

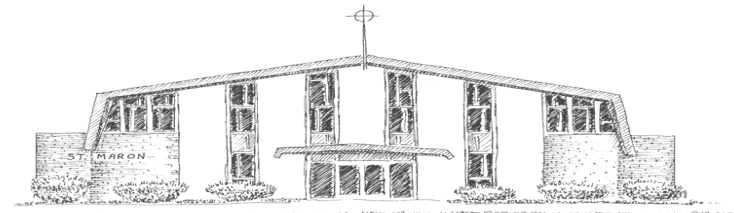
# Saint Maron Catholic Church

## Palm Sunday April 13, 2025

***“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”***

These words still echo today, especially during every Divine Liturgy that we celebrate. In the Maronite Divine Liturgy, we go a step further and say: “Blessed is he who has come and will come in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.” With Hosanna Sunday, we begin our solemn ceremonies with the blessing of the palm branches, and we walk with Jesus into Jerusalem. This week, we will walk closely with Christ as He fulfills the mission of salvation that He came to accomplish.

Today, we pray and cry out, “*Hosanna!*” Save us, Lord: from sin, from confusion, from loss, from our enemies; save us from division and from disease. Help us to carry our crosses, to endure our suffering, and to witness to You with boldness and faith.



Help us to know and love You more deeply through the Holy Scriptures and the sacraments, and to see You in the faces of those we meet each day. Strengthen our faith and trust in You, so that we may never falter, never deny You, and never turn against You as most, if not all, of the crowd in Jerusalem did on Good Friday.

This week, Christ will humble Himself to wash the feet of the Apostles. He will carry His cross, laden with our sins, and endure its pain and suffering. He will walk to Golgotha, where He, the High Priest, offers Himself as the Lamb of Sacrifice for our redemption. He will destroy death by His own death, and rise again by His own power, to give us life and hope.

This is the holiest week of the year for us. During this time, we encounter the love of God manifested in the death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Standing before this great mystery, let us live this week in intense prayer and enter deeply into the Church’s liturgies. In doing so, we will deepen our relationship with God, increase our faith, and strengthen our lives as disciples of Jesus.

Yes, this week is unique. It is called Holy Week, but it can truly become *holy for us* if we actively and consciously take part in the liturgies, if we spend extra time in prayer, and if we meditate on the Mystery of our Salvation. Let us journey together this Holy Week, from sin to grace, from darkness to light, and from discouragement to hope, so that we may die with Christ and rise with Him, to enjoy the eternal bliss of heaven.

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## LITURGY INTENTIONS

### Sun. April 13: Hosanna Sunday

(Zec 9:1-12; Phil 1:1-13; Jn 12:12-22 Lit. p 284)

- 9:30 am **NO LITURGY**
- 11:30 am

**Liturgy for all the kids in our parish to grow in faith and love to Jesus**

**Liturgy for all the living and deceased members of Saint Maron Church**

**Liturgy for Salim Hayek, by Dr. Sami Makhoul**

**Liturgy for all the donors and supporters of Saint Maron Church**

## NEXT WEEK

### Sat. April 19: The Glory Resurrection

(Jon 2:1-11; 1 Cor 15:12-26; Mk 16:1-8 Lit. p 315)

- 6:00 pm

**Liturgy for all the living and deceased members of Saint Maron Church**

**Liturgy for peace in the entire world specially Lebanon and Middle East**

- 11:00 pm

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### Sun. April 20: The Glory Resurrection

(Jon 2:1-11; 1 Cor 15:12-26; Mk 16:1-8 Lit. p 315)

- 9:30 am **NO LITURGY**
- 11:30 am

**Liturgy for all the living and deceased members of Saint Maron Church**

**Liturgy for peace in the entire world specially Lebanon and Middle East**

## CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

### LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

#### *CHRISTIAN FUNERALS*

All the sacraments, and principally those of Christian initiation, have as their goal the last Passover of the child of God which, through death, leads him into the life of the Kingdom. Then what he confessed in faith and hope will be fulfilled: "I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come."

#### *I. The Christian's Last Passover*

The Christian meaning of death is revealed in the light of the Paschal mystery of the death and resurrection of Christ in whom resides our only hope. The Christian who dies in Christ Jesus is "away from the body and at home with the Lord."

For the Christian the day of death inaugurates, at the end of his sacramental life, the fulfillment of his new birth begun at Baptism, the definitive "conformity" to "the image of the Son" conferred by the anointing of the Holy Spirit, and participation in the feast of the Kingdom which was anticipated in the Eucharist - even if final purifications are still necessary for him in order to be clothed with the nuptial garment.

The Church who, as Mother, has borne the Christian sacramentally in her womb during his earthly pilgrimage, accompanies him at his journey's end, in order to surrender him "into the Father's hands." She offers to the Father, in Christ, the child of his grace, and she commits to the earth, in hope, the seed of the body that will rise in glory. This offering is fully celebrated in the Eucharistic sacrifice; the blessings before and after Mass are sacramentals.

#### *II. The Celebration of Funerals*

The Christian funeral confers on the deceased neither a sacrament nor a sacramental since he has "passed" beyond the sacramental economy. It is nonetheless a liturgical celebration of the Church. The ministry of the Church aims at expressing efficacious communion with the deceased, at the participation in that communion of the community gathered for the funeral and at the proclamation of eternal life to the community.

The different funeral rites express the Paschal character of Christian death and are in keeping with the situations and traditions of each region, even as to the color of the liturgical vestments worn.



## Collection April 06, 2025

Sunday Collection	\$ 3,055
Online Donations	\$ 140
Donation by mail	\$ 510
Coffee & Donuts	\$ 45
Second Collection	\$ 443
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>	

### MARRIAGE BANNS

Third Marriage Banns between  
Daniel Handilah & Maria Matouk

### 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 April 2025, In Loving Memory of **Living and Deceased Members of the Mabarak Family**, by Robert L. Mabarak
- Bread and Wine for the month of April 2025, In Loving Memory of **Deceased members of the Derjani Family**, by Michel & Roberta Kabeity and Family
- Bread and Wine for the month of April 2025, In Loving Memory of **Deceased members of the Kabeity Family**, by Michel & Roberta Kabeity and Family

We give glory to You, Lord, who raised up Your cross to span the jaws of death like a bridge by which souls might pass from the region of the dead to the land of the living. **St. Ephrem**

# Saint Maron Church

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

**Monday & Tuesday**

**April 14th & 15th, 2025**

**Stations & Benediction of the Cross**

**Wednesday,**

**April 16th, 2025**

**Rite of the Lamp & Benediction of the Cross**

**Thursday of the Mysteries**

**April 17th, 2025**

**Rite of the Washing of the Feet**

**Great Friday of the Crucifixion**

**April 18th, 2025**

**Rite of Adoration of the Holy Cross**



**All Services @ 7:00 PM**



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# GOOD FRIDAY

Outdoor Stations  
of the Cross

Friday April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025

@ 6:20pm

Please bring a cross from home to the Stations of the Cross. At the end, all crosses will be blessed.



Join Our MYO for



# EASTER

egg decorating and games!

Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup>  
from 11 AM to 1 PM

St. Maron Hall



Ages 12-18!



# Saint Maron Church

## The Glorious Resurrection

Liturgies

Saturday April 19

@ 6:00 pm

Saturday April 19

@ 11:00 pm

Sunday April 20

@ 11:30 am



**Christ is Risen,  
He is Truly Risen!**

