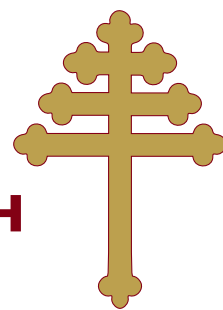




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Be sure to visit from time to time for National
Maronite News, pictures of parish events and
other announcements!

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

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

GOSPEL

JOHN 1:29-34



John's Testimony to Jesus

The Apostles said: The next day he saw Jesus coming
toward him and
declared, "Here is the
Lamb of God who takes
away the sin of the

world! This is he of whom I said,
'After me comes a man who ranks
ahead of me because he was before
me.' I myself did not know him; but
I came baptizing with water for this
reason, that he might be revealed
to Israel." And John testified, "I saw
the Spirit descending from heaven
like a dove, and it remained on him.
I myself did not know him, but the
one who sent me to baptize with
water said to me, 'He on whom you
see the Spirit descend and remain is
the one who baptizes with the Holy
Spirit.' And I myself have seen and
have testified that this is the Son of
God." This is the truth. Peace be with
you.



THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST.

Giovanni Battista Cima da Conegliano, 1493
San Giovanni in Bragora, Venice, Italy

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The devil is afraid of us when we pray and make sacrifices. He is also afraid when we are humble and good. He is especially afraid when we love Jesus very much. He runs away when we make the Sign of the Cross.

-- St. Anthony the Great

Father will pray the
ANAPHORA OF ST. PETER
beginning on page 774

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 11 at 4:30 p.m.

For the repose of the soul of Egidio Recidivi
Requested by Sub-Deacon Mike and Lisa Soliani

For the repose of the soul of Theresa Formaggioni
Requested by Sub-Deacon Mike and Lisa Soliani

For the repose of the soul of Thomas A. Oakley
Requested by James Beck and Family

Sunday, January 12 at 10:00 a.m.

For the repose of the soul of Marian Dubiel
Requested by the people of St. Maron

Saturday, January 18 at 4:30 p.m.

For the repose of the soul of Doreen O'Sullivan
Requested by Deacon Steven and Renee Marcus

Sunday, January 19 at 10:00 a.m.

For David Kenneson, a birthday remembrance
Requested by his wife Terry and daughter Nicole

For the repose of the soul of Edward R. George
Requested by Deacon Steven and Renee Marcus

Saturday, January 25 at 4:30 p.m.

Available

Sunday, January 26 at 10:00 a.m.

Available

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

Available

Sunday, February 2 at 10:00 a.m.

Available

Saturday, February 8 at 4:30 p.m.

Available

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

Available

Saturday, February 15 at 4:30 p.m.

Available

Sunday, February 16 at 10:00 a.m.

Available

CHURCH SUPPORT

Weekend of December 28/29

Saturday Offering:

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1st Collection **\$753.00**

Mail In: **\$1600.00**

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Thank You!

Weekend of January 4/5

Saturday Offering:

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Sunday Offering:

1st Collection **\$633.00**

Mail In: **\$230.00**

Bingo: **\$903.50**

Thank You!

*Save the Date:
Saturday, February 8*

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



Tickets will be sold after Masses and will be going on sale in the coming weeks.

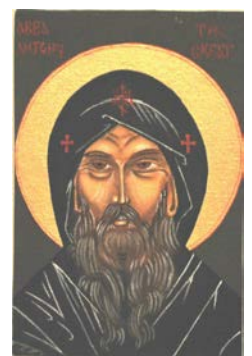
February 8 will be here before you know it! Please mark your calendars!!!

The feast day of St Anthony the Great (251-356 AD), also called Anthony of Egypt, Anthony the Abbot, Anthony of the Desert, Anthony the Anchorite, Anthony the Hermit, and Anthony of Thebes is this Friday, January 17. He is revered in both the eastern and western churches and is called the Founder of Monasticism, or the Father of Monks.

St. Anthony the Great came from a wealthy Egyptian family, but he gave away all his worldly riches to become a desert father, a hermit who lived a life of great asceticism. He spent his time in prayer and under holy poverty.

His wisdom is as appropriate for our age as it was for his:

A time is coming when men will go mad, and when they see someone who is not mad, they will attack him, saying, "You are mad; you are not like us."



EPISTLE

2 CORINTHIANS 10:1-11

Accusation of Weakness

Brothers and Sisters:

I myself, Paul, appeal to you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ — I who am humble when face to face with you, but bold toward you when I am away! — I ask that when I am present I need not show boldness by daring to oppose those who think we are acting according to human standards. Indeed, we live as human beings, but we do not wage war according to human standards; for the weapons of our warfare are not merely human, but they have divine power to destroy strongholds. We destroy arguments and every proud obstacle raised up against the knowledge of God, and we take every thought captive to obey Christ. We are ready to punish every disobedience when your obedience is complete. Look at what is before your eyes. If you are confident that you belong to Christ, remind yourself of this, that just as you belong to Christ, so also do we. Now, even if I boast a little too much of our authority, which the Lord gave for building you up and not for tearing you down, I will not be ashamed of it. I do not want to seem as though I am trying to frighten you with my letters. For they say, "His letters are weighty and strong, but his bodily presence is weak, and his speech contemptible." Let such people understand that what we say by letter when absent, we will also do when present. Praise be to God always!



PRAYER FOR THOSE LIVING IN LONELINESS

We pray for people who live alone. We pray for senior adults living in nursing homes, wondering when they will be able to see their loved ones again. We ask our Beloved and Good Lord to give comfort for our elderly friends and to help them to know that they are not alone, and that You are always with them. Amen.



The Pastor's Corner

SHORT ARTICLES AND NOTES

My Dear Friends:

The Holy Father always has a special intention for each month, something that he prays for especially. I thought we would do the same thing here at St. Maron. Each month I will put a special prayer in the bulletin for our special intention. This month we will pray for those who are living in loneliness. You can find the prayer just to the left. Please pray it often.

St. Maron's feast is next month. Here is a little more about him: His bishop, the theologian Theodoret of Cyrhus, called Saint Maron, "Maron the Divine" because through his prayers, he healed all who came to him with physical or mental diseases.

I pray that you will have a blessed week.

Fr. Fadi

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PROVERBS CHAPTER 3, 1-12

- 1 My son, forget not my teaching, keep in mind my commands;
- 2 For many days, and years of life, and peace, will they bring you.
- 3 Let not kindness and fidelity leave you; bind them around your neck;
- 4 Then will you win favor and good esteem before God and man.
- 5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart, on your own intelligence rely not;
- 6 In all your ways be mindful of him, and he will make straight your paths.
- 7 Be not wise in your own eyes, fear the LORD and turn away from evil;
- 8 This will mean health for your flesh and vigor for your bones.
- 9 Honor the LORD with your wealth, with first fruits of all your produce;
- 10 Then will your barns be filled with grain, with new wine your vats will overflow.
- 11 The discipline of the LORD, my son, disdain not; spurn not his reproof;
- 12 For whom the LORD loves he reproves, and he chastises the son he favors.

Texts are taken from the New American Bible.

THOUGHTS FROM THE SAINTS

The soul of one who serves God always swims in joy, always keeps holiday, and is always in the mood for singing.

-- Saint John of the Cross



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