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# Saints Peter & Paul Maronite Catholic Church



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*Weekend Mass  
Saturday Vigil  
7:00 pm  
Sunday  
11:30 am  
Eucharistic  
Adoration: First  
Thursday of each  
month At 7:30PM*

Father in heaven , who at the baptism of Jesus in the River of Jordan proclaimed him your beloved son and annointed him with your holy spirit . Grant that all who are baptized into his name may keep the covenant they have made and boldly confess him as Lord and savior, who with you and the Holy spirit lives and reigns, one God , in everlasting glory. Amen

# MARONITE SISTERS IN CHRIST SODALITY

The Maronite Sisters in Christ Sodality of Sts. Peter and Paul celebrated their 10th anniversary on December 8, 2019 at the Carrollwood Country club with the presence of the parish. The festive celebration started with a beautiful mass that was served by the Sodality sisters, followed by lunch, games and music. We thank the Sodality for their contributions to the church and wishing them many years to come. The next MSCS meetings will be on Tuesday January 7, 2020 and Tuesday January 21, 2020. The Sodality sisters wishes the entire parish a Merry Christmas filled with much love and a happy new year full of Gods graces.



# Feast of the Epiphany

Please join us on Sunday, January 5, 2020, on the Eve of the Feast of the Epiphany and the Feast of the Baptism of Jesus by Saint John the Baptist in the Jordan River, at the 11:30 AM Divine Liturgy at Sts. Peter and Paul Maronite Catholic Church in Tampa, Florida.

Please bring with you bottles of water to be blessed.

Followed the Divine Liturgy, we will have a reception for the Feast that consists of Maronite Tradition Food and Pastries for the occasion such as zlaibyeh (fried dough), Maacroun, aawaymett and much more....

prepared by  
Dr. Fadi Saba ,

Mrs. Souad Marroun and  
Mrs. Terra Dinari.

Thank you and God bless you and your families.  
Dayem Dayem for years to come.



# New Year 2020

Wednesday, 1/1/2020

Circumcision of the Lord Jesus Christ and New Year. A Holy Day of Obligation. Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at 7:30PM



## LAND PURCHASE ANNOUNCEMENT

During this extraordinary time of year, we are pleased to announce that with the coordination and blessing of the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn, Bishop Gregory Monsour and Chorbishop Michael Thomas, we have acquired the parcel of land directly adjoining our church in the amount of \$325,000 mortgaged to the Knights of Columbus for the term of 20 years.

The acquisition of the land will have a direct and positive impact on the way in which we carry out our mission, and our long term commitment and goals for the parish. Renovations to the house on the land will commence shortly as it will be the rectory for the priest, among other necessities, as God wills. Thank you to the financial and building committees for their hard work following up with the purchase.

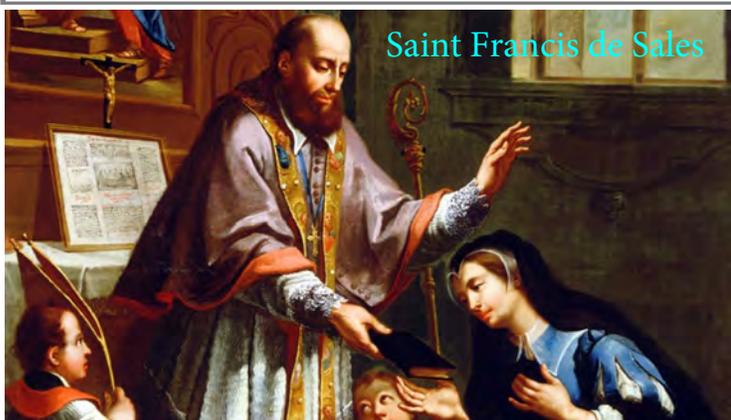
Congratulations again to the parish of Sts. Peter and Paul for your faith and enthusiasm for the work of advancing the kingdom of God on earth.

## Feast Days in January :

Monday 6 : The Epiphany feast , Baptism of the lord .

Friday 17 : Feast of Saint Anthony the Great

Friday 24 : Saint Francis de Sales, bishop and doctor.

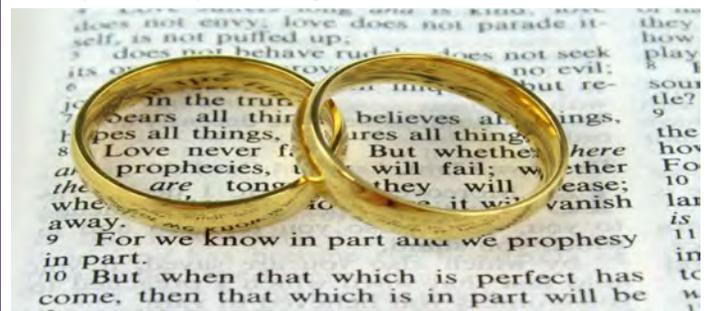


## Wedding Anniversary Jubilees:



His Excellency Sayedna, Bishop Gregory Mansour will be making a Pastoral visit to our Parish on the Weekend of Saturday, March 28, and Sunday, March 29, 2020. Sayedna will be the main celebrant of the Divine Liturgy on Sunday honoring married couples celebrating their (25th) and (50th) Anniversary of marriage in the Maronite Catholic Church. Couples must attend the ceremony to receive their special recognition of their wonderful commitment to the importance and the permanence of this sacred sacrament. Therefore, I ask all couples who have been married for either 25 or 50 years to please contact Father Fadi with your names.

Thank you and may God bless you with many more years together.



## Coffee Hour

Jan 5 Epiphany Celebration (Dr. Fadi Saba, Mrs. Souad Nohra, Mrs. Terra Dirani).

Jan 12 Mr. Adib and Mrs. Lina Sfeir

Jan 19 Mr. George and Mrs. Terese Aradj

Jan 26 Mr. Tony and Mrs. Nesryne Dagher

## *CCD Classes*

The children of our parish were very busy preparing for their annual Christmas play and choir rehearsals in December.

They met every Saturday afternoon for their festive Christmas nativity practices that was also followed by the Christmas choir practice. They brought much cheer to the Christmas Day mass with their angelic voices and talents.

It's never too late to Register your children ages 5-11. Please see Mrs. Christine Rathgeber for registration and more information.

The next CCD meeting will be on Saturday January 25, 2020

CCD members send you and your families the blessings of Christ on this new year.

## *MYO Events*

The Maronite Youth Organization (MYO) met on December 14, 2019 at Norhdale park for their Christmas party that was organized by their new leader, Paul Kordahi, and many of the MYA members. The theme for the gathering was "In search for Christ", where the day was filled with spirituality, many games and challenges to bring our youth closer to each other and to their church. Myo next meeting Saturday 18 January 2020 . At 3:30 pm at the Church. For further information or to register your child please contact Paul Kordahi.



## *MYA Events*

The Maronite Young Adult Organization met on December 6, 2019 around the Bonfire for their monthly meeting at the church grounds.

The night started with spiritual adorations and prayers before the blessed sacrament where they meditated about the mystery of the incarnation. And then was filled with group bonding and secret Santa games.

Next meeting will be on January 11, 2020 at 7:30 PM. Hope to see you all there.

The MYA wishes you and your families a peaceful Christmas with your loved ones and a happy new year.



Topic of the month :

Epiphany blessing In the Catholic church , Epiphany celebrates the revelation that Jesus was the son of God . It also commemorates the manifestation of Jesus divinity at the Baptism in the Jordan River . The word Epiphany which comes from Greek means "revelation from above " "revelation of God" . The Epiphany meaning goes deeper than just bringing presents or the end of the Christmas , it is the revelation of Christ as the son of God , both as an infant and at his baptism . Our human nature is blinded because of sin and we're unable to see as God sees. God reveals to us the revelation of what's going on . What Jesus did was take our human nature and do with it what we could not do which is to walk it out of death and that's exactly what he did with his baptism . The feast celebrates not only Christ's conquering of sin through baptism, but also God's revelation of Christ as his son . Today the Catholic church celebrates the Epiphany feast by blessing the waters in the baptistry , after the water is blessed , the faithful drink the water and bring bottles of water to bring back to their homes for use for physical and spiritual healing . People also eat awamat , dough that is fried until it floats and then covered in sugar . In the feast of the Baptism of the Lord , there is a special divine significance which is "God has come to reclaim us for himself."



## FAMILY

is where LIFE begins  
and LOVE never ends

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## Family Rules

1. Put the other person first
2. Speak with *Love*
3. Tell the truth
4. Mind your manners
5. Make *the right* choice
6. BE *COURAGEOUS*
7. GUARD your *Heart*
8. Forgive Freedy
9. Always do your best
10. Be Thankful



## Why Do We say the Forever Forever?

We say the Forever Forever , that is, Jesus Christ, who was incarnated in Bethlehem, showed His Divinity in the water of Jordan. He is Forever and Forever . And this Forever Forever (Jesus Christ).. does not die and does not disappear. It is Forever. As we great each other on Christmas, by saying; Christ is born Alleluia and on Easter; Christ is risen, He is risen indeed. So on the Feast of the Glorious Epiphany; this Special Feast has its special greeting: Forever Forever Which means Jesus is Forever Forever. Jesus is stable, Jesus is permanent, Jesus is changeless. Jesus is the eternal God. Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and Forever. Forever Forever Love in our hearts. Forever Forever goodness in our homes. Forever Forever peace in our mind. Forever Forever unity in our families. Forever Forever harmony in our relationships. Forever Forever compassion to one another. Forever Forever forgiveness to each other. Forever Forever mercy to one another. Forever Forever joy in our hearts and surroundings.



نقول الدائم دائم، أي ان يسوع المسيح الذي تجسد في بيت لحم، ظهرت ألوهيته في ماء الأردن. فهو دائم دائم. وهذا الدائم، أي الذي لا يموت ولا يزول. وهكذا الدائم دائم. فكما نعايد بعضنا في عيد الميلاد ولد المسيح هلوليا وفي القيامة

المسيح قام حقا قام. هكذا في عيد الدنح، له تحية خاصة: الدائم دائم

يسوع هو ثابت

يسوع هو الله الأزلي

يسوع هو هو الامس اليوم ودائما

دائم دائم المحبة بقلوبنا

دائم دائم إ الخير ببيوتنا

دائم دائم السلام في عقولنا

دائم دائم الوحدة بعيلنا

دائم دائم الانسجام بعلاقتنا مع بعض

دائم دائم تعاطف مع بعضنا

دائم دائم المسامحة لبعضنا البعض

دائم دائم الرحمة لبعضنا البعض

دائم دائم الفرح بقلوبنا وبمحيطننا

## Saint Anthony the Great

St. Anthony was born January 12, 251 in Coma, Egypt to a wealthy landowner parents. His parents died when he was 18 years old and was left with the care of his unmarried sister. In 285 he decided to follow the words of Jesus who said "if you wish to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." Matthew 19:21 St. Anthony gave all his belongings to the poor and to the needy and placed his sister with a group of Christian Virgins, a sort of porto- nunnery at the time. St. Anthony lived in the desert, he is known to be the First ascetic to live in the desert completely cut off from civilization. His isolated lifestyle was remarkably harsher than his predecessors. The devil fought St. Anthony by afflicting him with boredom, laziness and the phantom of women, which he overcame by prayers. After he moved to a tomb where he lived and closed the door on himself. Because of his ascetic life and his intense worship, this time, the devil beat him mercilessly, leaving him unconscious. When his friends from the local village came to visit him and found him in this condition they took him to a church. After he recovered, he went back to the desert farther out to a mountain where he lived for 20 years. The devil resumed his war against St. Anthony, only this time the phantoms were in the form of wild beasts, wolves, lions, snakes and scorpions. They appeared as they were going to attack him or cut him into pieces but Saint Anthony would laugh at them scornfully saying 'if you have any authority over me, only one of you would have been sufficient to fight me.' At Him saying this, they disappeared as though in smoke and God gave him victory over the devil. Saint Anthony lived for 105 years. He died January 17, 356. Saint Anthony is known as the Father of all monks. He is distinguished from other saints by various epithets of his own: St. Anthony the Great St. Anthony of Egypt St. Anthony the Abbot St. Anthony of the Desert St. Anthony the Anchorite St. Anthony Of Thebes St. Anthony the Great, pray for us.

