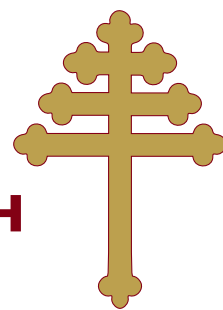




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SACRAMENTS

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 

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

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER HOLY CROSS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

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

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 25:14-30



"It will be as when a man who was going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them. To one he gave five talents; to another, two; to a third, one--to each according to his ability. Then he went away. Immediately the one who received five talents went and traded with them, and made another five. Likewise, the one who received two made another two. But the man who received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and buried his master's money. After a long time the master of those servants came back and settled accounts with them. The one who had received five talents came forward bringing the additional five. He said, 'Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.' (Then) the one who had received two talents also came forward and said, 'Master, you gave me two talents. See, I have made two more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.' Then the one who had received the one talent came forward and said, 'Master, I knew you were a demanding person, harvesting where you did not plant and gathering where you did not scatter; so out of fear I went off and buried your talent in the ground. Here it is back.' His master said to him in reply, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I did not plant and gather where I did not scatter? Should you not then have put my money in the bank so that I could have got it back with interest on my return? Now then! Take the talent from him and give it to the one with ten. For to everyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And throw this useless servant into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.'

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 21 at 4:30 p.m.

For the repose of the soul of Katherine V. Sperry
Requested by Renee and Steven Marcus

Sunday, October 22 at 10:00 a.m.

For John and Mary Comporesi
Requested by Hayat and Jack Comporesi

One year anniversary for the soul of Gabriel Laklak
Requested by Mireille Silano

Saturday, October 28 at 4:30 p.m.

For Mary & Lee Comeau and Emile & Ann Comeau
Requested by Madeline Hubert

Sunday, October 29 at 10:00 a.m.

For Eveline Rizkallah, 40 Day Memorial

Saturday, November 4 at 4:30 p.m.

For the repose of the soul of Della Newman
Requested by her family

Sunday, November 5 at 10:00 a.m.

For Zakeeya and Michel Noujaim and their brothers
Requested by Hayat & Jack Comporesi and
Toni & Richard Noujaim

Saturday, November 11 at 4:30 p.m.

For Carmello "Carmen" Lamanna
Requested by his family

Sunday, November 12 at 10:00 a.m.

Brooker Memorial Liturgy

Saturday, November 18 at 4:30 p.m.

Available

Sunday, November 19 at 10:00 a.m.

For Josephine Knopf, one year anniversary memorial
Requested by her sisters Yollie and Lee

CHURCH SUPPORT

Weekend of October 14/15

Saturday, October 14 Offering:

1st Collection **\$413.00**

Sunday, October 15 Offering:

1st Collection **\$647.00**

Mail In: **\$870.00**

Bingo: **\$522.50**

Thank You!

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK

October 21-22

World mission Sunday - For the Society for the
Propagation of the Faith and CNEWA

BISHOP'S APPEAL

This coming week you will be receiving a letter in the mail regarding the Bishop's Appeal. The funds from this appeal go towards the operating expenses of our Eparchy of St. Maron of Brooklyn. Our assessment this year is \$6,500. Please give prayerful consideration to the letter and please return your contribution as soon as possible. We will be tracking our progress towards our goal in the bulletin over the coming weeks.

two pious Christians, Eugenius and Macarius. St Artemius immediately, fearlessly and publicly rebuked the Emperor with these words: *Why do you so cruelly torture these holy men? Do not forget that you also are a man and that it was God who allowed you to be Emperor. Take care, for Satan, who asked permission to tempt Job, may have requested leave to use you against us, in order to sow tare amid the wheat of Christ. But his scheme will be futile because he no longer has the power he had of old. Since Christ came and was raised on the Cross, Satan's pride and power were defeated. Do not have illusions, O Emperor! In following your love of Satan, do not persecute the Christians protected by God. The power of Christ is invincible.*

This speech enraged the emperor who had Artemius thrown into prison. The next day, Artemius was brought before Julian, and promised even higher imperial office if he would renounce Christ and worship the statues of the pagan gods. When Artemius refused, he was tortured and finally beheaded.

St. Artemius please pray for us that we might always stand up publicly for the truth as you did.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

We celebrate the feast of a great martyr on October 20 - St. Artemius, also known as St. Shalita in the Maronite calendar. St. Artemius, who died in the year 363 is venerated in both the eastern and the western churches.

The saint was appointed military Governor of Egypt by Emperor Constantine the Great. After Constantine's death, the new Emperor, Julian the Apostate restored paganism as the official religion of the Roman empire, beginning a new persecution of the Christians. At the same time, he also started a war with Persia. Artemius was



ordered to come to Antioch with the military forces under his command to support the Emperor. He arrived just in time to see Julian publicly torture and execute

EPISTLE

GALATIANS 6:1-10

Brothers, even if a person is caught in some transgression, you who are spiritual should correct that one in a gentle spirit, looking to yourself, so that you also may not be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so you will fulfill the law of Christ. For if anyone thinks he is something when he is nothing, he is deluding himself. Each one must examine his own work, and then he will have reason to boast with regard to himself alone, and not with regard to someone else; for each will bear his own load. One who is being instructed in the word should share all good things with his instructor. Make no mistake: God is not mocked, for a person will reap only what he sows, because the one who sows for his flesh will reap corruption from the flesh, but the one who sows for the spirit will reap eternal life from the spirit. Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up. So then, while we have the opportunity, let us do good to all, but especially to those who belong to the family of the faith.



CHRISTMAS WREATH AND DECORATION SALE

The Boy Scout's Annual Christmas Wreath and Decoration Sale is back! Please support our local Scouts in their efforts to make Scouting affordable for everyone. Items on sale include the Classic Christmas Wreath (\$25), Door Swag (\$20) and Table Centerpieces (\$20). These can be purchased following the Masses on October 21st & 22nd or 28th & 29th or by using our online option.

To purchase online, go to
<https://sherwoodfundraiser.com/Troop3torrington>

All items (purchased in person or online) will be delivered to St. Maron's Church on the weekend of November 18th-19th. Please note that there is a delivery option if you would prefer your items to be shipped directly to you.

Please contact Jeff Seiser (860-806-2993 or jseiser3@gmail.com) with questions or for further information.

Thank you for your continued support of Scouting.



The Pastor's Corner

SHORT ARTICLES AND NOTES

My Dear Friends:

The news this week goes from bad to worse. Let us all pray for peace in the lands where Jesus walked. The Holy Father and the Patriarch have both asked the world to fast and pray. Please, do what you are able. Even something as simple as just one decade of the Rosary offered for all who are suffering.

Our Lord has assured us time and time again, both in Scripture and through the Saints that our prayers are heard. In the Old Testament (Jeremiah 29:12): *When you call on me and come and pray to me, I will listen to you.* In the Gospels (John 15:7) *If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you.* In the letters of St. Paul: (Philippians 4:6) *Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God.* And from the saints: (St. Peter Julian Eymard) *Have confidence in prayer. It is the unfailing power which God has given us. Ask and you shall receive, our Lord said.*

These are just a few of many, many assurances that we should trust in prayer. It is our job, now and always, to pray not only for peace, but for all good things, knowing that God hears us.

May peace reign,

Fr. Fady

Thank you to all Angels at St. Maron's



Dear Fellow Parishioners,



As of today ALL Angels have been taken from the board and purchases are coming in quickly to the rectory.

A reminder - **please return your items** with the Angel attached **ASAP and by October 27 at the latest.**



Many thanks to our generous, loving parishioners. You are truly a blessing.

Yours in Christ,
The Parish Council

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St. Maron Church Annual Appeal

October 2023

Greetings and Blessings to All,

I've come to ask you to help with St. Maron's Annual Bishop's Appeal - a collection that is an integral and imperative part of our budget. This collection funds the Eparchy and is even more important this year to support critical initiatives. Our parish assessment is \$6,500 which we hope to raise through your generosity. We are hoping each family will consider a donation of \$25.00 so we can meet our obligation to the Eparchy.

I'd like to thank those of you who have joined us each week; it is wonderful to see the church filled once again. I look forward to enjoying more time with the families of our parish.

Thank you for your consideration. Please return your check payable to *Saint Maron Church*. This can be dropped in the weekly collection basket or mailed directly to the church.

Sincerely in Christ,

Father Fady

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