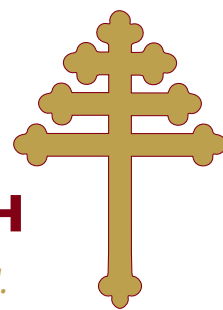




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A prayer to begin every day: *Good morning my good and my beloved Lord.*

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SAINTS FOR THIS WEEK

- 5 St. Paul the Simple, C
- 6 St. Thomas the Apostle
- 7 Our Lady of the Rosary
- 8 St. Pelagia of Antioch, C
- 9 St. James, Brother of the Lord
- 10 St. Eulampius, His Sister Eulampia, & Their Companions, M
- 11 St. Philip the Deacon, C
Pope St. John XXIII (+1963), C
The First Council of Nicaea (325)

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER HOLY CROSS HOLY ROSARY SUNDAY

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5
Rosary at 9:30 a.m.; 10:00 a.m.

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 24:23-31



If anyone says to you then, 'Look, here is the Messiah!' or, 'There he is!' do not believe it. False messiahs and false prophets will arise, and they will perform signs and wonders so great as to deceive, if that were possible,

even the elect. Behold, I have told it to you beforehand. So if they say to you, 'He is in the desert,' do not go out there; if they say, 'He is in the inner rooms,' do not believe it. For just as lightning comes from the east and is seen as far as the west, so will the coming of the Son of Man be. Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather. "Immediately after the tribulation of those days, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming upon the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And he will send out his angels with a trumpet blast, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.



Two panels from a triptych. In the Last Judgment scene, Christ arrives in glory to judge the dead, who rise from their tombs expressing hope, awe, and fear. Jacopo del Casentino (1279-1358). Walters Art Museum, Baltimore

Our Lord Jesus Christ calls us to remain vigilant and faithful, and not distracted by false promises, but awaiting with hope His glorious return.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

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

For the repose of the soul of Dona Spino
Requested by Thomas and Laurie Theroux

Sunday, October 5 at 10:00 a.m.

For the rest and repose of the soul of Dona Spino
Requested by Helen Piechocki

For the repose of the soul of Nabil Noujaim
Lovingly requested by Fouad and Hiam Noujaim

For the repose of the soul of
Victor Ishak Barakat Rahme
Requested by Pascale and Carlos Nejaime

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

For the repose of the soul of Dona Spino
Requested by Renee and Steven Marcus

For the repose of the soul of Rich Shaia (brother of
Lois Seymour)
Requested by Al & Beverly Michalowski

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

40 day memorial for Dona Spino
Requested by the Spino family

In loving memory of Dona Spino
Requested by St. Maron's Bingo Players

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

Available

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

For the repose of the soul of Paul Samele, Jr.
5th anniversary memorial
Requested by the Samele family

For the repose of the soul of Nabil Noujaim
Requested by Steven and Marthe Hensen

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

Available

Sunday, October 26 at 4:30 p.m.

In loving memory of Richard Shaia on his birthday
in heaven
Requested by Lois Shaia



There will be a coffee hour hosted by
the Bingo Players of St. Maron Church
in memory of Dona Spino
following the 10 a.m. Mass on Sunday, October 12.
Everyone is welcome and we hope to see you there!

CHURCH SUPPORT

Weekend of September 27/28

Saturday Offering

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Thank You!

THE SANCTUARY LAMP



The Sanctuary Lamp burns by the Tabernacle continuously signifying that the Blessed Sacrament – the body of Christ – is within the tabernacle. This candle burns for a week and then is replaced.

If you would like the Sanctuary Lamp to burn in memory of someone, please email the church office (office@saintmaronchurch.org) or speak with Fr. Fadi. There is only one sponsorship available each week and it will be published in the bulletin. The cost of the sponsorship is \$10.

*Week of October 5: In memory of Dona Spino
Requested by Deacon Steve and Sub Deacon Mike*



Many blessings on Laiella Skye Ruth Mulville who was baptized on September 28. Congratulations and best wishes to her mother, Kim, her father Conor and all of the family and friends that celebrated this special day!

Next weekend we will welcome Fr. Francis Fador, who will celebrate Mass for us as Fr. Fadi continues to recover from his surgery.

On October 5, there will be a mercy meal in the church hall after the 10:00 a.m. Mass for Nabil Noujaim. Family and friends are invited.

EPISTLE

PHILIPPIANS 3:17-4:1

Join with others in being imitators of me, brothers, and observe those who thus conduct themselves according to the model you have in us. For many, as I have often told you and now tell you even in tears, conduct themselves as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is destruction. Their God is their stomach; their glory is in their "shame." Their minds are occupied with earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body by the power that enables him also to bring all things into subjection to himself. Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, in this way stand firm in the Lord, beloved.

GREETINGS FROM ITALY!

Sub Deacon Mike and his wife Lisa are in Italy. They have shared photos and commentary of some of the churches they visited in Assisi.



The cathedral of San Rufino was built about 1300. San Rufino lived 1000 years before St Francis and is the patron saint of Assisi. This cathedral is the third church built on

the site, which was originally a Roman site. It still maintains the baptismal font of St Francis and St Clare, and also houses a relic of Pope Francis and the heart of St Carlo Acutis.



The church of San Ciara (St Clare.) She founded the Order of the Poor Ladies, a Franciscan order of Nuns, which still exists. She is

entombed in the basement of the church.

More photos next week!

WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS

Prayer is nothing else than being on terms of friendship with God. -- St Teresa of Avila



The Pastor's Corner

SHORT ARTICLES AND NOTES

My Dear Friends:

In the Acts of the Apostles, chapter 7, Saint Stephen, the first deacon and martyr, gives a powerful speech before the Sanhedrin. He recalls the history of salvation, from Abraham to Moses, showing how God guided His people despite their resistance. Stephen highlights how Israel often rejected God's messengers, when he said: "And the patriarchs, jealous of Joseph, sold him into slavery in Egypt; but God was with him." (7:9). And he boldly proclaims that Jesus is the Righteous One whom they also betrayed and killed.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen sees the heavens opened and Jesus standing at the right hand of God: "But he, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked up intently to heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. And he said: Behold, I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." (7:5-56).

Even, as he is stoned to death, Stephen prays for his persecutors, echoing Christ's words of forgiveness: "Then he fell to his knees and cried out in a loud voice, Lord, do not hold this sin against them, and when he said this, he fell asleep." (7:60).

I pray that you will have a blessed week ahead.

Fr. Fadi

THE MINOR PROPHETS: NAHUM

The prophet Nahum, whose name means "comfort", spoke during the time of the Assyrian Empire in the 7th century B. C. His prophecy is about the fall of Nineveh, the great city of the Assyrians. Nahum proclaimed God's final judgment on that city because of its cruelty, violence, and pride. His words reminds us that the Lord is patient, but also just, bringing comfort to the oppressed and warning to the wicked. Nahum says: "The Lord is good, a refuge on the day of distress; He takes care of those who have recourse to him, when the flood rages; He makes an end of his opponents, and his enemies he pursues with darkness." (1:7-8).

Nahum teaches us that God's justice may seem delayed, but it is never absent. He defends the innocent, restores His people, and calls us to trust Him as our stronghold in times of trial.

OUR PARISH PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER IS FOR SICK PRIESTS OF OUR EPARCHY:

Lord Jesus, Divine Physician, look with clemency on the sick priests of our Eparchy. Grant them healing in body, peace in soul, strength in their vocation, and rest in your loving care. Amen.



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