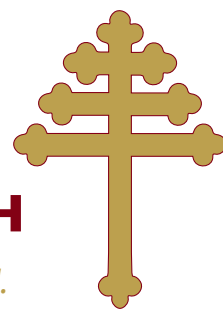




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A prayer to begin every day: *Good morning my good and my beloved Lord.*

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

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION SEASON

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**SATURDAY, MAY 17**

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

**SUNDAY, MAY 18**

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

## GOSPEL

JOHN 21:15-19



When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs." He then said to him a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." He said

to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was distressed that he had said to him a third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." (Jesus) said to him, "Feed my sheep. Amen, amen, I say to you,



CHRIST'S CHARGE TO PETER One of ten cartoons produced by Raphael between 1515 - 1516 for a set of tapestries commissioned by Pope Leo X for the Sistine Chapel Victoria & Albert Museum, London

when you were younger, you used to dress yourself and go where you wanted; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go." He said this signifying by what kind of death he would glorify God. And when he had said this, he said to him, "Follow me." This is the Truth. Peace be with you.

The theme of this week's Gospel is: Jesus does not just forgive my failure, but he restores me and invites me to follow him again.

Father will pray the  
**ANAPHORA OF THE TWELVE APOSTLES**  
beginning on page 754

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, May 17 at 4:30 p.m.**

For the repose of the soul of Adrienne NeJaime  
Requested by her husband, Norman and family

**Sunday, May 18 at 10:00 a.m.**

For the repose of the soul of Tania Barakat Veleber  
Requested by her mother Ninette Barakat & Family

For the repose of the souls of George & Vera Balakgie  
Requested by their children

**Saturday, May 24 at 4:30 p.m.**

For the repose of the soul of  
William Joseph Oakley on the occasion of  
the 50th anniversary of his death in Vietnam  
Requested by his family

**Sunday, May 25 at 10:00 a.m.**

Available

**Saturday, May 31 at 4:30 p.m.**

For the repose of the soul of Thomas Allen Oakley  
Requested by his family

**Sunday, June 1**

**8:30 a.m.** Available

**10:00 a.m.** Available

My Dear Friends: Attending Mass is very important and sometimes when life gets busy, that duty gets pushed aside, especially in the summer. I want to help you fulfill your Sunday obligation, so starting Sunday June 1st, I will be celebrating two liturgies on Sunday morning - one at 8:30 and the other at 10:00. If this works and people are happy having the two liturgies to choose from during the month of June, I will extend this throughout the summer. God bless you. Fr. Fady

### ST. MARON PARISH RETREAT ON MAY 31

Saint Maron's will have a day retreat at Lourdes in Litchfield on May 31 from 10 AM to 3 PM. The retreat is all about the rosary and why we pray it. There is no cost to our parishioners and lunch will be provided. For questions, see Subdeacon Mike.

## BREWFEEST 2025

**Brewfest 2025** takes place *June 14th from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. at Ski Sun-down in New Hartford!* Tickets are available and can be purchased on line at [litchfieldhillsbrewfest.com](http://litchfieldhillsbrewfest.com).

We still need volunteers to help with the many jobs required in putting on this huge parish fundraiser. If you can help, please contact Judy Theeb, Patty Zabbar, Laura Lemieux or Helen Piechocki or sign up online.

## CHURCH SUPPORT

### Weekend of May 10/11

Saturday Offering:

1st Collection **\$472.00**

Sunday Offering:

1st Collection **\$627.00**

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*Thank You!*

### UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

**On the weekend of June 1, the second collection is for the Catholic Communications Campaign.**

(Fifty percent of this collection is sent to the USCCB for national Catholic television, radio, and other media and fifty percent is retained by our Eparchy for *The Maronite Voice* and other communication needs.)



Americans gather in St. Peter's Square on May 8, 2025, to celebrate the election of Pope Leo XIV, the first pontiff from the United States. | Credit: Courtney Mares/CNA

Deacon Steve has spent the last 10 days in Rome. While he took time to visit many sites, including the Maronite Seminary, during his time there, his primary reason for flying to Rome was to be in St. Peter's Square when the new Holy Father was announced. His reaction? *Never in a million years did I think that the Holy Spirit would send us a beautiful cardinal from Chicago. You could tell by his face that he's filled with the Holy Spirit. He's filled with love. This is who the Church needs.*

*You could tell by the people that were in the square today how much they love Almighty God and how much they love our new Holy Father. Good things are happening for our Church.*

## EPISTLE

EPHESIANS 2:1-10

You were dead in your transgressions and sins in which you once lived following the age of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the desires of our flesh, following the wishes of the flesh and the impulses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like the rest. But God, who is rich in mercy, because of the great love he had for us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ (by grace you have been saved), raised us up with him, and seated us with him in the heavens in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God; it is not from works, so no one may boast. For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them.



## The Pastor's Corner

SHORT ARTICLES AND NOTES

My Dear Friends:

We are blessed to have a new Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV. You can read about him in this week's bulletin. Bishop Gregory writes of Pope Leo XIV:

*The Lord has given his Church another successor of Peter, a missionary at heart, filled with a kind and sacrificial love, who wishes peace to all in the spirit of the Crucified and Risen Christ.*

*Within 24 hours the more than 130 Cardinal electors discerned (with two thirds majority) whom our Lord has in mind to lead the Church in the direction of the Holy Spirit. This clarity and unity is a great gift for the Church and for the world. We are so very grateful.*

In addition, Deacon Steve has been in Rome during the time of the conclave and he has shared some of his thoughts and pictures.

I pray that your week will be a blessed one.

Fr. Fadi

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## PEACE BE WITH YOU ALL!



*Dear brothers and sisters, these are the first words spoken by the risen Christ, the Good Shepherd who laid down his life for God's flock. I would like this greeting of peace to resound in your hearts, in your families, among all people, wherever they*

*may be, in every nation and throughout the world. Peace be with you!*

*It is the peace of the risen Christ. A peace that is unarmed and disarming, humble and persevering. A peace that comes from God, the God who loves us all, unconditionally.*

These are first words spoken by Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost on May 8, 2025 after he was elected as Pope Leo XIV. He is the 267th Pope and the first American-born pontiff in the 2,000-year history of the Catholic Church.

### WHO IS POPE LEO XIV?

Born on September 14, 1955, in Chicago, Illinois, Robert Prevost is of French, Italian, and Spanish heritage and the youngest of three brothers. He joined the Order of Saint Augustine in 1977 and was ordained a priest in 1982. His academic background includes a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics from Villanova University, a Master of Divinity from Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, and

a Doctorate in Canon Law from the Pontifical University of Saint Thomas Aquinas in Rome.

Pope Leo XIV spent significant time in Peru, serving first as a missionary, then seminary rector, and eventually from 2015 to 2023, as Bishop of Chiclayo. In 2023, Pope Francis appointed him as the Prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops, a role that put him in touch on a regular basis with many bishops and cardinals.

The cardinal electors saw in the missionary bishop of Peru and former leader of the Order of St. Augustine, whose rule calls its members to "live together in harmony, being of one mind and one heart on the way to God," the qualities they wanted in a pope for this moment in history: humility, composure, a missionary heart, and a capacity for building bridges in a divided Church.

His episcopal motto, *In Illo uno unum* – "In the one Christ we are one" – underscores his desire to preserve the unity of the Church. The phrase is taken from St. Augustine's Exposition on Psalm 127, where he explains that "although we Christians are many, in the one Christ we are one."

### WHY THE NAME "LEO XIV"?

By choosing the name Leo XIV, the new Pope aligns himself with a legacy of strong papal leadership. Notably, Pope Leo XIII was known for his intellectual approach and social teachings, while Pope Leo I, also known as Leo the Great, was recognized for his theological contributions and defense of the Church.





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