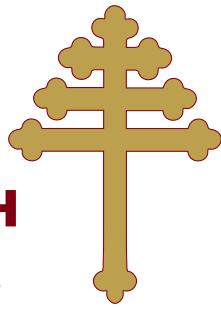




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A prayer to begin every day: *Good morning my good and my beloved Lord.*



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SAINTS FOR THIS WEEK

- 25** Conversion of St. Paul, Ap
- 26** St. Agnes, V, M
- 27** St. Paula, C
- 28** St. Ephrem, Doctor of the Church, C
- 29** St. Hippolytus of Antioch, M
- 30** St. Maximus the Confessor, C
- 31** St. John Bosco, C

THE COMMEMORATION OF THE PRIESTS

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 24

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25

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

GOSPEL

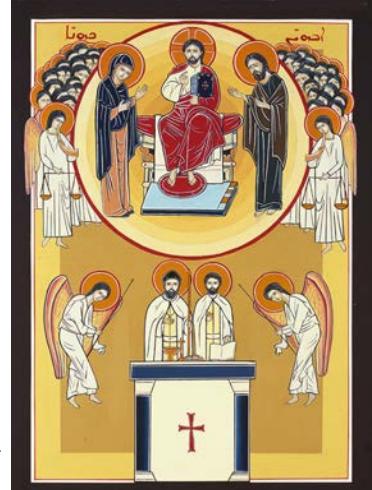
LUKE 12:42-48



Vigilant and Faithful Servants

The Lord Jesus said: "Who then is the faithful and prudent manager whom his master will put in charge of his slaves, to give them their allowance of food at the proper time?

Blessed is that slave whom his master will find at work when he arrives. Truly I tell you, he will put that one in charge of all his possessions. But if that slave says to himself, 'My master is delayed in coming,' and if he begins to beat the other slaves, men and women, and to eat and drink and get drunk, the master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour that he does not know, and will cut him in pieces, and put him with the unfaithful. That slave who knew what his master wanted, but did not prepare himself or do what was wanted, will receive a severe beating. But the one who did not know and did what deserved a beating will receive a light beating. From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required; and from the one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded.



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

In Luke 12:42-48, Jesus reminds every priest and servant of God that they are stewards, not owners, and that the greater the trust given to them, the greater the love, vigilance, and responsibility is expected in serving God's people.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 24 at 4:30 p.m.

For the repose of the soul of Anne Zubrowski
Requested by Deacon Steven & Renee Marcus

Sunday, January 25 at 10:00 a.m.

For the repose of the soul of Renee Nicole Cook
Requested by Jane and Sam Slaiby

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

IT'S ALMOST HERE! THIS FRIDAY! OUR FIRST DESIGNER PURSE BINGO!

Please join us **Friday, January 30 at 7pm in the church hall** (doors open at 6 pm) for our first ever Purse Bingo. You may use this QR code to purchase tickets at \$35/each.



Participants may bring their favorite snacks, food, and drinks for the event. *If you are bringing a group of friends, please contact us so we may reserve a table for you.* The winners have the option of selecting a purse or other prizes. After the Bingo games are completed, the remaining prizes, or purses will be raffled off. Raffle tickets can be purchased at the event.

Save the Date!



A CELEBRATION FOR THE FEAST OF SAINT MARON!

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2026

Divine Liturgy at 4:30
followed by
a Lebanese Dinner,
Drinks, Music & Dancing
in the parish hall.

\$35/pp • Children under 10 free

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WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS: *Not every quiet man is humble, but every humble man is quiet.* -- St Isaac the Syrian

CHURCH SUPPORT

Weekend of January 17/18

Saturday Offering

1st Collection **\$148.00**

2nd Collection **\$110.00**

Sunday Offering

1st Collection **\$500.00**

2nd Collection **\$105.00**

Mail in: **\$220.00**

Bingo: **\$600.00**

Thank You!

The second collection on January 24/25 is for the
United States Catholic Bishops' Worldwide Charities

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 (STILL) DESPERATELY NEED YOUR HELP!!

The raffle drawing is in two short weeks and as of this weekend, we have only sold 110 tickets. We need to

sell 90 more tickets to be able to have a successful

raffle. 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 22 110 TICKETS SOLD

JAN 15 100 TICKETS SOLD

We are a little over halfway to the top of the ladder. With your help, we can sell the remaining tickets and climb the final rungs before February 7. Look for a progress report next week!

God bless you all!

EPISTLE

1 TIMOTHY 4:6-16

Brothers and Sisters:

If you put these instructions before the brothers and sisters, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, nourished on the words of the faith and of the sound teaching that you have followed. Have nothing to do with profane myths and old wives' tales. Train yourself in godliness, for, while physical training is of some value, godliness is valuable in every way, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and struggle, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all people, especially of those who believe. These are the things you must insist on and teach. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Until I arrive, give attention to the public reading of scripture, to exhorting, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you through prophecy with the laying on of hands by the council of elders. Put these things into practice, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress. Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; continue in these things, for in doing this you will save both yourself and your hearers.

Praise be to God always!

BECOME A LECTOR!

We would like to develop a corps of trained lectors to read the Epistle at Masses. If interested, please email your contact information to stmaronchurchtorrington@gmail.com or samslaiby@snet.net or call the rectory at (860) 489-9015 and leave a message. Sam Slaiby has volunteered to train prospective lectors. This can be a great learning experience for anyone, especially young people, who would like to develop public speaking skills.



KATHERINE ANN (QUINN) ZUBROWSKI

February 26, 1944 ~ January 15, 2026 (age 81)

Katherine "Ann" (Quinn) Zubrowski, lovingly known to many as Katherine, Ann, Annie, Mom, and Meme, passed away peacefully on January 15, 2026

Ann was married to the love of her life, Alexander J. Zubrowski, for 60 beautiful years. She was a devoted mother to Michael, Diana, Kathryn, and Tricia, and her greatest joy was being a Meme to her cherished grandchildren.

Ann was well known throughout Torrington due to her work and volunteerism. She worked at LARC industries, Pennyback Outlet, and



The Pastor's Corner

SHORT ARTICLES AND NOTES

My Dear Friends:

Continuing the survey of the Acts of the Apostles, we come to Acts 23. Paul stands before the Jewish council and speaks with a clear conscience about his life before God. When conflict rises, the Lord appears to him at night and says, "Take courage", promising that he will testify in Rome as he has in Jerusalem. Even when enemies plot to kill him, God protects Paul through unexpected people, including Paul's own nephew. The chapter shows that mission is not safe, but it is never abandoned by God. Paul's courage is strengthened not by comfort, but by the Lord's presence.

Acts 23 teaches us that when God calls, he also guards the path.

My question for you to think about this week is: How is ten minutes of prayer each day going to help me?

I wish you all a warm and blessed week ahead.

Fr. Fadi

THE OLD TESTAMENT: DEUTERONOMY

Deuteronomy is the final speech from Moses before the Israelite people entered the Promised Land. He reminds them that faith is not only memory, but daily obedience of the heart. Again and again, Moses tells the people to listen, to love the Lord, and to walk in His ways. The book shows that God's law is not a burden but a guide that protects freedom and life.

Deuteronomy connects past salvation with present responsibility and future hope. It teaches us that every generation must choose again to follow God with trust and courage.

OUR PARISH PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY IS FOR THE UNBORN BABIES IN THEIR MOTHER'S WOMB

Lord, we pray for the unborn babies in their mother's wombs, that You protect them with Your loving hand.

Grant their families courage, peace, and the grace to welcome the gift of life with faith and joy. Amen

Hallmark Cards before retiring to help care for her grandchildren, a role she embraced with boundless love and devotion. Her radiant smile, infectious laughter, larger than life personality, and feisty spirit left an unforgettable mark on everyone who knew her. Ann, Alex and the entire Zubrowski family spent many happy years here at Saint Maron's. Father Fadi and Sub Deacon Mike offered prayers and encouragement to the family on their loss and will be offering a Mass for the repose of Ann's soul.

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.



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