



2026 WALL CALENDAR





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ST. RAFKA **MISSION OF  
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Religious freedom, in the Bible and the American Constitution, is America's greatest gift to a world tormented by hate and religious persecution.

Like the good Samaritan, our mission is to save lives from all kinds of persecution, rejection, or neglect and to confirm them in God's image, the Author of all Goodness.

Guided by the Spirit of the Lord, and in light of the Gospel, we toil to save the persecuted flock wherever that might be. With this, our initial aim is to protect and preserve Christianity and its roots; to restore hope, faith, and love to all the children of Abraham.

**We serve based on the two greatest commandments of God: to love God with all your heart, and to love your neighbor as yourself.**

We are not just a charity mission, we aim to protect and promote the body of Christ in its fullness. We are the faithful in action defending religious freedom, protecting human rights, and serving persecuted Christians and other innocent sufferers by means of awareness and charity.

We stand as a united front of Christians of all church traditions to safeguard the natural law, etched by God in our hearts, for the sake of peace, love, coexistence, and life with dignity for all.

**Our mission is to provide charity to Christians in need, spread awareness about the truth and hope of Jesus Christ, and defend religious freedom.**





## FAITH THAT REFUSES TO DIE

For more than 1,600 years, the Maronites have endured invasion, persecution, famine, and exile, yet they never abandoned their faith. High in the mountains of Lebanon, they preserved Christianity through prayer, resistance, and trust in God. Their story is one of quiet courage: refusing to bow to oppression while clinging to Christ as their refuge. This faith, born in hardship, remains alive today in the suffering Church of Lebanon.



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# JANUARY

Lord Jesus Christ, You sustained Your people through hunger, exile, and fear. Grant us faith that endures hardship and love that refuses to fade. Console the suffering, strengthen the weary, and remind us that You are near. May we trust in Your mercy and glorify You in every trial. Amen.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
28	29 The Flight to Egypt The Adoration of the Magi	30 The Feast of the Massacre of the Children of Bethlehem	31 The Return from Egypt to Nazareth	1 Circumcision of Our Lord New Years Day Day of World Peace	2 Feast of Pope Saint Sylvester	3
4 The Finding of our Lord in the Temple	5 Vigil, Midnight Mass and blessing of the Water of the Glorious Epiphany Feast Day of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton	6 THE SEASON OF EPIPHANY Follow the Liturgical Calendar and Special Events Epiphany of Our Lord	7 Praises of Saint John the Baptist	8	9	10
11 1st Sunday after Epiphany	12	13	14	15 Feast of Our Lady of Sowing	16 Memorial of the Chains of Saint Peter	17 Feast of Saint Anthony the Great, Father of Monasticism
18 2nd Sunday after Epiphany Establishment of the Chair of Saint Peter in Rome Saints Athanasius and Cyril of Alexandria	19 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	20	21 Feast of Saint Sebastian	22 Saint Timothy, Disciple of Saint Paul	23	24 Saint Francis de Sales, Doctor of the Church
25 THREE SUNDAYS OF COMMEMORATION Sunday of the Priests Conversion of Saint Paul	26 Saint Agnes	27	28 Saint Ephrem, Doctor of the Church	29	30	31 Saint John Bosco

*2 Corinthians 5:17: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here.*





## SAINT MARON: A LIFE THAT BECAME A PEOPLE

Saint Maron never intended to found a church or a nation. He simply sought God in prayer, asceticism, and preaching. Yet his holiness drew others, forming a community devoted to Christ. From one hermit's fidelity emerged a people shaped by prayer, sacrifice, and Gospel witness. His legacy reminds us that God uses faithfulness, not power, to transform the world.



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# FEBRUARY

O God of Saint Maron, Teach us to seek You above all things.  
Form our hearts in prayer, humility, and obedience.  
May our lives become a witness that draws others to You,  
just as You drew a people from one faithful soul. Amen.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Sunday of the Righteous and Just	Presentation of Christ in the Temple	Saint Simeon, the Elder and Saint Anna the Prophetess		Saint Agatha		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Sunday of the Faithful Departed	Saint Maron		Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes			Saint Valentine, the Priest Saints Cyril and Methodius
15 <b>THE SEASON OF GREAT LENT</b> Follow the Liturgical Calendar and Special Events 	16	17	18	19	20	21
Sunday of the Entrance into Lent Miracle at Cana in Galilee	Ash Monday		Ash Wednesday	The 500 Martyrs of Tyre	Donate to the Lenten Mission and Follow the Retreat 	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
2nd Sunday of Lent Establishment of the Chair of Saint Peter in Antioch Healing of the Leper					Donate to the Lenten Mission and Follow the Retreat 	

*1 John 4:19: We love because He first loved us.*





## THE MOUNTAINS AS SANCTUARY

When persecution intensified, the Maronites fled to Mount Lebanon, not to escape faith, but to preserve it. They carved villages from rock, terraced mountainsides, and turned caves into churches. These mountains became both fortress and altar. Their survival teaches us that even barren ground can bear fruit when entrusted to God.

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# MARCH

Lord of the mountains and valleys, You are our refuge and strength. When the world presses upon us, lift our eyes to You. Turn barren places into fertile ground and teach us to trust You with our whole lives. Amen.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 3rd Sunday of Lent Healing of the Hemorrhaging Woman	2 Saint John Maron, First Maronite Patriarch	3 Saint Thomas Aquinas, Doctor of the Church Saint Katharine Drexel	4	5	6 Donate to the Lenten Mission and Follow the Retreat 	7
8 4th Sunday of Lent Parable of the Prodigal Son Daylight Savings Begins	9 The Forty Martyrs	10	11	12 Pope Saint Gregory the Great	13 Donate to the Lenten Mission and Follow the Retreat 	14
15 5th Sunday of Lent Saint Benedict, Founder of Monastic Life in the West Healing of the Paralytic	16	17	18	19 Feast of Saint Joseph	20 Donate to the Lenten Mission and Follow the Retreat 	21
22 6th Sunday of Lent Healing of the Blind	23 Feast of Saint Rafka	24	25 Feast of Annunciation to the Virgin Mary	26	27 The Temptation of Christ	28 Lazarus Saturday
29 Hosanna Sunday (Palm Sunday)	30 HOLY WEEK Follow the Liturgical Calendar and Special Events  Rite of the Safe Arrival to the Harbor	31 Rite of the Safe Arrival to the Harbor	1	2	3	4

*Matthew 21:9: The crowds going ahead of Him, and those who followed, were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest."*





## A CHURCH BORN OF ANTIOCH

The Maronite Church traces its roots to Antioch, where followers of Jesus were first called Christians. Founded by Saint Peter himself, this Antiochene heritage anchors Maronites in apostolic faith, Syriac tradition, and unwavering communion with Rome. It is a living bridge between East and West, ancient and modern, suffering and hope.



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# APRIL

Apostolic Lord, You called Your disciples Christians in Antioch. Root us in the faith handed down by the Apostles. Unite East and West in truth and charity, and keep Your Church faithful until the end. Amen.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> HOLY WEEK 	<b>31</b> Rite of the Safe Arrival to the Harbor 	<b>1</b> Rite of the Lamp Blessing of the Holy Oil	<b>2</b> Feast of the Priesthood Adoration Over Night Washing of the Feet	<b>3</b> Burial of the Cross Signing of the Chalice Adoration of the Cross	<b>4</b> Rite of Peace and Midnight Mass Saturday of the Awaited Light Prayer of Forgiveness
<b>5</b> SEASON OF THE RESURRECTION 	<b>6</b> Holy Mass of Easter 11:30AM MT 	<b>7</b> Easter Monday Glorious Resurrection Bright Week	<b>8</b> Easter Tuesday Saint John Baptist de la Salle	<b>9</b> Easter Wednesday	<b>10</b> Easter Friday The Miracle of the Icon of Christ in Beirut	<b>11</b> Easter Saturday
<b>12</b> 2nd Sunday of the Resurrection Divine Mercy Sunday	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Saint Bernadette Soubirous	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 3rd Sunday of the Resurrection	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Saint Anselm, Doctor of the Church	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Saint George	<b>24</b> Saint Saba, the Commander	<b>25</b> Saint Mark, the Evangelist
<b>26</b> 4th Sunday of the Resurrection	<b>27</b> Saint Simon, Brother of the Lord	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Saint Catherine of Siena, Doctor of the Church	<b>30</b> Saint James, son of Zebedee	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>

*John 11:25-26: Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in me shall never die."*



MOTHER'S DAY



## A PEOPLE OF PRAYER AND RESISTANCE

Maronite history is marked not by conquest, but by perseverance. Through prayer, fasting, and trust in God, they resisted forces that sought to erase their faith. Their resistance was not hatred, but fidelity. Even when oppressed, they chose to bless, endure, and remain rooted in Christ.



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# MAY

God of perseverance, Strengthen us to remain faithful under pressure. When we are tempted to compromise truth, anchor us in prayer and courage. May our lives proclaim Your Gospel without fear. Amen.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
3 5th Sunday of the Resurrection Feast of Our Lady of Lebanon Bl. Stephen Doueih, Maronite Patriarch	4	5	6	7	8	9 Saint Athanasius of Alexandria, Doctor of the Church Jeremiah, the Prophet
10 6th Sunday of the Resurrection Mother's Day	11	12	13 Saint Addai, one of the 72 disciples Our Lady of Fatima	14	15	16 Isaiah, the Prophet Our Lady of the Harvest
17 7th Sunday of the Resurrection	18	19 25th Anniversary of Father Andre Mahanna's Priestly Ordination	20	21 Saint Constantine, the Emperor and his Mother Queen Saint Helen	22 Saint Rita of Cascia	23 Saint Tobit, the Righteous
24 THE SEASON OF GLORIOUS PENTECOST Pentecost Sunday	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 Sunday of the Most Holy Trinity	1	2	3	4	5	6

*Proverbs 31:26: She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.*





## THE SACRED VALLEY OF HOLINESS

Wadi Qannoubine, the Holy Valley, became the heart of Maronite spiritual life. Here, patriarchs, monks, and hermits lived in austerity, prayer, and communion with God. Surrounded by towering cliffs, they learned to depend fully on divine providence. Their holiness still echoes through Lebanon's valleys today.



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# JUNE

Holy God, You sanctified valleys and caves with prayer. Teach us silence, humility, and devotion. Draw us closer to You through fasting and repentance, and renew our hearts in Your presence. Amen.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
		The Visitation of Our Lady Saint Justine Martyr	Saint Jerome, Doctor of the Church	Thursday of the Body of Christ		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
3rd Sunday of Pentecost Saint Susanna, the Judean	Discovery of the Nails of Christ		Saint Barnabas, One of the 72 Disciples	Saint Bartholomew, One of the 12 Disciples	Saint Anthony of Padua, Doctor of the Church	The Immaculate Heart of Mary
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
4th Sunday of Pentecost	Saint Basil the Great, Doctor of the Church				Saint Jude Thaddeus (Laba) Juneteenth	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
5th Sunday of Pentecost Saint Louis Gonzaga Father's Day		Council of Ephesus Declaration of Our Lady as the Theotokos, Mother of God	Birth of Saint John, the Baptist		Bl Yaacoub Haddad the Capuchin, Lebanese	
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
Feast of Saints Peter and Paul	Actual Feast of Saints Peter and Paul	Twelve Apostles				

*Matthew 19:14: "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."*





## A CHURCH OF MARTYRS

Many Maronite patriarchs, monks, and faithful were imprisoned, tortured, or killed for their faith. Churches were burned. Villages destroyed. Yet the Maronites never renounced Christ. Their witness reminds us that the Church grows strongest when it is purified through sacrifice and love.

# JULY

Lord of the martyrs, Receive those who suffered for Your Name. Give us courage to bear witness with love, even when faith is costly. May their sacrifice strengthen Your Church today. Amen.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
						Independence Day
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
7th Sunday of Pentecost	Saint Maria Goretti				The Three Massabki Brothers	Saint Benedict, Abbot
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
8th Sunday of Pentecost		Saint Bonaventure, Doctor of the Church Saint Kateri Tekawitha		The Scapular of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel	Saint Marina, Nun of Qannoubine	Saint Symphorosa and Her Seven Sons
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Feast of Saint Charbel	Actual Feast of Saint Charbel Saint Elias the Prophet		Saint Mary Magdalene Saint Nohra the Priest		Saint Christina of Tyre	Saint Anne, Mother of Our Lady, the Virgin Mary
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
10th Sunday of Pentecost Saint Bridget of Sweden	Saint Pantaleon (Asya)		Saint Martha, the Sister of Lazarus		The 350 Martyrs, Disciples of Saint Maron Saint Ignatius of Loyola	



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*Matthew 25:40: "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."*





## HUNGER, FAMINE, AND TRUST IN GOD

Famine was a recurring reality for the Maronites. Crops failed. Food vanished. Entire families starved. Yet their prayers cry not of despair, but hope: "Deliver us from hunger, war, and plague." Their faith teaches us that God's mercy sustains His people even in the darkest hours.

# AUGUST

Merciful Father, In times of hunger and need, be our provider. Bless those who suffer from poverty and war. Teach us to share generously and to trust in Your unfailing care. Amen.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2 11th Sunday of Pentecost	3 Translation of the Relics of Saint Stephen, the First Martyr	4 King David, the Prophet	5 Saint John Vianney, the Curé d'Ars	6 Moses, the Prophet	7 Transfiguration of Our Lord	8 Saint Dominic, Founder of the Order of Preachers
9 12th Sunday of Pentecost	10 Saint Matthias	11 Saint Clara of Assisi	12 Saint Shaina	13	14	15 Assumption of the Holy Mary
16 13th Sunday of Pentecost	17 Saint Roch	18 The Letter of King Abgar to Christ	19 Saint Luke of Baalbek	20 Saint Bernard, Doctor of the Church	21 Samuel, the Prophet Mission of Hope and Mercy 11th Anniversary	22
23 14th Sunday of Pentecost	24 Saint Isaac of Nineveh	25	26	27	28 Saint Moses, the Ethiopian	29 Saint Augustine, Doctor of the Church Beheading of Saint John, the Baptist
30 15th Sunday of Pentecost	31 Blessed Brother, Stephen Nehme	1	2	3	4	5



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*Psalm 72:16: There will be an abundance of grain in the earth, on the top of the mountains; its fruit shall wave like Lebanon.*





## SHEPHERDS WHO LAID DOWN THEIR LIVES

Maronite patriarchs were not distant leaders, they were fathers who suffered with their people. Many gave away church resources to feed the poor, ransom captives, and save villages. Their leadership reflected Christ the Good Shepherd, who lays down His life for His flock.



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# SEPTEMBER

Good Shepherd, Bless all who lead Your people with humility. Strengthen pastors who give their lives in service. May Your Church be guided by wisdom, mercy, and truth. Amen.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30	31	1 MISSION OF HOPE AND MERCY AWARENESS MONTH Saint Simeon the Stylite	2	3	4	5 Saint Charbel of Edessa and His Sister, Saint Teresa of Calcutta
6 16th Sunday of Pentecost Feast of Saint Michael	7 Labor Day	8 Nativity of the Virgin	9 Feast of the Parents of the Virgin Mary The Council of Chalcedon	10	11	12
13 SEASON OF THE HOLY CROSS Exaltation of the Holy Cross Saint Christopher	14 Actual Exaltation of the Holy Cross	15	16	17	18 The Flight of the Lord Jesus to Egypt	19 Saint Januarius
20 1st Sunday after Holy Cross	21	22	23 Jonah, the Prophet	24 Saint Thecla, the First Woman Martyr	25	26 Saint John, the Evangelist
27 2nd Sunday after Holy Cross Saint Vincent de Paul	28	29	30	1	2	3

*2 Corinthians 9:7: Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*





## FREEDOM FOR THE SAKE OF THE GOSPEL

For Maronites, freedom was never political alone, it was spiritual. They sought freedom to worship, to raise families in faith, and to proclaim the Gospel. Their longing reminds us that faith cannot flourish without freedom of conscience and devotion to truth.



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# OCTOBER

God of freedom, Set our hearts free from fear and sin. Grant us the liberty to worship You in truth. May our faith never be silenced and our hope never extinguished. Amen.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
				Feast of Saint Theresa, the Little Flower	Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi	
4	5	6	7 Our Lady Queen of the Most Holy Rosary (Battle of Lepanto, 1571)	8	9	10
3rd Sunday after Holy Cross Holy Rosary Sunday		Saint Thomas, the Apostle	Saints Sarkis (Sergius) and Bacchus		Saint James, Brother of the Lord	
11 4th Sunday after Holy Cross The First Council of Nicaea Pope Saint John XXIII	12 Columbus Day	13	14	15 Saint Teresa of Avila, Doctor of the Church	16	17 Saints Cosmas and Damian
18 5th Sunday after Holy Cross Saint Luke, the Evangelist	19	20	21	22 Pope Saint John Paul II	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 Saint Anastasia of Rome	30	31 Saint Macarius, Bishop of Jerusalem
Sunday of Christ the King						

*Galatians 6:9 Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.*





## A CHURCH WITHOUT DIVISION

Remarkably, the Maronite Church has remained united, without internal schism, through centuries of trial. This unity flows from fidelity to Christ, the Eucharist, the Virgin Mary, and communion with the Pope. It is a testimony that unity is preserved through humility and obedience.

# NOVEMBER

Lord of unity, Preserve Your Church in love and truth. Heal division and strengthen communion. Keep us faithful to Your Eucharist and Your Church, now and always. Amen.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>1</b> <b>BEGINNING OF THE LITURGICAL YEAR</b>	<b>2</b> All Saints Day	<b>3</b> Consecration of the Church	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
		Daylight Savings Time Ends	All Souls Day			
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Renewal of the Church	<b>10</b> Saint Michael, the Archangel	<b>11</b> Saint Mennas and His Companions	<b>12</b> Saint Martin, Bishop of Tours	<b>13</b> Veteran's Day	<b>14</b> Saint John Chrysostom, Doctor of the Church
						Saint Frances Cabrini
<b>15</b> <b>SEASON OF THE GLORIOUS BIRTH OF OUR LORD</b>	<b>16</b> Announcement to Zechariah	<b>17</b> Saint Matthew, the Evangelist	<b>18</b> Saint Romanos	<b>19</b> Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Presentation of the Virgin Mary in the Temple
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Announcement to the Virgin Mary	<b>24</b> Beginning of Mission of Hope and Mercy End-of-Year Appeal	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Thanksgiving Day	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> Visitation of the Virgin to Elizabeth	<b>30</b> Saint Andrew	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>



*Psalm 100:4: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.*



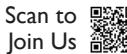


## LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

Through centuries of suffering, the Maronites clung to one truth: Christ is the Light that no darkness can overcome. Even in war, exile, and hunger, they proclaimed hope. Their story prepares our hearts for Christmas, the Light born into a world in need.

# DECEMBER

Light of the World, Shine upon those who walk in darkness. Bring peace to lands torn by war. May Your birth renew hope in every heart and draw us closer to You. Amen.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
29	30	1 Nahum, the Prophet Saint Charles, the Foucauld	2 Habakkuk, the Prophet	3 Saint Francis Xavier	4 Saint Barbara (Lebanon's religious tradition of Halloween) Saint John of Damascus, Doctor of the Church	5 Saint Saba, the Hermit
6 Birth of John, the Baptist	7 Saint Nicholas (Zakhia), (Santa Claus)	8 Saint Ambrose, Doctor of the Church	9 Feast of the Immaculate Conception	10 Colorado Gives	11	12 Our Lady of Guadalupe
13 Revelation to Joseph Saint Lucia	14 Saint Nemtallah El-Harding	15 Scan to Join Us 	16 Haggai, the Prophet	17 The Three Young Men Who Walked in the Fire in the Book of Daniel (Ananias, Azarias, and Misael)	18 Daniel, the Prophet	19
20 Genealogy Sunday Saint Ignatius of Antioch	21	22 Mission Christmas Retreat and Christmas Novena	23	24 Vigil and Midnight Mass of the Glorious Birth of Our Lord Christmas Eve	25 The Glorious Birth of Our Lord	26 Praises of the Mother of God
27 Sunday after the Glorious Birth of Our Lord	28 The Adoration of the Magi	29 The Flight into Egypt	30 The Return from Egypt to Nazareth	31 The Word Became Flesh	1 Circumcision of Jesus New Year's Day	2

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*Isaiah 7:14: Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.*



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