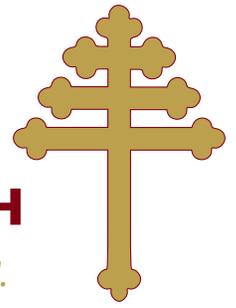




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**SAINT MARON
MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH**



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

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SAINTS FOR THIS WEEK

- 15 Sts. Faustinus and Jovita, M
- 16 St. Theodore the Soldier, M
- 17 St. Agapitus, Bishop of Synnada, C
- 18 Pope St. Leo the Great, Doctor of the Church (+461), C
- 19 The 500 Martyrs of Tyre, M
- 20 St. James, the Hermit of Cyrrhus, C
- 21 St. Eustathius, Patriarch of Antioch, C

SUNDAY OF THE ENTRANCE INTO GREAT LENT

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14
Adoration 4:00 p.m.; Liturgy at 4:30 p.m.

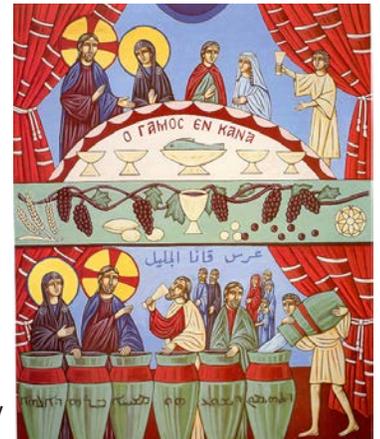
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15
Rosary at 9:30 a.m.; 10:00a.m.

GOSPEL

JOHN 2:1-11



On the third day there was a wedding in Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." (And) Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servers, "Do whatever he tells you." Now there were six stone water jars there for Jewish ceremonial washings, each holding twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus told them, "Fill the jars with water." So they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, "Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter." So they took it. And when the headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine, without knowing where it came from (although the servers who had drawn the water knew), the headwaiter called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs in Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him. This is the Truth. Peace be with you.



THE WEDDING AT CANA *The Maronite Icons: Modern Sacred Art.* Dar Sader Publishers: Beirut 1999. Via Maronite Heritage.com/icons

At Cana, Jesus teaches us that His presence turns our weakness into divine joy. Amen.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 14 at 4:30 p.m.

For the repose of the soul of Celina NeJaime
Requested by her daughters Dulce, Lili and Gemeli

For the intentions of Patty and Nick Zabbara
In Thanksgiving for their leadership of our parish
St. Maron Feast Day celebration
Requested by Fr. Fadi

Sunday, February 15 at 10:00 a.m.

For the repose of the soul of John L. Curtis
Requested by Jane and Sam Slaiby

Ash Monday, February 16 at 6:00 p.m.

For the people of St. Maron Parish

Ash Wednesday, February 18 at 6:00 p.m.

For the people of St. Maron Parish

Friday, February 20 - Stations of the Cross 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 21 at 4:30 p.m.

For the repose of the soul of Robert Schierholz
Requested by Sub Deacon Mike & Lisa Soliani

For the repose of the soul of Charlie Nader
Requested by his wife Dulce and family

Sunday, February 22 at 10:00 a.m.

For the repose of the soul of David Murelli
Requested by Jane and Sam Slaiby

For the celebration of the heavenly birthdays of
Patricia & Henry Bellemare
Requested by granddaughter Tina & Elias Noujaim

Friday, February 27 - Stations of the Cross 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 28 at 4:30 p.m.

For the repose of the soul of Jorge NeJaime
Requested by his daughters Dulce, Lili and Gemeli

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

For the repose of the soul of Jack, Doris & Jeanne Belding
Requested by Jane and Sam Slaiby

Friday, March 6 - Stations of the Cross 6:00 p.m.

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

Available

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

For the repose of the soul of Marc Doucette
Requested by Jane and Sam Slaiby

Friday, March 13 - Stations of the Cross 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 14 at 4:30 p.m.

available

Sunday, March 15 at 10:00 a.m.

For the repose of the soul of Emilio Delgrande
Requested by Jane and Sam Slaiby

CHURCH SUPPORT

Weekend of Jan. 31/Feb. 1

Saturday Offering

1st Collection **\$460.00**

Sunday Offering

1st Collection **\$985.00**

Mail in: **\$800.00**

Bingo: **\$913.00**

Thank You!

Weekend of Feb. 7/8

Saturday Offering

1st Collection **\$989.00**

2nd Collection **\$397.00**

Sunday Offering

1st Collection **\$186.00**

2nd Collection **\$31.00**

Mail in: **\$30.00**

Bingo: **\$865.00**

Thank You!

The second collection during Lent is for the Eparchial Charities Appeal.

THANK YOU!

Many thanks to all who attended our St. Maron feast day celebration. An especially big thank you goes out to Nick and Patty Zabbara who took on organizing both the feast and the raffle. You two are simply amazing and we are so grateful to you and your team of Judy Theeb, Terry Kenneson, Anne Marchand, Carlos & Pascale Nejaime and Hayat & Jack Comproesi for making our feast day celebration last Saturday evening one of the most successful ever. Thank you all for your continued dedication and service to Saint Maron's.

Thank you also to all who generously bought tickets for our Repair the Steeple Raffle. The winners are: First prize - Al Michalowski; Second prize - Lisa A. Soliani; Third prize - Dr. Stephanie Fowler. But the real winners are all of the parishioners who worship here and give praise to almighty God. We will now be able to fix our roof and repair the steeple on the church. We hope to begin when the warmer weather arrives and will keep you updated on the progress. God bless you all.

EPISTLE

ROMANS 14:14-23

I know and am convinced in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself; still, it is unclean for someone who thinks it unclean. If your brother is being hurt by what you eat, your conduct is no longer in accord with love. Do not because of your food destroy him for whom Christ died. So do not let your good be reviled. For the kingdom of God is not a matter of food and drink, but of righteousness, peace, and joy in the holy Spirit; whoever serves Christ in this way is pleasing to God and approved by others. Let us then pursue what leads to peace and to building up one another. For the sake of food, do not destroy the work of God. Everything is indeed clean, but it is wrong for anyone to become a stumbling block by eating; it is good not to eat meat or drink wine or do anything that causes your brother to stumble. Keep the faith (that) you have to yourself in the presence of God; blessed is the one who does not condemn himself for what he approves. But whoever has doubts is condemned if he eats, because this is not from faith; for whatever is not from faith is sin. Praise be to God always.

St. Maron Feast Day Celebration!



The Pastor's Corner

SHORT ARTICLES AND NOTES

My Dear Friends:

The Acts of the Apostles, chapter 26 presents Saint Paul standing before King Agrippa, courageously explaining his conversion. He tells how he persecuted Christians, but was changed by meeting the risen Jesus on the road to Damascus. Paul shows that faith is not blind, but rooted in truth and hope. He invites the king himself to believe.

This chapter teaches us that a true encounter with Christ turns fear into mission and suffering into testimony.

My question for you this week is: Where is the best place to spend your daily prayer time?

I wish you all a warm and blessed week ahead.

Fr. Fadi

THE OLD TESTAMENT: RUTH

The book of Ruth tells the story of a foreign woman who chose faith over everything else. After her husband died, Ruth stayed loyal to her mother-in-law Naomi and said: "Your people shall be my people, and your God my God." She worked humbly in the fields to survive, and God blessed her through Boaz, a kind and faithful man who married her. Ruth became the great-grandmother of king David, showing that God uses simple, and faithful people to bring salvation into the world.

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

*When you say the Our Father,
God's ear is next to your lips. --St Andre Besette*



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

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