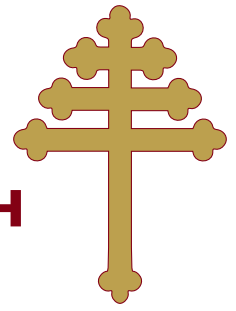




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 Please contact our priest ASAP
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 Couples must contact our priest
 six months before the wedding.

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

**THE SIXTH WEEK OF GREAT LENT
 THE SUNDAY OF BARTIMAEUS THE BLIND**

SATURDAY, MARCH 16
 Adoration 4:00 p.m.; Liturgy at 4:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 17
 Rosary at 9:30 a.m.; Liturgy at 10:00 a.m.

GOSPEL

MARK 10:46-52



They came to Jericho. And as he was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a sizable crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind man, the son of Timaeus, sat by the roadside begging. On hearing that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me." And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he kept calling out all the more, "Son of David, have pity on me." Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." So they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take courage; get up, he is calling you." He threw aside his cloak, sprang up, and came to Jesus. Jesus said to him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see." Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way. This is the Truth. Peace be with you.



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

If discouragement overwhelms you, think of the faith of Joseph; if anxiety has it grip on you, think of the hope of Joseph; if hatred seizes you, think of the love of Joseph. Let us praise and thank Christ for having given us Joseph as an example and model of love.
 -- Pope Benedict XVI

This week Father will pray the
ANAPHORA OF THE TWELVE APOSTLES,
 beginning on page 754

MASS INTENTIONS

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

In memory of Spiro Aoun
Requested by Ninette Barakat

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

In memory of Elias Nemer Noujaim
Requested by Hayat and Jack Comporesi

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

For the repose of the soul of
Paolo and Maria Daddona
Requested by Sal and Linda Rinaldi

Sunday, March 24 at 10:00 a.m.

Hosanna Sunday
Available

Wednesday, March 27

Rite of the Lamp at 7:00 p.m.

Blessing the oil & anointing for the healing of
body and soul

Thursday, March 28

Thursday of the Mysteries at 7:00 p.m.

Liturgy of the Washing of the feet,
followed by Exposition of the Holy Eucharist

Friday, March 29

Great Friday of the Crucifixion

12:00 noon - Signing of the Chalice Liturgy
7:00 p.m. - Adoration of the Cross/Burial of the Lord

Saturday, March 30

Great Saturday of the Light 4:30 p.m.

Liturgy of the Glorious Resurrection
For the people of St. Maron Parish

Sunday, March 31

The Glorious Resurrection at 10:00 a.m.

For the people of St. Maron Parish

Saturday, April 6 at 4:30 p.m.

For the repose of the soul of Marian Theeb
Anniversary Memorial, requested by her children

Sunday, April 7 at 10:00 a.m.

For the repose of the soul of Gloria Spina
Requested by Sam and Jane Slaiby

Saturday, April 13 at 4:30 p.m.

For the repose of the soul of Joseph Nader
Requested by his mother Dulce

Sunday, April 14 at 10:00 a.m.

For the repose of the soul of Joseph Haddad
Requested by Sam and Jane Slaiby

CHURCH SUPPORT

Weekend of March 2/3

Saturday, March 2 Offering:

1st Collection **\$460.00**

2nd Collection **\$465.00**

Sunday, March 3 Offering:

1st Collection **\$607.00**

2nd Collection **\$269.00**

Mail In: **\$650.00**

Bingo: **\$782.50**

Thank You!

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

The second collection during Lent is for:

The Eparchial Charities Appeal

EASTER FLOWERS

As a reminder for those who want to make a donation for the Easter flowers that will adorn our church, the last day we will be able to accept donations and have your intentions printed in the Easter handout, will be **Wednesday, March 20.**



SAVE THE DATE!

SATURDAY JUNE 8
BREW FEST RETURNS!



BrewFest is our major fundraiser of the year.

St. Maron's will be putting together 3 gift baskets for the various raffles. We are asking our parishioners to purchase one item for the baskets. There is a sign up sheet in the back of the church. See Subdeacon Mike if you have any questions.

Saint Maron's continues to support the survivors of domestic and sexual abuse served by the Susan B. Anthony Project. Our donation box for personal care items and boxed and canned food is in the back of the church. If you have any questions, please see Sub Deacon Mike. Thank you for your continuing incredible generosity.

EPISTLE

2 CORINTHIANS 10:1-7

Now I myself, Paul, urge you through the gentleness and clemency of Christ, I who am humble when face to face with you, but brave toward you when absent, I beg you that, when present, I may not have to be brave with that confidence with which I intend to act boldly against some who consider us as acting according to the flesh. For, although we are in the flesh, we do not battle according to the flesh, for the weapons of our battle are not of flesh but are enormously powerful, capable of destroying fortresses. We destroy arguments and every pretension raising itself against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive in obedience to Christ, and we are ready to punish every disobedience, once your obedience is complete. Look at what confronts you. Whoever is confident of belonging to Christ should consider that as he belongs to Christ, so do we. Praise be to God always.

PASSION WEEK SCHEDULE

There are many beautiful liturgies during Passion Week. They only happen once a year - don't miss this chance to experience the re-telling of Jesus' great love for us all and his triumph over death. Come join us!

Sunday, March 24 - Hosanna Sunday

10:00 a.m. Procession with Palms

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Sunday, March 31 - The Glorious Resurrection

10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy

When you invoke St. Joseph, you don't have to speak much. You know your Father in heaven knows what you need; well, so does his friend St. Joseph. Tell him, "If you were in my place, St. Joseph, what would you do?" --St. André Bessette



The Pastor's Corner

SHORT ARTICLES AND NOTES

My Dear Friends:

Next Wednesday, March 19, is the feast of the great St. Joseph, husband of Mary and foster father of Jesus. A few years ago, Bishop Barron wrote in a reflection on St. Joseph that surely people in every age can relate to:

Every episode of Joseph's life is a crisis. He discovered that the woman to whom he was betrothed was pregnant. He resolved to divorce her quietly, but then the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream and explained the anomalous pregnancy. So Joseph understood what was happening in the context of God's providence and he took Mary as his wife.

Next, discovering that the child was in mortal danger, Joseph took mother and baby on a perilous journey to an unknown country. Anyone who has ever been forced to move to a new city knows something of the anxiety that Joseph must have felt. But Joseph went because God had commanded him.

Finally, we hear of Joseph desperately seeking his lost twelve-year-old son. Quietly taking the child home, Joseph once more put aside his human feelings and trusted in the purposes of God. The little we know about Joseph is that he experienced heartbreak, fear unto death, and a parent's deepest anxiety.

Knowing of St. Joseph's, understanding and kindness, I want to share with you the Memorare to St. Joseph, a most powerful prayer for when you are in need:

Remember, O Most Chaste Spouse of the Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto you, my spiritual father, and beg your protection. O Foster Father of the Redeemer, despise not my petitions, but in your goodness hear and answer me. Amen

I pray, through the intercession of good St. Joseph, that God will bless all of you in a special way.

Fr. Fadi

PLEASE JOIN US IN THE CHURCH AT 6 P.M. EACH FRIDAY DURING GREAT LENT AS WE PRAY THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Come and accompany Jesus every step of the way to calvary and the cross - the cross he bore out of love for each one of us. So many abandoned Him then and so many abandon Him now. Come stay with Him for a while and remember His love for all.

The Crucifixion Pietro Lorenzetti. c 1340s New York. The Metropolitan Museum of Art. Purchased with Lila Acheson Wallace Gift and Gwynne Andrews Fund, 2002



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