



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!

The Year of Our Lord 2017, Nov 12 RENEWAL OF THE CHURCH

Liturgy of the Word pg. 7, Creed pg. 748
Anaphora of St. John Chrysostom pg. 876

Sunday 9:30 am & 11:30 am, Liturgy is offered for your intentions

Sunday Nov 19, 9:30 Liturgy will be offered for:

Milia Azzi Gauthier, sister of Najil Azzi and Sister in Law of Andree Azzi
She passed away in Lawrence Massachusetts.

William Cregg, Brother in Law of Andree Azzi and Najil Azzi and Uncle
of Andrea Doche. He passed away in New York.

Jane Woolley Carr, Cousin of Andree Azzi and Aunt of Andrea Doche.
she passed away in Texas.

Sunday Nov 19, 11:30am Liturgy will be offered as a forty day memorial
for the repose of the soul of Laila Diab Saqr, as requested by her
cousin Suad Saqr Ammar and Evelyn Saqr and their families.

League Meeting, Sunday, Nov 12 after 11:30 liturgy

First Communion Parent meeting on Sunday, Nov 12 from
10:40 -11:15 in the church.



Faith Direct

Your commitment on a monthly basis helps us budget. Kindly Consider supporting the parish by auto-pay, once a month, through faithdirect.net

Parish Code: CA818

Last Week's Collections

Sat. 6:00 pm: \$179
Sunday, 9:30 am: \$1,213
Sunday, 11:30 am: \$1,036
Contributions: \$2200

WEEKDAY LITURGY

- Wednesday, Nov 15, 7:00 pm
- Thursday, Nov 16, 7:00 pm
- Friday, Nov 17, 7:00 pm
- Saturday, Nov 18, 6:00 pm

Confession: Before Liturgy

Please allow:

-6 months for weddings

-1 month for baptisms



at Church

Every Friday,

7:45pm to 10:00pm

We are showing the videos every Friday (October - February/ 2017), **check the schedule and join us, no matter what session it is.**

Previous video sessions will be linked weekly on our [facebook](https://www.facebook.com), but nothing beats a video with a meal and heart to heart conversation, Remember almost Every Friday at Saint John Maron church. Dinner 7:45 pm, Watch a half hour video and discuss it in a small group. It is a good opportunity to help in the outreach effort by bringing a guest with you. Potluck, for food donations, please call Raghida Francis 714-728-0041.

Free Event, walk-in, No Reservations



John 10:22-42 Renewal of the Church

In this week dedicated to the Renewal of the Church, we are faced with the question, how seriously do people take the Church today?

Sadly, the Church has received a bad rap from all directions – media, politicians, courts, and its own members. In some cases, rightly so, but there is more to being a Church than simply the scandals that have damaged what should be an important institution in society.

So how can the Church redeem its authenticity and credibility as a symbol of truth and hope, compassion and mercy, forgiveness and love? Well even Jesus had to bear the brunt of vicious lies and attacks as we read in today's Gospel. However, he says a very important line, 'even though you do not believe me, believe the works' (v38). In other words, take note of the good that is done and then decide whether you have a right to condemn.

For those today who want to do away with religion and Churches, and unfortunately there are many of them, the challenge is to bring to light the good that the Church does, to renew once again the image of the Church as there for the poor, the needy, and the voice for social justice.

People don't have to believe in Jesus, but by seeing good works and hearing Good News, maybe conversion will happen and Australia may once again have their confidence restored in the Church and in Christ's followers. Amen

"Margaret Ghosn mshf"



Transforming the lives of homeless families.

Because every child deserves a home

In collaboration with Family Promise, an organization dedicated to provide assistance to homeless families, we are hosting homeless families-about 9 persons, at our church, Sunday evening Nov 19 till Sunday morning, Nov 26. They arrive each day at 5:30 pm and leave at 6:30 am.

We need a simple act of compassion from our parishioners to:

- Welcome them and make them feel at home
- Share dinner with them
- Sleep overnight at church.

You can choose the day and the type of help here:
Give Thanksgiving a new meaning [Click Here](#)

THANKSGIVING Food Drive

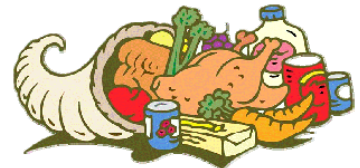
Nov 4 to Nov 18

We need to prepare 8 baskets of Food.

Please bring your donations to church before Nov 18.

Baskets will be distributed to needy families in our parish.

[Please select items to donate here](#)



IT'S CHRISTMAS TIME

Save the Date
Sunday, December 17
10:30 AM @ SJM church

- CHOCOLATE
- CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS
- CHRISTMAS CAROLS
- GIFTS
- SANTA'S BOOTH
- KIDS CRAFTS
- LUNCH

It is Christmas every time you let God love others through you.
Saint Mother Teresa

Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to do it. (Proverbs 3:27)

Saint John Maron Church helping those in need

Pick a number

Donate an item from the list

Bring back your wrapped gift to church by December 16, 2017

All gifts will be distributed

The Giving Tree

Helping Those in Need

Giving Alms (1 John 3:17)

But whoever has the world's goods, and sees his brother in need and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God abide in him?



Kids Choir - Youth Choir &

Young Adults Choir

He who sings prays twice

Rehearsals for Kids Choir, Youth Choir and a Young Adults Choir

Those interested, please join:

Dr. Marlise Ayoub: Kids Choir: November 11, 5:00 pm

Sr. Laure (714-356-7674):

Youth Choir: Next Rehearsal TBA

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

Special masses will be announced soon!

We are proud of our choir and are really blessed to have such a fine group of singers!

New talents are welcome to join!

Choir practices for November are scheduled as follows:

Sunday Nov 5, at 10:30 am

Tue Nov 7, at 7:30 pm

Wed Nov 15, at 7:30 pm

Mon Nov 30, at 7:30 pm

Sun Nov 26, after Liturgy

Wed Nov 29, at 7:30 pm



Kids Club & Cub Scouts

Registration

St. John Maron Church is resuming its Kids Club activities on November 11th, 4:00-6:00pm.

The kids will be divided into two groups:

Group 1: Ages: 4 through 7

Group 2: Ages 8 through 13, which 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.

To register your child, please [click here](#)

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 Dr. Michel Kamel.

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 19, 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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Catholic Church
600 El Camino Real, Millbrae, CA 94030
Cost: \$200

All attendees must be accompanied by at
least one advisor.

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JANUARY 29, 2018 TO THE MYO OFFICE, P.O. BOX
2902, YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO 44511**

For more info, visit www.maroniteyouth.org

National Maronite Youth Organization

MYO Retreat with Father Gary

March 2-4 2018

Our Lady of Lebanon Catholic Church

600 El Camino Real

Millbrae , CA 90430

Cost \$200

Application and payment in full are due by:

January 29, 2018

Please join us as we come together in...

SOLIDARITY WITH PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS AROUND THE WORLD

Wednesday, November 29, 2017
6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

"In terms of the numbers of people involved, the gravity of the crimes committed and their impact, it is clear that the persecution of Christians is today worse than at any time in history. Not only are Christians more persecuted than any other faith group, but ever-increasing numbers are experiencing the very worst forms of persecution."

– John Pontifex, editor of "Persecuted and Forgotten? 2015-2017,"
report on worldwide persecution of Christians, quoted in *Crux*, 10/18/17

Christ Cathedral Cultural Center (Freed Theater)
13280 Chapman Avenue
Garden Grove, CA 92840

Keynote Presenters:

- Mr. Dotty Hage, Chair of the O.C. Chapter of In Defense of Christians
- Fr. Steven Tschlis of St. Paul's Greek Orthodox Church, Irvine
- Fr. Kyrillos Ibrahim of St. Paul's Coptic Orthodox Church, Irvine
- Fr. Ashur Elkhoury of St. Paul's Assyrian Church of the East, Anaheim

#SolidarityInSuffering

In the midst of the turbulence in the Middle East, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops expresses solidarity with Christians and all those who suffer from the conflict and persecution in the region.

In observance of the week of awareness (November 26-December 2, 2017), join us the evening of November 29th which includes a Reception at 6:30 p.m. and presentations at 7:30 p.m.



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HALL! BRING WITH YOU TO
CHURCH 1) ANY LEBANESE ID (OK
IF EXPIRED) AND 2) YOUR DRIVER
LICENSE OR CA ID OR YOUR
AMERICAN PASSPORT



WE WILL HAVE A BOOTH TO REGISTER
YOU AFTER SUNDAY MASS ON
NOVEMBER 12 AND 19, 2017 IN SAINT
JOHN MARON CHURCH HALL

ALL YOU NEED TO HAVE WITH YOU WHEN YOU COME TO CHURCH ON
SUNDAY:

- 1) A Lebanese Citizenship proof (even if expired)
- 2) Your USA ID that have a proof you live in the USA, such as a driver License, A CA ID, or your American Passport



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