



SAINT SHARBEL PARISH

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February 9, 2025

PARISH SCHEDULE

SUNDAY LITURGY | at 11:00 AM

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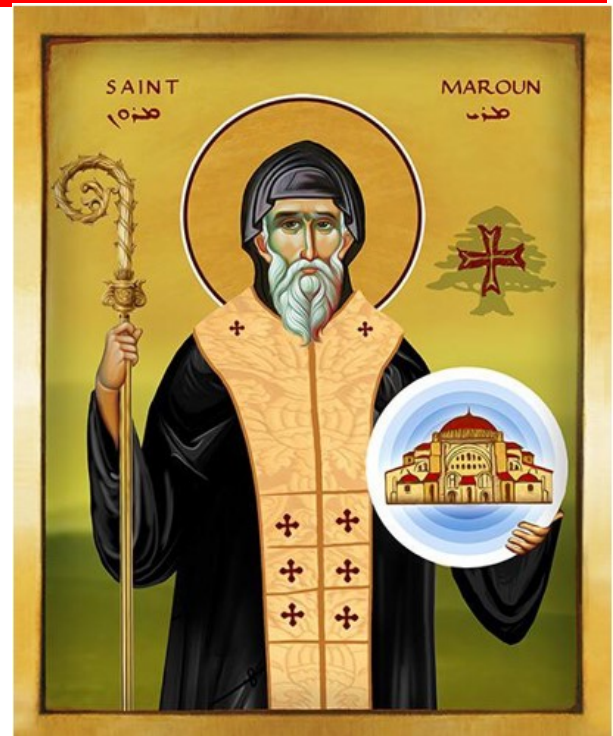
Pastor: Rev. Robert Youssef Farah

Sunday Liturgy: 11:00 AM

Saturday Liturgy: 5:00 PM

Wednesday & Friday Liturgy: 6:30 PM

Thursday: Eucharistic Adoration: 6:30 PM



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READINGS

February 2025

February 9	Feast of St. Maron	
	Epistle	Gospel
	2 Tim 3:10-17	Jn 12:22-30
February 16	Sunday of the Righteous and Just	
	Epistle	Gospel
	Heb 12:18-24	Mt 25:31-46



* LITURGY INTENTIONS *

FROM

Remember your loved ones with Mass Intentions

Feb. 9	11:00 AM	All Parishioners	By: The Priest
Feb. 16	11:00 AM	Edmond Abou Nasr	By: Carin Abou Nasr Kahi
Feb. 23	11:00 AM	Alexia Azar Sokhon	By: Denise Sokhon Harb

HOSPITALITY - COFFEE HOUR / 2024

Feb. 9	St. Maron: Covered Dish
Feb. 16	Carin & Hassan Kahi
Feb. 16	Denise & George Harb



*To sponsor a coffee hour pls contact Gloria Salim-Brown: 919.345.3483, gsalim@aol.com.
Donation for coffee hour is appreciated*

PARISH OFFERING

February 2, 2025



<i>Weekly offering</i>	\$1,644.00
<i>Coffee Hour</i>	\$133.00
Total Income	\$1,777.00

Thank You for your generosity and your support

Important Messages

Daily Readings

Monday: 2 Tim 1:1-11; Mt 16:24-28

Tuesday: 2 Tim 2:1-13; Mt 18:1-5

Wednesday: 2 Tim 2:14-26; Mt 20:20-28

Thursday: 2 Tim 3:10-17; Lk 17:7-10

Friday: 2 Tim 4:1-8; Lk 22:24-30

Saturday: Tit 1:1-9; Jn 13:13-17



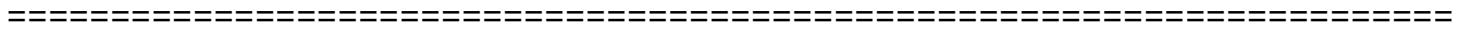
THE SANCTUARY LAMP

Is a vigil light burning 24/7 and kept near the Blessed Sacrament. The light indicates the unfathomable mystery of the Eucharistic presence of Jesus. It reminds us of the reverence due to the Sacrament. The burning light is a pious custom as a way of prolonging our adoration and prayer to honor His presence.

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- By Mail at: 600 Mount Vernon Church Rd., Raleigh NC 27614
- Via our website www.saintshatbelchurch.org by clicking on Donate
- Direct Deposit to First Citizens Bank : Routing #: 053100300, Acc # 000861430571



Upcoming Second Collection

March 3– April 17: Eparchial Charities Appeal

April 18: Holy Land Collection

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS - 2024

February 9: Feast of St. Maron: Divine Liturgy at 11:00 AM

February 15: Table Top Tournament

March 3: Ash Monday: Distribution of the Ashes at 6:30 PM

Feast of St. Maron

Qurbono P. 678; Creed P. 748; Anaphora of St. John Maron p. 897

St. Maroun also known as Saint Maron, was a 5th century Syriac Monk who founded the Maronite spiritual movement. The Church that grew from this movement is the Maronite Church. St. Maroun was known for his missionary work, healing and miracles, and teachings of a monastic devotion to God.

St. Maroun, born in the middle of the 4th century in Syria, was a priest who later became a hermit, retiring to a mountain of Taurus in the region of Cyrrhus, near Antioch. His holiness and miracles attracted many followers, and drew attention throughout the empire. St. John Chrysostom sent him a letter around AD 405 expressing his great love and respect, and asking St. Maron to pray for him. Maroun is considered the Father of the spiritual and monastic movement now called the Maronite Catholic Church. This movement had a profound influence in Lebanon. St. Maroun spent all of his life on a mountain in Syria. It is believed that the place was called "Kefar-Nabo", making it the cradle of the Maronite movement.

The Maronite movement reached Lebanon when St. Maroun's first disciple Abraham of Cyrrhus who was called the Apostle of Lebanon, realized that there were many non-Christians in Lebanon, so he set out to convert them to Christianity by introducing them to the way of St. Maroun. The followers of St. Maroun, both monks and laity, always remained faithful to the teachings of the Catholic Church. His feast day is celebrated on February 9.

Maroun's way was deeply monastic with emphasis on the spiritual and ascetic aspects of living, contrasted by the fact that the 'Khoury,' or, 'priest' of the Maronite rite can marry. For him, all was connected to God and God was connected to all. He did not separate the physical and spiritual world and actually used the physical world to deepen his faith and spiritual experience with God. He embraced the quiet solitude of the mountain life. He lived his life in open air exposed to the forces of nature such as sun, rain, hail and snow. His extraordinary desire to come to know God's presence in all things allowed him to transcend such forces and discover that intimate union with God. He was able to free himself from the physical world by his passion and fervor for prayer and enter into a mystical relationship of love with God.

St. Maroun was a mystic who started this new ascetic-spiritual method that attracted many people in Syria and Lebanon to become his disciples. Accompanying his deeply spiritual and ascetic life, he was a zealous missionary with a passion to spread the message of Christ by preaching it to all he met. He sought not only to cure the physical ailments that people suffered, but had a great quest for nurturing and healing the "lost souls" of both non-Christians and Christians of his time.

This missionary work came to fruition when in the mountains of Syria, St. Maroun was able to convert a temple into a Christian Church. This was to be the beginning of the conversion to Christianity in Syria which would then influence and spread to Lebanon. After his death in the year 410, his spirit and teachings lived on through his disciples.