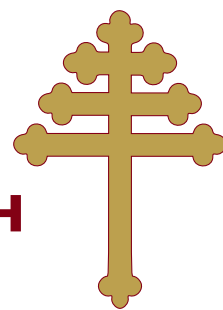




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## SACRAMENTS

### 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!

## SUNDAY OF THE CONSECRATION OF THE CHURCH

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2**

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

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3**

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

## GOSPEL

MATTHEW 16:13-20



Peter's Declaration about Jesus

The Apostle said: When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they

said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah. This is the truth. Peace be with you.



THE CONSECRATION OF THE CHURCH. *The Maronite Icons: Modern Sacred Art.* Dar Sader Publishers: Beirut 1999.  
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Father will pray the  
**ANAPHORA OF ST. JOHN MARON**  
beginning on page 897

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, November 2 at 4:30 p.m.**

Available

For Brother Joseph Lox

**Sunday, November 3 at 10:00 a.m.**

For the repose of Mary Irene Slaiby

Requested by Adla Keywan

For Fr. John Van Dorpe, LC

**Saturday, November 9 at 4:30 p.m.**

Available

For Fr. Vuh Pham, LC

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

For the repose of the soul of Jean Belding Fay

Requested by Sam and Jane Slaiby

For the repose of the soul of

Zakeeya & Michel Noujaim and their brothers

Requested by Hayat and Jack Comporesi and

Toni and Richard Noujaim

For Fr. Joseph Brickner, LC

## CHURCH SUPPORT

**Weekend of Oct. 26/27**

Saturday, October 19 Offering:

1st Collection **\$306.00**

2nd Collection **\$102.00**

Sunday, October 20 Offering:

1st Collection **\$897.00**

2nd Collection **\$622.00**

Mail In: **\$225.00**

Bingo: **\$990.00**

*Thank You!*

## UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

**The second collection**

**on November 3 is for:**

**MARONITE PATRIARCHAL CHARITIES**

*(All Proceeds from this collection are sent directly to our Patriarch for his charitable works.)*

## PRAYER FOR FORGOTTEN SOULS

*O merciful God, take pity on those souls who have no particular friends and intercessors to recommend them to You; who, either through the negligence of those who are alive, or through length of time are forgotten by their friends and by all. Spare them, O Lord, and remember Your own mercy, when others forget to appeal to it. Let not the souls which You have created be parted from you, their Creator. Amen.*



**THE MARONITE CHURCH CELEBRATES THE  
FEAST OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL  
ON NOVEMBER 8**

St. Michael the Archangel,  
defend us in battle.

Be our defense against the wickedness  
and snares of the Devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,  
and do thou,

O Prince of the heavenly hosts,  
by the power of God,  
thrust into hell Satan,  
and all the evil spirits,  
who prowl about the world  
seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

## FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES BEGIN NOVEMBER 24! ENROLLMENT IS NOW OPEN!

To join this class your child should be in grades 2 – 5,  
and be at least 7 years old at the start of the classes.

*Class will be held twice a month (2nd and 4th  
Sundays) from 9:15 – 9:50 a.m. in the church hall.  
After class, students are expected to attend the  
10:00 a.m. Mass.*

To enroll: Complete the registration form available  
at the church entry and attach a copy of your child's  
Baptismal certificate. Give forms to Father Fadi.

For children in grades 6 or higher who would like to  
make their First Communion, please speak to Father  
who will make alternate arrangements with you.

## COME & SEE RETREAT WEEKEND FOR WOMEN: *I am the servant of the Lord* – Luke 1:38

Is Jesus calling you to Come and See? Are you seeking to learn more about prayer, discerning God's voice and the gift of religious life. THE MARONITE SERVANTS OF CHRIST THE LIGHT located in Dartmouth MA, invite young adult women (ages 18-39) to prayerfully consider joining them for a **Come & See Retreat Weekend, November 29 - December 1, 2024**. The weekend is designed to give young adult women a glimpse into our prayer and communal life and to enjoy some adoration time with Jesus, our Eucharistic Lord. To register visit [maroniteservants.org](http://maroniteservants.org). If you have any questions, please contact Vocation Director, Sister Therese Maria at [srtherese2010@gmail.com](mailto:srtherese2010@gmail.com).

## EPISTLE

HEBREWS 9:1-12

The Earthly And The Heavenly Sanctuaries  
Brothers and Sisters:

Even the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly sanctuary. For a tent was constructed, the first one, in which were the lampstand, the table, and the bread of the Presence; this is called the Holy Place. Behind the second curtain was a tent called the Holy of Holies. In it stood the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant overlaid on all sides with gold, in which there were a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tablets of the covenant; above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot speak now in detail. Such preparations having been made, the priests go continually into the first tent to carry out their ritual duties; but only the high priest goes into the second, and he but once a year, and not without taking the blood that he offers for himself and for the sins committed unintentionally by the people. By this the Holy Spirit indicates that the way into the sanctuary has not yet been disclosed as long as the first tent is still standing. This is a symbol of the present time, during which gifts and sacrifices are offered that cannot perfect the conscience of the worshiper, but deal only with food and drink and various baptisms, regulations for the body imposed until the time comes to set things right. But when Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. Praise be to God always!

### NEEDED: COATS AND OTHER WARM WINTER ITEMS

Once again, St. Maron's is proud to serve as one of five drop off points for coats being collected for the 10th annual Rally Day to End Hunger and Homelessness in NWCT, sponsored by Friends in Service to Humanity of NWCT (FISH). Coats, jackets, children's snow wear and other warm items are needed and may be dropped off at the rectory. The deadline to drop off is November 12. Last year 1400 coats were collected and given to over 600 NWCT neighbors in need. This year distribution will take place at St. Peter's Church Hall on Saturday, November 16 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



## The Pastor's Corner

SHORT ARTICLES AND NOTES

My Dear Friends:

Today I would like to speak a little about prayer. First of all, I want to recommend a simple little five-word prayer that everyone should pray when they wake up: *Good Morning, my beloved Lord.* Please try to pray this every morning. Prayer is so important for our health and this little one will help all of us have an attitude of gratitude when we get up each morning.

Secondly, this week we celebrate the Consecration of the Church and I have written a short prayer that I would like us to be in the habit of praying regularly, asking for help and strength for everyone in our one, holy, catholic, apostolic church.

*Father in heaven, today we pray for everyone in our church family. Our Church is one, holy, catholic and apostolic. Jesus, watch over all people who work in your Church, our bishops, our priests and nuns, and all the people who work in our parishes, schools, hospitals, and orphanages. Bless the people who spread your Word all over the world. Our church is one, holy, catholic, and apostolic. Watch over each of us, Lord, We are all special because we are part of your Church. Our church is one, holy, catholic, and apostolic. Amen.*

And thirdly, I would like to share the prayer the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops have composed for before an election:

*Lord God, as the election approaches, we seek to better understand the issues and concerns that confront our country, and how the Gospel compels us to respond as faithful citizens in our community. We ask for eyes that are free from blindness so that we might see each other as brothers and sisters, one and equal in dignity, especially those who are victims of abuse and violence, deceit and poverty. We ask for ears that will hear the cries of children unborn and those abandoned, men and women oppressed because of race or creed, religion or gender. We ask for minds and hearts that are open to hearing the voice of leaders who will bring us closer to your Kingdom.*

*We pray for discernment so that we may choose leaders who hear your Word, live your love, and keep in the ways of your truth as they follow in the steps of Jesus and his Apostles and guide us to your Kingdom of justice and peace.*

*We ask this in the name of your Son Jesus Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

May you have a blessed and pray-filled week ahead.

Fr. Fadi





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