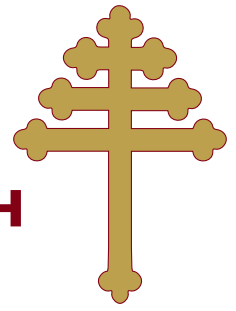




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## **SACRAMENTS**

### **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!*

## **FOURTH SUNDAY OF RESURRECTION SEASON**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 20**  
Adoration 4:00 p.m.; Liturgy at 4:30 p.m.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 21**  
Rosary at 9:30 a.m.; Liturgy at 10:00 a.m.

## **GOSPEL**

JOHN 21:1-14



After this, Jesus revealed himself again to his disciples at the Sea of Tiberias. He revealed himself in this way. Together were Simon Peter, Thomas called Didymus, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, Zebedee's sons, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We also will come with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. When it was already dawn, Jesus was standing on the shore; but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, have you caught anything to eat?" They answered him, "No." So he said to them, "Cast the net over the right side of the boat and you will find something." So they cast it, and were not able to pull it in because of the number of fish. So the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord." When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he tucked in his garment, for he was lightly clad, and jumped into the sea.

The other disciples came in the boat, for they were not far from shore, only about a hundred yards, dragging the net with the fish. When they climbed out on shore, they saw a charcoal fire with fish on it and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you just caught." So



THE MIRACULOUS DRAUGHT OF FISHES BY KONRAD WITZ, 1444. Musée d'Art et d'Histoire de Genève. Via Wikimedia Commons

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**This week Father will pray the  
ANAPHORA OF ST. SIXTUS  
beginning on page 856**

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, April 20 at 4:30 p.m.**

In thanksgiving and gratitude for Ron Leible  
Requested by Deacon Steve

**Sunday, April 21 at 10:00 a.m. - First Communion**

For the intentions of the First Communion class

**Saturday, April 27 at 4:30 p.m.**

Available

**Sunday, April 28 at 10:00 a.m.**

For the repose of the souls of George Durstin,  
Bill Barrante & all the deceased of THS Class of 1964  
Requested by Sam and Jane Slaiby

**Saturday, May 4 at 4:30 p.m.**

For the repose of the soul of John Nejaime  
Requested by his sisters Dulce, Lili and Jemeli

**Sunday, May 5 at 10:00 a.m.**

For the repose of the souls of Bill Dunning  
and all of the deceased of the Assumption College  
Class of 1968  
Requested by Sam and Jane Slaiby

**Saturday, May 11 at 4:30 p.m.**

Birthday remembrance for Maurice Theeb, Jr.  
Requested by Michael & Lisa Soliani and  
Donald & Sharon Newkirk

**Sunday, May 12 at 10:00 a.m.**

For the repose of the souls of Deirdre and Sheila Ivain  
Requested by David Leard and Marilyn Vencel

**Saturday, May 18 at 4:30 p.m.**

Available

**Sunday, May 19 at 10:00 a.m.**

For the repose of the souls of  
Bill Boss, Richard Zummo, & Jim McKnight &  
all the deceased of Vermont Law School Class of 1976  
Requested by Sam and Jane Slaiby

## CHURCH SUPPORT

**Weekend of March April 13/14**

Saturday, April 13 Offering:

1st Collection **\$565.00**

Sunday, April 14 Offering:

1st Collection **\$884.00**

Mail In: **\$100.00**

Bingo: **\$964.00**

*Thank You!*

## UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

**The second collection on April 21:  
CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL**

### CONFIRMATION!



On Sunday,  
April 14, Father  
Fadi confirmed  
two students:  
below left, Franklin  
Jerez and below  
right, Alexander  
Cantosias



It was a festive occasion as both young men were surrounded by their large and loving families, as they celebrated the sacrament



COFFEE HOUR  
THIS SUNDAY, APRIL 21

after the 10:00 a.m. Mass & First Communion!



## SATURDAY JUNE 8 BREW FEST RETURNS!

BrewFest is our major fundraiser of the year and much of our operating budget comes from the money we raise there. PLEASE consider volunteering - there are many jobs to be filled. If you can not volunteer, PLEASE consider attending and supporting the parish. It is always a good time! If you can't volunteer or attend, PLEASE pray for the success of the festival and for everyone involved. See Subdeacon Mike for more details.



## EPISTLE

HEBREWS 13:18-25

Pray for us, for we are confident that we have a clear conscience, wishing to act rightly in every respect. I especially ask for your prayers that I may be restored to you very soon. May the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great shepherd of the sheep by the blood of the eternal covenant, Jesus our Lord, furnish you with all that is good, that you may do his will. May he carry out in you what is pleasing to him through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever (and ever). Amen. Brothers, I ask you to bear with this message of encouragement, for I have written to you rather briefly. I must let you know that our brother Timothy has been set free. If he comes soon, I shall see you together with him. Greetings to all your leaders and to all the holy ones. Those from Italy send you greetings. Grace be with all of you. Praise be to God always.

## GOSPEL *continued from page 1*

Simon Peter went over and dragged the net ashore full of one hundred fifty-three large fish. Even though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come, have breakfast." And none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they realized it was the Lord. Jesus came over and took the bread and gave it to them, and in like manner the fish. This was now the third time Jesus was revealed to his disciples after being raised from the dead. This is the Truth. Peace be with you.



### Baptism!

Congratulations and best wishes to the newest member of Saint Maron's - Sophia Maria Allard. She was baptized and confirmed on New Sunday, April 7th, 2024. Above left, Sophia with her mom, Nada, and Dad, Adam. On the right, Sophia with her family.



## The Pastor's Corner

SHORT ARTICLES AND NOTES

My Dear Friends:

Today, as we celebrate the sacrament of First Holy Communion, it is important to remember that we are blessed to believe that the Eucharist is the true body, blood, soul and divinity of Jesus.

This is a difficult belief sometimes, and the world likes to mock us for it. St. John in chapter 6, verses 53-54 and 66-69, tells us how Jesus lost many, many of his disciples because of this truth.

*Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. ... As a result of this, many [of] his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him. Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."*

St Francis put this simply and clearly:

*The Apostles, with their own eyes saw only flesh, but they believed that he was God. We, with our own eyes see only bread, but believe it is Christ. Body, blood, soul and divinity.*

I pray, as I always do, that you will have a very blessed week.  
Fr. Fadi

## CONGRATULATIONS TO FATHER FADI!

Thanks be to God, we received notice from His Excellency the Most Rev Bishop Gregory Mansour that Fr Fadi, who has been serving as our administrator since his arrival in December of 2022, has been named pastor of Saint Maron of Torrington. This is wonderful news and we are all so blessed with this announcement.

Father Fadi is most thankful to almighty God and to our Shepard, Bishop Gregory, for this announcement. Father would like to reiterate that he is here in Torrington to serve our spiritual needs. Whatever you or members of your family need, he is here for you. Father shared that it is a great gift to serve the people of Torrington.

*I want to help each one of you grow closer to our Lord. I am here to offer the sacraments to each one of you. I am here to celebrate with you in good times and help you through bad ones. I am here to help bring our lord Jesus Christ to each of you. Please call me or stop by the rectory any time. My prayer for this community is for us to grow closer to the living God. I am so grateful to be able to continue to serve you and the wonderful people of Torrington.*





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