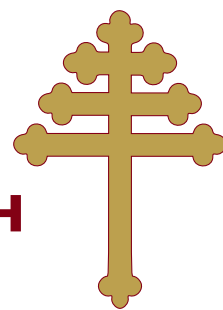




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SACRAMENTS

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.

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

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER HOLY CROSS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

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

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 24:45-51



"Who, then, is the faithful and prudent servant, whom the master has put in charge of his household to distribute to them their food at the proper time? Blessed is that servant whom his master on his arrival finds doing so. Amen, I say to you, he will put him in charge of all his property. But if that wicked servant says to himself, 'My master is long delayed,' and begins to beat his fellow servants, and eat and drink with drunkards, the servant's master will come on an unexpected day and at an unknown hour and will punish him severely and assign him a place with the hypocrites, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.

We are seeking angels

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

We have a special opportunity before us to be a blessing to a family in great need in our parish, and we invite all who are able to join us in providing much needed love and support. At the entry of the church you will see an 'Angel' board, displaying helpful and essential items. Details of gender and age are list with each item to make your selection process easier.

If you can take an 'Angel', purchase the item, and bring your contribution to the rectory, it would be appreciated greatly. There is no need to wrap the items, but please do attach your 'angel' to your bag. We would appreciate having items turned in to the office by end of day, Friday, October 27.

Proverbs 11:25 tells us *Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered.*

Yours in Christ,
The Parish Council



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 7 at 4:30 p.m.
Available

Sunday, October 8 at 10:00 a.m.
For Deirdre Houlihan DiCara and FISH
(Friends in Service to the Humanity of NW CT)
Requested by St. Maron's Community

Saturday, October 14 at 4:30 p.m.
For the repose of the soul of Mary Lou Brewer
Requested by her friends

Sunday, October 15 at 10:00 a.m.
For Afaf Elias Nejaime
Birthday blessings & good health
Requested by Renee and Steven Marcus

For the repose of the soul of Marie Soliani
Requested by Renee and Steven Marcus

For the repose of the soul for Daniel Romanos
Requested by his family on the fourth year anniversary

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.
Available

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

CHURCH SUPPORT

Weekend of Sept 30/Oct 1

Saturday, September 9 Offering:
1st Collection **\$745.00**

Sunday, September 10 Offering:
1st Collection **\$681.00**

Mail In: **\$450.00**

Bingo: **\$797.50**

Thank You!

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTION

October 21-22

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



Congratulations and Gods blessings upon twins Madelyn and Brayden Noujaim and their cousin Jacob Noujaim, who were all baptized and confirmed last Saturday. It was a festive day for the entire family.

May God bless and protect these precious children as they begin their faith journey.



On Sunday, October 8, Deirdre Houlihan DiCara, the Executive Director of FISH NWCT (Friends in Service to the Humanity of Northwest Connecticut) will join us both at Divine Liturgy and afterwards at Coffee Hour. Please and come meet her and hear about the Gospel work she and her staff are doing everyday, right here in our corner of Connecticut.

There is no surer means of calling down God's blessings upon the family than the daily recitation of the Rosary.

--Pope Pius XII

EPISTLE

1 THESSALONIANS 5:1-11

Concerning times and seasons, brothers, you have no need for anything to be written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief at night. When people are saying, "Peace and security," then sudden disaster comes upon them, like labor pains upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you, brothers, are not in darkness, for that day to overtake you like a thief. For all of you are children of the light and children of the day. We are not of the night or of darkness. Therefore, let us not sleep as the rest do, but let us stay alert and sober. Those who sleep go to sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we are of the day, let us be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love and the helmet that is hope for salvation. For God did not destine us for wrath, but to gain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live together with him. Therefore, encourage one another and build one another up, as indeed you do.



The holy Rosary is a powerful weapon. Use it with confidence and you'll be amazed at the results.

-- Saint Josemaria Escriva

There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot resolve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary.

-- Lucia dos Santos (one of the children at Fatima)



The Pastor's Corner

SHORT ARTICLES AND NOTES

My Dear Friends:


I mentioned last week that October is traditionally called the Month of the Rosary because the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated on October 7. The reason we have this feast on October 7 is that this is the anniversary of the great Christian victory at Lepanto.

In 1571 the Holy League, a coalition of Spanish, Italian and French forces fought the much larger Muslim Ottoman Turk forces in a naval battle in the Gulf of Patras, and, to the amazement of the world, won. It was the first Christian victory over the Ottomans in hundreds of years; it was fought both to end Ottoman raiding around the Mediterranean for Christian slaves and to stop the Turks from marching on Italy.

Before the battle, every Holy League soldier and sailor was given a Rosary which they all prayed together before the battle. The decisive victory of the much smaller Holy League has always been attributed to the Blessed Mother's intercession – hence the feast.

All the saints testify to the power of the Rosary. Should you ever doubt it, remember Lepanto!

Fr. Fady



Religious Education Classes are off to a great start! It is not too late for your child to join. Helping your children learn about their faith and Jesus' unsurpassed love for us is one of the greatest gifts you can give them. **Classes are on Sundays from 9:15 to 9:55 a.m.**, after which we all attend the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

Registration forms can be found on the table in the vestibule. Return them to the parish office or drop them in the weekly collection basket.

If you have any questions please contact Helen Piechocki.

helenpiechocki@gmail.com or 860.983.3933.



Eveline Rizkallah, 72, of Jenesnaya, Lebanon, entered into eternal rest on Saturday, September 16, 2023. She leaves her husband, Rizkallah, her dear children Bernadette, Claudette, Nivine, and Ibrahim, and seven beloved grandchildren to cherish her memory.

A 40 day memorial Mass will be held on Sunday, October 29 at 10 a.m. at St. Maron's Church.

After Mass, everyone is invited downstairs to the church hall to partake in a Mercy Meal.

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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

Father Fady Khawand



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