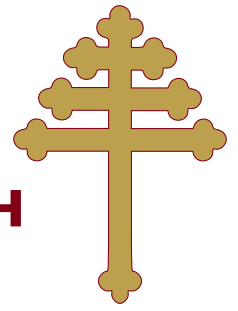




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BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION

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.

Find us on <https://www.facebook.com/SaintMaronTorrington>

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

HOSANNA SUNDAY

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

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

GOSPEL

JOHN 12:12-22



On the next day, when the great crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, they took palm branches and went out to meet him, and cried out: "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, (even) the king of Israel." Jesus found an ass and sat upon it, as is written: "Fear no more, O daughter Zion; see, your king comes, seated upon an ass's colt." His disciples did not understand this at first, but when Jesus had been glorified they remembered that these things were written about him and that they had done this for him. So the crowd that was with him when he called Lazarus from the tomb and raised him from death continued to testify. This was (also) why the crowd went to meet him, because they heard that he had done this sign. So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the whole world has gone after him." Now there were some Greeks among those who had come up to worship at the feast. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we would like to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. This is the Truth. Peace be with you.



HOSANNA SUNDAY *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 PETER,
 beginning on page 774

MASS INTENTIONS

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

For the Kenneson, Fusco, Santoro and
Hainsworth families
Requested by Theresa Kenneson

In memory of James (JR) Crowell and Tiffanie Crowell
Requested by Mom, Theresa Crowell and friend,
Helen Piechocki

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

In thanksgiving for all the babies baptized at
St. Maron's in 2023 and for the intentions of their
families.

CHURCH SUPPORT

Weekend of March 16/17

Saturday, March 16 Offering:

1st Collection **\$494.00**

Sunday, March 17 Offering:

1st Collection **\$824.00**

Mail In: **\$21.00**

Bingo: **\$815.50**

Thank You!

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

The collection on Good Friday is for:

The Holy Land

The second collection on Easter is for:

Our Pastor

ELSIE L. DABLAIN 1924 - 2024

Elsie Louise Dablain, 99, of Torrington, passed away March 12, 2024 at Avon Health Center. Born March 27, 1924, Elsie was the daughter of Frank and Louisa Brignolo. She was the twin sister of Dora Videtto, and sister of Rose Peters, Josephine Bagnaschi, Margaret Peters, and John Brignolo.

In 1945 Elsie married U.S. Army veteran Albert C. Dablain of Torrington. They built a home on Brightwood Avenue and raised five children: Rhonda (Richard LoBrutto), Marcy, Mark (Yumiko), Alida (Robert Ostrander) and Damien (Lisa).

Elsie leaves six grandchildren: Rick LoBrutto, Marcy Katherine Ostrander, Chikara (and wife Laura) Dablain, Colin Dablain, Nathan Dablain and Takeru (dec.) and two great grandchildren, Segolene and Gabrielle Dablain, who brought her much joy. Nephew Gary and Niece Karen were especially devoted and loved.

Elsie will be remembered for her kindness, incredible cooking, sewing and knitting skills, strong faith, love of cards, books and gardening. Besides knitting bandages for lepers and attending daily Mass, Elsie served as President of the St. Maron's Women's Club.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Monday, March 18, at 1:30 PM at St. Maron's Church.

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

EPISTLE

PHILIPPIANS 1:1-13

Paul and Timothy, slaves of Christ Jesus, to all the holy ones in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the overseers and ministers: grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God at every remembrance of you, praying always with joy in my every prayer for all of you, because of your partnership for the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus. It is right that I should think this way about all of you, because I hold you in my heart, you who are all partners with me in grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value, so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God. I want you to know, brothers, that my situation has turned out rather to advance the gospel, so that my imprisonment has become well known in Christ throughout the whole praetorium and to all the rest. Praise be to God always.

At Ave Maria University in Florida, there is a museum dedicated to Mother Teresa. This past week, Judy Theeb visited the museum with Deacon Steve as her guide. Judy is one of our parish trustees - and the first woman ever to



be appointed trustee at St. Maron's! Deacon Steve said it was a wonderful time and "a joy to be able to pray and visit together."



Unfortunately, it is time to replace the church steeple roof. This project is estimated to cost \$15,000. It is a large expense and we would be grateful for any donations you can make to help cover the cost. Please see Father if you wish to donate. Thank you.



The Pastor's Corner

SHORT ARTICLES AND NOTES

My Dear Friends:

Once again, Bishop Sam Jacobs has a very insightful reflection on the events we will be commemorating this coming week:

That Judas rejected the grace to change his mind caused Jesus pain. But when he identifies Jesus with a kiss this only magnified the betrayal. Jesus could have easily stopped Judas from this act. But he chose to suffer this indignity from one who was one time a disciple/friend. How often we act similarly, when we choose to sin grievously. Is this not also a betrayal kiss to one who has given his life for us? Jesus suffers the same way as he did with Judas's kiss. Even though Judas later regretted his betrayal, instead of repentance he chose despair. After we have sinned against Jesus, hopefully his mercy will move us to repentance and conversion of heart. Jesus awaits us with open arms.

I pray that we will all recognize and take advantage of the wonderful gift of God's mercy in confession, especially this coming week. And I continue to pray that God will bless all of you in a special way during this coming Passion Week.

Fr. Fadi

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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Saturday, March 30 - Great Saturday of the Light

4:30 p.m. - Liturgy of the Glorious Resurrection

Sunday, March 31 - The Glorious Resurrection

10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy



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