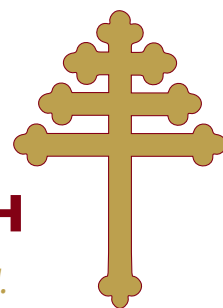




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THE NINTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 2

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3

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

GOSPEL

LUKE 4:14-21



Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news of him spread throughout the whole region. He taught in their synagogues and was praised by all. He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up, and went according to his custom into the

synagogue on the sabbath day. He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord." Rolling up the scroll, he handed it back to the attendant and sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him. He said to them, "Today this scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."



JESUS READING IN THE SYNAGOGUE. Fresco from the
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The theme of this week's Gospel: The prophet Isaiah says: "... He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind." This is a great hope. Jesus is preaching liberty, freedom, and healing from sin and Satan. Blessed is the one who hears the voice of the Lord Jesus Christ in his daily life.

Father will pray the
ANAPHORA OF SAINT SIXTUS
beginning on page 856

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 2 at 4:30 p.m.

For the repose of the soul of Alex Barakat Rahme
Requested by his sister Nouhad Rahme

Sunday, August 3 at 10:00 a.m.

In memory of Thomas E. Cahill Jr.
and Maureen C. Rushlow
Requested by The Piechocki family

Saturday, August 9 at 4:30 p.m.

For the repose of the soul of Jemel Nejaime
Requested by his sisters Dulce, Lili and Jemeli

Sunday, August 10 at 10:00 a.m.

For the repose of the souls of
Mary Peters Dreisbach and the deceased members
of the Namtella and Rachel Peters Family
Requested by Rae Cameron

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

For the repose of the soul of David John Leonard
Requested by Deacon Steven Marcus

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

For the repose of the soul of Chorbishop Joseph
Lahoud for his faithful service to the people of God
Requested by Fr. Fadi

Saturday, August 23 at 4:30 p.m.

For the repose of the soul of Chorbishop Joseph Lahoud
Requested by Renee & Deacon Steven Marcus

Sunday, August 24 at 10:00 a.m.

For the repose of the soul of Chorbishop Joseph Lahoud
Requested by The Parish Council of St. Maron's

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

For the repose of the soul of Antoinette Noujaim
Requested by Mirelle Silano

Sunday, August 31 at 10:00 a.m.

For the repose of the soul of Veronica Ronny Santo
Requested by Renee and Deacon Steven Marcus

Saturday, September 6 at 4:30 p.m.

For healing and recovery for John O'Shaughnessy
Requested by the Cox family

Sunday, September 7 at 10:00 a.m.

For the repose of the soul of Xavier John Randolph
Requested by Renee & Deacon Steven Marcus

Saturday, September 13 at 4:30 p.m.

For Sharon and Donald Newkirk
May God continue to bless them as they celebrate
their 50th wedding anniversary year

Sunday, September 14 at 10:00 a.m.

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THE FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

AUGUST 6

We celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration on August 6. To put this feast into context, it is good to know that before He showed himself transfigured, Jesus first proclaimed the triumph of His Church over evil. Then, He informed his disciples that this victory would be achieved through His own suffering and death. This first message is encouraging, the second one is challenging. According to the Gospels, Jesus allowed His disciples about a week to grapple with these teachings, a time that must have been tough for them.

Understanding their struggle, Jesus took His three closest companions, Peter, James, and John, up a high mountain. There He was transfigured before them, radiating pure white light, conversing with Moses and Elijah, and being affirmed in His identity by the Father.

This event was likely meant to reinforce His disciples' faith after a week of pondering Jesus' foretold suffering and death, along with His exhortation that they must follow Him. The Transfiguration affirmed Jesus' divinity and His relationship with the revered figures of Moses and Elijah. Furthermore, the Father in Heaven confirmed Jesus as His divine Son with whom He was well pleased.

After the Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus, these three Apostles shared their experience of the Transfiguration, fortifying others in the faith. This story is still shared today to strengthen us as we bear our own crosses.

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EPISTLE

2 CORINTHIANS 5:20-6:10

So we are ambassadors for Christ, as if God were appealing through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who did not know sin, so that we might become the righteousness of God in him. Working together, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For he says: "In an acceptable time I heard you, and on the day of salvation I helped you." Behold, now is a very acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We cause no one to stumble in anything, in order that no fault may be found with our ministry; on the contrary, in everything we commend ourselves as ministers of God, through much endurance, in afflictions, hardships, constraints, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, vigils, fasts; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, in a holy spirit, in unfeigned love, in truthful speech, in the power of God; with weapons of righteousness at the right and at the left; through glory and dishonor, insult and praise. We are treated as deceivers and yet are truthful; as unrecognized and yet acknowledged; as dying and behold we live; as chastised and yet not put to death; as sorrowful yet always rejoicing; as poor yet enriching many; as having nothing and yet possessing all things.

OUR PARISH PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST IS FOR HOMELESS CHILDREN

Loving Father, watch over all children who have no home. Keep them safe, warm, and comfortable. Send them kind hearts, open doors, and daily bread. Let them know they are never forgotten, for they are precious in your eyes. We pray this through Jesus Christ our savior. Amen.

Transfiguration, continued from page 2

The Feast of the Transfiguration is strategically placed forty days before the Feast of the Triumph of the Cross. Thus, the Transfiguration should be seen as a preparation for both the Cross of Christ and our participation in that triumph. According to the Gospel, we are called to take up our crosses and follow Jesus for the glory of the Father, the fulfillment of His will, and the good of the Church, which will always prevail against the gates of hell.

Prayer: My Transfigured Lord, You promise suffering and death to all who follow You, but You also promise the hope that awaits those who endure. Grant me the grace to endure every cross in life, uniting my sufferings with Yours, so that I may one day partake in the glory of eternal life in Heaven. Jesus, I trust in You.



The Pastor's Corner

SHORT ARTICLES AND NOTES

My Dear Friends:

Please take time to read the insert about Chorbishop Joseph Lahoud who went home to our Lord this past week, and pray for the repose of his soul. As Pastor of St. Maron's, Msgr. Lahoud was a wise and energetic man, who lived a true Christian faith and was much loved, as you will read in the many memories offered by parishioners.

This week we come to the third letter of Saint John. This letter contains only one chapter.

Saint John is speaking about his beloved Gaius who is walking in the truth. He said: "Nothing gives me greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth." (3John1:4).

Gaius shows hospitality to every missionary who has set out for the sake of the Gospel. He manifests of his true Christian faith.

As a disciple of Jesus Christ, we are called to live everyday united in truth and love together.

I pray that this week you will all will be especially blessed by our beloved God.

Fr. Fadi

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PROVERBS CHAPTER 22 : 6 - 11

- 6 Train children in the right way, and when old, they will not stray.
- 7 The rich rule over the poor, and the borrower is the slave of the lender.
- 8 Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of anger will fail.
- 9 Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor.
- 10 Drive out a scoffer, and strife goes out; quarreling and abuse will cease.
- 11 Those who love a pure heart and are gracious in speech will have the king as a friend.

Texts are taken from the New Revised Standard Bible.

WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS

Whatever you do, think not of yourself, but of God.

-- St Vincent Ferrer

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