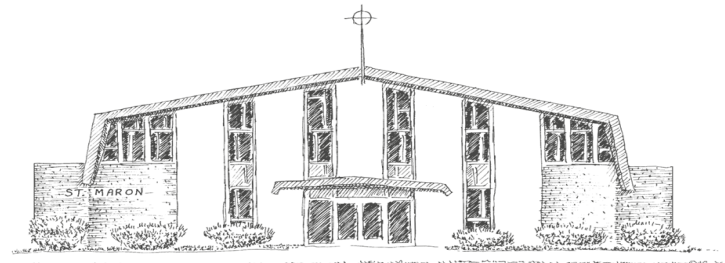
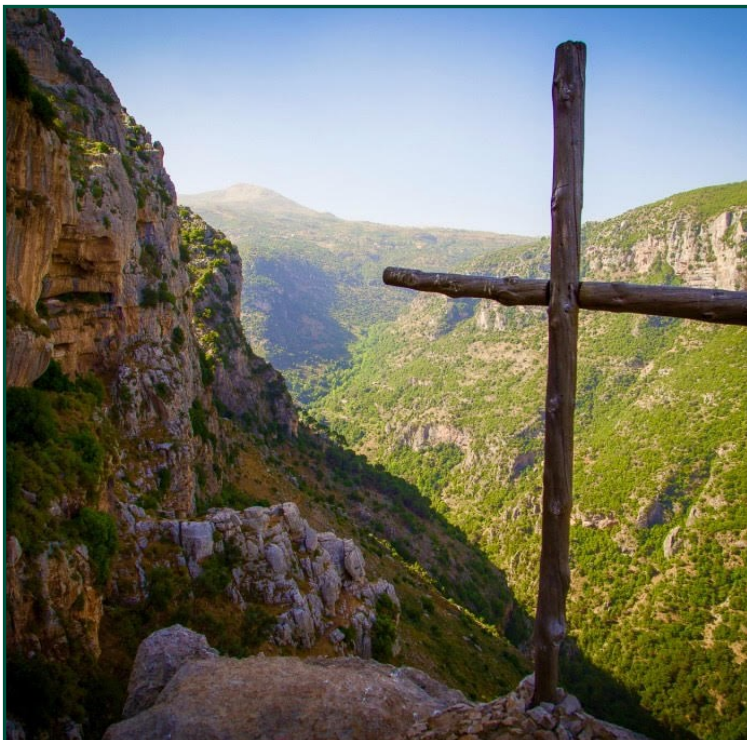


# Saint Maron Catholic Church

## Consecration of the Church November 03, 2024

This Sunday, and every first Sunday of November, marks the start of your Maronite liturgical year, a time to meditate and pray weekly to deepen your relationship with Jesus Christ. The title of this Sunday is the Consecration of the Church. It's a time to set goals and purposes for the year ahead, highlighting the importance of prayer, the church, and the Maronite community's gatherings, all aimed at fostering holiness.

When thinking about the Maronite Church, the holy valley of Kadisha—Qannoubine comes to mind. Kadisha, deriving from the Aramaic word for "holy," has been a sanctuary for Maronite hermits and monks for centuries, with its caves, chapels, and monasteries serving as places of solitude, prayer, and meditation. This valley provided a spiritual fortress, promoting a monastic culture emphasizing simplicity, humility, and devotion.



Kadisha has shaped our history, and it is not just a location; it is a testament to who we are and how our lives have been intertwined with communion with God. Kadisha, the Valley of Saints, was home to Maronite people who lived there—not only hermits but also families, men and women with their children—all united in a life of sanctity. This is not only our past but should also be our present, as holiness is a sign of the Holy Spirit working within us.

Every Sunday, before receiving communion, the priest declares, "Holy gifts for the holy," emphasizing perfection, purity, and sanctity. The community responds, "One Holy Father, one Holy Son, and one Holy Spirit," acknowledging that only God, the Trinity, is holy. Through prayer, the congregation asks Jesus Christ to make them worthy to receive His body and blood, sanctifying their bodies and souls. Each communion is a seed of holiness implanted within each person, making everyone a project of holiness.

Recently, the Maronite Church has been blessed with the canonization of the Massabki Brothers and the beatification of Patriarch Douaihy. These events encourage everyone, reminding us that holiness is not impossible, that no one is excluded, and that the desire to be holy is key. Holiness does not make us less human but is an encounter between our weaknesses and the power of God's grace, perfecting our humanity to become sons and daughters of God.

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## LITURGY INTENTIONS

### Sun Nov 3: Consecration of the Church

(Is 54:1-10; Heb 9:1-12; Mt 16:13-20 Lit p 7)

- 9:30

**Liturgy for Joe Keys, 4 year anniversary, by Cheryl Keys**

**Liturgy for Marie Jabbour, by Louis & Antoinette Dasaro**

**Liturgy for Paul & Isabel Saigh**

**Liturgy for all citizens of the United States, that their political engagement be guided by our Catholic faith, and that they may choose leaders who follow in the steps of Jesus and His Apostles**

- 11:30

**Liturgy for Charbel Bou Khalil, 4 year anniversary, by Marwan & Zalfa Bou Khalil and Family**

**Liturgy for all citizens of the United States, that their political engagement be guided by our Catholic faith, and that they may choose leaders who follow in the steps of Jesus and His Apostles**

## NEXT WEEK

### Sun Nov 10: Renewal of the Church

(2 Mac 10:1-9; Heb 9:11-15; Jn 10:22-42 Lit p 7)

- 9:30

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

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

- 11:30

**Liturgy for Moufid Eid, by Louana & Georges Ghafari**

**Liturgy for Peace and Stability in Lebanon and Middle East**

**Liturgy for the leaders elected to be guided by the Holy Spirit as they fulfill their positions**

## CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY ORDERS

### *III. The 3 Degrees of the Sacrament of Holy Orders*

#### *The ordination of deacons - "in order to serve"*

"At a lower level of the hierarchy are to be found deacons, who receive the imposition of hands 'not unto the priesthood, but unto the ministry.'" At an ordination to the diaconate only the bishop lays hands on the candidate, thus signifying the deacon's special attachment to the bishop in the tasks of his "diakonia."

Deacons share in Christ's mission and grace in a special way. The sacrament of Holy Orders marks them with an imprint ("character") which cannot be removed, and which configures them to Christ, who made himself the "deacon" or servant of all. Among other tasks, it is the task of deacons to assist the bishop and priests in the celebration of the divine mysteries, above all the Eucharist, in the distribution of Holy Communion, in assisting at and blessing marriages, in the proclamation of the Gospel and preaching, in presiding over funerals, and in dedicating themselves to the various ministries of charity.

Since the Second Vatican Council the Latin Church has restored the diaconate "as a proper and permanent rank of the hierarchy," while the Churches of the East had always maintained it. This permanent diaconate, which can be conferred on married men, constitutes an important enrichment for the Church's mission. Indeed, it is appropriate and useful that men who carry out a truly diaconal ministry in the Church, whether in its liturgical and pastoral life or whether in its social and charitable works, should "be strengthened by the imposition of hands which has come down from the apostles. They would be more closely bound to the altar and their ministry would be made more fruitful through the sacramental grace of the diaconate."



Collection October 27, 2024

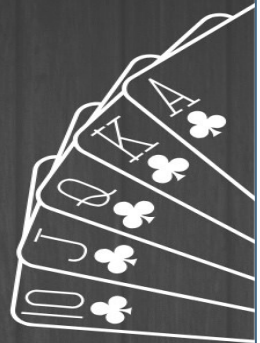
Sunday Collection	\$ 1,635
Online Donations	\$ 270
Donation by mail	\$ 10
Coffee & Donuts	\$ 59
Second Collection	\$ 243
Candles	\$ 362
You can support the Church by mail or through our website donating online <a href="http://www.saintmarondetroit.org/donate-online">www.saintmarondetroit.org/donate-online</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 November 2024, in loving memory of **Dr. Daher Rahi**, by Christi Rahi Kassab and Family.
- Bread and Wine for the month of November 2024, in loving memory of **Moufid Eid**, by Louana & George Ghafari
- Bread and Wine for the month of November 2024, in loving memory of **Bettyjean Ahee** and all Deceased Family members, by Family

# St Maron Church



## MEN'S NIGHT

Friday, November 8, 2024

7:30 PM in the Parish Center



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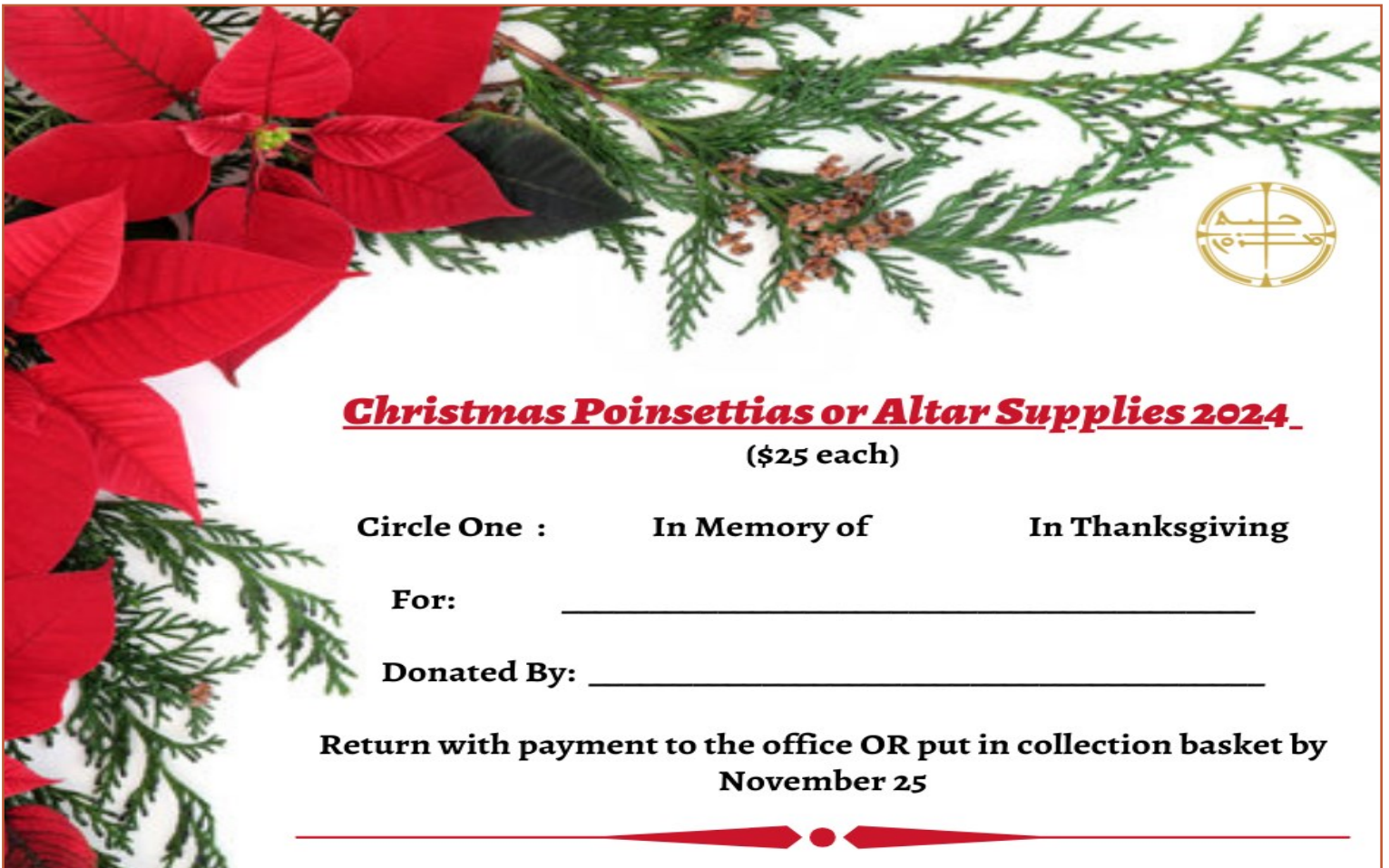
## CHARITY LUNCH

All Money Raised Will be Sent to Help the People in Lebanon

**NOVEMBER 10, 2024  
AFTER 11:30AM  
LITURGY**



**\$20 per Adult  
\$10 per Child Under 12  
Please RSVP by November 5th**



### **Christmas Poinsettias or Altar Supplies 2024**

(\$25 each)

Circle One :

In Memory of

In Thanksgiving

For:

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Donated By:

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