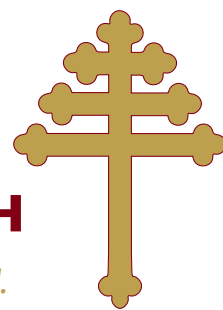




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A prayer to begin every day: *Good morning my good and my beloved Lord.*



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SAINTS FOR THIS WEEK

- 2 Commemoration of the Faithful Departed
- 3 Sts. Akepsimas, Joseph and Aithalas, M
- 4 Sts. Vitalis and Agricola, M
- 5 St. Asya the Righteous, C
- 6 St. Paul, Patriarch of Constantinople, M
- 7 St. Hieron and His Companions, M
- 8 St. Michael the Archangel, An

THE CONSECRATION OF THE CHURCH

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1
Adoration 4:00 p.m.; Liturgy at 4:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2
Rosary at 9:30 a.m.; 10:00a.m.

GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13-20



The Apostle said: When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah. This is the truth. Peace be with you.



CONSECRATION OF THE CHURCH. Icon written by Fr. Abdo Badwi. Courtesy of St. Joseph's Maronite Catholic Church, Waterville, ME

The main theme from this gospel is: Jesus asks: "Who do you say that I am?" Peter answers, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." This passage reminds us that faith in Christ is the foundation of the Church. We are called to live as His followers with courage and trust.

Father will pray the
ANAPHORA OF THE TWELVE APOSTLES
beginning on page 754

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 1 at 4:30 p.m.

Available

Sunday, November 2 at 10:00 a.m.

For the repose of the soul of John L. Curtis

Requested by Jane and Samuel Slaiby

Saturday, November 8 at 4:30 p.m.

Available

Sunday, November 9 at 10:00 a.m.

In memory of Zakeeya & Michel Noujaim

Requested by Hayat & Jack Comporesi

and Toni & Richard Noujaim

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

Available

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

Available

THE MINOR PROPHETS: ZECHARIAH

The Prophet Zechariah reminds us of God's great love and providence. In Zechariah 2:12 the Lord says that whoever touches His people touches "the apple of His eye," showing how precious and protected they are in His sight. At the same time, Zechariah 10:1 invites the people to "Ask the Lord for rain in the spring season, the Lord who brings storm clouds, and heavy rains, who gives to everyone grain in the fields," reminding them that every blessing, whether spiritual or material, comes from God's hand.

Together these verses teach us that we are both cherished by God and called to trust Him daily for the gifts we need.

How can I live this week with great trust, knowing that I am the "apple of God's eye" and that every blessing comes from Him.



Mother Marla Marie Lucas, Sister Therese Maria Touma, Sister Emily Mary Lattouf of the Maronite Servants of Christ the Light will be visiting St. Maron on Sunday, December 7

After Divine Liturgy, there will be light refreshments in the parish hall and a chance to speak with the sisters.

WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS

Everything, even sweeping, scraping vegetables, weeding a garden and waiting on the sick could be a prayer, if it were offered to God.

-- St Martin de Porres

CHURCH SUPPORT

Weekend of October 25/26

Saturday Offering

1st Collection **\$695.00**

2nd Collection **\$193.00**

Sunday Offering

1st Collection **\$547.00**

2nd Collection **\$316.00**

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Thank You!

THE SANCTUARY LAMP



The Sanctuary Lamp burns by the Tabernacle continuously signifying that the Blessed Sacrament is within the tabernacle. This candle burns for a week and then is replaced.

If you would like the Sanctuary Lamp to burn in memory of someone, please email the church office (office@saintmaronchurch.org) or speak with Fr. Fadi. There is only one sponsorship available each week and it will be published in the bulletin. The cost of the sponsorship is \$10.

**Week of November 2
For the intentions of
the Parish Council and their families**

This is the last weekend for purchasing Christmas Wreaths/Decorations from the our Boy Scouts. Classic Christmas Wreath (\$40), Door Swag (\$35) and Table Centerpieces (\$30).

To purchase online please visit the link below--all items (both purchased in person or online) will be delivered to St. Maron Church on the weekend of November 22nd.

<https://sherwoodfundraiser.com/Troop3torrington>

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.

EPISTLE

Hebrews 9:1-12

Even the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly sanctuary. For a tent was constructed, the first one, in which were the lampstand, the table, and the bread of the Presence; this is called the Holy Place. Behind the second curtain was a tent called the Holy of Holies. In it stood the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant overlaid on all sides with gold, in which there were a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tablets of the covenant; above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot speak now in detail. Such preparations having been made, the priests go continually into the first tent to carry out their ritual duties; but only the high priest goes into the second, and he but once a year, and not without taking the blood that he offers for himself and for the sins committed unintentionally by the people. By this the Holy Spirit indicates that the way into the sanctuary has not yet been disclosed as long as the first tent is still standing. This is a symbol of the present time, during which gifts and sacrifices are offered that cannot perfect the conscience of the worshiper, but deal only with food and drink and various baptisms, regulations for the body imposed until the time comes to set things right. But when Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. Praise be to God always!

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
in the parish hall. \$35/PP



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.



The Pastor's Corner

SHORT ARTICLES AND NOTES

My Dear Friends:

This week the Maronite church begins its new liturgical year with the Sunday of the Consecration of the Church. In the Gospel this week, Matthew relates how Peter correctly answered Jesus' question about who He was: *You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God* and Jesus responds by telling Peter that he is *the rock on which I will build my church*. Jesus also tells Peter that He will give him the keys to the kingdom of heaven.

In the icon on the front page of the bulletin, we see Jesus on His heavenly throne, with St. Peter on His right holding the keys to heaven and St. Maron holding a model of a church on His left. The church St. Maron holds stands for both the pagan temple, which he exorcised and turned into a church, and for the whole Maronite Church, which he inspired. Both St. Peter's and St. Maron's right hands are extended to the Lord in supplication for the church. In other symbolism, the circles behind Jesus indicate heaven, as circles are a perfect shape. The circles under his feet are both his footstool and the altar on which he is made present by the priest during the Liturgy. Both picturing Jesus enthroned and using circles to represent heaven are common in western religious art. By using these particular symbols, Fr. Badwi shows that the Maronite Feast of the Consecration of the Church is linked to the entire Christian Church and to the entirety of the Church year.

Now, continuing with our teaching on the Acts of the Apostles: In chapter 11, we see how the Good News spread beyond the Jews to the Gentiles, showing that God's love is for all. In addition, in Acts 11:26 we read that "it was in Antioch that the disciples were first called Christians." This moment is important in our history of faith. The name "Christian" shows that our whole life is meant to be centered on Jesus Christ. We are called, like them, to live in such a way that Christ is visible in us.

To be called "Christian" means living so that others can see Christ shining through us. Why not?

Next, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our members of the parish council as well as our finance council. These men and women work diligently on behalf of our parish community. Many hours of work go into strategy planning and prayer to keep our parish community thriving. Thank you, dear brothers and sisters for once again volunteering to serve for another year. Your work and dedication does not go unnoticed. The sanctuary candle will burn for the coming week for your intentions and the intentions of your family. God bless you.

One last thing I would like to add is that starting this week in my column, I am going to ask everyone a question. I hope that this question will help you ponder more deeply on your blessed daily lives. This week's question is: What are you grateful for today?

Fr. Fadi



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