



St. Raymond

Maronite Cathedral

September 8, 2019

Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are currently registering the children of the parish for this year's religious education program (Faith and Heritage Classes, Grades K-8). While we are grateful that the many Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of St. Louis accept our children into their schools, the education does not include instruction about the Maronite Church – our Liturgy and our Spirituality.

Therefore, all children of the parish should be part of our education program whether in public, Catholic or other private schools.

Classes will meet on **Sunday at 9:30 am** (until 10:15 am – in time for the 10:30 am Divine Liturgy). One registration form, and a school year RE Calendar are enclosed with this letter and they are available in the church lobby. I know that this time is a sacrifice for some, but your children are worth the extra effort. Coffee will be available in the hall for parents during this same time. We will also have an adult program RCIA for any parents (and for all adult parishioners) during the time when the children have their classes. No registration is necessary. Topics will be about Christian Initiation and Dogmas.

You may not realize it, but we have our own Maronite catechism books. We help our parish children understand their history, their liturgy, their church calendar and Maronite saints.

We all realize that our children are often involved in many different activities. These activities sometimes force parents to make choices. We hope that you arrange your family schedule so that attendance at Church on Sunday and the time for religious instruction are possible. It is important that our faith and our religious heritage is transmitted to the next generation.

The first class will be on October 6th at 9:30 am.

We will have an early Sunday Divine Liturgy at 8:00 am if you would like to come to early Mass.

Sincerely,

Fr. John, Rector

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