

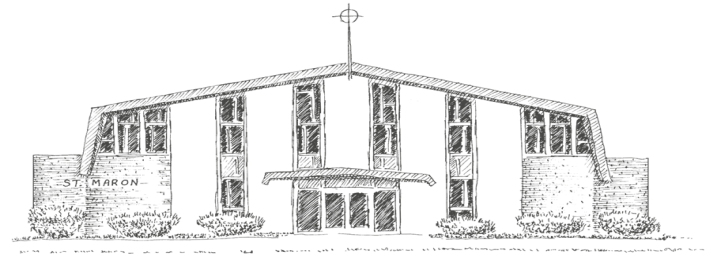
Saint Maron Catholic Church

Homecoming Weekend

October 12, 2025

This weekend carries a meaning unlike any other, because we are celebrating the 60th Anniversary of St. Maron Church on Kercheval. For some, it may seem like an ordinary Sunday, a regular day to come to Church, but in truth, it is a sacred milestone in our journey as Maronites and as a family of faith in Metro Detroit. It is a holy journey woven with faith, community, love, and countless memories. It is a journey that unites the past, present, and future, honoring our heritage, remembering our beloved ones who have gone before us, cherishing the legacy they left behind, and continuing to build upon it for generations to come.

It is said that people fall into three categories: Those who make history, Those who participate in history, and Those who simply watch it happen. Today, we are called to be among the first two, to build our Church, strengthen our faith, and share love and compassion with our brothers and sisters in need.



A Church is not an island of isolated groups; if it were, it would cease to be a Church. The Church is a family, a family made up of many members, each with different gifts, ideas, and backgrounds, yet united in one Body: the Body of Jesus Christ. As St. Paul reminds us, "There is neither Greek nor Jew, slave nor free, but all are one in Christ Jesus." This is our mission and our identity. The Cross is our banner, and the Gospel is our rule of life.

This weekend, we celebrate 60 years of achievements, years filled with baptisms, first communions, weddings, joyful celebrations, and also moments of farewell as we accompanied our loved ones to their eternal rest. Yes, we have faced challenges and experienced moments of failure, but we must not forget how much we have also succeeded. Our strength lies in our perseverance and our desire to grow and do better, that is the Christian spirit! To be Maronite is to carry Christ in our daily lives, to change for the better, and to live our faith with joy.

Thank you, dear parishioners, for making St. Maron your spiritual home. Each one of you is an essential part of this blessed community. This is your Church, you were here before me, and you will continue to be here long after me. Together, we will keep working to make St. Maron always a place of faith, love, joy, and community.

This is our home. This is our mission. This is who we are: Beit Maroun – the Family of Maron. Congratulations, and may God bless us with many more years of faith and unity!

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LITURGY INTENTIONS

Sun. October 12: Fourth Sunday after Holy Cross

(Gen 41:38-44; 1 Thes 5:1-11; Mt 24:45-51 Lit. p 7)

• **9:30 am** **NO LITURGY**

• **11:30 am**

Liturgy for all the Living and Deceased parishioners of Saint Maron Church

Liturgy for all the sponsors and supporters of Saint Maron Church

Liturgy for our Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles, Bishop, Priests, Religious, and Laity

Liturgy for Living and Deceased Members of the Order of St. Sharbel

NEXT WEEK

Sun. October 19: Fifth Sunday after the 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

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

• **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

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

SIN

IV. The Gravity of Sin: Mortal and Venial Sin

Mortal sin is a radical possibility of human freedom, as is love itself. It results in the loss of charity and the privation of sanctifying grace, that is, of the state of grace. If it is not redeemed by repentance and God's forgiveness, it causes exclusion from Christ's kingdom and the eternal death of hell, for our freedom has the power to make choices for ever, with no turning back. However, although we can judge that an act is in itself a grave offense, we must entrust judgment of persons to the justice and mercy of God.

One commits venial sin when, in a less serious matter, he does not observe the standard prescribed by the moral law, or when he disobeys the moral law in a grave matter, but without full knowledge or without complete consent.

Venial sin weakens charity; it manifests a disordered affection for created goods; it impedes the soul's progress in the exercise of the virtues and the practice of the moral good; it merits temporal punishment. Deliberate and unrepented venial sin disposes us little by little to commit mortal sin. However venial sin does not set us in direct opposition to the will and friendship of God; it does not break the covenant with God. With God's grace it is humanly reparable. "Venial sin does not deprive the sinner of sanctifying grace, friendship with God, charity, and consequently eternal happiness."

While he is in the flesh, man cannot help but have at least some light sins. But do not despise these sins which we call "light": if you take them for light when you weigh them, tremble when you count them. A number of light objects makes a great mass; a number of drops fills a river; a number of grains makes a heap. What then is our hope? Above all, confession.

"Whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin." There are no limits to the mercy of God, but anyone who deliberately refuses to accept his mercy by repenting, rejects the forgiveness of his sins and the salvation offered by the Holy Spirit. Such hardness of heart can lead to final impenitence and eternal loss.

Collection October 5, 2025

Sunday Collection	\$ 1,711
Online Donations	\$ 790
Donation by mail	\$ 10
Coffee & Donuts	\$ 31
You can support the Church by mail or through our website donating online www.saintmarondetroit.org/donate-online	

The Church's existence lives from proper celebration of the liturgy and...the Church is in danger when the primacy of God no longer appears in the liturgy nor consequently in life. ...The Church stands or falls with the Liturgy. The true celebration of the sacred liturgy is at the center of any renewal of the Church." Any renewal, the renewal that we so honestly desire, has its center in the *true* celebration of the liturgy.

Pope Benedict XVI

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



Our Congratulations and Best Wishes to
Julien Fares
&

Mary Lauritsen

who were married on

Saturday, October 4th, 2025.

We pray that the Lord God may grant
this couple happiness and joy
in their lives together as husband and wife!

SAINT MARON CHURCH

Connect with your Maronite and Lebanese heritage

Learn to read, write, and speak Arabic

Strengthen your cultural and spiritual identity

Fun, engaging, and beginner-friendly lessons



ENROLL IN OUR
ARABIC CLASS



Start Date: Sunday, October 19, 2025

Taught by instructors with experience in language and culture

Weekly classes for all ages (children, youth, and adults)



Registration is Now Open!

Sign up after Mass at the parish hall

OR contact the church office.

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Saint Maron Church - Detroit

Ladies' Night



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

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MEN'S NIGHT

**Friday
November 14th,
2025 @ 7:00pm**

