



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 4 CONSECRATION OF THE CHURCH

Liturgy of the Word pg. 606, Creed pg. 748

Anaphora of St. John Maron pg. 897

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

League Meeting

Sunday, Nov 12 after 11:30 liturgy

First Communion

Parent meeting on Sunday, Nov 12 from 10:40 -11:15

Daylight Savings end this Saturday

Don't Forget to set your clocks back!

Appointment for St. Joseph Mission

Bishop Elias Zaidan has appointed Fr. Freiha Akiki as Administrator of St. Joseph Maronite Catholic Mission effective Nov. 25, 2017. Congratulations!

WEEKDAY LITURGY

- Wednesday, Nov 8, 7:00 pm
- Thursday, Nov 9, 7:00 pm
- Friday, Nov 10, 7:00 pm
- Saturday, Nov 11, 6:00 pm

CONFESSION: Before Liturgy

Please allow:

- 6 months for weddings
- 1 month for baptisms

Last Week Collections

Sat. 6:00 pm: **\$55**

Sunday, 9:30 am: **\$745**

Sunday, 11:30 am: **\$900**



at Church Every Friday,

7:45pm to 10:00pm

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 others. 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 Reservation Needed.

[Watch Trailer Here](#)

[Please Tell us if you can come here](#)



Saint John Maron Church Dates & Topics Covered on Alpha



Session 1 — October 20, 2017	Is there more to life than this?
Session 2 — October 27, 2017	Who is Jesus?
Session 3 — November 3, 2017	Why did Jesus die?
Session 4 — November 17 2017	How can I have faith?
Session 5 — November 24 2017	Why and how do I pray?
Session 6 — December 1, 2017	Why and how do I read the Bible?
Session 7 — December 8, 2017	How does God guide us?
Session 8 — December 15, 2017	Who is the Holy Spirit? What does the Holy Spirit do? How can I be filled with the Holy Spirit? How can I make the most of the rest of my life?
Alpha Day	
Session 9 — January 5, 2018	How can I resist evil?
Session 10 — January 12, 2018	Why and how should I tell others?
Session 12 — January 26, 2018	Does God heal today?
Session 13 — February 2, 2018	What about the Church?

Time: 8:00 pm

Alpha Day Details to Be Announced Later



Each week, Alpha starts with a meal and relaxed conversation.



Following the meal, is a short video exploring various aspects of the Christian faith.



In small groups, guests can ask any questions and discuss opinions freely with others.

LIFE FAITH MEANING

Why Saint John Maron church is organizing it?
Because We believe everyone should have the chance to explore the Christian faith, ask questions and share their point of view.



Family Promise

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](#)





**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 parents meeting today, Sunday, November 5, 10:45 am - 11:25 am behind the curtains in the hall.

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.



Kids Choir - Youth Choir & Young Adults 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: November 11, 5:00 pm

Sr. Laure (714-356-7674):

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

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 5th at 10:30 am

Tue Nov 7th at 7:30 pm

Wednesday Nov 15th at 7:30 pm

Monday Nov 30th at 7:30 pm

Sunday Nov 26th after Liturgy

Wednesday Nov 29th at 7:30 pm

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.



CONSECRATION OF THE CHURCH

Hebrews 9:1-12 The Worship of the First Covenant

Even the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly sanctuary. For a tent was constructed, the first one, in which were the lampstand, the table, and the bread of the Presence; this is called the Holy Place. Behind the second curtain was a tent called the Holy of Holies. In it stood the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant overlaid on all sides with gold, in which there was a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tablets of the covenant; above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things, we cannot speak now in detail. Such preparations having been made, the priests go continually into the first tent to carry out their ritual duties; but only the high priest goes into the second, and he but once a year, and not without taking the blood that he offers for himself and for the sins committed unintentionally by the people. By this, the Holy Spirit indicates that the way into the sanctuary has not yet been disclosed as long as the first tent is still standing. This is a symbol of the present time, during which gifts and sacrifices are offered that cannot perfect the conscience of the worshiper, but deal only with food and drink and various baptisms, regulations for the body imposed until the time comes to set things right. But when Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption.

Matthew 16:13-20 Peter's Confession about Jesus

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock, I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.



Gospel Reflections

Mt 16:13-20 Consecration of the Church

Welcome to the New Liturgical Year and we commence with the Week of Consecration of the Church. The Gospel passage places great responsibility on the Church as the messenger of Christ.

'Whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven' (v19). If we think carefully about this statement we would come to the awareness that all we do matters, all our actions produce results, and all decisions have consequences.

God is not far from us but rather closely connected to all we say and do. What we create on earth determines the shape of the Kingdom to come. Remember that Jesus clearly said the Kingdom of God is among you, it is here and now, and yet it is also coming. We are responsible for God's Kingdom present in our midst. What we do on earth either reveals God's presence or not.

Pope Francis wrote about responsibility for the environment – what we do, the carbon footprints we leave behind, has consequences for future generations. Yet there is much more at stake here. It is not just the environment we are responsible for but for every aspect of life on earth. All we do reveals to others the possibility or lack thereof, of God's Kingdom among us.

So as a Church community, a people chosen by God, do we create a space on earth where God's Kingdom of love is visible to others, or are our choices making life hell for others? Amen

"Margaret Ghosn mshf"

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