

Welcome to

Saint Maron 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 Sts. Gurias, Samonas, and Habib the Deacon, M
16 St. Matthew the Evangelist, Ap
17 St. Gregory the Wonderworker, C
18 St. Romanos (Raymond), M
St. Rose Philippine Duchesne (USA), C
19 Pope St. Pontian (+235), M
20 St. Gregory of the Decapolis, C
21 Presentation of the Virgin Mary in the Temple

SEASON OF THE GLORIOUS BIRTH OF OUR LORD

ANNOUNCEMENT TO ZECHARIAH

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Saturday, November 14, 2026
Adoration 4:00 p.m.; Liturgy at 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Rosary at 9:30 a.m.; 10:00 a.m.

Gospel

Luke 1:1-25



Since many have undertaken to set down an orderly account of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as they were handed on to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word, I too decided, after investigating everything carefully from the very first, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may know the truth concerning the things about which you have been instructed. In the days of King Herod of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly order of Abijah. His wife was a descendant of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. Both of them were righteous before God, living blamelessly according to all the commandments and regulations of the Lord. But they had no children, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were getting on in years. Once when he was serving as priest before God and his section



The Announcement to Zechariah
The Maronite Icons: Modern Sacred Art.
Dar Sader Publishers: Beirut 1999.
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Zechariah and Elizabeth waited many years for a child. They remind us that God never forgets us. Even when we do not understand His timing, we must continue to trust Him. God can bring new beginnings into our lives. Are we still able to trust God when His answer takes longer than we expect?

Father will pray the
Anaphora of Saint Mark
beginning on page 835

Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 14 at 4:30 p.m.
Available

Sunday, November 15 at 10:00 a.m.
For all foster families and for those who dedicate their lives to caring for children

Saturday, November 21 at 4:30 p.m.
In honor of Sub Deacon Mike and Lisa Soliani's 40th Wedding Anniversary.
May God continue to bless them.
Requested by the Parish Community of St. Maron

Sunday, November 22 at 10:00 a.m.
Available

Walking to Bethlehem:This Sunday begins our *Season of Announcements* in preparation for the birth of our Lord. For the next 6 Sundays we will hear the stories of the people most closely concerned with Jesus' birth.

November 15	*The Announcement to Zechariah*
November 22	*The Announcement to the Virgin Mary*
November 29	*The Visitation of the Virgin to Elizabeth*
December 6	*The Birth of John the Baptist*
December 13	*The Revelation to Joseph*
December 20	*Genealogy Sunday*

Upcoming St. Maron Parish Events & Opportunities!



The St. Maron Holiday Craft Fair
November 28 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
30+ talented artisans/vendors will be selling their beautiful work giving you a chance to get your shopping done early!

A gift wrap table will be available for your convenience.
Beverages + food service are available all day!
Easy access to the fair: There is an elevator available!



Gift wrapping supplies for our November 28 Craft Fair: we could use any and all donations of Christmas/holiday wrapping paper, tape, and bows. Gift wrapping supplies can be dropped off at the rectory or left in the church hall kitchen. Thank you for your help.

Congratulations to Sub Deacon Mike and Lisa Soliani on their 40th Wedding anniversary!





left: November 21, 1986; right: Lisa with her mother Mary Giampaolo Theeb

Church Support

Weekend of November 7/November 8
Saturday Offering
1st Collection **$407.00**
2nd Collection **$48.00**
Sunday Offering
1st Collection **$1026.00**
2nd Collection **$54.00**
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Annual Appeal

Week of Oct. 25	**$2,180.00**
Week of Nov. 1	**$6,125.00**
Week of Nov. 9	**$2,275.00**
Total to date:	**$10,880.00**

Thank You!

Parish Council Meeting
November 19. 5:30 p.m. in the Church Hall.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS



The Christmas flowers which will decorate our altar in honor of Jesus' birth are paid for through your donations. If you would like to make a contribution towards our Christmas flowers, please make your donation no later than Sunday, December 6th. We will produce a program, as we have done in previous years, recognizing all those who donated and all the loved ones remembered with your donations. Fr. Fady will offer a Mass of Thanksgiving for all of the souls remembered this way. If you have any questions, please contact Judy Theeb.

Cothing Donations Needed



Winter is coming and we are once again collecting clothes from now through Christmas for our homeless friends. Please, bring new or clean, washed clothing to the parish hall. FISHNWCT (Friends In Service to Humanity of NW Connecticut) will be distributing the items we collect to those who need it most.

WISDOM FROM THIS WEEK'S SAINTS
There are no difficulties except for those who worry too much about tomorrow.-- St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, feast day November 18

Epistle

Romans 4:13-25

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") — in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification. Praise be to God always!

Gospel

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was on duty, he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to enter the sanctuary of the Lord and offer incense. Now at the time of the incense offering, the whole assembly of the people was praying outside. Then there appeared to him an angel of the Lord, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. When Zechariah saw him, he was terrified; and fear overwhelmed him. But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will name him John. You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He



The Pastor's Corner

Short articles and notes

My Dear Friends:

I invite everyone to join me as we reflect on these two questions.

1- Why not make our home a place of love and prayer?

2- Why not thank our Beloved Lord for every newborn child?

I wish you a blessed week ahead as we begin the beautiful Season of Announcements.

Fr. Fadi

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Our November parish prayer intention is for parents who have lost their children in tragic accidents

Lord Jesus, comfort all parents who have lost their children in tragic accidents. Give them strength in their sorrow, peace in their hearts, and hope in Your everlasting love. Welcome their children into Your heavenly kingdom. Amen.

Gospel

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must never drink wine or strong drink; even before his birth he will be filled with the Holy Spirit. He will turn many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. With the spirit and power of Elijah he will go before him, to turn the hearts of parents to their children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord." Zechariah said to the angel, "How will I know that this is so? For I am an old man, and my wife is getting on in years." The angel replied, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. But now, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time, you will become mute, unable to speak, until the day these things occur." Meanwhile the people were waiting for Zechariah, and wondered at his delay in the sanctuary. When he did come out, he could not speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the sanctuary. He kept motioning to them and remained unable to speak. When his time of service was ended, he went to his home. After those days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she remained in seclusion. She said, "This is what the Lord has done for me when he looked favorably on me and took away the disgrace I have endured among my people."



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