

**Statutes of the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn
Promulgated by Bishop Gregory on Pentecost Sunday**

For the sake of clarity, uniformity, and impartiality, the Statutes of the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn have been formulated to guide the clergy, religious, and laity, in our Eparchial mission of sanctifying, teaching, and governing the Christian faithful in our Eparchy.

These Statutes have been revised and reformulated based upon the precepts of the Holy Scriptures, and the norms established by the Holy See, the Maronite Church, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, and prior Eparchial legislation. Also considered, were the customs of our Church in the United States and, perhaps most importantly, years of real pastoral experience.

Please take particular note of Statue 93 on page 13 of the report:

“Eulogies by the laity may be given at the Wake, the cemetery, or the mercy meal. In the church, however, only the priest or deacon may deliver a eulogy which may be incorporated into his homily. No eulogy is to be given by the laity in the church”

The Statutes will be available on our website for you to download and read. Call the pastor with any questions.



**Our Lady of Lebanon
Maronite Catholic Church**

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Week 45 - Week 47

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Nov 9 - Nov 24, 2019

Renewal of the Church

2019 PASTORAL COUNCIL
Michael Karam, President
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Rose Canone
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2019 FINANCE COUNCIL
Nehme Nehme, President
Martha Badway
Marta Gabriel
Maynard Melhem
Joseph Moussa

Reminder - MCF Class
Classes for 1st, 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students will be held on Saturday, November 9th & 23rd.

EMERGENCY CONTACT
In case of **emergency** please contact Fr. Youssef directly on his cell phone **(412-583-5702)**.

WEEKLY COLLECTION
Saturday, Nov 2, 2019 - \$603.00
Sunday, Nov 3, 2019 - \$701.00
Total Collection - \$1,304.00

BINGO COMMITTEE	Eva Farhat, Patty Boulous, Anthony Koury, Jr.
ST. THERESA SODALITY	Rose Canone
FINANCIAL AUDITOR	Ferris Koorie
HOLY NAME SOCIETY	Leonard Symia
HERITAGE DAY CHAIRPERSON	Steve Koorie
PARISH ORGANIST	Patty Boulous / Paul Boulous
MYA	Jennie Melhem
MYO/PIONEERS	Katerina Nehme

CONFESSIONS: Sunday: 9:30 am to 9:50 am (before mass) Saturday: 4:30 pm to 4:50 pm (before mass) Also Available by Appointment	BAPTISMS: Please Call The Parish Rectory (non-parishioners sponsors must provide a certificate from their Catholic church)
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS October through May -Saturday 3:45 pm - 4:45 pm	MARRIAGES: Please Notify The Pastor At Least 6 Months Ahead of Time



**The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ
according to Saint John 10:22-42**

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.'

Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.'

The Jews took up stones again to stone him. Jesus replied, 'I have shown you many good works from the Father. For which of these are you going to stone me?'

The Jews answered, 'It is not for a good work that we are going to stone you, but for blasphemy, because you, though only a human being, are making yourself God.'

Jesus answered, 'Is it not written in your law, "I said, you are gods"? If those to whom the word of God came were called "gods" and the scripture cannot be annulled can you say that the one whom the Father has sanctified and sent into the world is blaspheming because I said, "I am God's Son"?'

If I am not doing the works of my Father, then do not believe me. But if I do them, even though you do not believe me, believe the works, so that you may know and understand that the Father is in me and I am in the Father.'

Then they tried to arrest him again, but he escaped from their hands. He went away again across the Jordan to the place where John had been baptizing earlier, and he remained there.

Many came to him, and they were saying, 'John performed no sign, but everything that John said about this man was true.'

And many believed in him there.

CLERGY

Fr. Youssef Keikati, Administrator
Deacon Anthony Koury

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday through Thursday
10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

No office hours on Fridays

LITURGY:

Saturdays: 5:00 PM
Sundays: 10:00 AM

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WEEKEND of Nov 9 - 10 ****Renewal of the Church****
 Saturday, Nov 9 - 5:00 PM - NICK CIAMBRONE (3rd Anniversary) by the Family
 Sunday, Nov 10 -10:00 AM - ELIAS HANNA MOUSSA (Australia) Memorial Mass by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Moussa & Family. Coffee hour to follow.

2nd Collection - MARONITE PATRIARCHAL CHARITIES - November 10, 2019

Tuesday	Nov 12	6:00 PM	JOANNA JOSEPH by Sharon John
Wednesday	Nov 13	9:00 AM	MARY JABBOUR by the Baurkot Family
Thursday	Nov 14	9:00 AM	NAOMI STAHL by Claire Willard & Family
Friday	Nov 15	9:00 AM	NORA DANIEL by Rosann Constantine

WEEKEND of Nov 16 - 17 ****Announcement to Zechariah****
 Saturday, Nov 16 - 5:00 PM - DAOUN BOULOS & JOE BASHA (Anniversary) by the Family
 Sunday, Nov 17 - 10:00 AM - HABOUK SHUMAR (1st Anniversary) & MARY SHUMAR (2nd Anniversary) by the Family. Coffee hour to follow.

Tuesday	Nov 19	6:00 PM	KATHRYN ISAAC by the Family of Queenie Jabbour
Wednesday	Nov 20	9:00 AM	ZADIE BADER by Sanna Baurkot
Thursday	Nov 21	9:00 AM	VALERIE SAAD by Frank & Teresa Salamone
Friday	Nov 22	9:00 AM	AZIZ KOURY by James Stevens & Mary Ellen Dantine

WEEKEND of Nov 23 - 24 ****Announcement to the Virgin Mary****
 Saturday, Nov 23 - 5:00 PM - MICHAEL JABBOUR by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Ellwood & Family
 Sunday, Nov 24 - 10:00 AM - VICTOR (15th Anniversary) and ADELIN KARAM SANDRA KOERWITZ (40 Day Mass) by the Family. Coffee hour to follow.



BINGO VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED
 Please consider volunteering at Bingo one day every few months. Everyone, 18 or older, would be most welcome. Profits from Bingo go a long way in helping us meet our financial obligations. Contact Fr. Youssef or Eva Farhat if you would like to help.

	BINGO	FLOOR - 7:00 PM START TIME	KITCHEN - 5:30 PM START TIME
	Nov 12	Keene Jabbour	Noelle Richardson
	Nov 19	Elias Chadd, John Isaac	Norma Bassil

LECTORS

Saturday, Nov 9	Family
Sunday, Nov 10	Family
Saturday, Nov 16	Family
Sunday, Nov 17	Family
Saturday, Nov 23	Family
Sunday, Nov 24	Family

SCRIPTURE READINGS

 **Renewal of the Church**
Heb 9:11-15 / Jn 10:22-42
Announcement to Zechariah
Rom 4:13-25 / Lk 1:1-25
Announcement to the Virgin Mary
Gal 3:15-22 / Lk 1:26-38 

Annual Spinach & Meat* Pie Sale

When: Saturday, November 16, 2019
Where: Our Lady of Lebanon Church Hall
Time: Pick-up time from 1:00 - 5:00 PM
Cost: \$4.00 Spinach / \$5.00 Meat
Order Deadline: **Sunday, November 10th**
Sponsored by: The St. Theresa Sodality
Benefits: Church Youth organizations, scholarship fund and various charities
To place orders call:
 Lila Melan 401-996-8129
 Tara Simonetta 484-542-6923
**Meat pies are made with pine nuts*



Last Day to order

VOLUNTEERS WOULD BE DEEPLY APPRECIATED ON
 THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH AT 2:00 PM
 FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH AT 10:00 AM
 SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH AT 8:00 AM

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY!



Our Lady of Lebanon Church's MYO (Maronite Youth Organization) is hosting a New Year's Eve Party in our church hall.


Come and join us to bid farewell to the old year and welcome in the New Year with family and friends.

Music by DeeJay Sharbel Koorie
Date: Tuesday, December 31, 2019
Doors open: 8:00 PM
Ticket: \$35
Free for children 5 and under
Contact MYO members for tickets
Proceeds benefit MYO activities

MYO BOWLING PARTY

Friday, November 29th, 2:00 - 3:30 PM at Bardon Lanes in Palmer Township.

All parish children are invited to attend our annual Thanksgiving weekend bowling party. Please call Katarina Nehme at 610-428-9295 to register. The deadline for signing up is Tuesday, November 17th. The cost of two games and shoes is \$5.00

 **A Pizza party will be held at the Church hall directly after bowling.**

Upcoming Events

MYO Bowling Party	Friday, Nov 29
Eid il-Burbara	Sunday, Dec 1
Children's Christmas Party	Sunday, Dec 8
Christmas Pageant	Sunday, Dec 22
New Year's Eve Party	Tuesday, Dec 31
Awamat Sale	Sunday, Jan 5
Holy Name Family Breakfast	Sunday, Jan 12

Office of Family and Sanctity of Life for the Eparchy of St. Maron

Weekly Message

Marriage & Infertility

"We often assume parenthood happens easily after "I do," but for many married couples, it does not. If you experience difficulty bringing a child into your family, know that you are not alone. God is with you, and his Church desires to walk with you."

For more information about real solutions offered to couples going through this distress log on to www.familyandsanctityoflife.org.