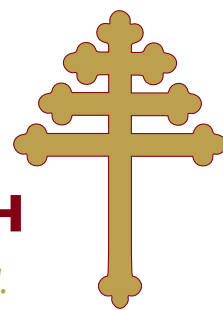




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A prayer to begin every day: *Good morning my good and my beloved Lord.*

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SAINTS FOR THIS WEEK

- 16 St. St. Matthew the Evangelist, Ap
- 17 St. Gregory the Wonderworker, C
- 18 St. Romanos (Raymond), M
St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, C
- 19 Pope St. Pontian (+235), M
- 20 St. Gregory of the Decapolis, C
- 21 Presentation of the Virgin Mary
in the Temple
- 22 Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of
Our Lady

SEASON OF THE GLORIOUS BIRTH OF OUR LORD ANNOUNCEMENT TO ZECHARIAH

[PAGE 18 IN THE BOOK OF OFFERING]

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15
Adoration 4:00 p.m.; Liturgy at 4:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16
Rosary at 9:30 a.m.; 10:00a.m.

GOSPEL

LUKE 1:1-25



Since many have undertaken to set down an orderly account of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as they were handed on to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word, I too decided, after investigating everything carefully from the very first, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may know the truth concerning the things about which you have been instructed. In the days of King Herod of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly order of Abijah. His wife was a descendant of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. Both of them were righteous before God, living blamelessly according to all the commandments and regulations of the Lord. But they had no children, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were getting on in years. Once when he was serving as priest before God and his section was on duty, he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to enter the sanctuary of the Lord and offer incense. Now at the time of the incense offering, the whole assembly of the people was praying outside. Then there appeared to him an angel of the Lord, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. When Zechariah saw him, he was

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THE ANNOUNCEMENT TO ZECHARIAH. *The Maronite Icons: Modern Sacred Art.* Dar Sader Publishers: Beirut 1999. Via Maronite Heritage.com/icons

The main theme from this gospel is: God is faithful to His promises, preparing salvation through John the Baptist, inviting us to trust His Word with faith and joy.

Father will pray the
THE TWELVE APOSTLES
beginning on page 754

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 15 at 4:30 p.m.

Available

Sunday, November 16 at 10:00 a.m.

In Memory of Christian Seymour

Requested by Larry and Lois Seymour

Saturday, November 22 at 4:30 p.m.

For the repose of the souls of

Fernando and Emilia Salas

Requested by their family

Sunday, November 23 at 10:00 a.m.

For the repose of the soul of John Ferguson

Requested by Donald & Lisa Kellogg

For the repose of the soul of Donald Kellogg

Requested by Mike and Lisa Soliani

Saturday, November 29 at 4:30 p.m.

For the repose of the soul of Oscar Hernandez

Requested by his friends

Sunday, November 30 at 10:00 a.m.

For the repose of the souls of

Mario and Emelina Parajon

Requested by friends

The Maronite Servants of Christ the Light will be with us on Sunday, December 7. Please join us in the parish hall after Divine Liturgy, where there will be a Lebanese breakfast and a chance to speak with the sisters. All are welcome!



As we prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ, let us open our hearts to those in need. We are collecting clothes for our homeless friends from now until Christmas. Please, bring new or clean, washed clothing to the parish hall. May our generosity bring warmth and hope to those who need it most.



**SAVE THE DATE FOR
OUR FIRST DESIGNER PURSE BINGO!**

Friday, January 30, 2026 at 7pm

in the church hall.

Doors open at 6pm.

Multiple prizes, gift baskets, raffles.



Save the Date!

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2026

Our St. Maron Feast Day Celebration!

Divine Liturgy at 4:30, followed by a Lebanese Dinner,
Music, Drinks, Dancing and a Raffle in the parish hall. \$35/pp



CHURCH SUPPORT

Weekend of November 8/9

Saturday Offering

1st Collection **\$670.00**

2nd Collection **\$126.00**

Sunday Offering

1st Collection **\$411.00**

2nd Collection **\$95.00**

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Thank You!

MANY MANY THANKS!

On Wednesday November 12, FISH came to St. Maron's to pick up donations for their annual coat/winter gear giveaway which took place Saturday November 15 at St. Peter Church Hall. Last year over 700 people came for winter weather goods, and our parish and bingo players once again generously donated to the cause. We packed approximately 30 bags of coats, pants, sweaters, sweatshirts, hats, gloves, boots, shoes, etc. Special thanks to Larry and Lois Seymour who sorted, organized, and labeled bags prior to pick up. St. Maron volunteers on Saturday included Fr. Fadi, Kris Kelly, Brenda Davis, Lisa Soliani, Mandy Muro, Matthew, Michael and Helen Piechocki. To everyone who contributed or helped in some way, thank you for taking St. Matthew's gospel seriously: whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.

THE PROPHETS: ISAIAH

Isaiah lived in Jerusalem in the 8th century B.C. His name means "The Lord is salvation." He was called to be a prophet during a time of crisis, reminding the people to trust in God and not in political power. His call was in the temple where Isaiah saw the Lord surrounded by angels who cried: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; The whole earth is full of his glory" (6:3).

His message is to call his people to repent: "Wash yourselves clean! Put away your misdeeds from before my eyes; cease doing evil; learn to do good. Make justice your aim; redress the wronged, hear the orphan's plea, defend the widow (1:16-17). Moreover, his message is to talk about the coming of the Messiah, the savior: "The virgin shall be with child, and bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel" (7:14). Plus, Isaiah announced God's love: "Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God" (40:1).

In sum, Isaiah teaches us to see beyond fear and darkness, and to trust in God's salvation. His words point us to Jesus Christ, the true light of the world.

EPISTLE

ROMANS 4:13-25 The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") — in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

GOSPEL

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terrified; and fear overwhelmed him. But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will name him John. You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He must never drink wine or strong drink; even before his birth he will be filled with the Holy Spirit. He will turn many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. With the spirit and power of Elijah he will go before him, to turn the hearts of parents to their children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord." Zechariah said to the angel, "How will I know that this is so? For I am an old man, and my wife is getting on in years." The angel replied, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. But now, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time, you will become mute, unable to speak, until the day these things occur." Meanwhile the people were waiting for Zechariah, and wondered at his delay in the sanctuary. When he did come out, he could not speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the sanctuary. He kept motioning to them and remained unable to speak. When his time of service was ended, he went to his home. After those days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she remained in seclusion. She said, "This is what the Lord has done for me when he looked favorably on me and took away the disgrace I have endured among my people."



The Pastor's Corner

SHORT ARTICLES AND NOTES

My Dear Friends:

In the Acts of the Apostles chapter 13, the Gospel begins to spread beyond the Jewish people to the Gentiles. The Holy Spirit chooses Barnabas and Saul (Paul) for mission: "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them" (13:2). Saint Paul preaches in the synagogue, reminding Israel of God's plan of salvation through history, fulfilled in Jesus: "We ourselves are proclaiming this good news to you that what God promised our ancestors" (13:32). Acts 13 reminds us that the Church is missionary. And the Gospel is for all people.

And, continuing my weekly reflection questions for you: What is the best thing that happened to you today?

I pray that you will have a blessed week.

Fr. Fadi

OUR PARISH PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER IS FOR OUR PARISH FAMILIES:

Heavenly Father, bless the families of our parish with faith, unity, and love. Protect their homes, guide their hearts, and fill them with your peace. May they grow together in holiness and be a light to our community. Amen.

WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS

I am not capable of doing big things, but I want to do everything, even the smallest things, for the greater glory of God.

-- St Dominic Savio



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