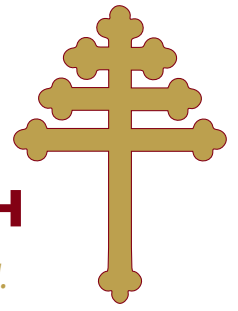




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**SAINTS FOR THIS WEEK**

- 24 St. Simeon the Stylite, Disciple of St. Maron, C
- 25 St. Eleutherius and His Mother, M St. Basilla of Rome, V, M
- 26 St. Carpus, Disciple of St. Paul, M St. Philip Neri, C
- 27 Sts. Theodora and Didymus, M
- 28 St. Heliconis, M
- 29 St. Theodosia of Tyre, V, M
- 30 Pope St. Felix I (+274), C

**THE SEASON OF GLORIOUS PENTECOST**

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**SATURDAY, MAY 23**

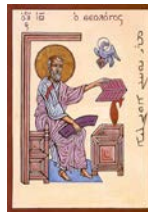
Adoration 4:00 p.m.; Liturgy at 4:30 p.m.

**SUNDAY, MAY 24**

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

**GOSPEL**

JOHN 14:15-20



"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you

another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, which the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows it. But you know it, because it remains with you, and will be in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you.



PENTECOST. *The Maronite Icons: Modern Sacred Art.* Dar Sader Publishers: Beirut 1999. Via Maronite Heritage.com/icons

In the Gospel of John 14:15-20, Jesus promises that those who love Him will keep His commandments, and He will send the Holy Spirit to remain with them forever. At Pentecost, this becomes our reality: the Spirit lives in us, guiding our hearts. So, we are called not only to believe, but to live in love, knowing that we are never alone.

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

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, May 23 at 4:30 p.m..**

For the repose of the soul of Raymond Hubert  
Requested by his daughter Michelle Boulette

**Sunday, May 24 at 10:00 a.m.**

For the repose of the soul of Daniel F. Havel  
Requested by Deacon Steven Marcus

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

For the repose of the soul of Dona Spino  
Requested by her husband Nicholas

**Sunday, May 31 at 10:00 a.m.**

For the repose of the soul of Mary J. Slaiby  
Requested by Jane and Sam Slaiby

**Saturday, June 6 at 4:30 p.m..**

Available

**Sunday, June 7 at 10:00 a.m.**

Available

**Saturday, June 13 at 4:30 p.m..**

Available

**Sunday, June 14 at 10:00 a.m.**

Available

**Saturday, June 20 at 4:30 p.m..**

Available

**Sunday, June 21 at 10:00 a.m.**

Available

**Saturday, June 27 at 4:30 p.m..**

Available

**Sunday, June 28 at 10:00 a.m.**

Available

## CHURCH SUPPORT

**Weekend of May 16/17**

Saturday Offering

1st Collection **\$310.00**

2nd Collection **\$50.00**

Sunday Offering

1st Collection **\$738.00**

2nd Collection **\$0**

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*Thank You!*

*The second collection on May 31 is for  
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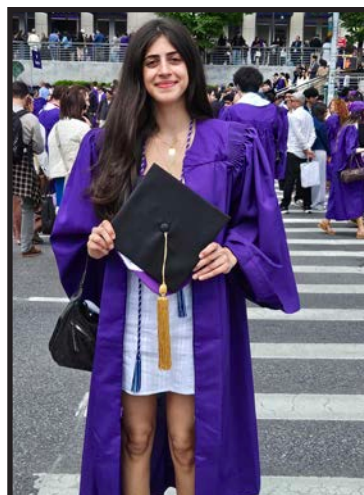
(Following the norms established by the USCCB, 50% of this collection is sent to them for national Catholic television, radio and other media, and 50% is retained by our Eparchy for the Maronite Voice and any other communication needs we may have.)

### Raffle Prizes Needed!

As most of you have probably noticed, two posterboards have been erected in the entryway of the church listing items needed for the **BrewFest Raffle prizes**. There are lists for seven different baskets. **If you are able, please sign up for whatever items you can purchase and place them in the box in the entryway, by Sunday, May 31** and we will get them to the Five Points Volunteers who will be putting the baskets together. If you see other items that would be a good addition to any one of the seven baskets, please feel free to include them as well. Items for a Dog Basket and a Men's Basket (mostly provided by Janet Recidivi) have already been brought to Five Points for assembly.

Thank you for your continued support for St. Maron Church; we appreciate all that you do!

Any questions/problems, please call Lisa Soliani (860) 485-0516.



Congratulations and best wishes to Matthew who graduated from Westfield State University and to Natalie Nejaime who graduated from New York University. We are proud of you both. Best of luck and God's blessings as you continue with the next phase of your careers.

### WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS

*The cross is the gift God gives to his friends.*

*Cast yourself into the arms of God and be very sure that if he wants anything of you, He will fit you for the work and give you strength.*

Saint Philip Neri (Feast Day May 26)

## EPISTLE

ACTS 2:1-21

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven staying in Jerusalem. At this sound, they gathered in a large crowd, but they were confused because each one heard them speaking in his own language. They were astounded, and in amazement they asked, "Are not all these people who are speaking Galileans? Then how does each of us hear them in his own native language? We are Parthians, Medes, and Elamites, inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the districts of Libya near Cyrene, as well as travelers from Rome, both Jews and converts to Judaism, Cretans and Arabs, yet we hear them speaking in our own tongues of the mighty acts of God." They were all astounded and bewildered, and said to one another, "What does this mean?" But others said, scoffing, "They have had too much new wine." Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and proclaimed to them, "You who are Jews, indeed all of you staying in Jerusalem. Let this be known to you, and listen to my words. These people are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'It will come to pass in the last days,' God says, 'that I will pour out a portion of my spirit upon all flesh. Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall see visions, your old men shall dream dreams. Indeed, upon my servants and my handmaids I will pour out a portion of my spirit in those days, and they shall prophesy. And I will work wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below: blood, fire, and a cloud of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the coming of the great and splendid day of the Lord, and it shall be that everyone shall be saved who calls on the name of the Lord.'



## The Pastor's Corner

SHORT ARTICLES AND NOTES

My Dear Friends:

In the Book of Revelation chapter 12, we see a powerful vision of a woman clothed with the sun, representing God's people and, in a deeper sense, the Virgin Mary, who gives birth to a child destined to rule all nations. A great red dragon, symbolizing Satan, seeks to destroy the child, but God protects both the child and the woman. This chapter reveals the spiritual battle between good and evil, showing that despite the forces of darkness, God's victory is certain. It invites us to trust in God's protection and remain faithful, knowing that evil will not prevail.

I wish you all a blessed week ahead.

Fr. Fadi

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### THE OLD TESTAMENT: 2 MACCABEES

The Book of 2 Maccabees tells the story of the Jewish struggle to remain faithful to God during persecution under foreign rule, especially highlighting the courage of martyrs who chose death rather than abandon the Law. It emphasizes God's justice, the power of prayer, and hope in the resurrection of the dead, showing that suffering endured with faith has eternal meaning. Through powerful examples of sacrifice and trust, the book invites us to remain steadfast in our faith, even in times of trial, trusting that God is faithful to His people.



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### 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.



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