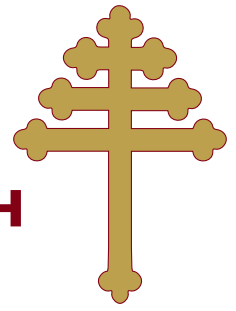




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Before or after Liturgy or by appointment

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

**THE FEAST OF SAINT MARON
 THE SUNDAY OF THE PRIESTS**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8
 Adoration 4:00 p.m.; Liturgy at 4:30 p.m.

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

GOSPEL

JOHN 12:23-30



The Lord Jesus says, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, Amen I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me. "I am troubled now. Yet what should I say—"Father, save me from this hour"? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and will glorify it again." The crowd there heard it and said it was thunder; But others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered and said, "This voice did not come for my sake but for yours. This is the truth. Peace be with you.



ST. MARON OF LEBANON AND HIS DISCIPLES
 The painting from 1863 is in the Saint Maroun parish church of Jezzine
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Father will pray the
ANAPHORA OF ST. SIXTUS
 beginning on page 835

MASS INTENTIONS

- Saturday, February 8 at 4:30 p.m.**
For the repose of the souls of John and Martha Ganem Wynn, and Charles Fulton
Requested by Mary Barbara
- Sunday, February 9 at 10:00 a.m.**
For the repose of the soul of Youssef Macary
Requested by his family
- Saturday, February 15 at 4:30 p.m.**
For the repose of the souls of George & Celina Nejaime
Requested by daughters Dulce, Lili, and Jemeli
- 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 her father, Norman 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
- Saturday, March 8 at 4:30 p.m.**
For the repose of the souls of Kathleen, Robert, and Susan Kelly
Requested by Kathleen & George Day
- For the repose of the souls of Antonio & Alejandrina Tamari
Requested by the family
- Sunday, March 9 at 10:00 a.m.**
For the repose of the souls of Doctors Juan and Felina Tocaronte
Requested by the family

CHURCH SUPPORT

Weekend of February 1/2

Saturday Offering:
1st Collection **\$1025.00**

Sunday Offering:
1st Collection **\$846.00**

Mail In: **\$0**

Bingo: **\$838.00**

Thank You!

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

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



Cana Sunday - the entrance into Great Lent - is March 2 this year. Cana Sunday is followed by Ash Monday on March 3. Bishop Gregory writes: During Lent, we are invited to deepen our relationship with God and with one another. We can do this in an intentional way through the Catholic tradition of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. CRS Rice Bowl – the Catholic Relief Services' Lenten faith-in-action program – invites us to encounter God and our global family by practicing these Lenten pillars, and by reflecting on how the Eucharist – the Bread of Life – compels us to share bread for life with all members of the human family.

As in past years, St. Maron's will have the CRS Rice Bowls available at the back of the church. Please use them during this holy season, returning them to the church at the end of Lent, so that we may forward your alms to Bishop Gregory for Catholic Relief Services.

...unselfishness, which makes men free, is attained only through the patience of small daily acts of self-denial. By this daily passion, which alone reveals to a man in how many ways he is enslaved by his own ego, by this daily passion and by it alone, a man's eyes are slowly opened.

--Joseph Ratzinger, Pope Benedict XVI



The Pastor's Corner

SHORT ARTICLES AND NOTES

EPISTLE

2TIM 3:10-17

Now you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, and my suffering the things that happened to me in Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra. What persecutions I endured! Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them. Indeed, all who want to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. But wicked people and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving others and being deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.



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.



St. John Vianney Theological Seminary May 2017

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THOUGHTS FROM THE SAINTS

If God causes you to suffer much, it is a sign that He has great designs for you, and that He certainly intends to make you a saint.

-- Saint Ignatius of Loyola

My Dear Friends:

Here we are at the feast of Saint Maron - a great Lebanese saint! I hope to see you all at the festive lunch on February 9 after the 10:00 Liturgy.

This week I come to the end of the little biography of St. Maron that I have been sharing since January: After the death of Saint Maron in the year 410, his spirit and teachings lived on through his disciples and today he lies in "Brad" village to the north of Aleppo.

I would like to follow this biography with some quotes - advice really - from St. Maron:

Prayer is the key that unlocks the heart of God.

Faith is the cornerstone upon which our lives are built. Without faith, we are lost in the darkness.

True devotion to God is not just about words and rituals, but about living a life of compassion, humility, and love.

The greatest joy in life is to be in the presence of God and to do His will.

May our beloved Saint. Maron intercede for us all this coming week and always,

Fr. Fadi

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PROVERBS CHAPTER 4, 20-27

- 20 My son, to my words be attentive, to my sayings incline your ear;
- 21 Let them not slip out of your sight, keep them within your heart;
- 22 For they are life to those who find them, to man's whole being they are health.
- 23 With closest custody, guard your heart, for in it are the sources of life.
- 24 Put away from you dishonest talk, deceitful speech put far from you.
- 25 Let your eyes look straight ahead and your glance be directly forward.
- 26 Survey the path for your feet, and let all your ways be sure.
- 27 Turn neither to right nor to left, keep your foot far from evil.

Texts are taken from the New American Bible.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! 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



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