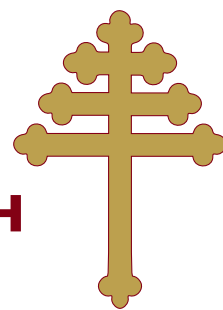




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Maronite News, pictures of parish events and
other announcements!

SUNDAY OF THE VISITATION OF THE VIRGIN TO ELIZABETH

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

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

GOSPEL

LUKE 1:39-45



During those days Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."



THE VISITATION. *The Maronite Icons: Modern Sacred Art.*
Dar Sader Publishers: Beirut 1999.
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A SHORT REFLECTION BY BISHOP ROBERT BARRON ON THE VISITATION OF THE VIRGIN MARY TO ELIZABETH.

Friends, today's Gospel tells of Mary's visit to Elizabeth. I've always been fascinated by Mary's "haste" in this story of the visitation. Upon hearing the message of Gabriel concerning her own pregnancy and that of her cousin, Mary "traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah" to see Elizabeth.

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Father will pray the
ANAPHORA OF THE SAINT JOHN
beginning on page 815

MASS INTENTIONS

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

For the repose of the souls of
Maurice and Tania Barakat
Requested by Ninette Barakat and family

For the repose of the souls of
Fred & Alexandra Hubert
Requested by Madeleine Hubert

Sunday, December 1 at 10:00 a.m.

For the repose of the soul of Michael Nejaime
Requested by Nellie and children Carlos, John,
Jackie and Lori

For Mike Hintz and his family

For the health and flourishing of
Mulunzi Sadat, age 8 and
Namiyingo Shivan, age 6
Requested by Deacon Steven & Renee Marcus

Saturday, December 7 at 4:30 p.m.

For Marie Gagne and Andre Hubert
Requested by Madeleine Hubert

Sunday, December 8 at 10:00 a.m.

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

For the repose of the souls of
Juan & Ana Maria Tacoronte
Requested by the family

Saturday, December 14 at 4:30 p.m.

For the repose of the souls of
Manuel & Ana Maria Baujin
Requested by the family

For the repose of the souls of Rita & Philip Fournier
Requested by Madeleine Hubert

Sunday, December 15 at 10:00 a.m.

For the repose of the souls of
Roberto & Juana Maria Fernandez-Baujin
Requested by the family

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

For the repose of the souls of
Manuel & Antonia Fernandez
Requested by the family

For the repose of the soul of Egidio Recidivi
Requested by Madeleine Hubert

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

For the repose of the soul of
Reverend Father Marcelo Tacoronte
Requested by the family

CHURCH SUPPORT

Due to the short production week because of the Thanksgiving holiday, the collections for the Weekend of November 30/December 1 will be reported next week.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Happy Season of Announcements to all St. Maron parishioners and their families! As a reminder, the Christmas flowers which will decorate our altar in honor of the new born King are paid for through your donations. If you would like to make a contribution towards our Christmas flowers, please make your donation no later than Thursday December 19th. We will produce a program, as we have done in previous years, recognizing all those who donated and all the loved ones remembered with your donations. Fr. Fady will offer a Mass of Thanksgiving for all of the souls remembered this way. If you have any questions, please contact Judy Theeb.



CHRISTMAS DECORATING

As the sacred season of Christmas comes upon us, we will once again be decorating our church. If you are interested in helping or donating, kindly contact Dr. Jorge Baujin or Elias Noujaim. Thank you for all you do as we prepare our church for the coming of the Lord. God bless you.

RELIGIOUS ED REMINDER

The *next meeting* for
the First Communion class
for students grades 2 - 5 is on
Sunday, December 8.

Class is held on the 2nd and 4th Sunday
each month.

Let those who think that the Church pays too much attention to Mary give heed to the fact that Our Blessed Lord Himself gave ten times as much of His life to her as He gave to His Apostles. -- Ven. Fulton Sheen

EPISTLE

EPHESIANS 1:1-14

Salutation / Spiritual Blessings in Christ

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,
To the saints who are in Ephesus and are faithful in
Christ Jesus: Grace to you and peace from God our
Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Blessed be the God
and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed
us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the
heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before
the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless
before him in love. He destined us for adoption as
his children through Jesus Christ, according to the
good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious
grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.
In him we have redemption through his blood, the
forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches
of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom
and insight he has made known to us the mystery
of his will, according to his good pleasure that he
set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time,
to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and
things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained
an inheritance, having been destined according to
the purpose of him who accomplishes all things
according to his counsel and will, so that we, who
were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live
for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when
you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your
salvation, and had believed in him, were marked
with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the
pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as
God's own people, to the praise of his glory. Praise
be to God always!

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Why did she go with such speed and purpose? Because she had found her mission, her role in the theo-drama. We are dominated today by the ego-drama in all of its ramifications and implications. The ego-drama is the play that I'm writing, I'm producing, I'm directing, and I'm starring in. We see this absolutely everywhere in our culture. Freedom of choice reigns supreme: I become the person that I choose to be.

The theo-drama is the great story being told by God, the great play being directed by God. What makes life thrilling is to discover your role in it. This is precisely what has happened to Mary. She has found her role—indeed a climactic role—in the theo-drama, and she wants to conspire with Elizabeth, who has also discovered her role in the same drama. Like Mary, we have to find our place in God's story.



The Pastor's Corner

SHORT ARTICLES AND NOTES

My Dear Friends:

We are journeying deeper into the Season of Announcements. Before we know it, it will be Christmas! Here is the 2024 Christmas Liturgy Schedule.

Tuesday December 24th, Christmas Eve: 4:30 p.m. Liturgy

Wednesday December 25th, Christmas Day: 10:00 a.m. Liturgy

These liturgies are a wonderful opportunity to bring any family members or friends who may have drifted away back to the church. Everyone is welcome to celebrate this great feast day with us at St. Maron.

Fr. Fadi

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PSALM TWENTY-SIX

Like a priest washing before approaching the altar, the psalmist seeks God's protection upon entering the Temple and to remind God of past integrity while asking for purification; to pray for inclusion among the just; and at the center of the poem, to express the joy in God at the heart of all ritual.

I

Judge me, LORD!
For I have walked in my integrity.
In the LORD I trust;
I do not falter.

2 Examine me, Lord, and test me;

search my heart and mind.

3 Your mercy is before my eyes;

I walk guided by your faithfulness.

II

4 I do not sit with worthless men,
nor with hypocrites do I mingle.

5 I hate an evil assembly;
with the wicked I do not sit.

6 I will wash my hands - in innocence
so that I may process around your altar, Lord,

7 To hear the sound of thanksgiving,
and recount all your wondrous deeds.

8 Lord, I love the refuge of your house,
the site of the dwelling-place of your glory.

III

9 Do not take me away with sinners,
nor my life with the men of blood,

10 In whose hands there is a plot,
their right hands full of bribery.

11 But I walk in my integrity;
redeem me, be gracious to me!

12 My foot stands on level ground; -
in assemblies I will bless the LORD.

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