

Basic Detail Report

Saint Maron



Saint Maron was born in the middle of the 4th century near the city of Cyrrhus in Syria. He was a priest who later became a hermit to a mountain of Taurus in the region of Cyrrhus, near Antioch. His holiness and miracles attracted many followers.

Maron's way was deeply monastic with emphasis on the spiritual and ascetic aspects of living. 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.

At the age of seventy, in year 410 AC, and after completing his holy mission, Maron died peacefully while surrounded by his disciples and followers. His disciples built a huge monastery in honor of his name, nearby the Orontes River located at the Lebanese-Syrian borders. The monastery served for hundreds of years as a pillar for Faith, Education, Martyrdom and Holiness.

The Maronites hold fast to the beliefs of the Council of Chalcedon in 451. When 350 monks were slain by the Monophysites of Antioch, the Maronites sought refuge in the mountains of Lebanon. The surviving priests moved to the Mountains of Lebanon where with the Lebanese people they were successful in establishing the Maronite Nation. They converted the Lebanese Mountain to a Fort of Faith and a symbol of Martyrdom, Endurance and Perseverance.

History of our Church

In 1975, the Rev. Joseph F. Kaddo, founder and Administrator of the then Maronite Mission of Miami, FL was transferred to Waterbury to undertake a new mission. For many years Rev. Thomas Dwyer Pastor of Saint Margaret Church in Waterbury, opened his church and rectory to Rev. Kaddo and his parishioners. Also, the Ehdn Lebanese American Club generously made their club facility available for Sunday Liturgy and many fund-raising activities. A parcel of land, three acres, located in the East Mountain area of town was bought in 1978, but the closing did not happen until February 1980. In October 1981 the construction began and the church was dedicated and consecrated on October 17, 1982. This was only made possible through the faith, love, concern and support of the people of the Greater Waterbury Area and its pastor. Fourteen years later, a new home located across from the Church was purchased. This home presently serves as the rectory of Our Lady of Lebanon Church. In the next sixteen years, the Church sponsored many events to benefit its parishioners. One of Our Lady of Lebanon's most memorable celebrations was that of Father Kaddo's elevation to Monsignor while he served as our Pastor. Shortly thereafter, Monsignor Joseph F. Kaddo was promoted to Vicar General of the Eparchy of St. Maron Brooklyn, NY. As a result, God blessed us again with our new Pastor, Monsignor David M. George. Monsignor David had worked hard and successfully continued to bring our community together as a family. In July 2006, Monsignor David was transferred from Waterbury and Rev. Charbel Seman was named the Pastor until September 2007, when Bishop Gregory Mansour named Rev. Naji Kiwan to become our interim Administrator then the Pastor effective June 27, 2008.

Welcome to Our Lady of Lebanon



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