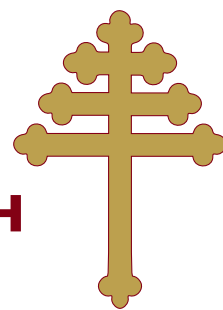




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*Be sure to visit from time to time for National
Maronite News, pictures of parish events and
other announcements!*

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

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

GOSPEL

JOHN 3:1-16



Nicodemus

The Apostle said: Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from

God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can

enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not



JESUS AND NICODEMUS by Henry Ossawa Tanner, 1899
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**Father will pray the
ANAPHORA OF ST. JOHN
beginning on page 815**

MASS INTENTIONS

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

For the repose of the soul of Harry Hamzy
Requested by Michael and Lisa Soliani

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

For the repose of the soul of Melhem Fiad Kairouz
Requested by Fr. Fadi and Deacon Steve

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.

Available

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

For the repose of the souls of John and Martha
Ganem Wynn, and Charles Fulton
Requested by Mary Barbara

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.

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GOSPEL *continued from page 1*

understand these things? "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. This is the truth. Peace be with you.

Virtues are formed by prayer. Prayer preserves temperance. Prayer suppresses anger. Prayer prevents emotions of pride and envy. Prayer draws into the soul the Holy Spirit, and raises man to Heaven.

-- St. Ephrem the Syrian, c. 306-373, Doctor of the Church, Feast Day January 28

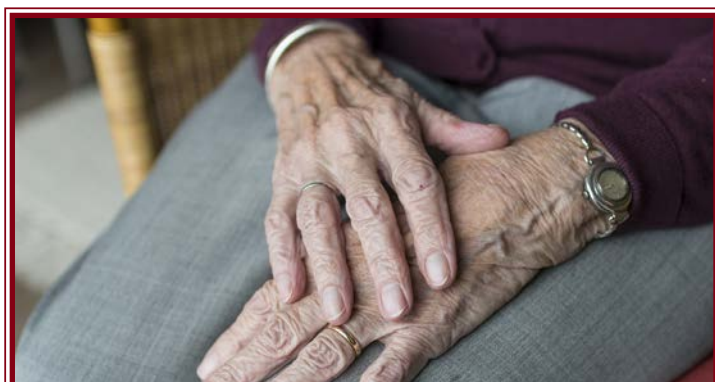
EPISTLE

GALATIANS 3:23-29

What Faith has Brought Us

Brothers and Sisters:

Before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise. 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 Feast of St. Maron!

On 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!

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



The Pastor's Corner

SHORT ARTICLES AND NOTES

My Dear Friends:

Anthony Wilson of Atwill Painting has been busy for the past week continuing to make our church beautiful. I have included more pictures of him making sure every detail is carefully painted. Thank you Anthony for all your hard work.

Continuing our teaching on Saint Maron:

For Saint Maron, all the community must be connected to God. He embraced the quiet solitude of the mountain life. He was a mystic who attracted many people in Syria and Lebanon to become his disciples.

St. Maron's feast day will be here before we know it. I hope to see all of you at the festive dinner we are planning! Don't be disappointed - buy your tickets soon!

I pray that you and your loved ones will have a blessed week ahead.

Fr. Fadi

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PROVERBS CHAPTER 4, 1-9

- 1 Hear, O children, a father's instruction, be attentive, that you may gain understanding!
- 2 Yes, excellent advice I give you; my teaching do not forsake.
- 3 When I was my father's child, frail, yet the darling of my mother,
- 4 He taught me, and said to me: "Let your heart hold fast my words: keep my commands, that you may live!
- 5 Get wisdom, get understanding! Do not forget or turn aside from the words I utter.
- 6 Forsake her not, and she will preserve you; love her, and she will safeguard you;
- 7 The beginning of wisdom is: get wisdom; at the cost of all you have, get understanding.
- 8 Extol her, and she will exalt you; she will bring you honors if you embrace her;
- 9 She will put on your head a graceful diadem; a glorious crown will she bestow on you."

Texts are taken from the New American Bible.

THOUGHTS FROM THE SAINTS

Disorder in society is the result of disorder in the family.

-- Saint Angela Merici



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