

A Taste of Catholic Maronite Liturgy

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The Maronite Church is one of the largest Eastern-rite communities of the Catholic Church, prominent especially in modern Lebanon. It is the only Eastern-rite church that has no Orthodox counterpart. The Maronite Church belongs to the Antiochene tradition . (Antioch is the city where the followers of Jesus first became known as "Christians" [Acts 11:26].) Christian Aramaic, the dialect used by Jesus and his disciples, still remains her liturgical language. Maronites share the same doctrines as other Catholics, but they retain their own liturgy, theology, spirituality, discipline and hierarchy. She is proud of being called the "Cedar of Lebanon".

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	Date	Time	Venue	Number of Participants
Catholic Maronite Divine Liturgy (Sunday Mass) with Anaphora of Twelve Apostles	8 July	11:00 am	Mother of Good Counsel Parish, 5 Choi Hung Road, Kowloon (Ng Wah College)	
Talks				
<i>The Witness of the Maronite Catholic Church: Her History and Development</i>	Saturday 7 July	2:30 – 4:30 pm	Auditorium, 9/F, Catholic Diocese Centre, 16 Caine Road, Hong Kong	
<i>Maronite Catholic Church: Her Liturgy, Spirituality through Icons</i>	Sunday 8 July	2:30 – 4:30 pm	Mother of Good Counsel Parish, 5 Choi Hung Road, Kowloon (Ng Wah College)	

Language: English (with Cantonese interpretation). All are welcome. Free Donation.

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