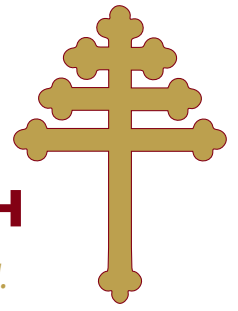




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 MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH**



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

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SAINTS FOR THIS WEEK

- 19 St. Timon the Deacon, M
- 20 St. Nathanael the Hermit, C
- 21 St. Anselm, Doctor of the Church, C
- 22 St. Theodore of Sykeon, C
- 23 St. George, M
- 24 St. Saba the Commander, M
- 25 St. Mark the Evangelist, Ev

THIRD SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

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SATURDAY, APRIL 18

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

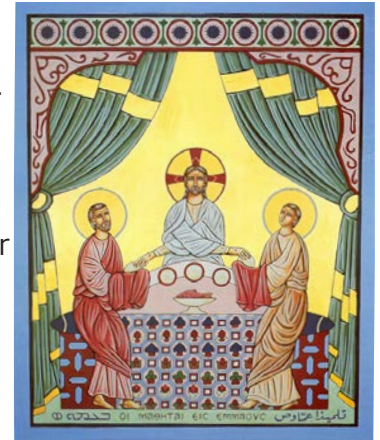
Rosary at 9:30 a.m.; 10:00a.m.

GOSPEL

LUKE 24:13-35



Now that very day two of them were going to a village seven miles from Jerusalem called Emmaus, and they were conversing about all the things that had occurred. And it happened that while they were conversing and debating, Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him. He asked them, "What are you discussing as you walk along?" They stopped, looking downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, said to him in reply, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know of the things that have taken place there in these days?" And he replied to them, "What sort of things?" They said to him, "The things that happened to Jesus the Nazarene, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, how our chief priests and rulers both handed him over to a sentence of death and crucified him. But we were hoping that he would be the one to redeem Israel; and besides all this, it is now the third day since this took place. Some women from our group, however, have astounded us: they were at the tomb early in the morning and



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This story shows that Jesus comes close to us when we feel lost. Later we realize that it was Him walking with us. So, the lesson is: Do not give up in confusion, because our beloved Lord Jesus Christ is already near and leading us back to joy.

Father will pray the
THE ANAPHORA OF THE TWELVE APOSTLES
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MASS INTENTIONS

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

For the repose of the soul of Joseph Nader
Requested by his mother Dulce and family

For the repose of the souls of Azar Noujaim
and his wife Antoinette
Requested by their daughter Mirielle

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

For the repose of the souls of
Anthony & Giovanna Matrascia
Requested by Jane and Sam Slaiby

Forty day memorial for Edward Piechocki

CHURCH SUPPORT

Weekend of April 11/2

Saturday Offering

1st Collection **\$528.00**

2nd Collection **\$123.00**

Sunday Offering

1st Collection **\$570.00**

2nd Collection **\$196.00**

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Thank You!



1,000 ROSARIES FOR VOCATIONS
EPARCHY OF ST. MARON OF BROOKLYN

PRAY | DISCERN | INSPIRE

**DID YOU KNOW
GOD CALLS PEOPLE TO
DIFFERENT VOCATIONS?**

- Priesthood
- Religious Life
- Marriage
- Generous Single Life

**Join us in praying
the Rosary
for vocations.
Scan the QR code
to register and
receive a
Blessed Rosary
as a gift.**



**HOLY FAMILY
PRAYER CARDS:**
Pick up a Prayer
and pray as a family

**LUMINOUS MYSTERIES
FOR VOCATIONS:**

Pray the Luminous
Mysteries for Priests,
Consecrated Life,
Holy Marriages,
Generous Single Persons,
Youth Discerning
God's Call,
and the Mission of
our Maronite Church

MONTHLY PRAYER:

First Sunday:
Parish Rosary for Vocations
before or after
the Divine Liturgy.
First Monday of the Month:
Parish Rosary,
Youth-Led Rosary,
Family Rosary Night,
or Holy Hour for Vocations.

I write to you with a simple yet essential request that touches the heart of our Church's future: fostering a culture of prayer for vocations.

At the heart of this effort is not simply promotion, but prayer. [We need to] help cultivate awareness and invite our communities to pray earnestly for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

We are called to renew within our Eparchy a living culture that recognizes vocations as a gift from God, one that must be asked for, nurtured, and supported. At the same time, this is an opportunity to give thanks to God for our own vocations, remembering that each of us was once the fruit of the Church's prayer.

Let us entrust this initiative to the Lord, confident that He continues to call, and that our prayer will open hearts to hear His voice.

✠ PRAY FOR VOCATIONS ✠

JOIN OUR EPARCHY-WIDE MOVEMENT TO PRAY 1,000 ROSARIES FOR VOCATIONS

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EVERY VOCATION IS A PATH TO SAINTHOOD

Don't forget the
LEBANESE HERITAGE POTLUCK

Sunday, April 19 11 am
with Carla Angevine, MPH, MS, RDN and
Stephanie Fowler, MD

Discover how Mediterranean meal planning can support your family's health and wellness and learn practical nutritional tips inspired by Lebanese traditions.!

All are welcome!

EPISTLE

2 TIM 2:8-13

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David: such is my gospel, for which I am suffering, even to the point of chains, like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore, I bear with everything for the sake of those who are chosen, so that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, together with eternal glory. This saying is trustworthy: If we have died with him we shall also live with him; if we persevere we shall also reign with him. But if we deny him he will deny us. If we are unfaithful he remains faithful, for he cannot deny himself. Praise be to God always.

GOSPEL

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did not find his body; they came back and reported that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who announced that he was alive. Then some of those with us went to the tomb and found things just as the women had described, but him they did not see." And he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them what referred to him in all the scriptures. As they approached the village to which they were going, he gave the impression that he was going on farther. But they urged him, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning (within us) while he spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us?" So they set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of the bread. This is the Truth. Peace be with you.



The Pastor's Corner

SHORT ARTICLES AND NOTES

My Dear Friends:

Vocations are born in prayer and from prayer; and only in prayer can they persevere and bear fruit. This is a teaching from Pope Francis. You will undoubtedly notice that we have taken up a great deal of this week's bulletin asking for your prayers for an increase in vocations, not only to the priesthood and religious life, but also for holy marriages and the generous single life. God hears our prayers, so please join yours with others in our Eparchy for an increase in all vocations. I would like to ask you also to remember our seminarians in a special way in your prayers, that, as Pope Francis said, "they may persevere and bear fruit."

Now on to the Book of Revelation, chapter 7. This chapter shows that God protects His people and does not forget them. Saint John sees a great crowd from all nations standing before God, dressed in white, full of joy and peace. They have passed through suffering, but now they are safe with Him.

This chapter reminds us that if we stay faithful, God will lead us to His peace and wipe away every tear.

I hope you have a blessed week ahead.

Fr. Fadi

THE OLD TESTAMENT: NEHEMIAH

Nehemiah shows us a man of deep prayer and decisive action. Before every step, he turned to God, fasting and seeking guidance, and then acted with courage and clarity. He organized the people, each family rebuilding a part of the wall, teaching that God's work is shared by all. When fear and discouragement arose, Nehemiah reminded them: "The joy of the Lord is your strength."

His life teaches that true leadership is rooted in faith, perseverance, and trust that God is present even in the midst of struggle.

OUR PARISH PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL IS THAT OUR YOUTH WILL BE AWARE OF THE LORD IN THEIR LIVES

Heavenly Father: We entrust our young people to Your care. Help them to recognize Your presence in every part of their lives. May they grow in wisdom, faith, and favor with You and with others. Strengthen them to seek You and trust You daily in Your guidance. Amen. (Proverb 3:5-6).

WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS

Disasters teach us humility.
-- St. Anselm (feast day April 21)






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