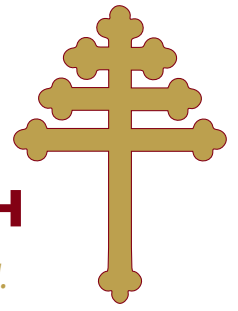




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A prayer to begin every day: *Good morning my good and my beloved Lord.*

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**SAINTS FOR THIS WEEK**

- 10 St. Simon the Zealot, Ap  
 St. Damien of Molokai (USA), C
- 11 St. Pontius of Cimiez, M
- 12 St. Epiphanius, Bishop of Cyprus, C
- 13 St. Addai, One of the 72 Disciples, Ap  
 Our Lady of Fatima (USA)
- 14 Sts. Boniface and Aglaë, and  
 Their 20 Companions, M
- 15 Our Lady of the Harvest
- 16 St. Gennadius, Patriarch  
 of Constantinople, C

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION**

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**SATURDAY, MAY 9**

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

**SUNDAY, MAY 10**

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

**GOSPEL**

LUKE 24:36-48



While they were still speaking about this, he stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." But they were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. Then he said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me and see, because

a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have." And as he said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While they were still incredulous for joy and were amazed, he asked them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of baked fish; he took it and ate it in front of them. He said to them, "These are my words



CHRIST APPEARS TO HIS DISCIPLES BEHIND CLOSED DOORS. Duccio di Buoninsegna (1255 - 1319.) Museo dell'Opera del Duomo, Siena. via Wikimedia Commons

that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures. And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Messiah would suffer

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The risen Lord comes to His disciples with peace, opens their minds to understand the Scriptures, and sends them as witnesses of His resurrection and forgiveness to all nations. Let us, as a parish community, welcome Christ's peace into our hearts and become joyful witnesses of His love in our families and daily lives.

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

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, May 9 at 4:30 p.m..**

For the repose of the souls of Tania & Maurice Barakat  
Requested by their family

**Sunday, May 10 at 10:00 a.m.**

For all the Mothers in our parish.  
May God bless them abundantly

**Thursday, May 14 at 5:00 p.m..**

Available

**Saturday, May 16 at 4:30 p.m..**

For the repose of the souls of Xander Kazanowski  
and Nic Crews  
Requested by Renee and Deacon Steven Marcus

**Sunday, May 17 at 10:00 a.m.**

For the repose of the souls Adrienne Nejaime and  
her daughter Sharon  
Requested by Norman and family

## CHURCH SUPPORT

**Weekend of May 2/3**

Saturday Offering

1st Collection **\$374.00**

2nd Collection **\$20.00**

Sunday Offering

1st Collection **\$937.00**

2nd Collection **\$156.00**

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*Thank You!*

*The second collection on May 17 is for  
the CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL.*

(This collection is used for Missions in the USA. Our  
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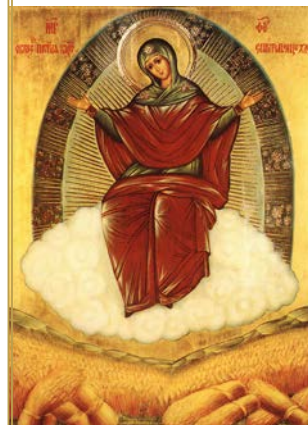
If you would like the Sanctuary Lamp to burn in memory of someone, please email the church office (office@saintmaronchurch.org) or speak with Fr. Fadi. There is only one sponsorship available each week and it will be published in the bulletin. The cost of the sponsorship is \$10

*Week of May 10*

*For a good recovery from surgery for  
Jack Compresi, Requested by Hayat*

### OUR LADY OF THE HARVEST

Our Maronite Community celebrates Our Lady of the Harvest every May 15th. This is a feast with layers of

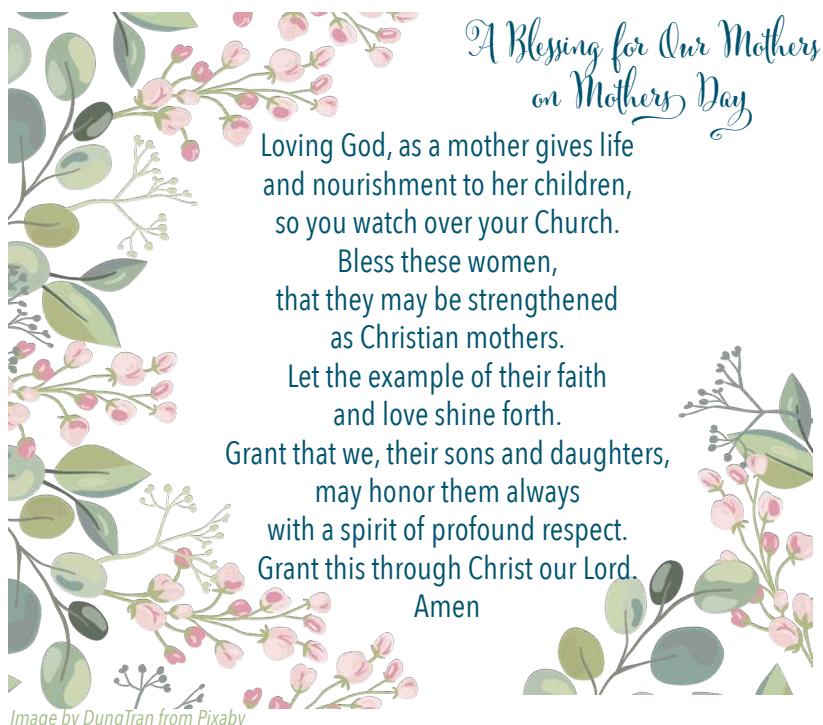


meaning. First there is the Mystery of the Eucharist. This is one of three agricultural celebrations - Seeds in January, Harvest in May, Grapes in August - that provide the ingredients for bread and wine. This feast symbolizes Saint Mary as the "good earth" that received

the "grain of wheat" (Jesus), which now becomes the Eucharist during the Divine Liturgy.

Then there is the Spiritual meaning: Just as the Church views Saint Mary as the "good soil" that produced the "True Grain of Wheat" (Jesus Christ) and just as farmers ask for a physical harvest, believers ask for a spiritual harvest in their lives through her intercession. Just as Saint Mary protected and nurtured Jesus in her womb, and just as she is seen as a mother who protects and nurtures the crops against natural disasters or poor weather, ensuring a fruitful season, so she also nurtures and protects the spiritual "harvest" in the lives of believers.

It is a time to be grateful for spiritual growth.



### *A Blessing for Our Mothers on Mothers Day*

Loving God, as a mother gives life  
and nourishment to her children,  
so you watch over your Church.

Bless these women,  
that they may be strengthened  
as Christian mothers.

Let the example of their faith  
and love shine forth.

Grant that we, their sons and daughters,  
may honor them always  
with a spirit of profound respect.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

## EPISTLE

ROMANS 10:1-13

Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God on their behalf is for salvation. I testify with regard to them that they have zeal for God, but it is not discerning. For, in their unawareness of the righteousness that comes from God and their attempt to establish their own (righteousness), they did not submit to the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of the law for the justification of everyone who has faith. Moses writes about the righteousness that comes from (the) law, "The one who does these things will live by them." But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will go up into heaven?' (that is, to bring Christ down) or 'Who will go down into the abyss?' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead)." But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we preach), for, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. For the scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, enriching all who call upon him. For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." Praise be to God always.

## GOSPEL *continued from page 1*

and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. This is the Truth. Peace be with you.

### OUR PARISH PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF MAY IS THE VALUE OF PRAYER IN OUR DAILY LIFE

Heavenly Father  
 Teach us the value of prayer in our daily lives.  
 Help us to turn to You in every moment,  
 in our joy, in our work, and in our struggles.  
 Remind us that prayer is our strength, our peace, and our light.  
 Draw our hearts closer to You each day, so that,  
 we may trust in Your presence  
 and walk with faith and love. Amen.



## The Pastor's Corner

SHORT ARTICLES AND NOTES

My Dear Friends:

This coming Thursday, May 14 is the Solemnity of the Ascension of Our Lord. It is a holy day of obligation and I will be celebrating Mass at 5 p.m. I hope to see you there.

When I first came to the United States I lived in Fall River, and Monsignor James Root was so kind and welcoming to me. On Saturday at St Anthony of the Desert Maronite Catholic Church in Fall River, Msgr. Root was consecrated a Chor Bishop by his excellency the most Rev. Gregory J. Mansour. It was a festive occasion for our entire Eparchy and an honor for me to attend and celebrate with him.

Chor Bishop Root is a good friend of our parish community here in Torrington. He was last with us at the ordination of Sub Deacon Mike and we hope to see him here again sometime this year. On behalf of our entire parish community, I ask God's choicest blessings upon our new Chor Bishop (and the Vicar General of our Eparchy,) James Root.

Continuing with the book of Revelation, chapter 10 describes a powerful vision in which John sees a mighty angel coming down from heaven, clothed in a cloud with a rainbow over his head. The angel holds a small scroll that is open in his hand and places one foot on the sea and the other on the land, symbolizing authority over all creation. John is told to eat the scroll, and it tastes sweet in his mouth but becomes bitter in his stomach, showing that God's message brings both joy and suffering. The chapter also speaks about a divine mystery that will soon be completed according to God's plan.

And finally I want to wish all mothers, stepmothers, grandmothers, aunts and all women who act as mothers a very happy and blessed Mother's Day.

Fr. Fadi

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### WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS

*Pray the rosary every day to obtain peace for the world  
and the end of the war.*

First Apparition of Our Lady of Fatima – May 13, 1917

### THE OLD TESTAMENT: ESTHER

The Book of Esther in the Old Testament is a story of courage, faith, and divine providence. Esther, a young Jewish girl, becomes queen of Persia and later discovers a plan to destroy her people. Despite the danger, she fasts and prays, then courageously speaks to the king to reveal the truth. Through her bravery and the wisdom of Mordecai, the evil plan of Haman is overturned, and the Jewish people are saved. The book shows how God protects His people even when His name is not directly mentioned.






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