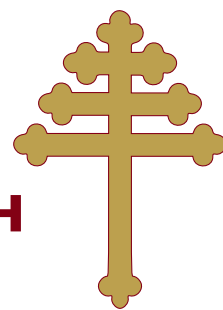




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Be sure to visit from time to time for National Maronite News, pictures of parish events and other announcements!

SAINTS FOR THIS WEEK

- 23 St. Isaac of Nineveh, C
- 24 St. Eutyches of Sebastia, M
- 25 St. Titus, One of the 72 Disciples, Ap
- 26 Pope St. Zephyrinus (+217), C
- 27 St. Biyameen (Poemen) the Hermit, C
- 28 St. Augustine, Doctor of the Church, C
- 29 Beheading of St. John the Baptist, M

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 2026

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2026

Rosary at 8:30 a.m.; 9:00 a.m.

GOSPEL

LUKE 10:38-42



As they continued their journey he entered a village where a woman whose name was Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary (who) sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak. Martha, burdened with much serving, came to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving? Tell her to help me." The Lord said to her in reply, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her."



MARTHA AND MARY WITH JESUS.
(former altarpiece) Anton Laurids
Johannes Dorph, 1831-1914.
Church of Nexø, Bornholm, Denmark
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Saint Luke teaches us that our relationship with Jesus must come before our activities for Him. Therefore, before we serve the Lord with our hands, we must first listen to Him with our hearts.

DIVINE LITURGY TIME CHANGE

BEGINNING SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13, DIVINE LITURGY WILL RETURN TO 10 A.M.

Starting the first Monday in October, Father will be offering a catechism class in the rectory from 6 to 7 PM. The class is for young people ages 10 through 15 and designed to help them learn more about our beautiful Maronite faith. All are welcome.

Father will pray the
THE ANAPHORA OF SAINT SIXTUS
beginning on page 856

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 22 at 4:30 p.m..

In Memory of Bill and Barbara Darcey
Requested by their daughter Andrea Darcey Ellinger

Sunday, August 23 at 9:00 a.m.

In Memory of Sara Bathrick
Requested by William Patterson & family

Saturday, August 29 at 4:30 p.m..

Available

Sunday, August 30 at 9:00 a.m.

For Jim and Rita Zeller
Blessings on their 60th Wedding Anniversary
Requested by Fr. Fadi, Deacon Steve, Sub Deacon Mike

Saturday, September 5 at 4:30 p.m..

In memory of Dona Spino
Requested by her husband Nick and family

Sunday, September 6 at 9:00 a.m.

For the repose of the soul of Robert Thomas Simon
40 day memorial
Requested by his wife, Jenn and Sons Colton and Beckett

**ON SUNDAY AUGUST 30 PLEASE JOIN US AT 9 A.M.
FOR A SPECIAL LITURGY AND COFFEE HOUR**

Once again, like last year, seminarians from the Legionaries of Christ in Cheshire, Connecticut will be joining us for the Divine Liturgy. These young men preparing for the priesthood will be with us on Sunday, August 30. It will be a wonderful opportunity to see, pray, speak with and learn from these fine men as they prepare to serve God's people in their priestly vocation. Please plan on staying for coffee hour so that you can meet them. All are welcome!

** Please, if you can help, we are in need of bakers for this coffee hour.
Please let Mike Soliani know if you can make something. It will be helpful for planning.*

Fr. Fadi will celebrate Mass at
Wolcott Hall on Friday, September 4 at 11 a.m.
Litchfield Woods on Saturday, September 5 at 10:30 a.m.

Please join him if you can. Your presence is such a joy to the residents.

**OUR PARISH PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST IS
A PRAYER FOR PEACE**

My Beloved Lord, grant us your peace in our heart so that
our life will never be lost. May your precious presence fill
our life with joy and happiness. Amen.

WISDOM FROM THIS WEEK'S SAINTS

*If you believe what you like in the Gospel, and reject what you don't like,
it is not the Gospel you believe, but yourself.*

St. Augustine of Hippo, Feast day August 28

CHURCH SUPPORT

Weekend of August 15/16

Saturday Offering

1st Collection **\$799.00**

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Thank You!

Reminder!

*There will be a parish council and finance meeting
at 6 p.m. on Thursday, September 3rd
in the parish hall.*



We are excited to announce that a St. Maron Church Cookbook



featuring recipes you submit
is in the works! Perhaps
you have a family specialty
to share or something
you've newly created that
is a huge hit. Perhaps you
would like to pay tribute to a

special family member – either someone who was
known for a special recipe or someone who always
requested a special dish.

All recipes must include: recipe title, ingredients
list, directions (include oven temp, how long to
cook, how many servings) as well as your name and
contact number or email (for any questions).

The deadline for submission is September 30, 2026
and please feel free to send in multiple recipes!

Please email your recipes to Helen Piechocki at
helenpiechocki@gmail.com

You may also mail them to: St. Maron Church,
Attn: Helen/Recipes, 613 Main Street, Torrington, CT
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EPISTLE

1 THESSALONIANS 2:1-13

For you yourselves know, brothers, that our reception among you was not without effect. Rather, after we had suffered and been insolently treated, as you know, in Philippi, we drew courage through our God to speak to you the gospel of God with much struggle. Our exhortation was not from delusion or impure motives, nor did it work through deception. But as we were judged worthy by God to be entrusted with the gospel, that is how we speak, not as trying to please human beings, but rather God, who judges our hearts. Nor, indeed, did we ever appear with flattering speech, as you know, or with a pretext for greed--God is witness-- nor did we seek praise from human beings, either from you or from others, although we were able to impose our weight as apostles of Christ. Rather, we were gentle among you, as a nursing mother cares for her children. With such affection for you, we were determined to share with you not only the gospel of God, but our very selves as well, so dearly beloved had you become to us. You recall, brothers, our toil and drudgery. Working night and day in order not to burden any of you, we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. You are witnesses, and so is God, how devoutly and justly and blamelessly we behaved toward you believers. As you know, we treated each one of you as a father treats his children, exhorting and encouraging you and insisting that you conduct yourselves as worthy of the God who calls you into his kingdom and glory. And for this reason we too give thanks to God unceasingly, that, in receiving the word of God from hearing us, you received not a human word but, as it truly is, the word of God, which is now at work in you who believe.

EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE

There are many Examination of Conscience formats: some are based on the Ten Commandments, others on the Seven Deadly Sins or other theological truths. The examination is a reflective practice in which we honestly assess our thoughts, words, and deeds in the light of our faith. It's a purposeful self-examination that helps us recognize areas where we may have fallen short or made mistakes. By acknowledging our shortcomings, we open ourselves to seeking forgiveness and growth. This is particularly valuable before the Sacrament of Confession, allowing us to approach God with humility, contrition, and a sincere desire for reconciliation.

You can search the term "Examination of Conscience, Catholic" on the internet for a format that is helpful for you. In the meantime, the questions to the right can serve as a starting point.



The Pastor's Corner

SHORT ARTICLES AND NOTES

My Dear Friends:

I invite everyone to take a few minutes to listen to what our Beloved Lord desires to tell us.

- Why not choose hope instead of fear?
- Why not let today be the beginning of a new life with our Good and Beloved Lord Jesus Christ?

I wish you all a blessed week ahead.

Fr. Fadi

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QUESTIONS TO START AN EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE

1. Have I shown love and respect to my family members and friends?
2. Have I lied or deceived others, causing harm or confusion?
3. Have I been diligent in my responsibilities at work, school, or home?
4. Have I harbored hatred or held grudges against others?
5. Have I been greedy or materialistic, neglecting the needs of the less fortunate?
6. Have I honored my body and the bodies of others by avoiding impure actions and thoughts?
7. Have I been quick to anger or lacked patience and understanding?
8. Have I neglected my relationship with God through lack of prayer and spiritual growth?
9. Have I been wasteful or ungrateful for the blessings I've received?
10. Have I shown kindness and empathy to those who are suffering or in need?
11. Have I gossiped or spoken negatively about others?
12. Have I sought to be just and fair in my dealings with others?
13. Have I been modest and respectful in my attire and behavior?
14. Have I been envious or jealous of others' achievements or possessions?
15. Have I forgiven those who have hurt me, or do I hold onto grudges?
16. Have I been honest and transparent in my actions and relationships?
17. Have I used my time and talents to serve God and others?
18. Have I neglected my duties as a member of my community or parish?
19. Have I cared for the environment and shown stewardship for God's creation?
20. Have I been humble and receptive to God's guidance in my life?



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