We are the Maronite Eastern Catholic Community of Saint Joseph Parish in Sandy Springs GA, part of the Universal Catholic Church. We follow and preserve the rich traditions and heritage of the Monastic Maronite Antiochene Catholic Eastern Syriac rite. Through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we are empowered by our baptismal promises and the Lord’s disciples as stewards of God’s bountiful gifts. Our purpose is to joyfully proclaim the presence of Christ to the total community by dedicating ourselves to worshiping, teaching, learning and living the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We are a family of God who works together for the spiritual, physical and social growth of the community. We respect every individual regardless of race or ethnic origin and we welcome them as part of our community. We are committed to preserve and pass-on our Eastern Antiochene tradition and spiritual heritage to our children.
### Readings of the Week

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### Mass Intentions

**Sunday, February 9**
- **9:00 AM**
  - For Abouna Sam Najjar,
  - Requested by Georgette Samaritan
- **11:00 AM**
  - For increase in vocations to the Maronite Priesthood,
  - Requested by Georgette Samaritan

**Saturday, February 15**
- **5:00 PM**
  - For Lillian Josef Harrison,
  - Requested by Georgette Samaritan

### Visiting the Sick

If you know a parishioner who is sick or shut-in, and who would like Father to visit, please send that person’s contact information to the parish office: info@sjmcc.org or 404-525-2504.

### Altar Servers

New altar servers Michael Chabbouh, Bshara Azzi, and Michael Azzi will “shadow” our experienced altar servers Alex, Marco, and Rohan at this Sunday’s 11am Divine Liturgy. Arrive at least 15 minutes beforehand.

Female altar attendants should see Deacon Bob 15 minutes before the Divine Liturgy and immediately after the Liturgy for before and after duties.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

To offer a Mass for a loved one, please stop by the parish office or call us to check the schedule and book your Mass.
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<td>February 6</td>
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<td>7PM Holy Hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament to pray for Lebanon. Followed by pot-luck supper.</td>
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<td>Feast of Saint Maron; Sunday of the Righteous and Just; Ladies Society breakfast to benefit Maronite seminarians</td>
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<td>Pre-Lenten Retreat for Children 9AM-Noon</td>
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<td>Cana Sunday, Entrance into Great Lent; No MCF classes; Ladies Society leads Rosary at 10AM (English) and 10:20AM (Arabic) in the chapel.</td>
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<td>10AM until noon. Drug Awareness Program</td>
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The Ladies Altar and Rosary Society will serve breakfast after both Liturgies on Sunday, February 9. Proceeds will be donated to the support of our Maronite seminarians. Please be sure to stop by the parish hall for a delicious breakfast!

If you are of Lebanese descent and want to obtain your Lebanese nationality, contact: Nelly Younes Daou, representative for "Project Roots".

Arabic Classes

It is not too late to register for Arabic classes!! For information, please contact: Nelly Younes Daou at nellyydaou@hotmail.com or Perla Osta at perlaosta1@gmail.com.
Friday, February 14, 7PM-2AM, Hafli with live band: $115 per person, with dinner. After 9PM, $50 per person.
Saturday, February 15, 7PM-2AM, Hafli with live band: $115 per person, with dinner. After 9PM, $55 per person.
Live music with Amin Sultan both nights.

Georgia Tech Convention Center and Hotel
Hosted by Cedar Club of Atlanta

For further information, contact
Susie Hagley 404-831-8292
or Habib Osta 770-331-7099

Very Important Announcement!!

On Sunday, February 16, there will be no 9AM Liturgy at the church. Father will be celebrating the 9AM Liturgy at the Georgia Tech Convention Center and Hotel for the Southern Federation convention. All are welcome to attend this 9AM Liturgy at the Convention Center.

The 11AM Liturgy will be celebrated at the church.

The 5PM Liturgy will be celebrated in the chapel on Saturday, February 15.
Saint Joseph Maronite Catholic Church Presents

The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola

Thursdays from January 23rd to March 26th at 7pm

1. You are invited to intimate encounter with God through Christ our Lord
2. To deepen our love for Jesus
3. To advance in our prayer life
4. To a greater love of Holy Scriptures
5. To examine one’s conscience more closely
6. Discernment of Spirits - The ability to distinguish the voice of the Holy Spirit from whisperings of the evil spirit.
7. A deeper understanding and love of the Sacrament of Confession and the Eucharist.

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