



# 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 19 ANNOUNCEMENT TO ZECHARIAH  
Liturgy of the Word pg.18, Creed pg. 748  
Anaphora of the 12 Apostles pg.754

### **9:30 Liturgy** is offered for:

Milia Azzi Gauthier, sister of Najil Azzi and Sister in Law of Andree Azzi.  
William Cregg, Brother in Law of Andree Azzi and Najil Azzi and Uncle of Andrea Doche.

Jane Woolley Carr, Cousin of Andree Azzi and Aunt of Andrea Doche.

**11:30 am Liturgy** is 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.

**11:30 am Liturgy** is offered as a one year memorial for the repose of the soul of Albert Howard, as requested by his wife. Olivia and family.

**We offer our sincere condolences** for the repose of the soul of Marie Diab, mother of Khalil, Maurice, Paul, Siham, Helen, and Janot Holy Rosary and viewing: Sunday Nov 19, 3pm - 5pm at Evans Brown Mortuary - 27010 Encanto Dr, Sun City, CA 92585

Funeral Liturgy: Monday 11/20, at 10 am at Santiago de Compostela Catholic Church - 21682 Lake Forest Dr, Lake Forest, CA 92630

Ascension Cemetery - 24754 Trabuco Rd, Lake Forest, CA 92630 followed by Mercy Meal at Santiago de Compostela Catholic Church.

Nov. 26, 11:30 am Liturgy will be offered as a one year memorial for Afaf Younes as requested by Subdeacon John Younes and family

### **Last Week's Collections**

Sat. 6:00 pm: \$105

Sunday, 9:30 am: \$699

Sunday, 11:30 am: \$1,192

Contributions: \$880

### **WEEKDAY LITURGY**

- Wednesday, Nov 22, 7:00 pm
- Thursday, Nov 23, **10:00am\*\*\***
- Friday, Nov 24, 7:00 pm
- Saturday, Nov 25, 6:00 pm

**Confession: Before Liturgy**

Please allow:

-6 months for weddings

-1 month for baptisms

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**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.** (no Alpha Thanksgiving weekend)

Previous video sessions will be linked weekly on our [facebook](#), 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.

## Lk 1:1-25 Announcement to Zechariah

So we commence our preparation for Christmas and unexpectedly we start with the story of Zechariah and Elizabeth and the promise of a son – John the Baptist. The coming of Jesus will follow, but the scene must be set, preparation commence, and excitement stirred, before Jesus makes an appearance.

Yet are people ready for Jesus? In Zechariah's case he had lost the ability to be in awe and the ability to hope. It was as if he had no time or need for God. We too are like that sometimes – content with routine and wanting no one to bother us. We have lost the taste for adventure, for hope, for life.

When the angel appears to Zechariah, 'he was terrified; and fear overwhelmed him' (v12). All too often our reaction to grace, to wonder, to the unexpected is a response of fear. In such a state we cannot fathom meaning, trust in goodness, believe and hope.

Starting the Season of the Birth of our Lord with this story of Zechariah is a wake-up call to us. Prepare yourselves, be ready and awake, for God comes and God will demand something of you. Do not miss the opportunity to contribute to God's plan. Do not live lives crippled by fear and stunted by doubt. Come alive, for all things are possible and God is ready to give you the challenge to shine. Amen

"Margaret Ghosn mshf"



## Gospel Reflections

### MYO 2018 CALIFORNIA REGIONAL RETREAT

HOSTED BY OUR LADY OF LEBANON MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN MILLBRAE, CALIFORNIA

March 2-4, 2018

Located at: Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

600 El Camino Real, Millbrae, CA 94030

Cost: \$200

All attendees must be accompanied by at least one advisor.

APPLICATIONS AND PAYMENT IN FULL ARE DUE BY JANUARY 29, 2018 TO THE MYO OFFICE, P.O. BOX 2902, YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO 44511

For more info, visit [www.maroniteyouth.org](http://www.maroniteyouth.org)

National Maronite Youth Organization



### Youth of St John Maron Church

You are invited to a Teen Mass & a Talk

December 9th

6:00 pm



### Inspirational guest speaker :

Matthew Zemanek is a devoted husband, a youth minister, Catholic speaker, a musician and a huge nerd.

Originally a mountain man from Lake Arrowhead, Matt left a life of bear-riding, log-hurling and competitive beard-growing to live in Aliso Viejo, CA, with his beautiful wife, Erika.

He is the Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministry at Saint Timothy's in Laguna Niguel, CA and has been serving in youth ministry since 2005.

Matt will complete his Master's Degree in Pastoral Theology at Loyola Marymount University in May 2018 and hopes to continue on to receive his PhD and eventually become a deacon.

He enjoys being a joyful Catholic, leading worship, doing escape rooms and drinking iced tea.

*Open Invitation, come as you are,  
no rules, no charges...*

Youth Parent Meeting

Sunday, Dec 3, 1:00pm



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- 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](#)

## 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.
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- Language: Arabic & English
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- Availability: 38 places available for sleeping in (first in first served)
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- Fees: \$200 for two nights and 6 meals (starting Friday pm till Sunday noon)
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- Deposit: \$50 per person (not refundable), to be paid before November 5, 2017

All fees must be paid by Nov. 19, 2017

For payment arrangement:  
Please see either Eliane Cury or Sr Martha.

**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

**The Giving Tree**  
Helping Those in Need

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

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 Adult Choir

**He who sings prays twice**

Rehearsals for Kids Choir, Youth Choir and a Young Adults Choir start soon.

to those interested, please join:

**Dr. Marlise Ayoub: Kids Choir on:**

**Sun 11/19, from 2 to 2:30 pm**

**Sat 11/25, 12/2, 12/9, 12/16 from 5:30 to 6:00 pm**

**Sr. Laure (714-356-7674):**

**Youth Choir: Sat 11/25, 12/3 from 4:00 to 5:30 pm**

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

More dates 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:**

Mon Nov 30, at 7:30 pm

Sun Nov 26, after Liturgy

Wed Nov 29, at 7:30 pm



**CALL FOR  
VOLUNTEERS!**

## 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.

Kids Meetings: Saturdays, 4:00 pm, November 25th, December 2nd, December 9th, December 16th.

**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.

# Welcome

# 2018

**Please Join us for a New Year's Eve Party**

**Dec 31, at 8:00 pm**

**Grand Catered Events**

**300 S Flower Street, Orange CA.92868**

**Open bar - Mezza - Dinner - DJ**

**Free Parking**

**Tickets available starting Sunday Nov 19,**

**Adults: \$ 100 or \$125 after Dec 20**

**Children: \$ 25, in the children's room until  
11:30pm, or \$100 in the hall**



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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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)
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