



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, Dec 10
BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST
Liturgy of the Word pg.48, Creed pg. 748
Anaphora of St. Peter pg. 774

9:30 am Liturgy is offered for your intentions.

11:30 am Liturgy is offered as:

- **A memorial** for the repose of the soul of **Geryes Semaan Dib**, as requested by his daughter, Laudy (Francois) Zayek and family. May he rejoice in the Kingdom of Heaven. Everyone is invited to a Mercy meal at 1:15 pm in the Banquet Hall.

- **A one-year memorial** for the repose of the soul of **Deacon Al Harb**, as requested by his family. May he serve with the angels and saints. We miss you Al.

- **A one-year memorial** for the repose of the soul of **Elia Nassif Kaldawi**, as requested by his daughter, Victoria. May he rest in God's peace.

Next Sunday, Dec 17

11:30 am Liturgy will be offered as:

- **A 40 day memorial** for the repose of the soul of Marie Diab, as requested by her sons, Maurice & Khalil, and daughter, Helen, and their families. May her soul rest in the eternal peace of Christ.

- **A one-year memorial** for the repose of the soul of William Awad, as requested by his daughter, Denise Awad. May he enter the paradise of light.

WEEKDAY LITURGY

- Wednesday, Dec 13, 7:00 pm
- Thursday, Dec 14, 7:00 pm
- Friday, Dec 15, 7:00 pm & Christmas Novena
- Saturday, Dec 16, 6:00 pm & Christmas Novena



Alpha Remaining Sessions

Session 9 — January 5, 2018

Session 10 — January 12, 2018

Session 12 — January 26, 2018

Session 13 — February 2, 2018

--Kids Club Lemonade Stand

After the 11:30am Liturgy,
Please support our kids activities
Kids Club Activities
Saturdays, 4:00 pm, December
9th, December 16th.

--Youth Christmas Caroling

Dec. 16, 12:00 noon

Last Week's Collections

Sat. 6:00pm-Sund.Vigil: \$110
Sunday, 9:30 am: \$497
Sunday, 11:30 am: \$1,179
Contributions: \$250

In surveys undertaken in Australia about people's fears, what constantly emerges as the number one fear is public speaking. Zechariah in today's Gospel overcame this fear with the power of the Spirit.

Zechariah was struck mute for failing to accept the news that Elizabeth will bear him a son. Zechariah remained mute until the day of the birth, when he finally found the courage to speak up, 'Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God' (v64). The birth of his only child, gave Zechariah the courage to speak.

So what silences us? What causes us to speak out? Even more importantly, what prevents us from speaking up when we ought to? They are important questions. What is also of importance is to ask whose voice do we listen to? Whose voice do we silence? Whose voice do we ignore? And furthermore, we may well ask ourselves, when we do speak, is it confidently or rudely, is it words of sarcasm that knock people down, or words that build up?

The power to listen and the courage to speak are essential to our own human development and character but also has far reaching consequences. Society can be built on truth or on lies. People can be listened to or ignored. Words can build or destroy.

Zechariah's son was to be 'the voice of one crying out in the wilderness' (Lk 3:4). So are we the voice of God crying out in this world? Amen

"Margaret Ghosn mshf"



Gospel Reflections

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



Welcome



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**



Our Lady Mt. Lebanon-St. Peter Cathedral
presents a

Christmas concert

performed by

MAYSSA KARAA

7PM | SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

The Cathedral
333 S. San Vicente Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA, 90048

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The concert will be followed by a reception at the Cathedral hall

For more information, please contact the Rectory at 310-275-6634.



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