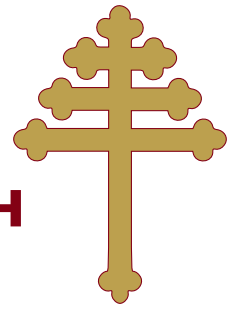




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**THE SUNDAY OF THE RIGHTEOUS AND JUST**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15**

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

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16**

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

**GOSPEL**

MATTHEW 25:31-46



The Judgement of the Nations

The Lord Jesus Said: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he

will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand,

'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was

thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my



THE LAST JUDGMENT by Fra Angelico c. 1431  
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Father will pray the  
**ANAPHORA OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM**  
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## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, February 15 at 4:30 p.m.**

For the repose of the souls of George & Celina Nejaime  
Requested by daughters Dulce, Lili, and Gemeli

**Sunday, February 16 at 10:00 a.m.**

For the repose of the soul of Sharon Nejaime Merati  
Requested by her father, Norman Nejaime

**Saturday, February 22 at 4:30 p.m.**

For the repose of soul of Charlie Nader  
Requested by his wife Dulce and family

**Sunday, February 23 at 10:00 a.m.**

For the repose of the souls of Fernando & Emilia Salas  
Requested by their family

For the repose of the soul of Sharon Nejaime Merati  
Requested by Michael and Julie Nejaime

**Saturday, March 1 at 4:30 p.m.**

For the repose of the soul of Oscar Hernandez  
Requested by friends

For the repose of the soul of Sami Kayrouz,  
an anniversary Mass  
Requested by Carlos and Pascale Nejaime

**Sunday, March 2 at 10:00 a.m.**

For the repose of the souls of Mario & Emelina Parajon  
Requested by friends

**Ash Monday, March 3 at 6:00 p.m.**

Distribution of Ashes

**Friday, March 7 at 6:00 p.m.**

Stations of the Cross

## CHURCH SUPPORT

**Weekend of February 8/9**

Saturday Offering:

1st Collection **\$1197.00**

Sunday Offering:

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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.

**UPCOMING LENTEN SERVICES**

March 3, Ash Monday -

Distribution of Ashes at 6 p.m. in the church

Friday, March 7 (and every Friday during Lent) -

Stations of the Cross in the church

## OUR FEAST OF SAINT MARON CELEBRATION



We would like to thank all those who braved the incoming storm to make our Feast of Saint Maron dinner on Saturday evening a huge success. Nick and Patty Zabbara did an outstanding job in organizing this event, selflessly putting in countless hours to ensure everything was perfect. Judy Theeb, and Jack and Hayat Comporesi, also gave generously of their time to help with the endless details. More thanks go to Carlos and Pascale Nejaime for donating the wine, and to Ninette Barakat for being our unofficial photographer. Thank you to Father Emanuel and Father Carlos from St. John Paul the Great parish for attending, and to the Peter Paul and Mary band who traveled from New York State in order to bless us with their music. It was a wonderful evening with plenty of good Lebanese food provided by Noujaim's Bistro, who always does such a great job for our celebrations. Thank you as well to everyone who brought delicious desserts to share with us all. And finally, thank you to those that came from out of town to celebrate with us. It is so nice to be able to get together socially for great fellowship and plenty of laughs. God bless you all.



## EPISTLE

HEBREWS 12:18-24

Penalties of Disobedience

Brothers and Sisters:

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. Praise be to God always!



## GOSPEL

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family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life." This is the truth. Peace be with you.

### PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

My Good and Beloved Father, direct our children to be open to Your will. Keep them in the palm of Your hand. Send Your Spirit to guide them in their decision to serve all men for Your sake. Bestow Your graces upon our young men and women who desire to serve You wholeheartedly. May Your will be done in their precious lives. Amen.



## The Pastor's Corner

SHORT ARTICLES AND NOTES

My Dear Friends:

Over the next few weeks, I would like to talk about different aspects of our beautiful Maronite Divine Liturgy. Sometimes we can take our prayers for granted, so it is always good to focus on them for a bit and remind ourselves of their significance.

After we finish reciting the Creed, at the beginning of the Eucharistic Liturgy, the priest goes to the altar and says: *Peace to you, O Holy Altar of God. Peace to you the holy mysteries placed upon you. Peace to you, O Servant of the Holy Spirit.* These words present the Holy Spirit as being the main celebrant of the liturgy.

At the end of the Eucharistic Liturgy, the priest kisses the altar and says this prayer: *Remain in peace, O holy altar of God, I hope to return to you in peace.* This prayer is addressed to the altar as the altar of God is the center of every celebration

These short prayers act as an examination of the conscience of the celebrant, and this helps him to remember who he is and what he is about.

I hope that you and your families have a blessed week ahead and that you all stay warm!

Fr. Fadi

### PROVERBS CHAPTER 8, 1-9

- 1 Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice?
- 2 On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand;
- 3 beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out:
- 4 "To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live.
- 5 O simple ones, learn prudence; acquire intelligence, you who lack it.
- 6 Hear, for I will speak noble things, and from my lips will come what is right;
- 7 for my mouth will utter truth; wickedness is an abomination to my lips.
- 8 All the words of my mouth are righteous; there is nothing twisted or crooked in them.
- 9 They are all straight to one who understands and right to those who find knowledge.

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

### THOUGHTS FROM THE SAINTS

*Who gives you the day will give you also the things necessary for the day.*

-- Saint Gregory





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