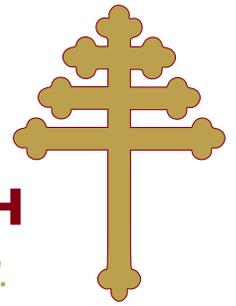




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 MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH**



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

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SAINTS FOR THIS WEEK

- 15 St. Benedict, Founder of Monastic Life in the West, C
- 16 The First Council of Constantinople (381) St. Papas, M
- 17 St. Patrick, C
- 18 St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Doctor of the Church, C
- 19 St. Joseph the Virgin, the Spouse of Mary, C
- 20 St. Photina the Samaritan Woman, M
- 21 St. James, Bishop of Catania, C

FIFTH SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT

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SATURDAY, MARCH 14

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

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

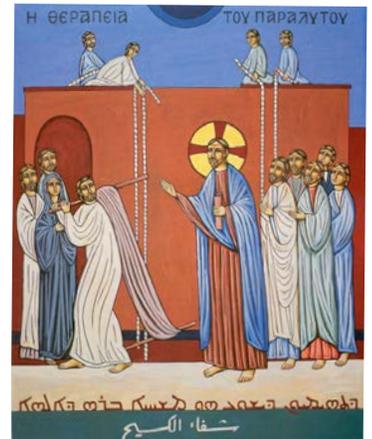
GOSPEL

MARK 2:1-12



When Jesus returned to Capernaum after some days, it became known that he was at home. Many gathered together so that there was no longer room for them, not even around the door, and he preached the word to them. They came bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men.

Unable to get near Jesus because of the crowd, they opened up the roof above him. After they had broken through, they let down the mat on which the paralytic was lying. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Child, your sins are forgiven." Now some of the scribes were sitting there asking themselves, "Why does this man speak that way? He is blaspheming. Who but God alone can forgive sins?" Jesus immediately knew in his mind what they were thinking to themselves, so he said, "Why are you thinking such things in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, pick up your mat and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority to forgive sins on earth"-- he said to the paralytic, "I say to you, rise, pick up your mat, and go home." He rose, picked up his mat at once, and went away in the sight of



HEALING OF THE PARALYTIC
The Maronite Icons: Modern Sacred Art.
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True friends bring us to Jesus, and when we come to Him with faith, He heals both our hearts and our lives. This the message of this Gospel today.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

- • • • • **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 5:00 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 5:00 p.m.**
- **Saturday, March 28 at 4:30 p.m.**
• For the intentions of the Parishioners of St. Maron's
- **Hosanna Sunday**
• **Sunday, March 29 at 10:00 a.m.**
• For the intentions of the Parishioners of St. Maron's

WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS

Your accumulated offenses do not surpass the multitude of God's mercies: your wounds do not surpass the great Physician's skill.-- St. Cyril of Jerusalem (Feast Day March 18)

PASSION WEEK SCHEDULE

There are many beautiful liturgies during Passion Week. They only happen once a year - don't miss this chance to experience the re-telling of Jesus' great love for us all and his triumph over death. Come join us!

Sunday, March 29 - Hosanna Sunday

10:00 a.m. Procession with Palms

Wednesday, April 1 - Rite of the Lamp

7:00 p.m. Blessing the oil & anointing for the healing of body & soul

Thursday, April 2 - Thursday of the Mysteries

7:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Washing of the feet, followed by Exposition of the Holy Eucharist

Friday, April 3 - Great Friday of the Crucifixion

11:00 a.m. - Signing of the Chalice Liturgy

7:00 p.m. - Adoration of the Cross/Burial of the Lord

Saturday, April 4 - Great Saturday of the Light

4:30 p.m. - Liturgy of the Glorious Resurrection

Sunday, April 5 - The Glorious Resurrection

10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy

CHURCH SUPPORT

Weekend of February 28/March 1

Saturday Offering

1st Collection **\$471.00**

2nd Collection **\$65.00**

Sunday Offering

1st Collection **\$843.00**

2nd Collection **\$121.00**

Mail in: **\$250.00**

Bingo: **\$1,145.50**

Weekend of March 7/8

Saturday Offering

1st Collection **\$629.00**

2nd Collection **\$308.00**

Sunday Offering

1st Collection **\$565.00**

2nd Collection **\$139.00**

Mail in: **\$1150.00**

Bingo: **\$1356.00**

Thank You!

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



SOUP AND STATIONS

Starting February 27, Stations of the Cross will be held at 5:00 p.m.

Before the Stations, we invite everyone to the rectory at 4:30 for some soup. Each Friday there will be two soups to choose from and the company of friends and parishioners to enjoy. Please join us!

EASTER FLOWERS



As a reminder for those who want to make a donation for the Easter flowers that will adorn our church, the last day we will be able to accept donations and have your intentions printed in the Easter handout, will be **March 15**

EPISTLE

1 TIMOTHY 5:24-6:5

Some people's sins are public, preceding them to judgment; but other people are followed by their sins. Similarly, good works are also public; and even those that are not cannot remain hidden. Those who are under the yoke of slavery must regard their masters as worthy of full respect, so that the name of God and our teaching may not suffer abuse. Those whose masters are believers must not take advantage of them because they are brothers but must give better service because those who will profit from their work are believers and are beloved. Whoever teaches something different and does not agree with the sound words of our Lord Jesus Christ and the religious teaching is conceited, understanding nothing, and has a morbid disposition for arguments and verbal disputes. From these come envy, rivalry, insults, evil suspicions, and mutual friction among people with corrupted minds, who are deprived of the truth, supposing religion to be a means of gain. Praise be to God always.

GOSPEL

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everyone. They were all astounded and glorified God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this." This is the Truth. Peace be with you.



The Pastor's Corner

SHORT ARTICLES AND NOTES

My Dear Friends:

In our survey of the Book of Revelations from the New Testament, in chapter 2, Christ speaks to the Churches and calls them to remain faithful in love and perseverance. He praises their good works but also warns them not to lose their first love for Him.

The message reminds believers that faith is not only about work and duty, but about a living relationship with Christ. Those who stay faithful, repent when they fall, and continue loving the Lord will receive the promise of the tree life and eternal victory.

I wish you all a blessed week ahead.

Fr. Fadi

OUR PARISH PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH IS PLANTING THE WORD OF OUR BELOVED LORD IN THE HEARTS OF OUR TEENAGERS

Heavenly Father, we entrust our teenagers to Your loving care. May Your word dwell in their hearts as You commanded in the book of Deuteronomy (6:6-7). Help us, as parents and teachers, to guide them gently in Your instruction. Fill them with wisdom, faith, and true love. Strengthen them to follow You all the days of their lives.

Amen



Edward A. Piechocki, Jr., passed away Thursday, March 5, 2026, with his family by his side. He was the beloved husband of Helen L. (Cahill) Piechocki for 27 years and devoted father to twin sons, Matthew E. Piechocki (fiance, Krystal Rupram) and Michael D. Piechocki.

Mr. Piechocki was born in Jersey City, NJ, son of the late Edward A. Piechocki, Sr., and Cecelia (Galczenski) Piechocki. He was predeceased by his sister, Delores Merceron and her husband, Roger. He was a proud U.S. Marine Corps Veteran, honored to serve his country, leaving college to enlist with his best friend Russ Barnett. Ed loved travelling, was an avid skier, played golf and tennis, enjoyed fishing with his sons, all things outdoors, yard work and building intricate stone walls. He enjoyed spending time at Cape Cod with his Maywood and Begota high school days buddies. He loved 'collecting', and he and his good friend Dave Capolupo spent nearly

every weekend in the season out at tag sales, exploring antique shops and road side 'free' piles, finding and bringing home treasures they'd promptly hide from their wives.

Ed was blessed with his sons at an age when many friends were becoming grandparents. They kept him young as he supported them through all levels of Scouting, countless sporting activities, and happily transported them to and from The Master's School in West Simsbury, as he believed deeply in the value of a Christian education. Ed often said that his sons were his single greatest achievement in life, and no dad was ever prouder.

Friends may call Friday, March 13, 2026, from 6:00 to 8:00p.m. at Gleeson-Ryan Funeral Home, 258 Prospect St., Torrington. A Divine Liturgy of the Resurrection will be celebrated Saturday, March 14, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Maron's Church, 613 Main St., Torrington. Entombment in Maryrest Cemetery Mausoleum, 770 Darlington Ave., Mahwah, NJ, will be held Monday, March 16, 2026, at 1:00p.m., with military honors. Memorial contributions may be made to New Hartford Volunteer Ambulance, P.O. Box 1, New Hartford, CT 06057 or Harwinton Volunteer Ambulance, 166 Burlington Rd., Harwinton, CT 06791 or F.I.S.H NWCT.

*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let Your perpetual light shine upon him.
May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.*



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