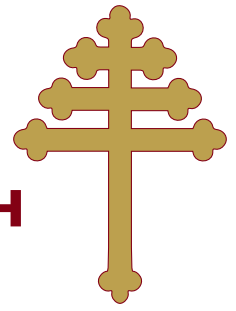




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Please contact our priest ASAP after the birth of your child.

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Before or after Liturgy or by appointment

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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!

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY
 THE REVELATION OF CHRIST'S MYSTERY TO THE APOSTLES**

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13
 Adoration 4:00 p.m.; Liturgy at 4:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14
 Rosary at 9:30 a.m.; Liturgy at 10:00 a.m.

GOSPEL

JOHN 1:35-42
 First Disciples



The Apostle said: The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter). This is the truth. Peace be with you.



The Calling of the Apostles Peter and Andrew.
 Duccio di Buoninsegna. Between 1308 and 1311. Tempera on panel. National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C. via Wikimedia Commons



If you have any palm branches at home, would you please return them to the back of the church so that they may be burned in preparation for Ash Monday. Thank you.

MASS INTENTIONS

- Saturday, January 13** at 4:30 p.m.
For the repose of the soul of Joe Haddad
Requested by Sal and Linda Rinaldi
- Sunday, January 14** at 10:00 a.m.
In gratitude for Vicky Saia
Requested by Deacon Steve
- Saturday, January 20** at 4:30 p.m.
Available
- Sunday, January 21** at 10:00 a.m.
Available
- Saturday, January 27** at 4:30 p.m.
Available
- Sunday, January 28** at 10:00 a.m.
40 Day Memorial for the repose of the soul of
Elias Nemer Noujaim
Requested by his brother Nassib and sister Toni
- Saturday, February 3** at 4:30 p.m.
Available
- Sunday, February 4** at 10:00 a.m.
Available
- Saturday, February 10** at 4:30 p.m.
Available
- Sunday, February 11** at 10:00 a.m.
Available
- Monday, February 12** at 6:00 p.m.
Ash Monday
Available
- 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

CHURCH SUPPORT

Weekend of January 6/7

Saturday, January 6 Offering:

1st Collection **\$292.00**

2nd Collection **\$270.00**

Sunday, January 7 Offering:

1st Collection **\$0**

2nd Collection **\$0**

Mail In: **\$75.00**

Bingo: **\$706.00**

Thank You!

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

January 28

United States Catholic Bishops'

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

*Liturgy & Dinner
with Bishop Gregory!*

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Bishop Gregory will be with us to celebrate the feast of our patron, Saint Maron, on **Saturday Feb 10th**. He will celebrate the Divine Liturgy at 4:30 PM.

Immediately following the liturgy, please join us for a Lebanese dinner as we continue to rejoice in St. Maron's feast

**Tickets for the dinner are \$20/person.
Children under 10 are free.**

To help us plan for the correct amount of food from the caterer, **please RSVP as soon as possible to Office@saintmaronchurch.org** if you are planning on attending. It will be a wonderful dinner and time with our Bishop, so we hope to see you there!

Coffee Hour January 14
after the 10:00 a.m. Mass!



Come and enjoy
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EPISTLE

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5-15

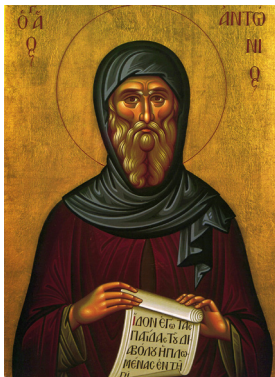
The Paradox of the Ministry

Brothers and Sisters:

We do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you. But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture — "I believed, and so I spoke" — we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. Praise be to God always!



TWO IMPORTANT SAINTS FOR JANUARY



ST. ANTHONY THE GREAT
FEAST DAY: JANUARY 17

Saint Anthony the Great was born into a wealthy family in upper Egypt about 251. He is also known as Anthony of Egypt, Anthony of the Desert, and Anthony the Anchorite. St. Anthony gave away all his wealth in order to more effectively follow Jesus's teachings.

He was a leader among the Desert

Fathers - Christian monks in the Egyptian desert in the 3rd and 4th centuries.

St. Anthony had a powerful impact upon many people through his radical obedience to God's will, his life devoted to prayer, his embrace of poverty, his courageous preaching against heresy, and his assistance to those daring to live as hermits. He died in 356 on 17 January, age 105. He was proclaimed a saint almost immediately.

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St. Ephrem, mosaic, in Nea Moni of Chios, Greece (11th century), Wikimedia Commons



The Pastor's Corner

SHORT ARTICLES AND NOTES

My Dear Friends:

This year there is only a short time between Christmas/Epiphany and Ash Monday, which falls on February 12. It seems hard to believe, but it will soon be time to focus on our Lenten preparation for Easter. With this in mind, it is not too early to mark your calendars for Stations of the Cross, which will be held in the church on Friday evenings at 6:00 p.m. throughout Lent. Many saints have recommended meditating on our Lord's passion as an excellent way to pray and coming to Stations is a way to do this.

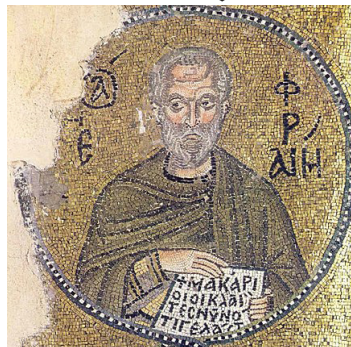
Jesus underwent His horrible passion for all of us. When we think of His passion as for "all of us," it is easy to hide in a crowd. A better way to think about His sacrifice is that He underwent His passion for *each* of us, and would have consented to His tortured death had you or I been the only person in the world to save.

Please join me on Fridays in Lent as we remember the passion of the Lord, a passion which Jesus willingly offered to save each and every one of us.

Fr. Fadi

No one is truly poor except the one who lacks the truth.

-- St. Ephrem the Syrian



ST. EPHREM THE SYRIAN
FEAST DAY: JANUARY 28

St. Ephrem was born about 306 in Nisibis, in modern-day Turkey. It was a difficult and tumultuous time for the church as there was still much persecution, and heresies, especially Arianism, were raging.

As a deacon, Saint Ephrem assisted priests in providing food and other aid to the poor, and in preaching the Gospel. He was a gifted writer, especially of hymns and poetry, and the hundreds of theological hymns and biblical commentaries he composed were a very effective tool for helping Christians understand the true faith. Because of his skill in composing hymns, the most popular title for St. Ephraim is the *Harp of the Holy Spirit*.

St. Ephrem died on 9 June 373 and was proclaimed a saint shortly after. In 1920, Pope Benedict XV declared St. Ephrem a Doctor of the Church.



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