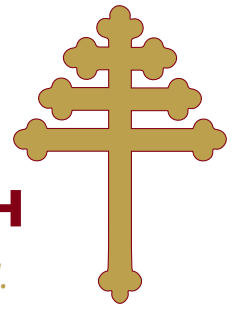




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A prayer to begin every day: *Good morning my good and my beloved Lord.*

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Please contact our priest ASAP after the birth of your child.

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Before or after Liturgy or by appointment

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

THE GLORIOUS RESURRECTION

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SATURDAY, APRIL 19

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 20

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

GOSPEL

MARK 16:1-8



When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary, the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go and anoint him. Very early when the sun had risen, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb. They were saying to one another, "Who will roll back the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?"

When they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back; it was very large. On entering the tomb they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a white robe, and they were utterly amazed. He said to them, "Do not be amazed! You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Behold the place where they laid him. But go and tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you.'" Then they went out and fled from the tomb, seized with trembling and bewilderment. They said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid. This is the Truth. Peace be with you.



THE GLORIOUS RESURRECTION
The Maronite Icons: Modern Sacred Art.
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The theme of this blessed week and today's Gospel is:
 We believe that the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ is our life.
 Now everyone is invited to accept in faith this new life. Amen.

Father will pray the
ANAPHORA OF SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM
 beginning on page 876

MASS INTENTIONS

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

For the health and wellbeing of Doris Limbert

Requested by the Hainsworth family

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

For the repose of the soul of John Ferguson

Requested by Deacon Steven and Renee Marcus

For Abdul Massieh and Mary and Saad Yousif

Requested by Elham and Nassib and family

Divine Mercy Sunday

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

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

For the repose of the soul of Jemel Nejaime

Requested by his sisters, Dulce, Lili and Jemeli

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

Available

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

Available

Mother's Day

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

Available

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

Available

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

Available

Saturday, May 24 at 4:30 p.m.

Available

Sunday, May 25 at 10:00 a.m.

Available

Saturday, May 31 at 4:30 p.m.

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Sunday, June 1 at 10:00 a.m.

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

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.

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!



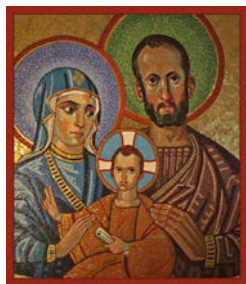
Please join us on
Sunday, April 27
at the 10:00 a.m Mass as our
First Communion students
Emma Orellana and
Jack Zhunio
receive the holy sacrament
for the first time.

With the love and support of
their families and our church community, they
have worked hard to prepare for this special day.
We hope you will come to celebrate with them!

EPISTLE

1 CORINTHIANS 15:12-26

But if Christ is preached as raised from the dead, how can some among you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then neither has Christ been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, then empty (too) is our preaching; empty, too, your faith. Then we are also false witnesses to God, because we testified against God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if in fact the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, neither has Christ been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is vain; you are still in your sins. Then those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are the most pitiable people of all. But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead came also through a human being. For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order: Christ the firstfruits; then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ; then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to his God and Father, when he has destroyed every sovereignty and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. Praise be to God always.



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 life 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

We must show love for those who do evil to us and pray for them. Nothing is dearer or more pleasing to God than this. -- St Bridget of Sweden



The Pastor's Corner

SHORT ARTICLES AND NOTES

My Dear Friends:

After our long journey through Lent, we have at last entered into a season of feasting and great joy!

Continuing on this week with the various teachings about the Divine Liturgy I want to share with you: The Divine Liturgy cannot be separated from daily life. The Liturgy needs to be lived. The Holy Spirit leads us and guides us through the different steps of the Liturgy. It is the Holy Spirit who, after changing the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ, tries to transform us, leading us to a communal life, to a life of communion.

The Holy Spirit leads us and inspires us to change, but he cannot transform us without our willingness to change. He helps us to see the light, to discover our need to fill our hunger with the Bread of Life, but he cannot transform and change us unless we, ourselves, accept to die with Christ, so that our resurrection with him will fill us with the New Life that is to be communicated with others. The Holy Spirit leads us, step by step, guiding us to pass from the life of darkness or the life of sin to the life of light.

My family and I wish all of you the joy and peace of Our Savior's glorious resurrection.

Fr. Fadi

PROVERBS CHAPTER 12 : 19-28

- 19 Truthful lips endure forever, but a lying tongue lasts only a moment.
- 20 Deceit is in the mind of those who plan evil, but those who counsel peace have joy.
- 21 No harm happens to the righteous, but the wicked are filled with trouble.
- 22 Lying lips are an abomination to the Lord, but those who act faithfully are his delight.
- 23 One who is clever conceals knowledge, but the mind of a fool broadcasts folly.
- 24 The hand of the diligent will rule, while the lazy will be put to forced labor.
- 25 Anxiety weighs down the human heart, but a good word cheers it up.
- 26 The righteous gives good advice to friends, but the way of the wicked leads astray.
- 27 The lazy do not roast their game, but the diligent obtain precious wealth.
- 28 In the path of righteousness there is life, in walking its path there is no death.

Texts are taken from the New Revised Standard Bible.



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