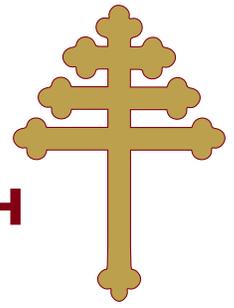




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Be sure to visit from time to time for National Maronite News, pictures of parish events and other announcements!

**THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE
 THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1
 Adoration 4:00 p.m.; Liturgy at 4:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2
 Rosary at 9:30 a.m.; Liturgy at 10:00 a.m.

GOSPEL

LUKE 2:22-35



The Evangelist said: When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"),

and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons." Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah.



THE PRESENTATION AT THE TEMPLE
 Fra Angelico, from the frescos in San Marco, Florence,
 painted between 1430 and 1443

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Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

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Father will pray the
ANAPHORA OF ST. MARK
 beginning on page 835

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 1 at 4:30 p.m.
Available

Sunday, February 2 at 10:00 a.m.
For the repose of the soul of Houda Lahlouh
Requested by the Newman family

Saturday, February 8 at 4:30 p.m.
For the repose of the souls of John and Martha
Ganem Wynn, and Charles Fulton
Requested by Mary Barbara

Sunday, February 9 at 10:00 a.m.
Available

Saturday, February 15 at 4:30 p.m.
For the repose of the souls of George & Celina Nejaime
Requested by daughters Dulce, Lili, and Jemeli

Sunday, February 16 at 10:00 a.m.
For the repose of the soul of
Sharon Nejaime Merati
Requested by her father, Norman Nejaime

Saturday, February 22 at 4:30 p.m.
For the repose of soul of Charlie Nader
Requested by his wife Dulce and family

Sunday, February 23 at 10:00 a.m.
Available

Saturday, March 1 at 4:30 p.m.
Available

Sunday, March 2 at 10:00 a.m.
Available

Saturday, March 8 at 4:30 p.m.
Available

Sunday, March 9 at 10:00 a.m.
Available

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Thank You!

The Feast of St. Maron!

Next Saturday, February 8, after the 4:30 p.m. Mass, we will have a wonderful, traditional Lebanese dinner to celebrate the feast day of our holy patron, St. Maron.

Tickets are \$25/person and will be sold after Masses. Buy your tickets soon, as February 8 is fast approaching!

****Anyone who can make a dessert for the feast, please let Patty or Nick Zabbara know what you will bring by calling them at 860-489-2726.**

If you have any questions, please see Patty or Nick Zabbara or Sub deacon Mike.

We are getting closer and closer to St. Maron's feast day. Here is special prayer of intercession asking for our patron's help in whatever difficulties or troubles we may find ourselves.

Dear St. Maron, I come to you today seeking your intercession and guidance. I know that you are a powerful advocate in heaven, and I ask for your help in bringing my petitions before God.

Please pray for me and for all those who are dear to me, that we may receive the grace and strength we need to face the challenges and struggles of life. Help us to trust in God's love and to find peace in his care.

I pray that through your intercession, we may be blessed with the gifts of faith, hope, and love, and that we may grow closer to God each day. Amen.

Let your heart be filled with love for all humanity, for this is the way of Christ.
-- St. Maron



Ed Derwitsch has been working on restoring the Stations of the Cross in the church - just in time for Lent and our journey with Jesus on the road to Calvary

EPISTLE

ROMANS 9:30-10:4

What then are we to say? Gentiles, who did not strive for righteousness, have attained it, that is, righteousness through faith; but Israel, who did strive for the righteousness that is based on the law, did not succeed in fulfilling that law. Why not? Because they did not strive for it on the basis of faith, but as if it were based on works. They have stumbled over the stumbling stone, as it is written, "See, I am laying in Zion a stone that will make people stumble, a rock that will make them fall, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." Brothers and sisters, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. I can testify that they have a zeal for God, but it is not enlightened. For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God, and seeking to establish their own, they have not submitted to God's righteousness. For Christ is the end of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.



GOSPEL *continued from page 1*

a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too." This is the truth. Peace be with you.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

My Good and Beloved Father, direct our children to be open to Your will. Keep them in the palm of Your hand. Send Your Spirit to guide them in their decision to serve all men for Your sake. Bestow Your graces upon our young men and women who desire to serve You wholeheartedly. May Your will be done in their precious lives. Amen.



St. John Vianney Theological Seminary May 2017

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The Pastor's Corner

SHORT ARTICLES AND NOTES

My Dear Friends:

This month I would like us to pray for vocations as our prayer intention. The world is loud and God's voice is soft. Please pray that our own Maronite young people - and young people everywhere will hear God's voice and answer his call. You will find the prayer that I especially like just to the left on this page.

Next week is the feast of Saint Maron, so we are nearing the end of the little bits of teaching about him that I have prepared. Here is the second to the last installment: Saint Maron was a zealous missionary with a passion to spread the message of Christ by preaching it to all he met. He was able to convert a temple of pagans into a Christian Church. He healed physical suffering and also healed the "lost souls."

Please don't miss our St. Maron celebration - remember to purchase your tickets! I pray that you and your loved ones will have a blessed week ahead.

Fr. Fadi

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PROVERBS CHAPTER 4, 10-19

- 10 Hear, my son, and receive my words, and the years of your life shall be many.
- 11 On the way of wisdom I direct you, I lead you on straightforward paths.
- 12 When you walk, your step will not be impeded, and should you run, you will not stumble.
- 13 Hold fast to instruction, never let her go; keep her, for she is your life.
- 14 The path of the wicked enter not, walk not on the way of evil men;
- 15 Shun it, cross it not, turn aside from it, and pass on.
- 16 For they cannot rest unless they have done evil; to have made no one stumble steals away their sleep.
- 17 For they eat the bread of wickedness and drink the wine of violence.
- 18 The way of the wicked is like darkness; they know not on what they stumble.
- 19 But the path of the just is like shining light, that grows in brilliance till perfect day.

Texts are taken from the New American Bible.

THOUGHTS FROM THE SAINTS

Be constantly committed to prayer or to reading scripture; by praying, you speak to God, in reading, God speaks to you.

-- Saint Cyprian



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