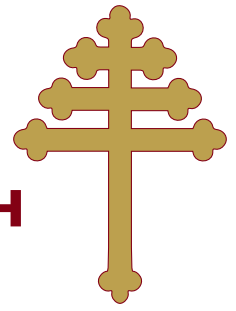




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Please contact our priest ASAP after the birth of your child.

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Before or after Liturgy or by appointment

**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!

**SUNDAY OF THE GLORIOUS RESURRECTION**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 30**

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

**SUNDAY, MARCH 31**

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

**GOSPEL**

MARK 16:1-8



When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary, the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go and anoint him. Very early when the sun had risen, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb. They were saying to one another, "Who

will roll back the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back; it was very large. On entering the tomb they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a white robe, and they were utterly amazed. He said to them, "Do not be amazed! You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Behold the place where they laid him. But go and tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you.'" Then they went out and fled from the tomb, seized with trembling and bewilderment. They said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid. This is the Truth. Peace be with you.



THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD *The Maronite Icons: Modern Sacred Art.* Dar Sader Publishers: Beirut 1999. Via Maronite Heritage.com/icons

*He is risen! Alleluia!*

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

## MASS INTENTIONS

**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 & his family

For the repose of the soul of Elias Noujaim  
Requested by his wife Afaf & his family

**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.

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

Available

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

For the intentions of the First Communion class

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

Available

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

Available

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

Available

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

For the repose of the souls of James Dunning  
and all of the deceased of the Assumption College  
Class of 1968

Requested by Sam and Jane Slaiby

## CHURCH SUPPORT

**Weekend of March 23/24**

Saturday, March 23 Offering:

1st Collection **\$407.00**

2nd Collection **\$99.00**

Sunday, March 24 Offering:

1st Collection **\$690.00**

2nd Collection **\$151.00**

Mail In: **\$400.00**

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*Thank You!*

## UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

**The second collection on Easter  
is for our Pastor**



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.

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**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.

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.

**The Torrington Community Garden** has garden plots available at our University Drive site. Grow your own veggies and flowers and get fresh air exercise in the bargain! For more information email Ann Bott at 56bott@gmail.com or call her at 860-485-5022.

## EPISTLE

1 CORINTHIANS 15:12-26

But if Christ is preached as raised from the dead, how can some among you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then neither has Christ been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, then empty (too) is our preaching; empty, too, your faith. Then we are also false witnesses to God, because we testified against God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if in fact the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, neither has Christ been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is vain; you are still in your sins. Then those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are the most pitiable people of all. But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead came also through a human being. For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order: Christ the first fruits; then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ; then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to his God and Father, when he has destroyed every sovereignty and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. Praise be to God always.

### FUTURE MARONITE SAINT!

Pope Francis has approved the miracle for the beatification of the Venerable Servant of God, Patriarch Estephan El Douaihy. The Patriarch was born on 2 August 1630 in Ehden (Lebanon). At the age of 11, he was sent by the Superiors of the Maronite Church to the Maronite seminary in Rome, where he obtained his doctorate in philosophy. Returning to his homeland, he was ordained a priest on 25 March 1656. He dedicated himself to serving the poor in various parishes in Lebanon and Syria. He was also very involved with the dialogue at that time between the Eastern Churches and the Catholic Church. In addition, he published many important writings on the Maronite liturgy and history, on the mysteries of the Catholic faith, and sermons and other works of a philosophical and theological nature.

In 1668 he was ordained Bishop of the Maronite diocese based in Cyprus. Two years later, he was elected to the patriarchal see of Antioch as Patriarch of the Maronites. As Patriarch, he undertook reforms of the Maronite Church and its monks.

Patriarch Estephan El Douaihy died in Kanoubin (Lebanon) on May 3, 1704. No date has been given yet for the beatification.



## The Pastor's Corner

SHORT ARTICLES AND NOTES

My Dear Friends:

Happy Easter! The tomb is empty! I hope and pray this season of Easter will bless you and your dear families with good health and peace. The Easter message is one of Hope and new life.

I have some suggestions that I would like to make to help us all grow closer to the risen Jesus. First, open the Gospels! Throughout the season of Easter try to read a few lines every day from the Gospel message. Jesus talks to us from sacred scripture. Take these words, meditate on them and live them each day.

Second, please use the sacraments that Jesus left to all His believers. Especially confession. Try to go to confession. Try to reconcile any differences you have within your life or your family. Jesus is the answer. Jesus is the prince of peace. Jesus brings new life to all of his believers.

And finally, over the next several months try your best to visit any elderly people you know, those in your family or your friends or your neighbors. Many elderly people are lonely. Bring the light of Christ to them in your visits; the elderly need our care, love and attention.

On behalf of my family, and on behalf of the parish council and our Deacon and Sub-deacon, I wish you all a happy, joyous Easter. I am always here to serve you. Whatever you need, please call. I am grateful to be your pastor. God bless you all. Happy season of Resurrection. Jesus is risen. Truly, he is risen.

Fr. Fadi

### EXPERIENCE THE POWER OF HEALING

A Healing Mass and Anointing of the Sick

Friday, April 5, 6:30 pm

St. Francis Church 160 Main St., Torrington.

Fr. Emmanuel Ihemedu, pastor of St. John Paul the Great Parish, will be the celebrant and homilist.

In these challenging times, many of us carry burdens – be it physical ailments like cancer and kidney disease, emotional struggles like depression, anxiety, PTSD and grief, or spiritual battles. This is a wonderful opportunity to embrace the healing powers of our divine physician, Jesus Christ.

*Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song! --St. Pope John Paul II*



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