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Rejoice with Us— First Members Enter



Therese , Sister Marla Marie, Bishop Gregory, Tresa.

Christ is Risen! He is truly Risen! Al Masseeh qaam! Ha'qan qaam!

Dear Friends of the Maronite Servants,

*"Today All creation rejoices and exults in praise,
for the Son of God has been raised from the tomb in glory."*

May the light of this glorious season of the resurrection illumine your life and journey.

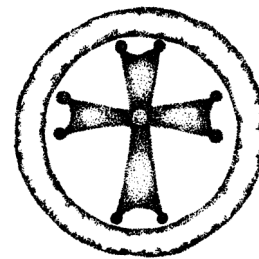
Rejoice with us at the entrance of the Maronite Servants' first two postulants, Tresa Van Heusen of Atlanta and Therese Touma of Sydney, Australia. They entered February 2, 2010 on the Feast of the Presentation, at our home, Mother of the Light Monastery in Weymouth, Mass., following Bishop Gregory Mansour's celebration of the Divine Liturgy.

This blessed event was a milestone in the progression of our foundation, and they are two fine women. Our days are spent in service to the Maronite Church by our life of sacrifice in prayer, study, service at home and in the parishes. We also include daily periods of recreation, sharing in laughter and fun. Please pray for us, and for more vocations to the Maronite Servants in service as spiritual mothers radiating the light of Christ's love and mercy.

Each day in prayer, the postulants and I remember you our *Maronite Servants'* circle of family and friends.

Yours in Mary, Mother of the Light,

Sister Marla Marie



The Maronite Cross of Rabula.

Illumine Your Soul

Year of Saint Maron

An excerpt from the letter of our Patriarch, Nasrallah Peter Cardinal Sfeir on the occasion of the 1600th Jubilee of the passing of Saint Maron.

"As the year 2010 coincides with the passing of one thousand six hundred years since the death of Saint Maron the hermit, priest, and father of our Maronite Church described as "the gilding in the choir of the divine saints," we decided, with the synod of our bishops, to declare this year as a Jubilee Year starting on the 9th of February, 2010 the feast day of our father Saint Maron and ending on the 2nd of March, 2011, the feast day of Saint John Maron the first Patriarch, under the title of 'Saint Maron – a testimony of faith and a spiritual journey of a people.'

This Jubilee Year aims to pray, think, repent, go back into history, meditate on it, learn lessons, revive and relive our Maronite faith that will allow us to draw a new strategy for our Church in the third millennium."

Maronite Servant Vocations



Bishop Gregory offers a class to the postulants. Once a month we travel to the Chancery in Brooklyn for classes by our priests, and weekly sessions are offered at the Monastery by Abouna Anthony Salim and Sister Marla Marie.

Therese Touma

"God's providence is amazing! I feel inspired by the fact that I am being cared for, guided and formed in all aspects. My daily meditations on Scripture, Holy Hours and Divine Liturgy have been great sources of inspiration. The formation program allows for a good balance of study, exercise, prayer, house duties, and parish missions. The classes in Scripture, Doctrine, Maronite Music, Liturgy, Canon Law and Spirituality have been enlightening and quite enjoyable, especially the Maronite Spirituality sessions with Sayedna Gregory. My openness, joy and excitement for this mission have given me a great sense of peace and hope for the future."

Tresa Van Heusen

"I am enjoying living in the Monastery and in community with such wonderful women! The aspect I find the most strengthening is the structure and routine of the prayer life. It is wonderful to have those times set to come together to pray, to meditate and pray on my own, and for daily Liturgy and Adoration. Having lived 'in the world' for so many years, I would get frustrated when other things around me would take away from my prayer time, or make it difficult to set the time for prayer or attend daily Liturgy, if it was even possible."

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Saint Maron, pray for us!

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