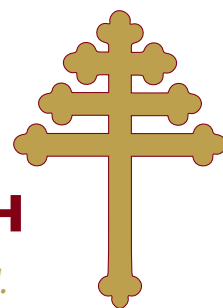




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A prayer to begin every day: *Good morning my good and my beloved Lord.*

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SAINTS FOR THIS WEEK

- 1 St. Pionius and His Companions, M
- 2 Presentation of Christ in the Temple
- 3 St. Simeon the Elder and St. Anna the Prophetess
- 4 St. Isidore of Pelusium, C
- 5 St. Agatha, V, M
- 6 St. Proclus, Bishop of Smyrna, C
- 7 Pope St. Anterus I (+236), M

SUNDAY OF THE RIGHTEOUS AND JUST

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 31

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1

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

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 25:31-46



The Judgement of the Nations

The Lord Jesus Said: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate

people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them,

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THE COMMEMORATION OF THE RIGHTEOUS & JUST. Icon written by Father Abdo Badawi. Courtesy of St. Joseph Maronite Catholic Church, Waterville, ME

The righteous and the just are those who reveal their faith by serving Jesus Christ in the poor, the suffering, and the forgotten.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 31 at 4:30 p.m.

Available

Sunday, February 1 at 10:00 a.m.

For the soul of Officer Brian Sicknick
Requested by Jane and Sam Slaiby

For the repose of the soul of Olga Najm Njeim
Requested by Rashid and Toni Noujaim

Saturday, February 7 at 4:30 p.m.

For the people of St. Maron Parish

Sunday, February 8 at 10:00 a.m.

For the repose of the souls of
Raymond and George Simpson
Requested by Jane and Sam Slaiby

From Bishop Gregory

During Lent, we are invited to encounter God in a deeper way through prayer, fasting and almsgiving and to answer our Gospel call to see the face of Christ in our sisters and brothers in need.

The USCCB has established CRS Rice Bowl as a Lenten faith-in-action program, inviting us to encounter God and our global family by practicing the traditional Lenten pillars and by reflecting on how *the Eucharist – the Bread of Life* – compels us to share *bread for life* with all members of our human family.

I invite you to use CRS Rice Bowl this Lent as a way to fulfill the Gospel's command to love and serve our neighbors in a communal way.

As in past years, St. Maron's will have the CRS Rice Bowls available at the back of the church. Please use them during this holy season, returning them to the church at the end of Lent, so that we may forward your alms to Bishop Gregory for Catholic Relief Services.

CHURCH SUPPORT

Weekend of January 24/25

Saturday Offering

1st Collection **\$539.00**

Sunday Offering

No Liturgy because of the storm

Mail in: **\$145.00**

Bingo: *canceled because of the storm*

Thank You!



Starting Friday, February 20, we will have Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 6 p.m. in the church.

HEAD OF CHRIST CRUCIFIED. Master of Liesborn c.1480. London, The National Gallery.

REPAIR THE CHURCH STEEPLE RAFFLE

1st Prize **\$5,000.** 2nd Prize **\$3,000.** 3rd Prize **\$2,000.**

Tickets \$100 each. Only 200 will be sold!

Drawing February 7, 2026

at the St. Maron Feast Day Celebration.

Winner does not have to be present.

Tickets sold after Mass or see

Nick (860-605-0433) or Patty (860-605-0422) Zabbara.

WE ARE STILL DESPERATE FOR YOUR HELP!!

The raffle drawing is next week and we still have 70 tickets to sell for it to be a success. Please, please, please dear friends and parishioners, if you haven't already, please buy tickets. You can also help by selling

tickets to your family, friends, neighbors or work colleagues. WE URGENTLY NEED THE MONEY from this raffle to help finish the steeple and roof project!



← JAN 29 130 TICKETS SOLD

← JAN 22 110 TICKETS SOLD

← JAN 15 100 TICKETS SOLD

We are making progress, but very slowly and there is only one week left. With your help, we can sell the remaining tickets and climb the final rungs before February 7.

God bless you all!

Save the Date!



A CELEBRATION FOR THE FEAST OF SAINT MARON!

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2026

Divine Liturgy at 4:30

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EPISTLE

HEBREWS 12:18-24

Brothers and Sisters:

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. Praise be to God always!

GOSPEL

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'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life." This is the truth. Peace be with you.

OUR PARISH PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY IS FOR RAISING CHILDREN IN THE WORD OF THE LORD

Lord God, we entrust our children to Your loving care. Guide us as parents to train them in the way they should go so that they may grow in faith, love and obedience to You. As the author of Proverbs said: "Train a boy in the way he should go; even when he is old, he will not swerve from it" (Proverbs 22:6). Amen.

WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS

We must teach more by example than by word.

-- St Mary Mackillop



The Pastor's Corner

SHORT ARTICLES AND NOTES

My Dear Friends:

Before I continue with the Acts of the Apostles, I would like to ask for your help. I would like to create a group of people who would visit the elderly with me at the nursing homes once each month. This is such a rewarding activity and one way of practicing the works of mercy Jesus mentions in this week's gospel. Please give this some thought and prayer and if you are interested please see me after Liturgy or give me a call. Thank you very kindly for your consideration of this request.

Chapter 24 in the Acts of the Apostles describes Saint Paul standing on trial before the Roman governor Felix. The Jewish leaders accuse him of causing trouble and profaning the Temple. But Paul calmly defends himself saying he serves the God of his fathers with a clear conscience and believes in the resurrection of the just and the unjust. He speaks honestly about justice, self-control, and the coming judgment, which makes Felix uneasy. Though convinced of Paul's innocence, Felix keeps him imprisoned, hoping for a bribe and trying to please the authorities. The chapter shows Paul as a fearless witness: even in chains, he turns a courtroom into a place of preaching.

My question for you this week is: When was the last time you invited God into the decisions of your life?

I wish you all a warm and blessed week ahead.

Fr. Fadi

THE OLD TESTAMENT: JOSHUA

The book of Joshua tells the story of how God leads Israel into the Promised Land after the death of Moses. Joshua, filled with courage and obedience, guides the people across the Jordan River, conquers cities like Jericho, and helps the tribes settle in their inheritance. The book shows that victory does not come from strength alone but from faithful trust in God's promises. Again and again, Israel succeeds when they listen to the Lord and struggles when they rely only on themselves. Joshua ends by calling the people to choose fidelity: "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." (Joshua 24:15).

Each year the USCCB designates the observance of National Marriage Week during February 7-14, and World Marriage Day this year on Sunday February 8. The theme selected for 2026 is: "Man and Woman He Created Them: Together with Purpose."

The Couples Ministry & the Sharbel Center will host a ZOOM meeting on February 10th at 8:00 p.m. to discuss the Doctrinal Note released by the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith on the Value of Marriage as an "exclusive union and mutual belonging."

The meeting ID is 853 7619 7295 and the passcode is 250823. All couples and young adults are welcome to attend.



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