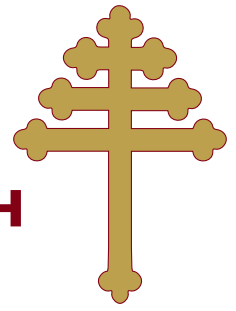




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Please contact our priest ASAP after the birth of your child.

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Before or after Liturgy or by appointment

MARRIAGE

Couples must contact our priest six months before the wedding.

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

**SUNDAY OF THE ENTRANCE INTO LENT
 MIRACLE AT CANA IN GALILEE**

SATURDAY, MARCH 1

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 2

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

GOSPEL

JOHN 2:1-11



On the third day there was a wedding in Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." (And) Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servers, "Do whatever he tells you." Now there were six stone water jars there for Jewish ceremonial washings, each holding twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus told them, "Fill the jars with water." So they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, "Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter." So they took it. And when the headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine, without knowing where it came from (although the servers who had drawn the water knew), the headwaiter called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs in Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him. This is the Truth. Peace be with you.



THE MIRACLE AT CANA.
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Today, March 2, is also the feast of St. John Maron, the first Maronite Patriarch

Father will pray the
ANAPHORA OF ST. JOHN MARON
 beginning on page 897

MASS INTENTIONS

- 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
- Ash Wednesday, March 5 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
- Friday, March 14 at 6:00 p.m.**
Stations of the Cross
- Saturday, March 15 at 4:30 p.m.**
For the repose of the soul of Maurice Barakat
Requested by Ninette and family
- Sunday, March 16 at 10:00 a.m.**
Available
- Friday, March 21 at 6:00 p.m.**
Stations of the Cross
- Saturday, March 22 at 4:30 p.m.**
Available
- Sunday, March 23 at 10:00 a.m.**
Available
- Friday, March 28 at 6:00 p.m.**
Stations of the Cross

As a reminder for those who want to make a donation for the Easter flowers that will adorn our church, the last day we will be able to accept donations and have your intentions printed in the Easter handout will be April 6.

CHURCH SUPPORT

Weekend of February 22/23

Saturday Offering:

- 1st Collection **\$428.00**
- 2nd Collection **\$190.00**

Sunday Offering:

- 1st Collection **\$598.00**
- 2nd Collection **\$410.00**

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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.

UPCOMING LENTEN SERVICES

March 3, Ash Monday -
Distribution of Ashes at 6 p.m. in the church

March 5, Ash Wednesday
Distribution of Ashes 6 p.m. in the church

Friday, March 7 (and every Friday during Lent) -
Stations of the Cross in the church

LENT IS A PERFECT TIME TO MAKE A RETREAT

The Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center
in West Hartford is having a
Men's Retreat on March 7-9.
All men in the parish are most welcome to attend.
If you have questions or would like to sign up,
please see Sub Deacon Mike.



EPISTLE

ROMANS 14:14-23

I know and am convinced in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself; still, it is unclean for someone who thinks it unclean. If your brother is being hurt by what you eat, your conduct is no longer in accord with love. Do not because of your food destroy him for whom Christ died. So do not let your good be reviled. For the kingdom of God is not a matter of food and drink, but of righteousness, peace, and joy in the holy Spirit; whoever serves Christ in this way is pleasing to God and approved by others. Let us then pursue what leads to peace and to building up one another. For the sake of food, do not destroy the work of God. Everything is indeed clean, but it is wrong for anyone to become a stumbling block by eating; it is good not to eat meat or drink wine or do anything that causes your brother to stumble. Keep the faith (that) you have to yourself in the presence of God; blessed is the one who does not condemn himself for what he approves. But whoever has doubts is condemned if he eats, because this is not from faith; for whatever is not from faith is sin. Praise be to God always.



PRAYER FOR OUR CHILDREN



My Beloved and Good Lord, we pray that you will remind our children and our grandchildren daily that your love for them is everlasting, as Psalm 103:17 reminds us: *But the Lord's kindness is forever, toward the faithful from age to age. He favors the children's children.* Amen



Every First Saturday of the month, Father Fadi celebrates Mass at Litchfield Hills Healthcare Center. Father is showing us by his example that it is so important we don't forget the elderly. They are living treasures among us. Please pray for them.



The Pastor's Corner

SHORT ARTICLES AND NOTES

My Dear Friends:

This month our prayer is for our children and our grandchildren. You will find it to the left; and now to continue some more teachings about our beautiful Maronite Divine Liturgy.

In the book of Genesis the first act of creation is the separation of light from darkness. In the final act in Genesis, God gives life to man, making him in His image and likeness. The Bible begins with the creation of light in Genesis and it ends in the book of Revelation by presenting the light of the Parousia (the second coming of Christ.) Remember, in John 8:12, Jesus said, *I am the light of the world.*

Patriarch Doueihy teaches that lighting the candles before the Liturgy reminds us that we, too, are to light the lamps of our minds, separating the light from what is darkness, meaning the sinful acts of darkness that lead us to death, and be the light that leads us to life. The prayer of light reflects our creation in the state of holiness and light. It reminds us that Christ is the Light which came to enlighten us and save us from the darkness. Light becomes connected with life, just as darkness is connected to death, or whatever deprives people from happiness.

Light and life, like Himself, are gifts from God to the world. They are not to be accepted passively. Rather, they represent a call to action for every human for a transformation, for a transfiguration (John 9).

I hope that you and your families have a blessed week ahead as we now enter into Great Lent.

Fr. Fadi

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PROVERBS CHAPTER 9 : 1-6

- 1 Wisdom has built her house, she has hewn her seven pillars.
- 2 She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine, she has also set her table.
- 3 She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls from the highest places in the town,
- 4 "You that are simple, turn in here!" To those without sense she says,
- 5 "Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed.
- 6 Lay aside immaturity, and live, and walk in the way of insight."

Texts are taken from the New Revised Standard Bible.

THOUGHTS FROM THE SAINTS

Aspire not to have more, but to be more.

-- Saint Oscar Romero



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