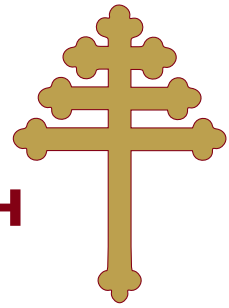




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 six months before the wedding.

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

**THE SUNDAY OF  
 THE MIRACLE OF CANA IN GALILEE**  
**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10**  
 Adoration 4:00 p.m.; Liturgy at 4:30 p.m.  
**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11**  
 Rosary at 9:30 a.m.; Liturgy at 10:00 a.m.

**GOSPEL**

JOHN 2:1-11



On the third day there was a wedding in Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." (And) Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servers, "Do whatever he tells you." Now there were six stone water jars there for Jewish ceremonial washings, each holding twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus told them, "Fill the jars with water." So they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, "Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter." So they took it. And when the headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine, without knowing where it came from (although the servers who had drawn the water knew), the headwaiter called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs in Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him. This is the Truth. Peace be with you.



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

This week Father will pray the  
**ANAPHORA OF SAINT JAMES,**  
 beginning on page 794.

## MASS INTENTIONS

- Saturday, February 10** at 4:30 p.m.  
For the repose of the soul of Nabih NeJaime  
Requested by Renee and Steven Marcus
- Sunday, February 11** at 10:00 a.m.  
For the repose of the soul of Youssef Macary,  
25th Anniversary remembrance  
Requested by his wife
- Monday, February 12** at 6:00 p.m.  
**Ash Monday**  
For the people of St. Maron
- Saturday, February 17** at 4:30 p.m.  
For Jorge and Celina Nejaime  
Requested by their daughters
- Sunday, February 18** at 10:00 a.m.  
For the repose of the soul of Gloria Spina  
Requested by the Class of 1979 Reunion Committee
- Saturday, February 24** at 4:30 p.m.  
For the repose of the soul of Charlie Nader  
Requested by his wife Dulcie and son Anthony
- Sunday, February 25** at 10:00 a.m.  
Available
- Saturday, March 2** at 4:30 p.m.  
For the repose of the soul of Gloria Spina  
Requested by Renee and Steven Marcus
- For the repose of the soul of Sami Kayrouz  
Requested by Pascale and Carlos Nejaime
- Sunday, March 3** at 10:00 a.m.  
For the repose of the soul of Marie Soliani  
Requested by Sam and Jane Slaiby
- For the repose of the soul of Joseph Haddad, Sr.  
Requested by Deacon David and Marilyn Leard
- Saturday, March 9** at 4:30 p.m.  
For the repose of the soul of Maurice & Tanya Baraket  
Requested by Ninette Baraket
- For the repose of the soul of Joseph Haddad, Sr.  
Requested by Ninette Baraket
- Sunday, March 10** at 10:00 a.m.  
For the repose of the soul of Eveline Rizhallah  
Requested by Sam and Jane Slaiby



There is **NO** coffee hour  
this Sunday, February 11.



## CHURCH SUPPORT

### Weekend of February 3/4

Saturday, February 3 Offering:  
1st Collection **\$421.00**  
2nd Collection **\$ 87.00**

Sunday, February 4 Offering:  
1st Collection **\$1018.00**  
2nd Collection **\$ 189.00**

Mail In: **\$887.00**

Bingo: **\$1209.00**

*Thank You!*

## UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

The second collection during Lent is for:  
*The Eparchial Charities Appeal*

### WE WELCOME OUR SHEPARD, BISHOP GREGORY

**MANSOUR** to Saint Maron to celebrate our great feast. Sayednya just returned from spending three weeks in Lebanon working with the Patriarch and his brother Bishops on projects for the universal church.

For those new to our parish, Bishop Gregory John Mansour graduated from Catholic University of America and the Gregorian University in Rome with Degrees in Theology and Spirituality, and was ordained to the Priesthood in 1982.

Sayednya served as Pastor in Uniontown, PA, then as Vicar General, Chancellor and Financial Officer of the new Maronite Eparchy in Los Angeles, and studied at U.C.L.A. with special emphasis on Islamic Studies. After his time in Los Angeles, he served in St. Louis as Vicar General and Cathedral Rector, and taught Spiritual Theology at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary.

In 2004, Pope John Paul II named him Bishop of the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn. He has served on the USCCB's Pro Life, Family Life, Catechesis and Evangelization Committees, and is presently Co-Chair of the Oriental Orthodox-Catholic Dialogue.

He has served on the Board of Trustees for The Catholic University of America, was Board Chair of Catholic Relief Services, and presently serves on the Boards of Aid to the Church in Need, Caritas Lebanon, In Defense of Christians, and is a member of the Maronite Synod of Bishops in Lebanon.

Thank you Sayednya for being with us today. We continue to pray for you and our Eparchy. We are excited to hear about your trip to Lebanon and look forward to praying with you this weekend. A warm welcome to Torrington!!

## EPISTLE

ISAIAH 55: 1+6-13

All you who are thirsty, come to the water! You who have no money, come, buy grain and eat; Come, buy grain without money, wine and milk without cost! Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake their way, and sinners their thoughts; Let them turn to the LORD to find mercy; to our God, who is generous in forgiving. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways—oracle of the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, my thoughts higher than your thoughts. Yet just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down And do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful, Giving seed to the one who sows and bread to the one who eats, So shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; It shall not return to me empty, but shall do what pleases me, achieving the end for which I sent it. Yes, in joy you shall go forth, in peace you shall be brought home; Mountains and hills shall break out in song before you, all trees of the field shall clap their hands. In place of the thornbush, the cypress shall grow, instead of nettles,\* the myrtle. This shall be to the LORD's renown, as an everlasting sign that shall not fail.



## The Pastor's Corner

SHORT ARTICLES AND NOTES

My Dear Friends:

St. Maron longed for a very deep union with God. To find this, he gave up all worldly attachments and spent his days on a mountain, out in the open, in prayer. His self-discipline, fasting, and meditation inspired many people to come to him for both spiritual guidance and physical healing. His fame spread and more and more people came to see him. Some of them built a monastery near his tent on the mountain. Soon there were hundreds of monks gathered around St. Maron, learning from and imitating him, passing down his wisdom and staying faithful to the church during the many persecutions down through the years. Our own Maronite church sprang from these seeds.

God gave St. Maron the grace to seek Him in everything and St. Maron embraced that desire. St. Maron only intended to love God, not start a community. He could not know that this faithful branch of the church would endure through the ages, to this day, here in Torrington.

What is it that God is asking us to do? Giving us the grace to do? Are we doing it? We don't know how God intends to use our faithfulness; we only know that God wants us to be faithful to His inspirations.

I pray that God will bless all of you in a special way this week.

Fr. Fadi

### A MESSAGE FROM SAYEDNA ABOUT LENTEN PRAYER, FASTING AND ALMSGIVING

During Lent, we're invited to deepen our relationship and unite our hearts more fully with God and with one another. We can do this in an intentional way through the Catholic tradition of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. CRS Rice Bowl—Catholic Relief Services' Lenten faith-in-action program—invites us to encounter God and our global family by practicing these Lenten pillars and by reflecting on how the Eucharist—the Bread of Life—compels us to share bread for life with all members of our human family. That's why again this year, I'm inviting you to use the CRS Rice Bowl this Lent. I ask each family to pick one up from the back of the church, fill it with Lenten alms, and return it by Good Friday. Alms donated through CRS Rice Bowl support the work of CRS in more than 120 different countries. In addition, twenty-five percent of donations to CRS Rice Bowl stay in the local diocese, supporting hunger and poverty alleviation efforts. For more information on this Lenten tradition, please visit <https://www.crsricebowl.org/>

+ Gregory John Mansour, Bishop of the Eparchy of St. Maron of Brooklyn

### THERE IS STILL TIME TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS THE SUSAN B. ANTHONY PROJECT WISH LIST. THE DONATION BOX IS IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH

#### NON-FOOD ITEMS

Shampoo/Conditioner	Shaving Cream
Deodorant	Hand Soap/Dish Soap
Body Wash	Laundry Detergent
Tampons/Pads	Paper Towels
Toothbrushes (adult and kids)	Diapers (newborn)
Toothpaste (adult and kids)	Baby Wipes
Hairbrushes (no combs, please)	Toilet Paper
Razors	Baby Bottles/Sippy Cups

#### FOOD ITEMS

Pudding/Jello (snack pack)	Mac and Cheese (boxed)
Juice	Cooking Spray/Cooking Oil
Granola Bars	Assorted Oatmeal Packets
Canned Vegetables	Meal Kits (such as tacos, Hamburger Helper)
Canned Hearty Soups	Instant Mashed Potatoes
Shelf-stable Milk (such as Parmalat)	Cake Mix/Frosting
Pasta/Pasta Sauce	Boxed Snacks/Assorted Snack Packs
Broth/ Spices	



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