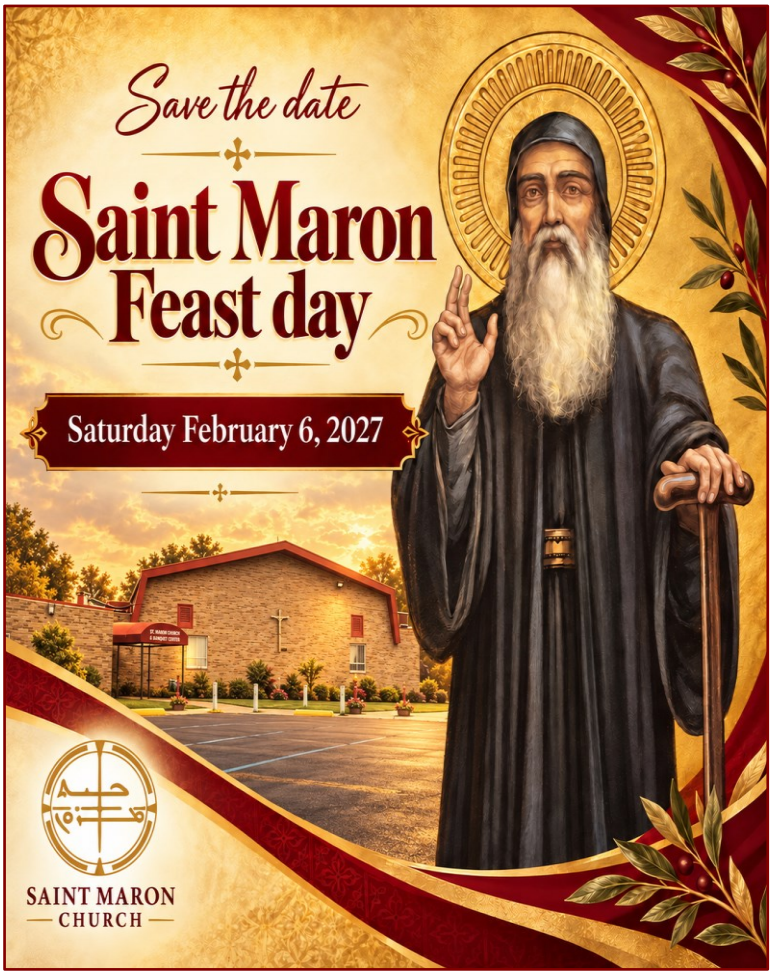
Our Congratulations and Best Wishes to
Mary Grace Hanna
who was baptized at St. Maron Church on Sunday, October 25th, 2026.
May God bless her to be a great disciple of Jesus Christ!

We extend our deepest condolences to **Joseph Sakr and Family** on the passing of his beloved brother **Robert Sakr**. May his soul rest in eternal peace.

Saint Maron Church
Consulate General of Lebanon in Detroit
Are you of Lebanese origin
but have not yet registered your marriage or your children's births?
Would you like assistance with the process of registering your vital events?
INFORMATIONAL MEETING
Sunday, November 8
After the 11:30 AM Liturgy
Attend our meeting to discuss the matter and find a way.

MEN'S NIGHT
St Maron Church
Friday, November 13, 2026
7:30 PM in the Parish Center

SAINT MARON CHURCH
Volunteering Day
At Pope Francis Center - Detroit
Saturday December 5th, 2026
6:30 am to 11:30am
POPE FRANCIS CENTER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Saint Maron Feast day
Saturday February 6, 2027
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