



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 3
VISITATION TO ELIZABETH
Liturgy of the Word pg.38, Creed pg. 748
Anaphora of the Twelve Apostles pg.754

9:30 am Liturgy is offered for your intentions.

11:30 am Liturgy is offered as a forty day memorial for the repose of the soul of Georgette English, as requested by her niece Mary Martin. May she rest in the peace of Christ.

11:30 am Liturgy is offered as a one year memorial for the repose of the soul of Emile Saad, husband of the late Bahia Saad as requested by their sons, George (Marina) Saad & family and Ziad Saad. May the Lord grant eternal rest to the departed.

11:30 am Liturgy is offered for the repose of the souls of the late Minister Pierre A. Gemayel and all those who were killed for Lebanon and those who are living a life of hardship and sacrifice, as requested by the Kataeb, O.C. Chapter.

Next Sunday, Dec. 10, 11:30 am Liturgy will be 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. Mercy meal follows 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.

WEEKDAY LITURGY

- Wednesday, Dec 6, 7:00 pm, St. Nicholas
- Thursday, Dec 7, 7:00 pm
- Friday, Dec 8, 7:00 pm- Immaculate Conception, Holy Day.
- Saturday, Dec 9, 6:00 pm Youth Liturgy.



at Church
this Friday,
7:45pm to 10:00pm
Special Alpha Day of reflection
This Saturday 11:00am-4:00pm

Check the schedule for the remainder of the Alpha Sessions that will Continue in January.

Previous video sessions are linked on our Facebook, but nothing beats a video with a meal and heart to heart conversation
Dinner 7:45 pm, Watch a half hour video and discuss it in a small group. Bring a guest with you.

Potluck, for food donations, please call Raghida Francis 714-728-0041.

Free Event, Walk-in, No Reservation Needed

—Parents of Youth ages 13-14 Meeting,

Sunday, Dec. 3, 1:00pm. Library

--Youth Liturgy

Sat. Dec. 9, 6:00 pm

--Youth Christmas Caroling

Dec. 16, 12:00 noon

Last Week's Collections

Sunday Vigil: \$165

Sunday, 9:30 am: \$680

Sunday, 11:30 am: \$1,150

Contributions: \$50

Lk 1:39-45 Visitation to Elizabeth

Elizabeth is not a very large figure in the Gospels. In fact, she is only mentioned in the Gospel of Luke and only in the first chapter. Yet she is a great model as we read in this Sunday's Gospel passage.

Mary as we know has just become pregnant with Jesus. She rushes off to visit Elizabeth. Now Elizabeth would not have known anything of Mary's situation and in this Gospel passage Mary does not say a word. All the words are from Elizabeth.

Elizabeth, without any previous knowledge, immediately recognises that Mary is with child. She immediately declares Mary is blessed for her wise decision to bear God's Son. Elizabeth gives praise and joy that she has been visited by Mary who carries God. Elizabeth congratulates Mary on her willingness to do God's will.

Elizabeth is in sync with what is going on around her. She is open to the Good News. She is ready to recognise the good that is present and to welcome change in her life. She models for us what a person of God is.

Elizabeth's words and actions reveal good advice for anyone today who wants to do what is best. We learn from Elizabeth to:

Be ready to welcome all

Be accepting of change

Recognise and name what is good

Know the blessings gained from friendships

Love the life you have

As we prepare for Christmas may we like Elizabeth, be accepting of God's presence in our lives, and trust that the future is blessed.

Amen

"Margaret Ghosn mshf"



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

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.

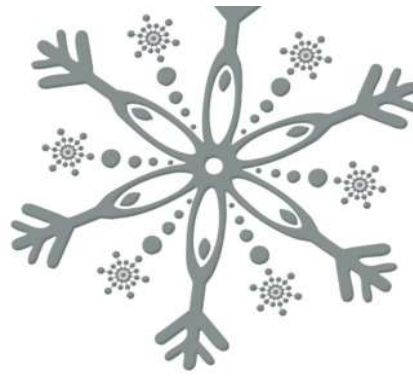
He is the Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministry at Saint Timothy's in Laguna Niguel, CA and has been serving in youth ministry since 2005.

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**



Let's prepare our church for Christmas and remember those who are celebrating with us from above!

We need 22 Poinsettia to decorate our church

2 Large Size 16 inch
20 Small Size 6 inch

If you like to donate bring the Poinsettia to church with the name of your loved one to remember, on December 3rd 2017. Please click here and let us know! Thank you!



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 Adult Choir

He who sings prays twice

Rehearsals for Kids Choir, Youth Choir and a Young Adults

Dr. Marlise Ayoub, Kids Choir on:

12/9, 12/16 from 5:30 to 6:00 pm

Sr. Laure (714-356-7674), Youth Choir meets:

Saturday, Dec. 9 at 4:30 pm

Young Adults Choir: December 7 & 14, 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.

Kids Meetings: Saturdays, 4:00 pm, December 9th, December 16th.

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



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

New talents are welcome to join!

**CALL FOR
VOLUNTEERS!**

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



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**



