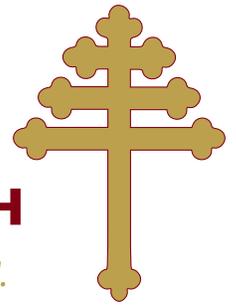




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MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH**



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

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SAINTS FOR THIS WEEK

- 22 Establishment of the Chair of St. Peter in Antioch
- 23 St. Polycarp of Smyrna, M
- 24 St. Margaret the Penitent, C
- 25 Pope St. Felix III (+492), C
- 26 St. Alexander, Patriarch of Alexandria, C
- 27 St. Thalaeus, Disciple of St. Maron, C
St. Gregory of Narek, Doctor of the Church, C
- 28 Sts. Koura and Marana, Disciples of St. Maron, V

SECOND SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21
Adoration 4:00 p.m.; Liturgy at 4:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22
Rosary at 9:30 a.m.; 10:00a.m.

GOSPEL

MARK 1:35-43



Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed. Simon and those who were with him pursued him and on finding him said, "Everyone is looking for you." He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come." So he went into their synagogues, preaching and driving out demons throughout the whole of Galilee. A leper came to him (and kneeling down) begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean. Then, warning him sternly, he dismissed him at once. This is the Truth. Peace be with you.



THE HEALING OF THE LEPER
The Maronite Icons: Modern Sacred Art.
Dar Sader Publishers: Beirut 1999.
Via Maronite Heritage.com/icons

Jesus touched the leper and made him clean, just as in Lent He wants to touch our hearts and make them clean again. During this Lent, will I let Jesus touch and heal my heart?

ADVICE FOR LENT FROM ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

No act of virtue can be great if it is not followed by advantage for others. So, no matter how much time you spend fasting, no matter how much you sleep on a hard floor and eat ashes and sigh continually, if you do no good to others, you do nothing great.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

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.

For the reposes of the souls of Maurice & Tania Barakat
Requested by Ninette Barakat

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

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

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

Available

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

For the repose of the soul of Annessa Borla
Requested by Jane and Sam Slaiby

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

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

Available

Hosanna Sunday

Sunday, March 29 at 10:00 a.m.

For the intentions of the Parishioners of St. Maron's

CHURCH SUPPORT

Weekend of Feb. 14/15

Saturday Offering

1st Collection **\$525.00**

2nd Collection **\$95.00**

Sunday Offering

1st Collection **\$597.00**

2nd Collection **\$38.00**

Mail in: **\$325.00**

Bingo: **\$765.50**

Thank You!

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

GREETINGS FROM ARIZONA!



Subdeacon Mike and Lisa Soliani have been taking in the warm weather in Phoenix. We had the opportunity to meet Fr. John Ehrich of St. Thomas More Catholic Parish in Glendale, AZ. The church can seat 2,000 parishioners and yet they still need to set up live streaming with chairs in the hall and in the courtyard for those who cannot sit inside. Mass can also be attended online and all Masses, homilies, and music are available on their website. The choir is made up of 12 young adults playing various instruments and singing contemporary Christian music. They use 20 Eucharist Ministers per mass to distribute communion, have over 100 children in Religious formation and are Confirming over 150 teens and adults soon. In addition, there are monthly concerts in the hall with many different types of music.

The Catholic church is alive and well in many areas of the country and while it seems that we here at St. Maron's and all over the northeast are slowly dwindling in numbers, let's keep spreading the Word of Jesus Christ. The more active we become, the more we will come together as a community. God Bless you all, and we will see you soon!

EPISTLE

ROMANS 6:12-23

Therefore, sin must not reign over your mortal bodies so that you obey their desires. And do not present the parts of your bodies to sin as weapons for wickedness, but present yourselves to God as raised from the dead to life and the parts of your bodies to God as weapons for righteousness. For sin is not to have any power over you, since you are not under the law but under grace. What then? Shall we sin because we are not under the law but under grace? Of course not! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that, although you were once slaves of sin, you have become obedient from the heart to the pattern of teaching to which you were entrusted. Freed from sin, you have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of the weakness of your nature. For just as you presented the parts of your bodies as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness for lawlessness, so now present them as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. For when you were slaves of sin, you were free from righteousness. But what profit did you get then from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit that you have leads to sanctification, and its end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Praise be to God always.



*Starting Friday, February 20,
Stations of the Cross
every Friday during Lent
6 p.m. in the church.*

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

Jean M. Colleoni, born on February 19, 1948, in Torrington, Connecticut, passed away peacefully on January 27, 2026, at Hartford Hospital. She was the beloved daughter of the late Luke and Mary (Colangelo) Colleoni. The Divine Liturgy of Resurrection was held here at St. Maron's for her on Saturday, February 21. *Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let Your perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.*



The Pastor's Corner

SHORT ARTICLES AND NOTES

My Dear Friends:

The Acts of the Apostles, chapter 27 describes Paul's dangerous journey by ship to Rome as a prisoner. During the voyage, a violent storm arises, and the ship is caught in a terrible tempest for many days. Paul encourages everyone not to lose hope, assuring them that God has promised their lives will be saved, though the ship will be lost. And all 276 people on board survive safely.

The chapter shows Paul's strong faith, courage, and trust in God even in the middle of chaos and fear.

My question for you this week is: Do you have a favorite prayer in the Mass?

I wish you all a blessed season of Lent.

Fr. Fadi

THE OLD TESTAMENT: 1 SAMUEL

The book of 1 Samuel tells the story of Israel's transition from the time of the Judges to the beginning of the monarchy. It begins with the birth and calling of the prophet Samuel, who faithfully serves God and guides the people. The Israelites ask for a king, and Samuel anoints Saul as the first king of Israel. Saul begins well but later disobeys God. The book also introduces David, a young shepherd chosen by God, who defeats Goliath and is prepared to become king.

The main message shows that true leadership depends on obedience and faithfulness to God.

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

Help one another with the generosity of the Lord, and despise no one. When you have the opportunity to do good, do not let it go by. --St. Polycarp



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