



Heart of Jesus Catholic Church

Maronite Rite

Pastor: Chorbishop Michael G. Thomas, JCD
Deacon: John Jarvis

WEEKEND MASSES	Saturday at 4:00 pm (English) Sunday at 11:00 am (English + Arabic)
WEEKDAY MASSES	Monday through Thursday at 12:00 noon
OFFICE HOURS	Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm <i>Closed on: Holy Days of Obligation and Federal Holidays</i>

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2ND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 19, 2025



MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. 01/18 **Establishment of the Chair of St. Peter in Rome**
4:00 pm For Chamel Khalil
 By Abla and Jean Dagher

Sun. 01/19 **2nd Sunday after Epiphany**
11:00 am For Montaha and Karim Bousemaan
 By Joseph Bousemaan and Family

Mon. 01/20 **NO MASS**
 In observance of *Martin Luther King, Jr. Day*, the Parish office will be closed.

Tues. 01/21 **St. Sebastian, M**
12:00 noon For the intentions of Charles Barratt
 By the Parsons Family

Wed. 01/22 **St. Timothy, Disciple of St. Paul, Ap**
12:00 noon For the intentions of Jacob Parsons
 By the Parsons Family

Thurs. 01/23
10:00 am - 12:00 Noon

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament



12:00 noon **Pope St. Sergius I, C and St. Marianne Cope, C**
 For the intentions of Francois Chebat, Jr.
 By Suzanne Chebat

Fri. 01/24 **NO MASS**

Sat. 01/25 **Conversion of St. Paul**
4:00 pm For the Souls in Purgatory

Sun. 01/26 **3rd Sunday after Epiphany**
11:00 am For Souad Georges and Sarkis Sassine
 By Joseph Bousemaan and Family

Feast of Saint Maron Hafli Requests

Our Hafli, scheduled for February 8, will hopefully be a wonderful evening for all of us. As with all our fundraisers, their success is based on your kind and generous donations.

By popular demand, Lebnen Khalil will provide live entertainment. There are a few expenses which we are hoping to cover by donations rather than through ticket proceeds.

If you can help in the following areas, in any way, please contact Chorbishop Michael.

Either way, I am sure that the Hafli will be a great success.

- Air fare from Boston for the 2 musicians: **\$600 each.**
- Two hotel rooms for one night: **Already donated!**
- Actual entertainment cost: **\$2,500.**
- Sound equipment for both: **Already donated!**

Thank you and God bless you!
 By the way, tickets are now on sale: \$89.00 pp.

SECOND COLLECTION

A Second collection will be taken next weekend, **Saturday & Sunday, January 25 & 26**, for the *United States Catholic Bishops' Worldwide Charities.*

PARISH FINANCES

January 11 & 12

Collection Basket	\$ 2,165.00
Automated Bank Checks	\$ 600.00
Electronic Payments	\$ 440.00
Candles	\$ 213.00
Total	\$ 3,418.00



Feast of Saint Maron Dinner and Hafli

*Sponsored by
Heart Of Jesus Maronite Catholic Church*

February 8, 2025

7:00 P.M. to Midnight

Cocktails (cash bar): 7:00 P.M.

Lebanese Dinner: 8:00 P.M.

Hafli: 9:00 P.M.

Featuring

The Violin Master Lebnen Khalil

Donation: \$89.00

At the Parish Hall

1800 N.E. 6th Court

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For ticket information contact

Vivian Sfeir - 954-564-0005

Parish Office - 954-522-3939

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MIAMI LEBANESE FESTIVAL

FRIDAY 01/24/25 FROM 6PM TO 1AM
SATURDAY 01/25/25 FROM 6PM TO 1AM
SUNDAY 01/26/25 FROM 12PM TO 10PM

**Folkloric
Dances**



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Entertainment



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Saturday February 1, 2025 | Doors Open @ 8:00

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Tickets

*\$100 Adults / \$35 Children
(Children Age 7-14)*

- Appetizers, Dinner & Dessert
- Cash Bar
- Live Music & Dancing
- Raffles

Sponsorship Opportunities

- Platinum \$1,000
- Gold \$750
- Silver \$500
- Bronze \$250

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Eliane @ 772-341-5903 /

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WHO ARE THE MARONITES?

The Maronite Church is one of 22 Eastern Rites of the Catholic Church, under the authority of the Pope. It dates back to the early Christians of Antioch (Syria) where Jesus' followers "were called Christians for the first time" (Acts II:26). The actual name "Maronite" is derived from the name of Saint Maron, who was a priest and hermit, and died around the year 410 AD.



*Pope Saint John Paul II, Bishop Frank Caggiano, Chorbishop Michael Thomas
The Vatican - June 1992*

As part of the Roman Catholic Church, the Maronites profess the same beliefs in the Dogmatic and Moral teachings of the Church and celebrate the same seven Sacraments. Their liturgical celebrations are more unique and reflect their early Apostolic beginnings. For example, in some prayers and hymns of the Mass, the Maronites still use Syriac, a dialect of the Aramaic language spoken by Jesus and his Apostles, and incense is regularly used.

During the civil and religious persecutions of the 7th century, the Maronites fled their churches and monasteries in the plains of Syria, and took refuge in the verdant mountains and caves of nearby Lebanon. Since then, Lebanon has been considered the homeland of the Maronite Church.

Millions of Maronites now live in various countries throughout the world, but their Mother Church remains in Lebanon. The current Maronite Patriarch, Bechara Peter Rai, was made a Cardinal by Pope Benedict XVI, in November of 2012. Cardinal Rai lives at the Maronite Patriarchal residence in Bkerke, Lebanon.

The United States is home to two Maronite Eparchies (Dioceses). The Most Reverend Gregory Mansour is our Bishop who resides in Brooklyn, New York. Bishop Mansour is a member of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), as is the Maronite Bishop of the Western Eparchy, the Most Reverend Elias Zaidan who resides in Los Angeles.

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