

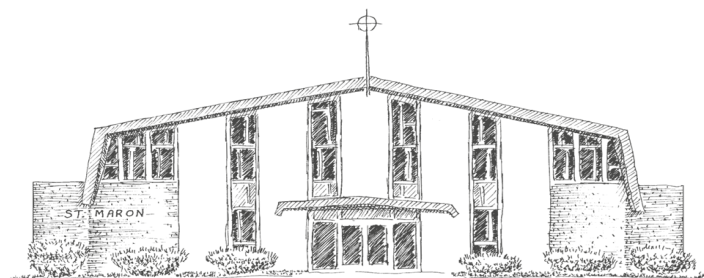
Saint Maron Catholic Church

St. Maron Feast Day

February 8, 2026

This week, the Maronite Church throughout the world celebrates the Feast of its Founder and Patron, Saint Maron, the light who shone from the East and whose fame spread to the four corners of the earth. We know very little about the background of this holy man, except what Theodoret, Bishop of Cyr, wrote about him in the year 444, and the famous letter sent to him by Saint John Chrysostom, who humbly asked for his prayers. These two witnesses confirm the extraordinary holiness and spiritual authority of Saint Maron.

Maron was a devout monk who lived in Syria and became renowned for his sanctity, miracles, and deep spiritual wisdom. He lived in the open air near a pagan temple, which he transformed into a Christian church. His life was marked by intense prayer, fasting, and penance. Through his example and holiness, he attracted many disciples who embraced the eremitical life. By the time of his death around the year 410, more than eight hundred monks were living around him in their own cells.



The surrounding villages looked to this spiritual center for guidance, healing, and counsel. Those who adopted his spirituality came to be known as Maronites, whose spiritual descendants we proudly are today.

Theodoret describes Saint Maron as “the one who planted for God a garden that flourishes in the region of Cyr.” He believed Maron was a man created more for heaven than for earth and wrote that from the beginning of his life, he had already increased the number of saints in heaven. In more recent history, the Maronite Church has given the universal Church great saints that we honor.

This Church, founded by Saint Maron, traces its roots directly to the Apostles. Our liturgical language, Aramaic, is the language spoken by Jesus, His Blessed Mother, and the Apostles. This sacred heritage is a great blessing and a profound responsibility.

The history of our Church was written largely with the blood of thousands of martyrs who offered their lives to preserve the Christian faith and to hand on to us the rich tradition we cherish today. Despite centuries of hardship and persecution, the Maronites never separated themselves from Rome. They never fell into schism or denied the faith of Peter. They remained steadfast, willing to sacrifice everything to preserve the precious gift of faith entrusted to them. May we, their spiritual heirs, cherish this tradition, renew our commitment, and faithfully pass it on to future generations.



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LITURGY INTENTIONS

Sat. Feb. 7: Feast of St. Maron

(2 Tim 3:10-17; Jn 12:23-30 Lit. p 678)

- 6:00 pm

Liturgy for all Living and Deceased Members of Saint Maron Church

Liturgy for all Donors and Supporters of Saint Maron Church

Sun. Feb. 8: Sunday of the Faithful Departed

(Ezek 37:1-10; 1 Thes 5:1-11; Lk 16:19-31 Lit. p 166)

- 9:30 am No Liturgy

- 11:30 am

Liturgy for all Deceased Members of Saint Maron Church

Liturgy for all Donors and Supporters of Saint Maron Church

NEXT WEEK

Sun. Feb 15: Miracle at Cana in Galilee

(Is 55:1-13; Rom 14:14-23 Jn 2:1-11 Lit. p 176)

- 9:30 am

Liturgy for all couples struggling in their marriage and for all the newly married couples

Liturgy for all sick people in our parish

- 11:30 am

Liturgy for Mariam Said Moghrabi, by Haniyeh Haddad

Liturgy for Elias & Sultana Safadi, by Family

Liturgy for all couples struggling in their marriage and for all the newly married couples

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH *GRACE AND JUSTIFICATION*

I. Justification

The grace of the Holy Spirit has the power to justify us, that is, to cleanse us from our sins and to communicate to us "the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ" and through Baptism:

But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. For we know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves as dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Through the power of the Holy Spirit we take part in Christ's Passion by dying to sin, and in his Resurrection by being born to a new life; we are members of his Body which is the Church, branches grafted onto the vine which is himself:

(God) gave himself to us through his Spirit. By the participation of the Spirit, we become communicants in the divine nature.... For this reason, those in whom the Spirit dwells are

The first work of the grace of the Holy Spirit is conversion, effecting justification in accordance with Jesus' proclamation at the beginning of the Gospel: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Moved by grace, man turns toward God and away from sin, thus accepting forgiveness and righteousness from on high. "Justification is not only the remission of sins, but also the sanctification and renewal of the interior man.

Justification detaches man from sin which contradicts the love of God, and purifies his heart of sin. Justification follows upon God's merciful initiative of offering forgiveness. It reconciles man with God. It frees from the enslavement to sin, and it heals.

Justification is at the same time the acceptance of God's righteousness through faith in Jesus Christ. Righteousness (or "justice") here means the rectitude of divine love. With justification, faith, hope, and charity are poured into our hearts, and obedience to the divine will is granted us.

Collection February 1, 2026

Sunday Collection	\$ 1,736
Online Donations	\$ 300
Donation by Mail	\$ 10
Coffee & Donuts	\$ 58
Votive Candles	\$ 440
Second Collection	\$ 624
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 February 2026, in Loving Memory of all **Deceased Members of the Mabarak Family**, by Robert L. Mabarak & Melissa A. Gilmore
- Bread and Wine for the month of February 2026, in Loving Memory of **Anthony & Delores Neam**, by Gerry & Judy Folk
- Bread and Wine for the month of February 2026, in Loving Memory of **Dr. Daher Rahi**, by Chrissy Kassab and Family

MARRIAGE BANNS

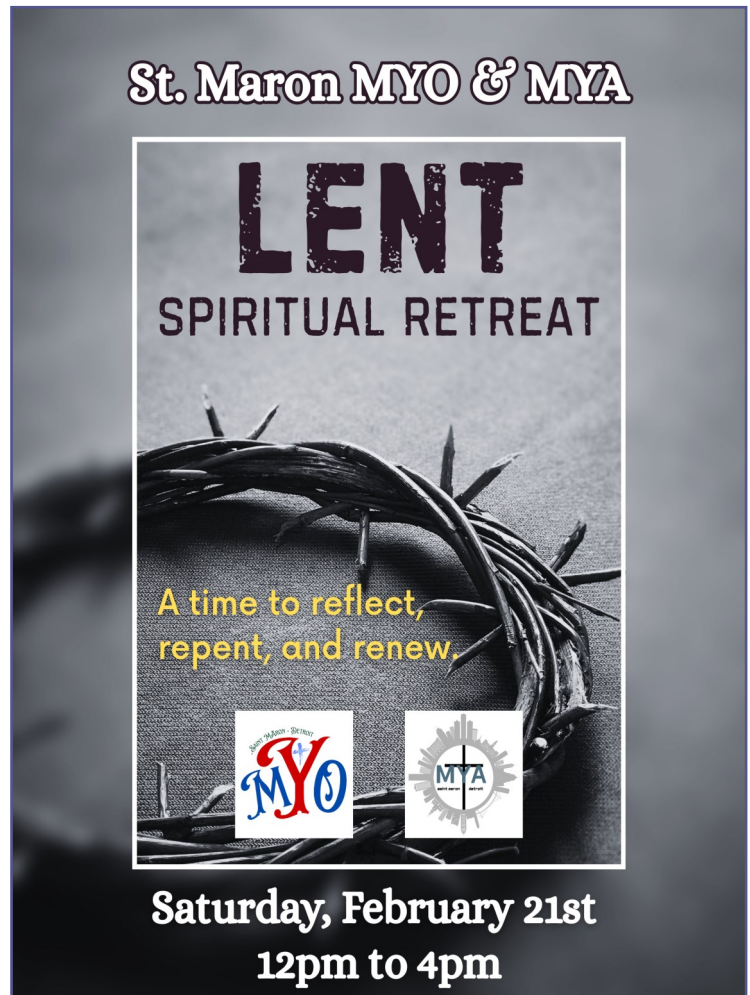
Second Marriage Banns between
Alexander Agbay & Rosanna Khattar

MARRIAGE BANNS

Second Marriage Banns between
Nicholas Dimkovski & Laura Gharios



Saint Maron Church
February 16th, 2026
Ash Monday
Liturgies @
10:00 am & 7:00 pm



St. Maron MYO & MYA
LENT
SPIRITUAL RETREAT
A time to reflect, repent, and renew.
Saturday, February 21st
12pm to 4pm

Saint Maron Church

STATIONS & BENEDICTION OF THE CROSS



EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT @ 7:00 PM

Saint Maron Church

*Lent is a time for Christians to seek renewal of
their faith and relationship with God.*



***Lenten* RETREAT**

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Fr. Daniele Criscione

Saturday, March 14th from 11am to 4pm



RSVP by March 07, to 313-824-0196