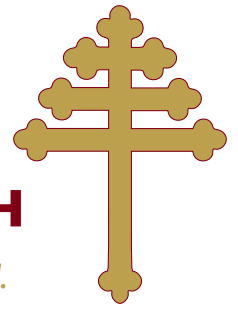




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Be sure to visit from time to time for National Maronite News, pictures of parish events and other announcements!

**HOSANNA SUNDAY**

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**SATURDAY, APRIL 12**

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

**SUNDAY, APRIL 13**

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

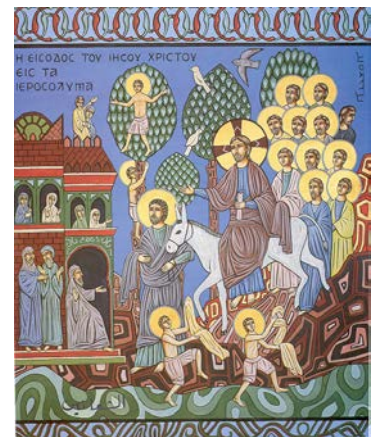
**GOSPEL**

JOHN 12:12-22



On the next day, when the great crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, they took palm branches and went out to meet him, and cried out: "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, (even) the king of Israel." Jesus found an ass and sat upon it, as is written: "Fear no more, O daughter

Zion; see, your king comes, seated upon an ass's colt." His disciples did not understand this at first, but when Jesus had been glorified they remembered that these things were written about him and that they had done this for him. So the crowd that was with him when he called Lazarus from the tomb and raised him from death continued to testify. This was (also) why the crowd went to meet him, because they heard that he had done this sign. So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the whole world has gone after him." Now there were some Greeks among those who had come up to worship at the feast. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we would like to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. This is the Truth. Peace be with you.



**HOSANNA SUNDAY**  
*The Maronite Icons: Modern Sacred Art.*  
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 Via Maronite Heritage.com/icons

One theme of this week's Gospel: Jesus entered Jerusalem as a humble and peaceful king. We need to ask Him to enter in our heart to deliver us from indifference and hatred.

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

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, April 12 at 4:30 p.m.

For the repose of the soul of Joseph Nadar  
Requested by his mother, Dulce

### Hosanna Sunday

### Sunday, April 13 at 10:00 a.m.

For the repose of the soul of Elias Georges Noujaim  
Requested by his wife, Afat

### Great Saturday of the Light

### Saturday, April 19 at 4:30 p.m.

In honor of Hayat and Jack Comporesi  
on their 50th wedding anniversary  
Requested by Michele, Joe and Courtney Comporesi

### The Glorious Resurrection

### Sunday, April 20 at 10:00 a.m.

For the people of St. Maron Parish

### Saturday, April 26 at 4:30 p.m.

For the repose of the soul of John Ferguson  
Requested by Deacon Steven and Renee Marcus

### Sunday, April 27 at 10:00 a.m.

For repose of the soul of baby Benjamin Forrest  
and for peace and strength for his family  
Requested by Deacon Steve and Renee Marcus

## 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, April 13 - Hosanna Sunday

10:00 a.m. Procession with Palms

### Wednesday, April 16 - Rite of the Lamp

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

### Thursday, April 17 - Thursday of the Mysteries

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

### Friday, April 18 - Great Friday of the Crucifixion

11:00 a.m. - Signing of the Chalice Liturgy - Celebrated by Bishop Gregory

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

### Saturday, April 19 - Great Saturday of the Light

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

### Sunday, April 20 - The Glorious Resurrection

10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy

## CHURCH SUPPORT

### Weekend of April 5/6

Saturday Offering:

1st Collection **\$484.00**

Sunday Offering:

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Mail In: **\$100.00**

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*Thank You!*

### UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

All second collections during  
Great Lent (March 3 - April 18)  
are for the Eparchial Charities Appeal.

On Easter, the second collection is a gift  
for the Pastor's personal use.

### IMPORTANT!

Bishop Gregory will be with us on April 18, the Great Friday of the Crucifixion to celebrate the Signing of the Chalice Liturgy at 11:00 a.m.\*\*\*  
This is a beautiful liturgy. Please join us if you can.

\*\*\* Note - The time has been changed  
from 12:00 noon to 11:00 a.m.

## WELCOME

**WELCOME TO FATHER FADOR!** We are very blessed to have Father Francis Fador concelebrating the Holy Week liturgies with us this year! Father is a wonderful priest and a great friend of Saint Maron's. Welcome Father Francis and thank you for being with us. We hope to see a lot more of you in the coming days!

### SOME LENT OPPORTUNITIES

This Saturday, April 12, Father Fadi will be available for reconciliation, blessings, anointing, or for personal discussions from 3-4 p.m. Please take advantage of this opportunity for your Lenten reconciliation or just to have a discussion with your pastor.

On Saturday, April 19, both Father Fadi and Father Francis Fador will be available from 2-4 p.m. for reconciliation, blessings, anointing or spiritual direction.

## EPISTLE

PHILIPPIANS 1:1-13

Paul and Timothy, slaves of Christ Jesus, to all the holy ones in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the overseers and ministers: grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God at every remembrance of you, praying always with joy in my every prayer for all of you, because of your partnership for the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus. It is right that I should think this way about all of you, because I hold you in my heart, you who are all partners with me in grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value, so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God. I want you to know, brothers, that my situation has turned out rather to advance the gospel, so that my imprisonment has become well known in Christ throughout the whole praetorium and to all the rest. Praise be to God always.

## WE NEED YOUR HELP!

**Brewfest 2025** takes place *June 14th from 1 to 5:00 p.m. at Ski Sundown in New Hartford!* Tickets are already available and can be purchased on line at [litchfieldhillsbrewfest.com](http://litchfieldhillsbrewfest.com).

Brewfest is the major fundraiser each year for our St. Maron parish. It is a huge undertaking and requires many volunteers to tackle the planning, preparation, staffing and cleanup. Please think about helping and contact Judy Theeb, Patty Zabbara, Laura Lemieux or Helen Piechocki if you are able to volunteer. Not all positions require you to be on site during the festival - there is sure to be a job just right for everyone!

On April 19, Victoria Fote, a theology student at Catholic University will speak very briefly at the end of Mass about her journey to God and her educational ministry.



## The Pastor's Corner

SHORT ARTICLES AND NOTES

My Dear Friends:

Here is another insight from our beautiful Maronite liturgy:

Jesus Christ, being the Altar and the Liturgy, is also the offering. Through His ascension into heaven, He gave the Liturgy a new form; He made it the Eternal Liturgy or the Liturgy of the last times.

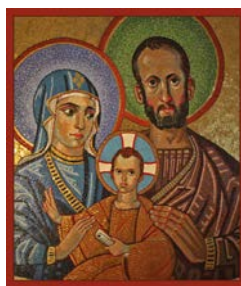
I pray for you all as we enter Passion Week, and I hope to see each of you at the different liturgies this week as we remember Jesus' journey to the cross - a terrible journey He made out of love for us.

Fr. Fadi

## PROVERBS CHAPTER 11 : 10-18

- 10 When it goes well with the righteous, the city rejoices; and when the wicked perish, there is jubilation.
- 11 By the blessing of the upright a city is exalted, but it is overthrown by the mouth of the wicked.
- 12 Whoever belittles another lacks sense, but an intelligent person remains silent.
- 13 A gossip goes about telling secrets, but one who is trustworthy in spirit keeps a confidence.
- 14 Where there is no guidance, a nation falls, but in an abundance of counselors there is safety.
- 15 To guarantee loans for a stranger brings trouble, but there is safety in refusing to do so.
- 16 A gracious woman gets honor, but she who hates virtue is covered with shame. The timid become destitute, but the aggressive gain riches.
- 17 Those who are kind reward themselves, but the cruel do themselves harm.
- 18 The wicked earn no real gain, but those who sow righteousness get a true reward.

*Texts are taken from the New Revised Standard Bible.*



## PRAYER FOR FAMILIES

Our Beloved and Good Lord, we fervently pray for every Christian family. Bestow on them clarity, wisdom, and peace to remain bold in their daily witness of Christian life. Amen

Detail of the apse mosaic in the St Joseph's chapel of Westminster Cathedral, London  
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## WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS

*I was born poor, I have lived poor,  
I wish to die poor.* -- St Pope Pius X



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