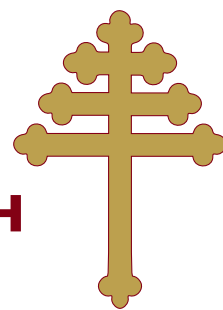




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Be sure to visit from time to time for National
Maronite News, pictures of parish events and
other announcements!

SUNDAY OF THE DEDICATION OF THE CHURCH

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

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

GOSPEL

JOHN 10:22-42



The feast of the Dedication was then taking place in Jerusalem. It was winter. And Jesus walked about in the temple area on the Portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said

to him, "How long are you going to keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered them, "I told you and you do not believe. The works I do in my Father's name testify to me. But you do not believe, because you are not among my sheep. My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. No one can take them out of my hand.

My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one can take them out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one." The Jews again picked up rocks to stone him. Jesus answered them, "I have shown you many good works from my Father. For which of these are you trying to



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Father will pray the
ANAPHORA OF THE TWELVE APOSTLES
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MASS INTENTIONS

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

Saturday, November 16 at 4:30 p.m.

For the repose of the soul of Egidio Recidivi
Requested by Barbara King

Sunday, November 17 at 10:00 a.m.

Available

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

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

Available

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

Available

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

Available

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

Available

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

Available

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

Available

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

Available

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.

CHURCH SUPPORT

Weekend of November 3/4

Saturday Offering:

1st Collection **\$685.00**

Sunday Offering:

1st Collection **\$1,348.00**

Mail In: **\$900.00**

Bingo: **\$1,668.00**

Thank You!



A PRAYER FOR OUR VETERANS

God of peace, we pray for those who have served our nation and have laid down their lives to protect and defend our freedom. We pray for those who have fought, whose spirits and bodies are scarred by war, whose nights are haunted by memories too painful for the light of day. We pray for those who serve us now, especially for those in harm's way. Shield them from danger and bring them home. Turn the hearts and minds of our leaders and our enemies to the work of justice and a harvest of peace. Spare the poor, Lord, spare the poor! May the peace you left us, the peace you gave us, be the peace that sustains, the peace that saves us. Christ Jesus, hear us! Lord Jesus, hear our prayer! Amen.

A SHORT PRAYER FOR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Father, I come before you, lifting up the United States of America.

I pray for unity among its people, that love may bridge the divides, and that grace may guide our interactions.

Grant wisdom and discernment to our leaders, so that they may govern with integrity and seek the well-being of all.

May Your peace reign in our land, and may Your purposes prevail.

In Your mercy, heal our nation, restore hope, and let righteousness and justice flow like a mighty river.

Amen.

EPISTLE

HEBREWS 9:11-15

But when Christ came as high priest of the good things that have come to be, passing through the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made by hands, that is, not belonging to this creation, he entered once for all into the sanctuary, not with the blood of goats and calves but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls and the sprinkling of a heifer's ashes can sanctify those who are defiled so that their flesh is cleansed, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from dead works to worship the living God. For this reason he is mediator of a new covenant: since a death has taken place for deliverance from transgressions under the first covenant, those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.



GOSPEL *continued from page 1*

stone me?" The Jews answered him, "We are not stoning you for a good work but for blasphemy. You, a man, are making yourself God." Jesus answered them, "Is it not written in your law, 'I said, "You are gods"?' If it calls them gods to whom the word of God came, and scripture cannot be set aside, can you say that the one whom the Father has consecrated and sent into the world blasphemes because I said, 'I am the Son of God'? If I do not perform my Father's works, do not believe me; but if I perform them, even if you do not believe me, believe the works, so that you may realize (and understand) that the Father is in me and I am in the Father." (Then) they tried again to arrest him; but he escaped from their power. He went back across the Jordan to the place where John first baptized, and there he remained. Many came to him and said, "John performed no sign, but everything John said about this man was true." And many there began to believe in him.

WHY DO WE PRAY FOR THE DEAD?

The Catholic Church has taught for centuries that our prayers are of assistance to those who have died. We commend their soul to God's mercy and pray for them. We can help them not only by our prayers, but also by offering a Mass in their name, by giving alms, by indulgences or other works of penance done for their benefit (CCC 1032).



The Pastor's Corner

SHORT ARTICLES AND NOTES

My Dear Friends:

Continuing on the topic of prayer, I wanted to share two quotes from St. John Chrysostom, whose feast we celebrate on November 13. St. John was born in Antioch and lived from AD 347-407. He became Archbishop of Constantinople, where, for his talented preaching, he was given the name *Chrysostom*, which means *golden mouthed*.

St. John Chrysostom's advice on prayer was:

1. *Make sure that you do not limit your prayer merely to a particular part of the day. Turn to prayer at anytime.*
2. *Prayer is the place of refuge for every worry, a foundation for cheerfulness, a source of constant happiness, a protection against sadness.*

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

Fr. Fadi

PSALM SIXTEEN

In the first section, the psalmist rejects the futile worship of false gods, preferring Israel's God, the giver of the land. The second section reflects on the wise and life-giving presence of God.

- I
- 1 Keep me safe, O God;
in you I take refuge.
 - 2 I say to the LORD,
you are my Lord,
you are my only good.
 - 3 As for the holy ones who are in the land,
they are noble,
in whom is all my delight.
 - 4 They multiply their sorrows
who court other gods.
Blood libations to them I will not pour out,
nor will I take their names upon my lips.
 - 5 LORD, my allotted portion and my cup,
you have made my destiny secure.
 - 6 Pleasant places were measured out for me;
fair to me indeed is my inheritance.
- II
- 7 I bless the LORD who counsels me;
even at night my heart exhorts me.
 - 8 I keep the LORD always before me;
with him at my right hand, I shall never be shaken.
 - 9 Therefore my heart is glad, my soul rejoices;
my body also dwells secure,
 - 10 For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,
nor let your devout one see the pit.
 - 11 You will show me the path to life,
abounding joy in your presence,
the delights at your right hand forever.

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