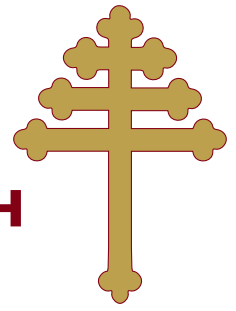




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Be sure to visit from time to time for National Maronite News, pictures of parish events and other announcements!

EIGHTH WEEK OF PENTECOST

SATURDAY, JULY 6

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

SUNDAY, JULY 7

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

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 12:14-21



But the Pharisees went out and took counsel against him to put him to death. When Jesus realized this, he withdrew from that place. Many (people) followed him, and he cured them all, but he warned them not to make him known.

This was to fulfill what had been spoken through Isaiah the prophet: "Behold, my servant whom I have chosen, my beloved in whom I delight; I shall place my spirit upon him, and he will proclaim justice to the Gentiles. He will not contend or cry out, nor will anyone hear his voice in the streets. A bruised reed he will not break, a smoldering wick he will not quench, until he brings justice to victory. And in his name the Gentiles will hope."



CHRIST AMONG THE PHARISEES, c. 1660 - 1670.

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On July 10, The Maronite Church celebrates the feast of the three Blessed Massabki Martyrs.

The Massabki brothers, Francis, Abdel El -Moeti, and Raphael, were from a noble Christian family who lived in Damascus in the nineteenth century. They were known for their piety and generosity. This was a time of great persecution of Christians.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 6 at 4:30 p.m.

In thanksgiving for Monsignor James Root
and his forty years of priesthood
Requested by Subdeacon Michael and Lisa Soliani

For the repose of the soul of Adrienne NeJaime
Requested by her husband, Norman NeJaime

Sunday, July 7 at 10:00 a.m.

Available

Saturday, July 13 at 4:30 p.m.

Available

Sunday, July 14 at 10:00 a.m.

For the intentions of our beloved elderly

Saturday, July 20 at 4:30 p.m.

For the repose of the soul of Elias Noujaim
Requested by Afaf and family

Sunday, July 21 at 10:00 a.m.

For the repose of the soul of
Charles and Joseph Nader.
Requested by Sam and Jane Slaiby

Saturday, July 27 at 4:30 p.m.

Available

Sunday, July 28 at 10:00 a.m.

For the repose of the soul of William Battle
Requested by Sam and Jane Slaiby

Saturday, August 3 at 4:30 p.m.

Available

Sunday, August 4 at 10:00 a.m.

In memory of Mary Peters Dreisbach and the
deceased members of the Namtella and
Rachel Peters family
Requested by Rae Cameron

Saturday, August 10 at 4:30 p.m.

Available

Sunday, August 11 at 10:00 a.m.

For the repose of the soul of Timothy Driscoll
Requested by Sam and Jane Slaiby

Saturday, August 17 at 4:30 p.m.

Available

Sunday, August 18 at 10:00 a.m.

Available

Prayer is the place of refuge for every worry, a foundation for cheerfulness, a source of constant happiness, a protection against sadness.
-- St. John Chrysostom

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Weekend of June 22/23

Saturday, June 15 Offering:
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Sunday, June 16 Offering:
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Thank You!



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EPISTLE

ROMANS 8:1-11

Hence, now there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus has freed you from the law of sin and death. For what the law, weakened by the flesh, was powerless to do, this God has done: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for the sake of sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the righteous decree of the law might be fulfilled in us, who live not according to the flesh but according to the spirit. For those who live according to the flesh are concerned with the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the spirit with the things of the spirit. The concern of the flesh is death, but the concern of the spirit is life and peace. For the concern of the flesh is hostility toward God; it does not submit to the law of God, nor can it; and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; on the contrary, you are in the spirit, if only the Spirit of God dwells in you. Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is alive because of righteousness. If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit that dwells in you.



The Massabki Brothers, continued from page 1

On July 9th, 1860 a fire broke out through the Christian area of Damascus. Many Maronite families, including the three Massabki brothers, took refuge in a Franciscan monastery. While everyone took refuge on the roof, Francis remained kneeling at the feet of the Sorrowful Mother. Moments later the church was attacked. The invaders noticed Francis kneeling in prayer. They recognized him and told him that the Sheikh had sent them to save him and his family from death, on the condition that he deny his faith and convert. Francis answered them, "Sheikh Abdullah can take my money, he can also take my life; but my faith no one can make me deny. I am a Christian and in the faith of Christ, I will die." Francis was then put to death.

The attackers then confronted Abdel El -Maoti in the convent yard and also asked him to renounce his faith to escape death; He refused and was also martyred. They found Raphael inside the convent and he was offered the same choice as his brothers, but he also refused and was martyred.

On October 7, 1926, His Holiness Pius XI proclaimed the

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The Pastor's Corner

SHORT ARTICLES AND NOTES

My Dear Friends:

Fr. Tom Boyer, a retired bi-ritual (Maronite and Roman) priest in Naples, Florida, writes for several bulletins. He has begun a series looking deeper into Maronite spirituality, which I will be sharing with you. Here is his first reflection.

This week following the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, I am taking a little initiative to draw you deeper in the Spirituality of the East where our Maronite roots have both nourished and been nourished by a form of prayer in paint rather than in words. An "Icon" is a prayer. It is a hymn of praise in color and harmony. It is a work of beauty inspired by God, often adorning the Church and drawing into the mysteries we celebrate and into a relationship with saints often appearing in icons. An Icon can speak to the heart and soul, and it is a window into heaven lifting us up to Christ and the Saints.

Last week, Saints Peter and Paul were the focus of our celebration. I put before you today a Maronite Icon [to the left, at the bottom of page 2.] Pray with it through the coming weeks. See our Lord standing in the center with Peter holding keys standing on a rock. See Saint Paul holding the Book of his Letters and the sword, a symbol of his martyrdom. Christ holds a scroll in his left hand and his right hand is raised in blessing. Two pillars and an arch frame this Icon reminding us that Peter and Paul are the pillars of the church.

In the background is the world into which these apostles were commissioned by Our Lord to go and preach the Gospel and baptize the nations. Behind St. Peter are the hills of Antioch with the snow-capped mountains of Lebanon. Behind Paul lies a rocky terrain and the sea of his journeys. The shape of a church draws them all together with windows that look out into the world. Across the bottom in Greek is the great commission "Go into the whole world and preach the Gospel to all creation." It is a mandate given to us as well, and the best preaching is often not done with words, but by action and service.

Fr. Tom is absolutely correct: we preach best with joy and smiles and service. I pray that you all will have a blessed week.

Fr. Fadi

beatification of the three brothers. The Massabki brothers are great role models for Maronite families. Although they were wealthy, they remained faithful and humble. We ask for their intercession to help us live our lives as devoted Christians, and we pray for all those who are being persecuted around the world.



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