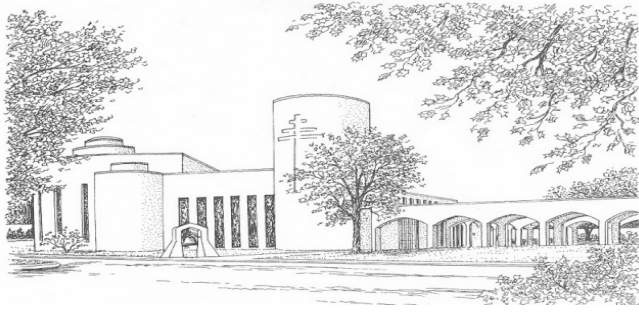


SAINT GEORGE MARONITE CHURCH



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

**Week of October 9, 2011
4th Sunday after Holy Cross**

Religious Education & Bible Study

Pre K - 12th 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

Saint George Maronite Catholic Church

6070 Babcock Road, San Antonio, TX 78240

Offices: (210) 690-9569 Fax: (210) 690-5093

www.stgeorgesa.org

Hall: (210) 696-5937 www.stgeorgemaronitecenter.com

Fr. Ghassan Mattar, MLM – Pastor Ex. 101

E-mail: pastor@stgeorgesa.org

Fr. Charles Khachan, MLM - Assoc. Pastor Ex. 102

E-mail: associate@stgeorgesa.org

Robert Beathe-Webmaster/Usher Coordinator Ex. 100

Jo Ann Reed - Church Treasurer Ex. 103

K. T. Cockerell-Hall Manager Ex. 104

Deborah Mery Fernandez-Cultural Arts Director

Richard Karam-Church Attorney

Edward Karam-Church Realtor & Lector Coordinator

Sylvana Mery-Greeter Coordinator

Deborah Mery Fernandez-Altar Server Coordinator

Kathy Andera White-Archivist

Fernando Fernandez-Athletic Director Ex. 105

Sylvia Karam-MYA Spiritual Moderator

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!



The Maronite Liturgy: Her foundations and nature

Third: Present situation of the liturgy and outlook for the future:

The role of the liturgy in unifying the Maronites within the patriarchate and in the lands of emigration.

The present liturgical situation in the Maronite Church is the result of a variety of historic ramifications and of many intellectual, cultural and social currents that influenced the liturgical rites and texts. To remedy this situation, an active liturgical movement rose up in a variety of fields, particularly in the field of prayers and hymns.

There were numerous reformers and each followed his own inspiration. New liturgical books were put out with a variety of rituals. Some of them were old, other recent or very new. Soon this liturgical movement deteriorated, from a positive initiative, into a chaotic anarchy in certain places, at certain occasions and with certain parish priests. In addition, many promoters of reform began taking the liberty of creating new liturgical rituals not having a Maronite origin. In view of this situation, liturgical reform has become an urgent necessity in order to organize the text and unify the vision within the Maronite Church. Maronites will now assemble in the Patriarchal Domain and the Countries of Expansion to celebrate wherever they are the one liturgy that expresses their authenticity and uniqueness. This reform directly concerns the Maronites around the world because the liturgy is the most important bond that links them to the mother Church and contributes to their unity in their Countries of Expansion.

In today's world, we see an awakening of ethnic consciousness on one hand, and a new world order, on the other. The Maronites feel an urgent need to follow the liturgical, ecclesial and intellectual path traced by the Patriarchal See in Bkerke. Thus, the liturgical commissions in the Countries of Expansion will adapt the central liturgical reform to the Maronites living in these lands. They will, however, preserve the Maronite personality manifested in their identity. A word of praise is appropriate here for the great efforts of the eparchies of the expansion for continuing to be in communication with the mother Church and for continuing to follow her directives. It is worth pointing out that it is necessary to preserve a few common prayers in Syriac such as the "Qadishat Aloho" and the "words of the Eucharistic institutions" and other ritual expressions because the external unity of expression will contribute to a unity of heart. Based on the liturgical heritage, the Maronites would be ambassadors of their Church to the world. Through it, they interact with the cultures of the universal Church having their own standing and role.

Intentions and Readings of the Divine Liturgy

<u>Sat. Oct 8th</u>	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
<u>Sun. Oct 9th</u>	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>4th Sunday after Holy Cross</i>	Lk:13-6-9
<u>Mon. Oct. 10th</u>	No Liturgy		
		Rev 15:1-8	Jn 12:20-28
<u>Tues. Oct. 11th</u>	5:30 PM	Liturgy for Jamil Karam, req. by Gene Viola & Marsha Estefan Liturgy for Julia Sfair, req. by Ani Saliba	
		Rev 18:1-8	Lk 16:20-24
<u>Wed. Oct 12th</u>	12:00 Noon	Liturgy for Phil Sfair, req. by the Ani Saliba Liturgy for Cecilia Mery, req. by Salah Diab & Family	
		Rev 19:1-2,5-9, 11-13, 16	Lk 12:16-21
<u>Thurs. Oct. 13th</u>	6:30 PM	Liturgy for the living and deceased parishioners of St. George	
		2Tim 3:10-17	Jn 12:23-30
<u>Fri. Oct. 14th</u>	12:00 Noon	Liturgy for Archbishop Francis Zayek, req. by Ralph J. Karam Liturgy for Cecilia Mery, req. by Phillip LaMonica, Jr.	
		Rev. 21:22-25:5	Lk 15:3-7
<u>Sat. Oct 15th</u>	5:00 PM,	Liturgy for Solomon Karam, Sr., Solomon Karam, Jr., & Frank Van Delden, req. by Azizi Karam & Jeanette Van Delden & their families	
		Rev 22:16-21	Lk 15:8-10
<u>Sun. Oct 16th</u>	8:00 AM	Liturgy for Byron O'Shaughnessy, req. by Roger & Carolyn O'Shaughnessy	
		Liturgy for Emilia Mery, req. by Amira Andera & JoAnn Andera	
	11:00 AM	Liturgy for Madeline & Fred Jowdy, req. by their loving family Liturgy for Byron O'Shaughnessy, req. by Jenna Hannna	
		Phil 2:12-18 <i>5th Sunday after Holy Cross</i>	Mt 25:1-13

Stewardship:

Total: \$2323.25



“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 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

SATURDAY, Oct 15th

LECTOR: Tim O'Connor (5:00pm)
USHERS: Kathy Birkner & Nancy Karam
GREETERS: Sandy Nasif
ALTAR SERVERS: Chris Khattar & Zach Karam

SUNDAY, Oct 16th

LECTOR: Pat Perillo (8:00AM)
LECTOR: Larry Karam (11:00AM)
USHERS: Jo Ann Andera, Jose Fernandez, Ray Dustin & Lila Dustin
GREETERS: Sylvana Mery & Ginina Mery
ALTAR SERVERS: Joya Noujeim, Ani Saliba, Federico Chavez, Ceci Chavez

Community Life

* 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.
- LAS meeting after the 11:00 Liturgy

* TUESDAY October 11th

- 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.

* THURSDAY October 13th

- Pontifical Divine Liturgy celebrated by his beatitude Beshara Peter Rai, Patriarch of Antioch and all the East for the Maronites at 6:30 PM in the MCC. Please dress appropriately. Business wear. No shorts, jeans, t-shirts, or sandals.
- Banquet follows in the Grand Hall at 8:00, reserved seating.

* SUNDAY October 16th

- 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.

*MARONITE YOUNG AT HEART SENIORS

Will meet on October 19, due to the patriarch's visit at 10:00 Am in the MCC.

* 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.



* REQUESTING MASSES

Please note that for your convenience, there are mass request envelopes in the back of the church. If you wish to have a mass said, simply fill one out completely, seal your donation inside, and drop it in the collection basket or hand to one of the priests.

* COMMEMORATIVE BRICKS

If you are interested in honoring a living or deceased family member, buying a "brick of love" is a perfect tribute. Donation for each Brick is \$500.00. Call the Church office for more information.

Bible Study Corner

Fruits of the Holy Spirit:

- | | |
|-------------------------|------------------|
| 3. Peace- October 9 | Isaiah 43: 1-7 |
| 4. Patience- October 16 | Matthew 18:21-35 |
| 5. Kindness-October 23 | 2Samuel 9 |



- 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. 4th, 5th and 6th.
- 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

Miscellaneous

LAS CORNER

- * 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.



2011

Mark Your Calendar



- * Visit of Patriarch Beshara Peter Rai— Oct. 13th
- * NAM board visits St. George - Oct. 14th - 16th
- * NAM Awareness weekend October 15th-16th
- * Veterans Day Liturgy & Celebration— November 13th
- * All Saints Day—Nov. 1st
- * Lebanese Festival— Nov 4-6
- * Consecration of the Church—Sun. Nov. 6th



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/>

October is the Month dedicated to the Holy Rosary

According to an account by fifteenth-century Dominican, Alan de la Roch, Mary appeared to St. Dominic in 1206 after he had been praying and doing severe penances because of his lack of success in combating the Albigensian heresy. Mary praised him for his valiant fight against the heretics and then gave him the Rosary as a mighty weapon, explained its uses and efficacy, and told him to preach it to others.

Early tradition attributes many great triumphs of the Rosary. St. Pius V attributed the great defeat of the Turkish fleet on the first Sunday of October, 1571, to the fact that at the same time the Rosary confraternities at Rome and elsewhere were holding their processions. Accordingly, he ordered a commemoration of the Rosary to be made on that day. Two years later, Gregory XIII allowed the celebration of a feast of the Rosary in churches having an altar dedicated to the Rosary. In 1671, Clement X extended the feast to all Spain. Clement XI extended the feast of the Rosary to the whole Church.

Until about the 15th century hundreds of mysteries were part of the Rosary devotion then the 15 mysteries that we know today were definitively fixed as "the Mysteries of the Rosary." Pope John Paul II, in his encyclical, *Rosarium Virginis Mariae*, in 2002 added the five Luminous Mysteries.

Ohio Abortion Rate Hits New Low



Oew statistics from the state of Ohio show the number of abortions there have declined for the 10th straight year — showing the combination of effective pro-life education, legislation and help for pregnant women works.

Ohio abortions have reached an all-time low according to the latest report released by the Ohio Department of Health. The health department's 2010 Abortion Report revealed a decrease of approximately 600 abortions from 2009 for a state total of 28,123 abortions performed in 2010.

The new statistics show that abortions in Ohio have declined a total of 26% since the year 2000. Since 1982, when reported abortions peaked at their all-time high, the number of abortions in Ohio has decreased by nearly 40%.

“During the past decade, more and more women and families chose life in Ohio,” Ohio Right to Life director Mike Gonidakis told LifeNews. “While we will not rest until the number of reported abortions is zero, each year these statistics reaffirm our statewide pro-life strategies which focus on supporting young women through our pregnancy centers, promoting adoption and identifying common sense legislative solutions to end abortion. Moms are being protected, more babies are alive today and we can all agree that this is good public policy.”

The new health department report shows the majority of abortions taking place in Ohio occur in the metropolitan areas of Cuyahoga County at 36.8%, Franklin at 19.2%, and Hamilton at 17.8%. A majority of abortions are done on women younger than 24 years old and 37.1% are done on black women even though just 12.2 percent of Ohio's population is black.

Some 56.6% of all Ohio abortions take place during the first 9 weeks of pregnancy and 83% are performed upon women who are unmarried.

The Ohio Right to Life director says a new law the state's pro-life governor signed will likely drive down the number of abortions further.

The new abortion figures come as the Ohio state legislature is debating a measure called the [Heartbeat Bill](#), which would ban abortions at the point when a unborn child's heart starts to beat. At 22 days into pregnancy, before most women know they are pregnant, unborn children complete the development of their heart to the point that a heartbeat begins and the bill, supported by the pro-life group Faith2Action, Operation Rescue, Life Issues Institute and other pro-life groups, would stop abortions at that point. The Ohio legislature took up the legislation this year and it received a legislative committee hearing and an approving vote from the state House.

The House, led by Republicans, voted 54-43 for the abortion ban, which now faces less certain prospects in the state Senate. Some pro-life groups are not on board with the legislation, not because they oppose banning abortions but out of a concern that it will be struck down in court if passed, since the Supreme Court is currently dominated by at least a 5-4 pro-abortion majority. As a result, the legislation would be struck down in court and the ruling would add to the case law that supports Roe vs. Wade. Such groups are working to change the courts so Roe can be overturned and legislation like the Heartbeat bill or others could be approved to provide legal protection for unborn children.

Crisis Pregnancy Center
For Counseling and Help at No Cost - 888-833-8996
Project Rachel – For Healing After Abortion - San Antonio 349-1008