



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 17

REVELATION TO JOSEPH

Liturgy of the Word pg.57, Creed pg. 748 -

Anaphora of St. Sixtus pg. 856

9:30 am Liturgy is offered for the health and well being of Chuck Rooks and for the repose of the soul of his wife, Denise, who passed away Friday night, as requested by Mr & Mrs. Joseph & Diane Waked and family. May she rest in the peace of Christ.

11:30 am Liturgy is 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.

Next Sunday, Dec 17

WEEKDAY LITURGY & Christmas Novena Follows

- Monday Dec. 18, 7:00pm
- Tuesday Dec. 19, 7:00pm
- Wednesday, Dec 20, 7:00 pm
- Thursday, Dec 21, 7:00 pm
- Friday, Dec 22, 7:00 pm
- Saturday, Dec 23, 6:00 pm

Funeral Notice & Condolences:

We offer our sincere condolences to Mr. & Mrs. Mounir & Hayat Risha, for the repose of the soul of Hayat's mother, Linda Raya. The funeral service will be held on Thursday, December 21, at 9:00 am, at Rose Hills Memorial Park, 3900 S. Workman Mill Rd., Whittier. May she rest in the peace of Christ.

Condolences: We offer our sincere condolences to Mr & Mrs Elyas & Antoinette Balta and family, for the passing away of Elyas' father, Pierre. The Funeral service was held today on Saturday, at St. Mary's Syriac Orthodox Church. May he rest in the heavenly kingdom.

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Council meeting

Thursday, Dec 21, at 7:45 pm.

Finance Committee meeting

Wednesday, Dec 20, at 7:45 pm

Last Week's Collections

Saturday 6:00 pm- Sunday Vigil: \$147
Sunday, 9:30 am: \$495
Sunday, 11:30 am: \$2,558
Contributions: \$6,730

Welcome

2018

Please Join us for a New Year's Eve Party

Dec 31, at 8:00 pm

Grand Catered Events

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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**



Mt 1:18-25 Revelation to Joseph

To dream is sweet bliss. Dreams take us to a deeper conscience, to awaken us to what often remains buried within us. Joseph experienced a dream that touched his deeper truth and set him on a new course.

Studies show that dreaming is often a release of the subconscious and dreams carry a great deal of meaning. There are those who interpret dreams and we can look up the symbolic meaning of what we dreamt about. Dreams also feature in the Bible and are often encounters with God or visions of heaven.

An angel of the Lord appears to Joseph in a dream, just after he had decided to dismiss Mary quietly. After the dream Joseph had a change of mind and heart, and took Mary 'as his wife' (v24). Often dreams invade our minds when we are struggling with an issue. Dreams try to tell us something important.

When we are struggling with a decision or something is on our mind, we are often told the wise words of 'sleep over it.' We need to take time, to stop and really allow our deeper selves to speak. In the daytime there is much noise and clutter that distracts us from the truth. In the silence of the night, in our deep sleep, God's voice becomes clearer, our conscience awakens, and we can better listen to ourselves.

Joseph dreamt and awoke to a better clarity of events. We pray that God's will is heard in our deepest hearts and minds and we awake each day to better decision making. 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
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LUNCH



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