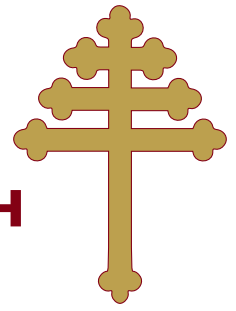




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BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION

Please contact our priest ASAP after the birth of your child.

RECONCILIATION

Before or after Liturgy or by appointment

MARRIAGE

Couples must contact our priest six months before the wedding.

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Be sure to visit from time to time for National Maronite News, pictures of parish events and other announcements!

VISITATION OF THE VIRGIN TO ELIZABETH

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

Adoration 4:00 p.m.; Liturgy at 4:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

Rosary at 9:30 a.m.; Liturgy at 10:00 a.m.

GOSPEL

LUKE 1:39-45



During those days Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."



THE VISITATION. *The Maronite Icons: Modern Sacred Art.* Dar Sader Publishers: Beirut 1999. Via Maronite Heritage.com/icons

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE



Saturday December 23 at 4:30 p.m.

Christmas Eve

Sunday December 24 at 4:30 p.m.

Christmas Day

Monday December 25 at 10 a.m.

Saturday December 30 at 4:30 p.m.

Sunday December 31 at 10 a.m.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Monday January 1st at 10 a.m.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 2 at 4:30 p.m.

For Rita and Philip Fournier
For Alcide and Marie Comeau
Requested by Madeline Hubert

Sunday, December 3 at 10:00 a.m.

For Michael Lito Nejaime
Requested by his wife, Nelly

Thursday, December 7 at 6:00 p.m.

Vigil for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
Available

Saturday, December 9 at 4:30 p.m.

For Fred and Alexandrine and Andre Hubert
For Charlie and Toni Comeau
Requested by Madeline Hubert

Sunday, December 10 at 10:00 a.m.

For Christopher Novacosky, Joseph Novacosky and
Ava Novacosky
Requested by Deacon Steven and Renee Marcus

Saturday, December 16 at 4:30 p.m.

For the repose of the soul of Marie Soliani
Birthday remembrance requested by
Bonnie and Eugene Morro

For Marie Soliani
Requested by Madeline Hubert

For Paulo and Maria D'Addona
Requested by Sal, Linda and Alicia Rinaldi

Sunday, December 17 at 10:00 a.m.

Available

Saturday, December 23 at 4:30 p.m.

Available

Sunday, December 24 at 4:30 p.m.

Vigil of the Glorious Birth of Our Savior
For the people of St. Maron Parish

Monday, December 25 at 10:00 a.m.

The Glorious Birth of Our Savior
For the people of St. Maron Parish

CHURCH SUPPORT

Weekend of November 18/19

Saturday, November 18 Offering:

1st Collection **\$280.00**

2nd Collection **\$152.00**

Sunday, November 19 Offering:

1st Collection **\$1335.00**

2nd Collection **\$323.00**

Mail In: **\$125.00**

Bishop's Appeal: **\$300.00**

Bingo: **\$875.50**

Weekend of November 25/27

Saturday, November 25 Offering:

1st Collection **\$1080.00**

2nd Collection **\$94.00**

Sunday, November 26 Offering:

1st Collection **\$515.00**

2nd Collection **\$201.00**

Mail In: **\$125.00**

Bishop's Appeal: **\$0**

Bingo: **\$1399.00**

Thank You!

FAMILY DAY!



The Holy Family; St. Joseph's Chapel,
Westminster Cathedral, London.
Photo by Fr. Lawrence Lew, OP

Sunday, December 10th, the 10 a.m. Mass will be a family Mass. We encourage everyone to attend with all your family so that we can pray together as a parish family, just as the Holy Family did in Nazareth. Afterwards, there will be Christmas cookies and coffee downstairs in the parish hall.



EPISTLE

EPHESIANS 1:1-14

Salutation / Spiritual Blessings in Christ

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, To the saints who are in Ephesus and are faithful in Christ Jesus: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory. Praise be to God always!



We offer our prayers as a parish family for Joseph Haddad, Sr., and for the Haddad family in their time of grief. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let Your perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.



Joseph Haddad Sr., 95, of Torrington passed away peacefully on November 26, 2023, after a short illness with his family by his side. He was born in Torrington on July 11, 1928, to Effie and Kabalan Haddad. Torrington was his lifelong home. Joe was a graduate of Torrington High and Oliver Wolcott Technical School as a Valedictorian with a degree in electronics. He served in the Navy during the Korean War from 1950-1954. He earned his undergraduate degree from Central Connecticut State College and went on to earn a master's degree in biomedical engineering from RPI. He was a retired biomedical engineer having worked in his field at West Haven VA Hospital and Manchester Hospital. He was a long-time member of Torrington Lodge of Elks.

Joseph is survived by his beloved wife of 68 years, Helene (Coury) Haddad, and his children Dr. Joseph Haddad Jr and wife Annie of New York City, Joyce Klapheke and husband Jeffrey of West Hartford, George Haddad of New York City and Carol Ferrari and husband Ken of Harwinton. He was the adored grandfather (Giddoo) of Alexander, Rachele, Caleb, Blaise, Jake, Lauren, Mia, and Sky. He also leaves his sister Doris Sleeper of Caribou ME and was predeceased by his sister Lucy Ruot.



The Pastor's Corner

SHORT ARTICLES AND NOTES

My Dear Friends:

Everything in this weekend's gospel is excitement and motion: Mary's haste, her greeting to Elizabeth, John's leap for joy, Elizabeth's exclamation and Mary's thanksgiving. Mary is the first evangelist, the model of Christian belief. She brings Jesus to the world, starting with her cousin Elizabeth and Elizabeth's unborn son. In bringing the unborn Christ to Zechariah's house, Mary witnesses the fruits of Christ's presence. The babe in Elizabeth's womb professes his faith in a manner appropriate to an unborn child, while his mother professes her faith in Christ's presence to His mother.

St. Ambrose reminds us that this is not just an interesting, old story. Because Mary is the model of Christian belief, the story continues down through the ages, right up to this present moment:

You also are blessed because you have heard and believed. A soul that believes both conceives and brings forth the Word of God and acknowledges his works.

My friends, we need to remember this: it is also our vocation, as Christians, to bring the Word out into the world, and to bring it with joy and haste and excitement, just as it is portrayed in the Gospel today.

May you have a blessed and joyful week ahead.

Fr. Fadi

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St. Maron Church Annual Appeal

October 2023

Greetings and Blessings to All,

I've come to ask you to help with St. Maron's Annual Bishop's Appeal - a collection that is an integral and imperative part of our budget. This collection funds the Eparchy and is even more important this year to support critical initiatives. Our parish assessment is \$6,500 which we hope to raise through your generosity. We are hoping each family will consider a donation of \$25.00 so we can meet our obligation to the Eparchy.

I'd like to thank those of you who have joined us each week; it is wonderful to see the church filled once again. I look forward to enjoying more time with the families of our parish.

Thank you for your consideration. Please return your check payable to *Saint Maron Church*. This can be dropped in the weekly collection basket or mailed directly to the church.

Sincerely in Christ,

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