



**Saint John Maron Church**  
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*We are a growing family of God that celebrates and witnesses the saving presence of Christ among us through worship, social interaction, and charity. While in full communion with the Pope, our worship follows the ancient Syriac Maronite Catholic Tradition with a vibrant, modern balance. We constantly seek to renew ourselves that we may set aside personal divisions and welcome everyone in a spirit of Christian Love!*

## SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE GLORIOUS CROSS

### Christ the King

**The Year of Our Lord 2017, Oct 29**  
Liturgy of the Word pg. 606, Creed pg. 748  
Anaphora of St. Mark pg. 835

Sunday 9:30 am Liturgy is offered for your intentions

**Sunday 11:30 am Liturgy** is offered for the repose of the soul of Ibrahim Ammoun, as requested by his daughters Rola (Jay) Semaan and Rania (Joseph) Khoury and families. May he rest in the peace of Christ.

## Capital Fund Dinner

This Saturday, November 4

At the Grand CATERED Events Banquet Hall, 300 South Flower St, Orange  
This year's Capital Fund Dinner focuses on providing the financial resources to expand and support spiritual programs & the outreach goals of the parish.

Making the Church relevant to all members requires personnel. We have been blessed with the presence of two Sisters from the Order of the Holy Family in Ibreen. They provide love, inspiration and guidance to our parish family. We want to ensure we keep them with us. As you may know, the parish has been without sufficient administrative support for the last year. The toll this has taken on our activity tempo and Monsignor is most significant. To address these requires financial resources. Please attend the Capital Fund Dinner, and if you believe you can contribute more, bring your checkbooks with you.

Cocktails will be served at 6:30 with dinner at 7:30pm.  
Donation: \$250 per person.

If you wish to help or serve on the committee, please contact Ed Salem 714-767-1740

—Please RSVP by November 1, 2017 by calling or emailing:

—Marie-Therese Abboud (714 615 8952

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—Nawal Karam (951 220 4193 email: [nawalkaram@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nawalkaram@sbcglobal.net)

—Or you may make your reservation and payment on line at:

<https://membership.faithdirect.net/events/details/1158>

## Last Week's Collections

Sat. 6:00 pm: \$144

Sunday, 9:30 am: \$674,

Sunday, 11:30 am: \$1,355

Contributions: \$1,350

## Outreach Committee

Meeting Wednesday, Nov 1, 7:30

## Thanksgiving Food Drive Begins November 4

## WEEKDAY LITURGY

- Wed., Nov 1, 7:00pm, All Saints
- Thurs., Nov 2, 7:00 pm
- Fr. Nov 3, 7:00 pm, Sacred heart
- Sat. Nov 4, 6:00pm, Immaculate Heart

Confession: Before Liturgy

Please allow:

-6 months for weddings

-1 month for baptisms

## Alpha Nights at Church

**Every Friday,  
7:45pm to 10:00pm**

**Session 3, November 3**

It's not too late to join in the faith discussion about the most important questions we can ask. Who am I? Why am I here? Is Faith real? What is the evidence? Why believe? Listen to these compelling Alpha Videos and discuss with others. No lecture, no pressure. Get to know other. Dinner 7:45pm, Watch a half hour video then discuss it in a small group. Bringing a guest. No fee.

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## Kids Club & Cub Scouts

St. John Maron Church is resuming its Kids Club activities on November 11th 2017.

The clubs will be meeting about 3 times per month on Saturdays.

Most meetings will be held in the afternoon, with the occasional all-day event. Meetings will be coordinated with the Arabic lessons and other Church activities.

The kids will be divided into two groups:

Group 1: Ages: 4 through 7

Group 2: Ages 8 through 13

Group 2 will be modeled around the Cub Scouts Organization and will be registered to be an official Cub Scout Pack with the Boy Scouts of America.

### Call for volunteers

We are seeking adult parishioners who can be part of the kids-related leadership teams, to include:

- Liaison with the Boy Scouts of America
- Scout Master
- Assistant Scout Master
- Scout Committee Member
- Scout Committee Chair
- Event coordinator
- Event volunteer

If you are interested, please contact Eliane Cury or Michel Kamel

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## Youth Choir & Young Adults Choir

He who sings prays twice

We are starting a Youth Choir and a Young Adults Choir in our church.

**Youth Choir:** November 11, from 4:00 to 5:30 pm

**Young Adults Choir:** November 18, from 4:00 to 5:30 pm.

Please contact Sr. Laure

Special masses will be announced soon!

# Women's Retreat

The retreat will take place on January 19, 20 & 21, 2018.

Venue: Prince of Peace Abbey on 650 Benet Hill Rd, Oceanside.

Language: Arabic & English

Availability: 38 places available for sleeping in (first in first served)

Fees: \$200 for two nights and 6 meals (starting Friday pm till Sunday noon)

Deposit: \$50 per person (not refundable), to be paid before November 5, 2017

All fees must be paid by November 12, 2017

For payment arrangement, please see either Eliane Cury or Sr Martha.

PS: The full program of the retreat will follow at a later stage.

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Mt 25:31-46:

Much More Needed

Being mediocre is not enough. Our actions need to extend to the very least, the most vulnerable, if we are to make God's presence known in the world.



Gospel  
Reflections

attention and care.

In this last Sunday of the Liturgical Year and Season of the Cross, we are greeted with the Parable of the Judgement of the Nations. Jesus makes a clear vote in favor of helping the least in our midst. When the people are criticized, it is not because they failed to help or care. It is because their generosity of heart did not extend further than their immediate circle of friends. We can all be good and kind, we can all be generous and caring, especially with family and those we love. Yet that is not enough to make this world a better place.

In the parable Jesus clearly states, 'just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me' (v45). We are

called to notice the stranger in our midst, to get out of our comfort zone, to expand our horizons and become engaged with the needs of others. It doesn't mean overseas missionary work but rather noticing the very people around us that need our

Earlier in Matthew's Gospel he states, 'Give to everyone who begs from you' (5:42) and again, 'For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even tax-collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others?' (5:46-47) and again in 10:42, 'whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones . . . none of these will lose their reward.'

Time and time again it is clear in Matthew's Gospel account that Jesus asks us to love continually and generously to one and all. For in the end only in giving will we find meaning and only in relationships do our lives matter. Amen "Margaret Ghosn mshf"



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