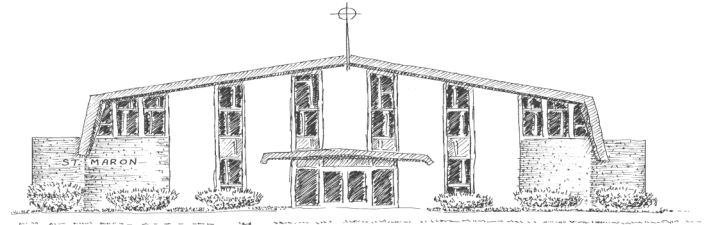


# Saint Maron Catholic Church

## Fifteenth Sunday of Pentecost September 11, 2022

Christianity is not some-thing, but an encounter with Some-One, the One who lives no more to die and who is encountered through living faith. Faith is born of an encounter with the living God who calls us and reveals his love, a love which precedes us and upon which we can lean for security and for building our lives. Transformed by this love, we gain fresh vision, new eyes to see; we realize that it contains a great promise of fulfillment, and that a vision of the future opens up before us. This Sunday's Gospel tells us that a woman known as a sinner came up to Jesus, bathed his feet in her tears and anointed them with precious perfume.

Both Simon the Pharisee and the woman who anointed the feet of Jesus with ointment and tears, had an encounter with Jesus. However, only one of these encounters shows us the way to be set free and opens us



up to participate - even now - in the eternal communion of love for which we long. The message that shines out from this Gospel passage is eloquent: God forgives all those who love much. Those who trust in themselves and in their own merits are, as it were, blinded by their ego and their heart is hardened in sin. Those, on the other hand, who recognize that they are weak and sinful entrust themselves to God and obtain from him grace and forgiveness.

It was not about her; it was about Jesus. She was emptied of self and thereby able to be filled with Love. This encounter is capable of changing all men and women. The Risen Jesus always comes to encounter us - in prayer, word, sacrament, one another, the poor, suffering, struggle - you name it. In all of these we can encounter Jesus, even if initially hidden, when we open our hearts to His Mercy and Love, by living faith.

That path of encounter proceeds along a life of prayer, adoration, contemplation, and love. Her posture before the Lord, her response to Love Incarnate, her honest self-understanding, her quick repentance; these are our Gospel lessons today. Let us come before the Lord, who is truly present to us as we receive Him in the most Holy Eucharist and experience the encounter of encounters. Let us take Him into ourselves and become what we receive. Let us discover spirituality, the way of encounter.



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## LITURGY INTENTIONS

### Sat. Sept. 10: Fifteenth Sunday of Pentecost

Liturgy for living and deceased members of St Maron Church

Liturgy for all Volunteers and Sponsors helping our Church

Liturgy for all the innocent men and women who were victims of September 11

### Sun. Sept. 11: Fifteenth Sunday of Pentecost

(Readings: 1Thes 1:1-10; Lk 7:36-50 Lit. p 425)

- 9:30 am

**No Liturgy**

- 11:30 am

Liturgy for Antoine Jabbour, by Family

Liturgy for all the innocent men and women who were victims of September 11

Liturgy for Raymond Mabarak

Liturgy for Catherine Stapleton

## NEXT WEEK

### Sun. Sept. 18: First Sunday of Holy Cross

(Readings: 2 Tm 2:1-10; Mk 10:35-45 Lit. p 606)

- 9:30 am

Liturgy for living and deceased members of St Maron Church

Liturgy for the Couples in the world struggling with their commitment and for all the newly married couples.

Liturgy for the Intentions and Donors of Catholic Extension Society

- 11:30 am

Liturgy for John Lanno, by Bernard Yaldou

Liturgy for our Parishioners Intentions

Liturgy for the Couples in the world struggling with their commitment and for all the newly married couples.

## CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

### **Christ's Resurrection and Ours**

From the beginning, Christian faith in the resurrection has met with incomprehension and opposition. "On no point does the Christian faith encounter more opposition than on the resurrection of the body." It is very commonly accepted that the life of the human person continues in a spiritual fashion after death. But how can we believe that this body, so clearly mortal, could rise to everlasting life?

#### ***How do the dead rise?***

What is "rising"? In death, the separation of the soul from the body, the human body decays and the soul goes to meet God, while awaiting its reunion with its glorified body. God, in his almighty power, will definitively grant incorruptible life to our bodies by reuniting them with our souls, through the power of Jesus' Resurrection.

Who will rise? All the dead will rise, "those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of judgment."

How? Christ is raised with his own body: "See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself"; but he did not return to an earthly life. So, in him, "all of them will rise again with their own bodies which they now bear," but Christ "will change our lowly body to be like his glorious body," into a "spiritual body":

But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" You foolish man! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. and what you sow is not the body which is to be, but a bare kernel ....What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable.... the dead will be raised imperishable.... For this perishable nature must put on the imperishable, and this mortal nature must put on immortality.

This "how" exceeds our imagination and understanding; it is accessible only to faith. Yet our participation in the Eucharist already gives us a foretaste of Christ's transfiguration of our bodies:

Just as bread that comes from the earth, after God's blessing has been invoked upon it, is no longer ordinary bread, but Eucharist, formed of two things, the one earthly and the other heavenly: so too our bodies, which partake of the Eucharist, are no longer corruptible, but possess the hope of resurrection.



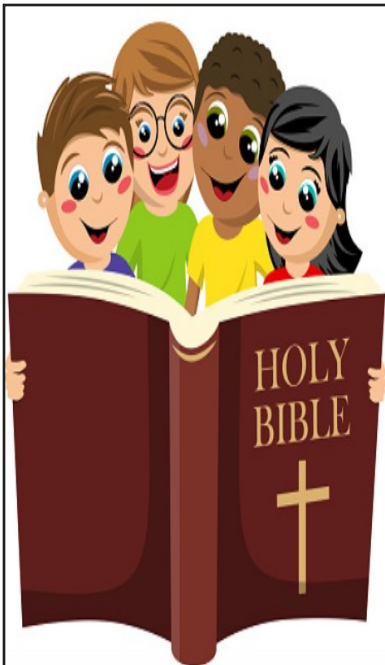
**Collection September 04, 2022**

Collection	\$ 2,415
Donation by mail	\$ 50
Online Donations	\$ 325
Coffee & Donuts	\$ 28
You can support the Church by mail or through our website donating online <a href="http://www.saintmarondetroit.org/donate-online">www.saintmarondetroit.org/donate-online</a>	

**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 September 2022, **Special Intention**, by Michael and Maria Omlor
- Bread and Wine for the month of September 2022, in loving memory of **Antoine Jabbour**, by Jabbour Family,
- Bread and Wine for the month of September 2022, in loving memory of **living and deceased family members of Fadel & Samha Ghanem**, by Ghanem Family



Saint Maron  
Catechism Education  
every Sunday  
10:30am - 11:20am  
in the Parish Center

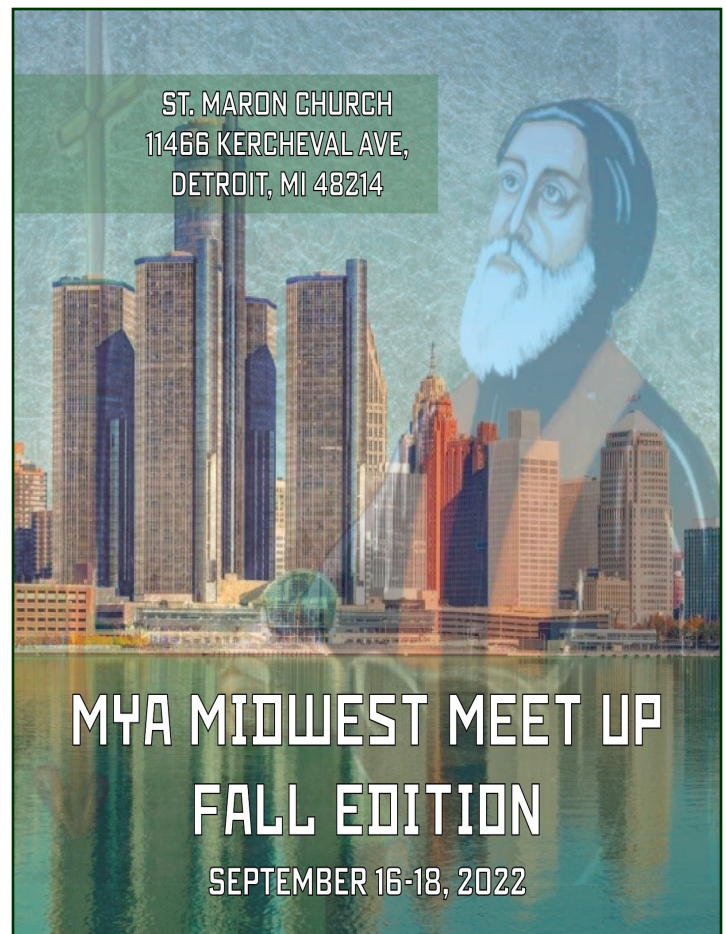


**CLASSES BEGIN**  
**SUNDAY OCTOBER 2ND**

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**Thank you Mrs. Madeline Foster for handling again all the expenses related to the gardening at Saint Maron. God Bless you !**





# SAINT MARON CHURCH - DETROIT

FEAST OF THE

## *Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

*Wednesday*

*September 14th, 2022*



**Liturgy at 7:00 pm**  
**Followed by an outdoor procession**  
**and potluck dinner in the hall**



## Saint Maron Church

**"The world doesn't need what women have,  
It needs what women are." St. Edith Stein**

# LADIES NIGHT

**Friday October 28th, 2022**

**7:00 pm Rosary**

**7:30 pm Dinner**



**Saint Maron  
Parish Center**