

Saint Maron Catholic Church

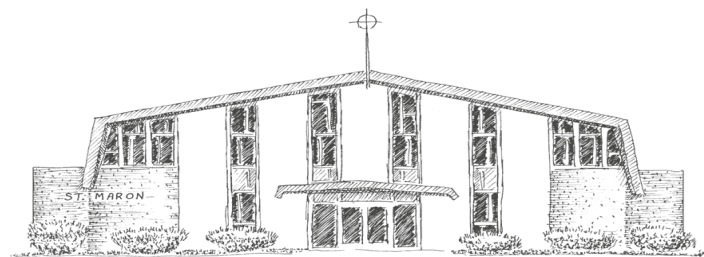
Renewal of the Church

November 9, 2025

The Feast of the Renewal of the Church dates back to around 167 B.C. During the reign of Antiochus IV, Greek idols were imposed throughout the empire with the intention of spreading pagan worship. The land of Palestine was not spared. When the Jews refused to abandon their faith, the king intensified the persecution, forbidding the practice of their rituals, such as observing the Sabbath and circumcision.

One day, in a village of Judea, a Greek officer demanded that a Jewish priest named Mattathias offer a pagan sacrifice on a Jewish altar. When Mattathias refused, another Jew stepped forward to obey the royal command. The priest, filled with zeal for God, struck down both the Greek officer and the apostate Jew. This act sparked a great revolution that led to the Maccabean uprising, and finally, to the liberation of Jerusalem in 164 B.C.

When the faithful returned to the city, they found the Temple of God desecrated, its sacred vessels defiled, its altars polluted, idols placed where the Ark once stood. They purified and rededicated the Temple,



restoring it as the dwelling place of the one true God. This act of renewal became a lasting reminder that God's house, and more importantly, God's people, must always be cleansed and reconsecrated to Him.

Today, in our Maronite tradition, the Feast of the Renewal of the Church invites us to do the same. It is a call to return to the truth that we are temples of the Holy Spirit. Too often, like the ancient temple, our hearts can become cluttered with the idols of sin, pride, greed, lust, indifference, resentment, or the thirst for power and control. The Lord desires to enter once again into the sanctuary of our souls, to cleanse, heal, and renew us, making us pure dwelling places of His love and grace.

This year, the Feast of the Renewal of the Church carries a deeper meaning for us at St. Maron Church in Detroit. As we celebrate our 60th Anniversary and live this Jubilee Year of Hope, we are called to renew our faith, our dedication, and our mission. For sixty years, our community has been a spiritual home, a family built on faith, service, and love. Today, we recommit ourselves to carrying that legacy forward: to be a Church that is alive, welcoming, and full of hope.

The Feast of Renewal reminds us that there is no true Christian life outside the community of the faithful, the Church, the Body of Christ. We are not isolated believers, but members of one family, united in love and mission. Together, we are invited to let Christ purify and renew us, so that our Church, and our lives, may always reflect His glory and truth.



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LITURGY INTENTIONS

Sun. November 9: 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 Wadih & Rosa Helou, by Souad & Georges Movdovanaki

Liturgy for Marie & Youssif Leba, by Souad & Georges Movdovanaki

Liturgy for Thanksgiving for Our Family, by Souad & Georges Movdovanaki

Liturgy for Rachel T. Nader Dwaihy, 6 Year Anniversary, by Liz Abood

• 11:30 am

Liturgy for Ray Mabarak, Veteran Remembrance, by Lynn and Alan Mabarak

Liturgy for Delores Thresa Mabarak, Birthday Remembrance, by Lynn and Alan Mabarak

NEXT WEEK

Sun. November 16: Announcement to Zechariah

(Gen 17 15-22; Rom 4:13-25; Lk 1:1-25 Lit. p 18)

• 9:30 am

Liturgy for Paul Saigh, Birthday Anniversary

Liturgy for Josephine Saigh and Emily Michael

Liturgy for Boulos and Margaret Helou, by Cesar & Diane Helou

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

• 11:30 am

Liturgy for Moufid Eid, by Louana & Georges Ghafari

Liturgy for Raymond & Delores Mabarak, by Carol Monsour

Liturgy for Antoine & Marie Jabbour, by Nuha Tabet

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

THE PERSON AND SOCIETY

II. Conversion and Society

It is necessary, then, to appeal to the spiritual and moral capacities of the human person and to the permanent need for his inner conversion, so as to obtain social changes that will really serve him. the acknowledged priority of the conversion of heart in no way eliminates but on the contrary imposes the obligation of bringing the appropriate remedies to institutions and living conditions when they are an inducement to sin, so that they conform to the norms of justice and advance the good rather than hinder it.

Without the help of grace, men would not know how "to discern the often narrow path between the cowardice which gives in to evil, and the violence which under the illusion of fighting evil only makes it worse." This is the path of charity, that is, of the love of God and of neighbor. Charity is the greatest social commandment. It respects others and their rights. It requires the practice of justice, and it alone makes us capable of it. Charity inspires a life of self-giving: "Whoever seeks to gain his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life will preserve it.

PARTICIPATION IN SOCIAL LIFE

I. Authority

"Human society can be neither well-ordered nor prosperous unless it has some people invested with legitimate authority to preserve its institutions and to devote themselves as far as is necessary to work and care for the good of all."

By "authority" one means the quality by virtue of which persons or institutions make laws and give orders to men and expect obedience from them.

Every human community needs an authority to govern it. The foundation of such authority lies in human nature. It is necessary for the unity of the state. Its role is to ensure as far as possible the common good of the society.

The authority required by the moral order derives from God: "Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore he who resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment."

Collection November 2, 2025

Sunday Collection	\$ 2,199
Online Donations	\$ 420
Donation by mail	\$ 10
Coffee & Donuts	\$ 61
Votive Candle	\$ 348

You can support the Church by mail or through our website donating online
www.saintmarondetroit.org/donate-online

Our Congratulations and Best Wishes to
JULIA ROSE KARAM

who was Baptized at St. Maron Church
on Saturday, November 1st, 2025.
May God bless her to be a great disciple of
Jesus Christ!

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 2025, in Loving Memory of all **Deceased Members of the Agby Family**, by Dinah Agby
- Bread and Wine for the month of November 2025, in Loving Memory of **Aida Ghafari**, by Nuha Tabet and Family
- Bread and Wine for the month of November 2025, in Loving Memory of **all Deceased Members of the Mabarak Family**, by Robert Mabarak

MARRIAGE BANNS

First Marriage Banns between
George Shara & Julia Chapman

**Saint
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Church**

MEN'S NIGHT



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



Saint Maron Church

Christmas PARTY



*Sunday Dec. 14th, 2025
after 11:30am Liturgy*

**10\$ per person
RSVP by Dec. 7th
313-824-0196**

Christmas Poinsettias or Altar Supplies 2025

(\$25 each)

Circle One :

In Memory of

In Thanksgiving

For:

Donated By:

**Return with payment to the office OR put in collection basket by
November 25**