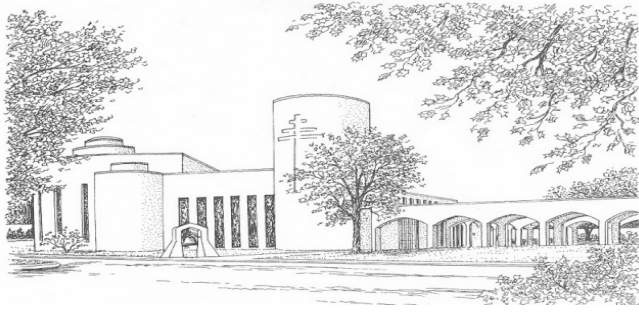


# SAINT GEORGE MARONITE CHURCH



*AN EASTERN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE  
WEST SYRIAC ANTIOCHENE TRADITION*

**Week of October 2, 2011**

**3rd Sunday after Holy Cross**

## **Religious Education & Bible Study**

Pre K - 12<sup>th</sup> grade-See bulletin for schedule

## **Ladies Altar Society (LAS)**

See bulletin for schedule

## **Maronite Youth Organization (MYO)**

See bulletin for schedule

## **Adoration**

Tuesday 3:00 PM - 5:30 PM

## **Mystery of Reconciliation (Confession)**

30 minutes before Liturgy and upon request

## **Mystery of Baptism & Chrismation**

Parents and Godparents must meet with the pastor to make arrangements

## **Mystery of Crowning (Marriage)**

Notify the pastor **ONE YEAR** in advance for the necessary arrangements

## **Sick and Hospitalized**

Contact the pastor for visitation

## **Memorial Sunday and Lebanese Luncheon**

Last Sunday at 11:00 AM

## **Qurbono (Divine Liturgy) Regular Schedule:**

**Tuesday 5:30 PM,**

**Wednesday-Friday 12:00 Noon,**

**Saturday 5:00 PM**

**Sunday 8:00 AM & 11:00 AM**

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Marcel Noujeim-Parish Council President

Jamal Tawil-Stewardship Committee Chairman

Nancy Karam-LAS President

Patricia Karam-Scholarship Committee Chairman

Julie Mery, Julia Taylor, Alexis Haase, Gibran Mery-MYO Directors

Samantha Karam Naffah-MYA President

Sylvia Karam-Bereavement Tribute Committee Chairman

Michele Chebib-Religious Education Coordinator Ex.123

Julie Mery-Maronite Young at Heart Seniors Coordinator

Miriam Wells and Julie Mery-NAM Delegates

Dave Sweeney-Veterans Committee Chairman

***A Community of Prayer, Care and Friendship. Come and See!***



## Who is His Beatitude Patriarch Beshara Peter Rai?

- His Beatitude was born in Himlaya, Lebanon on February 25, 1940 to Youssef and Taminee Rai.
- He attended College Notre-Dame de Jamhour, a Jesuit school in Lebanon.
- He entered the Mariamite Maronite Order on July 31, 1962.
- He was ordained as a priest on September 3, 1967.
- From 1967 through 1975, he was responsible for the Arabic transmissions for Vatican Radio.
- In 1975, His Beatitude was awarded a doctorate in canon and civil from the University of Saint John Lateran.
- He taught at Saint Joseph University in Beirut, Lebanon and at Holy Spirit University in Kaslik, Lebanon.
- He founded Notre Dame University in Louaize and served as President from 1978 until 1986.
- He also presided over the Court of Appeals of the Maronite Tribunal during the same period.
- On July 12, 1986, Bechara Rai was consecrated as Auxiliary Bishop of Antioch.
- On July 9, 1990 he was appointed Archbishop of Jbeil.
- From 1990 through 1995, the Patriarch also served as the Coordinator of the Synod for Lebanon at the request of His Holiness, Pope John Paul II.
- In 1997, he chaired the Episcopal Commission for the Affairs of the Family.
- During the Synod of Maronite Bishops in Lebanon on March 15, 2011, Bechara Boutros Rai, at the age of 71 and still Archbishop of Jbeil, was elected as the *77<sup>th</sup> Patriarch of Antioch and All the East* by the Maronite Bishops.
- Patriarch Rai was enthroned on March 25, 2011 in Bkerke, Lebanon, the Patriarchate for the Maronite Catholic Church.
- His Beatitude is the first Maronite Patriarch in 200 years to come from a religious congregation.



**His Beatitude will be making his first pastoral visit to the United States of America, and will be visiting St. George Maronite Catholic Church in San Antonio on October 13, 2011.**

# Intentions and Readings of the Divine Liturgy

<b><u>Sat. Oct 1st</u></b>	5:00 PM,	Liturgy for Emilia Mery, req. by the Bey Aleph Liturgy for Jennifer Recio, req. by Margaret Andry Karam & Family	
	Rev 6:9-17		Mt. 12:43-45
<b><u>Sun. Oct 2nd</u></b>	8:00 AM	Liturgy for the parents & brother of Alton Wells, req. by the Wells Family Liturgy for Jamil Karam (40 day), req. by his loving family	
	11:00 AM	Liturgy for Tony Karam, req. by his loving family Liturgy for Mitri Salem Mousa, req. by the Sirhan family	
	Phil 3:17-4:1	<i>3rd Sunday after Holy Cross</i>	Mt 24:23-31
<b><u>Mon. Oct. 3rd</u></b>	No Liturgy		
	Rev 7:9-17		Mk 24:32-44
<b><u>Tues. Oct. 4th</u></b>	5:30 PM	Liturgy for Cecilia Mery, req. by Lanie Karam Liturgy for Emilia Mery, req. by Robert & Patricia Karam	
	Rev 10:1-11		Lk 6:20-26
<b><u>Wed. Oct 5th</u></b>	12:00 Noon	Liturgy for Phil Sfair, req. by the Patt Saliba Liturgy for Cecilia Mery, req. by Salah Diab & Family	
	Rev 11:1-12		Lk 5:33-39
<b><u>Thurs. Oct. 6th</u></b>	12:00 Noon	Liturgy for Emilia Mery, req. by John & Edwina Saba Liturgy for Cecilia Mery, req. by Sadie Majors	
	Rev 12:1-12		Lk 21:34-38
<b><u>Fri. Oct. 7th</u></b>	12:00 Noon	Liturgy for Salua Kirkes, req. by Ralph J. Karam Liturgy for Cecilia Mery, req. by Phillip LaMonica	
	Rev 13:1, 2b-4, 6-7, 11-12, 15-18		Jn 5:17-23
<b><u>Sat. Oct 8th</u></b>	5:00 PM,	Liturgy for Nehman Andry, req. by the children of Albert & Eva Andry Liturgy for Jamil Karam, req. by Ann Karam	
	Rev 14:1-8, 13		Jn 5:24-30
<b><u>Sun. Oct 9th</u></b>	8:00 AM	Liturgy for Byron O'Shaughnessy, req. by Roger & Carolyn O'Shaughnessy Liturgy for Cecilia Mery req. by George & Kathy White	
	11:00 AM	Liturgy for Zarie Aboud, req. by her loving family Liturgy for Marie Houayek, req. by the Houayek Family	
	1Thes 5:1-11	<i>3rd Sunday after Holy Cross</i>	Mt 24:45-51

**Stewardship:**

**Total: \$2708.50**

“give and it will be given to you...”

“for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

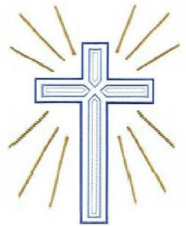


Luke 6:38



Elizabeth Abdo,	Muriel Keogh George,	Shirley Kirkes,	Paul Mery, Jr.,	Kirsten Reed,
Ellis Aboud,	Hank Grage,	Loretta La Monica,	Tony Moawad,	Billie Sahley,
Virginia Albosta,	Betty Gudat,	Phillip La Monica,	Adele Morrison,	George Sfair,
Rocky Anawaty,	Sal Isgro,	Marie La Monica,	Waddell Nasif,	Jeanette Van Delden,
Gloria Benson,	Vee Jowdy,	Richard La Monica,	Thelma O'Shaughnessy,	Gene Viola,
Pamela Gabriel Craig,	David Karam,	Margaret Craig Loyd,	David Palazzo,	Joe Walker
Marina Curie-John,	Margaret Abdo Karam,	Charles Malouff,	Noel Palazzo,	
Diana Curi-Ryder,	Mary Ann Karam,	Elvira Mery,	Ashley Polley,	
David Emerson,	Mary Ann Trad Karam,	Joe Mery,	Jo Ann Reed,	
Norma Emerson,		Malake Mery,	Kaitlyn Reed,	
Benita Felan,		Maria Mery,		

**Salwa Kirkes** - December 7, 2010  
**Phil Sfair** - January 4, 2011  
**Mary Karam** - January 17, 2011  
**Carlie Estefan** - February 17, 2011  
**Byron O'Shaughnessy**- June 12, 2011  
**Cecilia Mery**- July 21, 2011  
**Emilia Mery**- July 27, 2011  
**Jamil Karam**- September 2, 2011



*Rest In Peace*



**SATURDAY, Oct 1st**

**LECTOR:** James Andry (5:00pm)  
**USHERS:** Ameen Al-Bahloly & Laney McMath  
**GREETERS:** Karen Al-Bahloly  
**ALTAR SERVERS:** Thomas Andry & Chris Khattar

**SUNDAY, Oct 2nd**

**LECTOR:** Donald Karam (8:00AM)  
**LECTOR:** Michael Mery (11:00AM)  
**USHERS:** Alton Wells, Kevin Kearns, Jose Fernandez, Fredrick Tawil  
**GREETERS:** Soumaya Doenges & Miriam Wells  
**ALTAR SERVERS:** Chandler Kearns, Madeleine Younes, Stephanine Younes, Blake Mery

**SATURDAY, Oct 8th**

**LECTOR:** Ralph J. Karam (5:00pm)  
**USHERS:** Frank Dieck & Gerry Karam  
**GREETERS:** Nancy Nasif  
**ALTAR SERVERS:** Sean Salisbury & Kyle Salisbury

**SUNDAY, Oct 9th**

**LECTOR:** Eugene Karam (8:00AM)  
**LECTOR:** Brendan George (11:00AM)  
**USHERS:** Ladies of the LAS  
**GREETERS:** Ladies of the LAS  
**ALTAR SERVERS:** Douglas Karam, Charbel Elward, Harry Doenges, Blaise Northrop

# Community Life

## \* SUNDAY October 2nd

- Qurbono (Liturgy) at 8:00 AM & 11:00 AM
- Faith Formation will begin at 9:00 AM in the MCC.
- Bible Study today at 9:30 AM; topic for today is below.
- Blessing of catechists at 11:00 AM Liturgy

## \* TUESDAY October 4th

- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be from 3:00 PM to 5:30 PM followed by the Qurbono (Divine Liturgy) at 5:30 PM. Adoration will resume at 6:00 PM and will conclude with the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

## \* SUNDAY October 9th

- Qurbono (Liturgy) at 8:00 AM & 11:00 AM
- Faith Formation will begin at 9:00 AM in the MCC.
- Bible Study today at 9:30 AM; topic for today is below.

## \* NAM JOURNAL

-The St. George community will be publishing a commemorative journal for the 2012 Eparchial Maronite Convention sponsored by our families, friends and business associates. If interested you may purchase an ad and pay in full or take advantage of a payment plan. For more information you may contact Debbie Fernandez at 415-8260.



### Bible Study Corner Fruits of the Holy Spirit:

- 2. Joy- October 2 Luke 24: 33-53
- 3. Peace- October 9 Isaiah 43: 1-7



## \* VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU

-Thank you very much to Jo-Ann Andera for chairing *Magic Is The Night* this year and thanks to all the volunteers, members of the committee, and those who purchased tables and tickets for your continued support and hard work to make Magic is the Night a very successful event for St. George. Your commitment of time and talent in support of our community is greatly appreciated. God Bless all of you.



## \* PATRIARCH'S VISIT-BANQUET SEATING

-You can now select your seating for the Thursday, October 13th evening banquet. Arrangements for the seating will be after all liturgies this weekend- Remember, reservations and seating will be determined by your receipt of payment. **The deadline for reservations is Monday October 3rd.**

## \* OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

-To the family and friends of Ann Sirhan whose father, Mitri Salem Mousa passed away on Wednesday September 21st.. Grant him rest O Lord and may perpetual light shine upon him.



- The festival is a few weeks away and promises to be more wonderful than ever.
- Please tell your family and friends to hold the dates: Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>.
- New this year - a Casino Night both Fri and Sat evening for a chance to win fabulous prizes.
- Raffle tickets will be available soon for a chance to win trips, an iPad2+3G, or Visa Gift Cards.
- For more information contact Jackie Hull at 210-860-8876 or email at [jjmjch@gmail.com](mailto:jjmjch@gmail.com)

# Miscellaneous

## LAS CORNER

- \* Oct 6 (Thur.) - Church Cleaning 9 am
- \* Oct 9 (Sun.) - LAS Mass and Meeting
- \* Oct 29 (Sat.) - Prep for LAS Luncheon 9 am
- \* Oct 30 (Sun.) - LAS Luncheon after 11 am Mass
- \* Interested in joining the LAS, contact Janice Gildersleeve at 492-7469 for more info.

## September 27 is World Tourism Day

World Tourism Day is commemorated on 27 September each year and coincides with an important milestone in world tourism: the anniversary of the adoption of the UNWTO Statutes on 27 September 1970.

The main purpose of World Tourism Day is to foster awareness among the international community of the importance of tourism and its social, cultural, political and economic values.



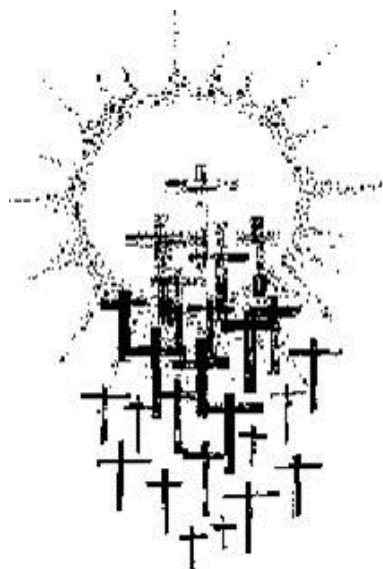
- \* Visit of Patriarch Beshara Peter Rai– Oct. 13th
- \* NAM board visits St. George - Oct. 14th - 16th
- \* All Saints Day—Nov.1st
- \* Lebanese Festival— Nov 4-6
- \* Consecration of the Church—Sun. Nov. 6th

## Vote for Lebanon

For all who love Lebanon, dedicate some time and vote for Jeita grotto, one the new 7 wonders of our planet.

Please visit: <http://www.vote4lebanon.com/>

In Memory of the deceased parishioners and friends of St. George Maronite Church  
who died in the month of September:



**If for some reason you find that a loved one is not on this list, please call the church office at 690-9569.**

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|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Abdo, Joseph            | Karam, Adela Jacobs      |
| Ablan, Emma             | Karam, Edward            |
| Ablan, Jesse            | Karam, Dieb Becos        |
| Allen, Saed             | Karam, Julia C.          |
| Anawaty, William        | Lahood, Willie           |
| Benson, Lynn            | Lowery, Leslie           |
| CasillaAbdo, Joseph     | Lowery, Lloyd            |
| Ablan, Emma             | Mehre, Joussef           |
| Ablan, Jesse            | Mery, Rose               |
| Allen, Saed             | Mimari, Angela (Najla)   |
| Anawaty, William        | Niemeyer, Phillip Edward |
| Benson, Lynn            | Rashed, Lucille          |
| Casillas, Ramon Becerra | Rashed, Takla            |
| Catalani, Florence      | Sacre, Elizabeth         |
| Chamaa, Badiaa Al-K     | Sarkis, Elias            |
| Craig, Robert           | Shalhoub, Joseph         |
| Estefan, Hope           | Sirhan, Jerry            |
| George, Amin            | Tabet, George S.         |
| Heny, George            | Van Delden, Melba Keller |
| Jowdy, Madeline         | Yamin, Joseph            |

# Life Chain Returns to Share Pro-Life Message on Abortion

At more than 1,800 locations throughout the United States, pro-life advocates will join together in the annual Life Chain to peacefully, prayerfully, and quietly hold signs conveying the message “Abortion Kills Children.”



With other messages like “Abortion Hurts Women,” “Pray to End Abortion,” and “Jesus Forgives and Heals,” Life Chain participants have educated millions of passing motorists as they line the streets and sidewalks of cities large and small across America. The goal behind the event, which started in California decades ago, is to gather pro-life people of all faiths to share the message that abortion destroys the lives of unborn children, hurts women and that adoption is a better solution.

“The 24th National Life Chain is a silent witness of the Christian community standing in honor of 54 million babies whose lives have been lost to abortion,” the organization sponsoring the event says. “Participants hold professionally-printed signs that are provided at each site and pray for human life to be held sacred in our nation.”

Mike Kofroth, Life Chain state director for Wisconsin, says the event, which will take place on October 2nd in the mid afternoon in most cities has a powerful impact on people.

“Since the start of Life Chain in Milwaukee, I have seen its most powerful influence has been on those who hold the signs and not the general public,” he said. “This influence is most critical on our children as they participate year after year,” he said, adding that it “can affect the public debate in ways beyond what we at first may realize.”

Sharron Albertson, one of the national Life Chain coordinators and the head of the events in Texas, tells LifeNews the events have been instrumental in encouraging young people to become active in the pro-life movement and that it has helped women change their minds about an abortion.

“We are glad to hear every year about students who have been part of a Life Chain and then later have convinced their school friends not to have an abortion. Students who participate understand that a third of their generation has disappeared and then convince their friends at school not to kill their baby,” Albertson said. “We hear every year about people who have gotten their start in pro-life work or in volunteering in their community after being part of a Life Chain, realizing that they can’t stand back and let things happen.”

“Last year on the first Sunday of October in more than 1,800 locations in 1,500 cities and towns across the United States and Canada, tens of thousands of pro-life people gathered to pray silently beside major streets and hold professionally-printed signs that are provided at the site,” Albertson said. “Again this year they will peacefully show solidarity in the Christian community for the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death.

Next year, Life Chain will mark 25 years of events across the country.

See <http://LifeChain.net> for information on the more than 1800 locations near you. Additional information is on <http://NationalLifeChain.org>.