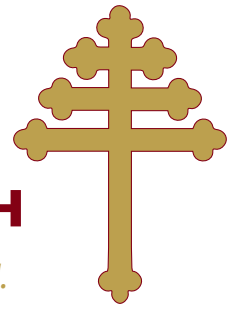




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Be sure to visit from time to time for National Maronite News, pictures of parish events and other announcements!

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE
RESURRECTION SEASON**

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SATURDAY, MAY 10

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

SUNDAY, MAY 11

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

GOSPEL

JOHN 21:1-14



After this, Jesus revealed himself again to his disciples at the Sea of Tiberias. He revealed himself in this way. Together were Simon Peter, Thomas called Didymus, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, Zebedee's sons, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to

him, "We also will come with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. When it was already dawn, Jesus was standing on the shore; but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, have you caught anything to eat?" They answered him, "No." So he said to them, "Cast the net over the right side of the boat and you will find something." So they cast it, and were not able to pull it in because of the number of fish. So the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord." When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he tucked in his garment, for he was lightly clad, and jumped into the sea. The other disciples came in the boat, for they were not far from shore, only about a hundred yards, dragging the net with the fish. When they climbed out on shore, they saw a charcoal



THE APPEARANCE OF JESUS TO THE APOSTLES BY THE SEA
The Maronite Icons: Modern Sacred Art.
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The theme of this week's Gospel is: Am I ready to obey our Lord Jesus Christ again, even when I have tried and failed before?

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

MASS INTENTIONS

- Saturday, May 10 at 4:30 p.m.
• Available
- Mother's Day
- Sunday, May 11 at 10:00 a.m.
• For the repose of the souls of Bill and Barbara Darcey
• Requested by Andrea Darcey Ellinger
- Saturday, May 17 at 4:30 p.m.
• For the repose of the soul of Adrienne NeJaime
• Requested by her husband, Norman and family
- Sunday, May 18 at 10:00 a.m.
• For the repose of the soul of Tania Barakat Veleber
• Requested by her mother Nina Barakat & Family
- Saturday, May 24 at 4:30 p.m.
• For the repose of the soul of
• William Joseph Oakley on the occasion of
• the 50th anniversary of his death in Vietnam
• Requested by his family
- Sunday, May 25 at 10:00 a.m.
• Available
- Saturday, May 31 at 4:30 p.m.
• For the repose of the soul of Thomas Allen Oakley
• Requested by his family
- Sunday, June 1 at 10:00 a.m.
• Available
- Saturday, June 7 at 4:30 p.m.
• For the repose of the soul of Greg O'Brien
• Requested by Ann Marie and Mark Garrison
- Sunday, June 8 at 10:00 a.m.
• Available

My Dear Friends: Attending Mass is very important and sometimes when life gets busy, that duty gets pushed aside, especially in the summer. I want to help you fulfill your Sunday obligation, so starting Sunday June 1st, I will be celebrating two liturgies on Sunday morning - one at 8:30 and the other at 10:00. If this works and people are happy having the two liturgies to choose from during the month of June, I will extend this throughout the summer. God bless you. Fr. Fady

ST. MARON PARISH RETREAT ON MAY 31

Saint Maron's will have a day retreat at Lourdes in Litchfield on May 31 from 10 AM to 3 PM. The retreat theme is why we pray the rosary. There is no cost to our parishioners and lunch will be served. More information to follow in the coming weeks.

WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS

Find happiness in making others happy.

-- St Mary Mackillop

CHURCH SUPPORT

Weekend of March April May 3/4

- Saturday Offering:
 - 1st Collection **\$419.00**
 - 2nd Collection **\$201.00**
- Sunday Offering:
 - 1st Collection **\$686.00**
 - 2nd Collection **\$154.00**

• Mail In: **\$900.00**

• Bingo: **\$909.00**

Thank You!

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

On the weekend of June 1, the second collection is for the Catholic Communications Campaign.

(Fifty percent of this collection is sent to the USCCB for national Catholic television, radio, and other media and fifty percent is retained by our Eparchy for *The Maronite Voice* and other communication needs.)

BREWFEEST 2025

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

1. Sign-up sheets are now out for raffle baskets for the Brewfest. You can sign up for items you would like to donate. If you have any questions, please see Sub Deacon Mike.
2. We still need volunteers to help with the many jobs required in putting on this huge parish fundraiser. If you can help, please contact Judy Theeb, Patty Zabbar, Laura Lemieux or Helen Piechocki.



Emma Orellana and Jack Zhunio celebrated their First Communion on Sunday, April 27 at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Congratulations to both of them and many blessings on them and their families.



The Pastor's Corner

SHORT ARTICLES AND NOTES

EPISTLE

HEBREWS 13:18-25

Pray for us, for we are confident that we have a clear conscience, wishing to act rightly in every respect. I especially ask for your prayers that I may be restored to you very soon. May the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great shepherd of the sheep by the blood of the eternal covenant, Jesus our Lord, furnish you with all that is good, that you may do his will. May he carry out in you what is pleasing to him through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever (and ever). Amen. Brothers, I ask you to bear with this message of encouragement, for I have written to you rather briefly. I must let you know that our brother Timothy has been set free. If he comes soon, I shall see you together with him. Greetings to all your leaders and to all the holy ones. Those from Italy send you greetings. Grace be with all of you. Praise be to God always.



GOSPEL

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fire with fish on it and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you just caught." So Simon Peter went over and dragged the net ashore full of one hundred fifty-three large fish. Even though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come, have breakfast." And none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they realized it was the Lord. Jesus came over and took the bread and gave it to them, and in like manner the fish. This was now the third time Jesus was revealed to his disciples after being raised from the dead. This is the Truth. Peace be with you.

A MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER

Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you give life and care for your Church. Bless these women, as we celebrate this day in their honor. May they be strengthened as Christian mothers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor and appreciate them with a spirit of profound respect.

May the example of Mary, mother of Jesus, inspire them to live their vocation as Christian mothers and call their children to faith. Guide and protect them in challenging times and help them to continue to trust in you all the days of their life. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

My Dear Friends:

We are a busy parish as you can see by the various announcements in this week's bulletin. It is also a busy time for the church. At the time I am writing this, the conclave to elect a new Holy Father is about to start. I don't know if when you are reading this the conclave will still be on-going, or if we will have a new Pope. In either case, your prayers are needed, so please continue to pray either for the Cardinals as they meet to choose a new Pope, or for our new Holy Father as he takes up the very great burden of guiding the Church.

With all that has been going on for the past several weeks, there hasn't been room in the bulletin to continue some of my reflections and teaching on our beautiful Divine Liturgy or to continue to share with you the wisdom found in the Book of Proverbs. I hope to restart both of those items very soon.

In the meantime I want to share with you our parish prayer intention for the month of May. It is for all those who are living far from the Faith and far from the Church.

My Heavenly Father, with a heart full of love and compassion, we lift up to You today those who are currently distant from the Faith and the Church. We pray that your Light will open their hearts to the Truth and Beauty of Your Word. Then, by Your Graces, your lost lambs will be guided back to the community of believers. Amen.

Happy Mother's Day! And I pray that you all have a blessed week ahead.

Fr. Fadi

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On Thursday, May 1, Father Fadi attended the National Day of Prayer services here in Torrington. Those in attendance prayed for our churches, our families, students and educators, businesses and workplaces, our military and our government. Left to right: Fr. Fadi, Faith Darr, Pastor Steve Darr and Reverend Angie Boratko



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