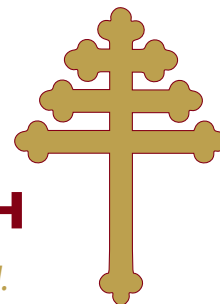




Welcome to SAINT MARON MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH



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

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SAINTS FOR THIS WEEK

- 23 St. Sassine, Bishop of Cyzicus, M
- 24 St. Catherine of Alexandria, M
- 25 Pope St. Clement I (+97), M
- 26 St. Peter, Patriarch of Alexandria, M
- 27 St. James Intercisus, M
- 28 St. Stephen the Younger, M
- 29 Sts. Satuminus and Sisinius, M

SEASON OF THE GLORIOUS BIRTH OF OUR LORD ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE VIRGIN MARY

[PAGE 27 IN THE BOOK OF OFFERING]

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22
Adoration 4:00 p.m.; Liturgy at 4:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23
Rosary at 9:30 a.m.; 10:00a.m.

GOSPEL

LUKE 1:26-38



In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was



THE ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE VIRGIN MARY
The Maronite Icons: Modern Sacred Art.
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The main theme from this gospel is: This passage teaches us that God calls each of us to participate in His plan. Like Saint Mary we are invited to respond with trust and obedience, even when the path is uncertain.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Saturday, December 6 at 4:30 p.m.

For the repose of the souls of
Antonio and Alejandrina Tamari
Requested by their family

Sunday, December 7 at 10:00 a.m.

For the repose of the soul of Mike (Lito) Nejaime
Requested by Nelly Nejaime and family

CHURCH SUPPORT

Weekend of November 15/16

Saturday Offering

1st Collection **\$479.00**

2nd Collection **\$182.00**

Sunday Offering

1st Collection **\$413.00**

2nd Collection **\$196.00**

Mail In: **\$150.00**

Bingo: **\$699.50**

Thank You!

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Happy Season of Announcements to all St. Maron parishioners and their families! As a reminder, the Christmas flowers which will decorate our altar in honor of the new born King are paid for through your donations. If you would like to make a contribution towards our Christmas flowers, please make your donation no later than Sunday, December 7th. We will produce a program, as we have done in previous years, recognizing all those who donated and all the loved ones remembered with your donations. Fr. Fady will offer a Mass of Thanksgiving for all of the souls remembered this way. If you have any questions, please contact Judy Theeb.



Christmas and New Year Mass Schedule



CHRISTMAS EVE DECEMBER 24
4:30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS DAY DECEMBER 25
10 a.m.

NEW YEAR'S DAY JANUARY 1
10 a.m.

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!



We would like to thank all our parishioners who volunteered on Saturday November 15 for the FISH annual coat drive. Thank you to everyone who donated to St. Maron's Closet. All of our cold weather clothing was handed out to needy families from all over Litchfield County. The need is

much greater than the clothing that was available. Please keep bringing your unwanted items to the parish for those that are less fortunate.

'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.' (Matthew 25:40)

REPAIR THE CHURCH STEEPLE RAFFLE

1st Prize **\$5,000.** 2nd Prize **\$3,000.** 3rd Prize **\$2,000.**

Tickets \$100. each. Only 200 will be sold!



Drawing February 7, 2026

at the St. Maron Feast Day Celebration.

Winner does not have to be present.

Tickets will be sold after Mass beginning November 29 or see Nick or Patty Zabbara.

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!

EPISTLE

GALATIANS 3:15-22

I give an example from daily life: once a person's will has been ratified, no one adds to it or annuls it. Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring; it does not say, "And to offsprings," as of many; but it says, "And to your offspring," that is, to one person, who is Christ. My point is this: the law, which came four hundred thirty years later, does not annul a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to nullify the promise. For if the inheritance comes from the law, it no longer comes from the promise; but God granted it to Abraham through the promise. Why then the law? It was added because of transgressions, until the offspring would come to whom the promise had been made; and it was ordained through angels by a mediator. Now a mediator involves more than one party; but God is one. Is the law then opposed to the promises of God? Certainly not! For if a law had been given that could make alive, then righteousness would indeed come through the law. But the scripture has imprisoned all things under the power of sin, so that what was promised through faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

GOSPEL

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said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

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.



A CELEBRATION FOR THE FEAST OF SAINT MARON!

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2026

Divine Liturgy at 4:30
followed by
a Lebanese Dinner,
Drinks, Music & Dancing
in the parish hall.

\$35/pp • Children under 10 free

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The Pastor's Corner

SHORT ARTICLES AND NOTES

My Dear Friends:

In the Acts of the Apostles, chapter 14, Paul and Barnabas continue their missionary journey, preaching the Gospel in Iconium, Lystra, and Derbe. They perform signs and healings, which lead many to believe in Jesus. However, they also face strong opposition. Despite persecution, they continue boldly encouraging the new believers and appointing leaders in the churches they founded: "They appointed presbyters for them in each church and, with prayer and fasting, commanded them to the Lord in whom they had put their faith." (14:23).

We are called, like them, to persevere in encouraging others in faith, and continue spreading the message of Christ's love and salvation.

My reflection question for you this week is: What is bringing you joy during this season of your life?

I pray that you will have a joyful and blessed week.

Fr. Fadi

THE PROPHETS: JEREMIAH

The Prophet Jeremiah is called the "weeping prophet." He lived in Judah during the late 7th and early 6th centuries B.C., a time of political turmoil, moral decay, and approaching disaster. From a young age, God called Jeremiah to speak the truth to a rebellious people, warning them that their idolatry and injustice would lead to the destruction of Jerusalem and exile to Babylon. In calling the people to repentance, he faced rejection, persecution, and great sorrow. However, Jeremiah remained faithful to God's mission. Amidst his warnings of judgment, he carried a message of hope: God promised a New Covenant, one written on the hearts of his people, offering forgiveness and restoration: "The days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers the day I took them by the hand to lead them forth from the land of Egypt; for they broke my covenant and I had to show myself their master, says the Lord. But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord. I will place my law within them, and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people" (31:31-33).

His words invite us to repent, trust in God, and find comfort in His enduring love, especially in times of fear, uncertainty, or loss.

WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS

Take care of your health, that it may serve you to serve God. -- St Francis de Sales



Bingo Night!

Sealed Tickets

Mondays

Early BINGO
Starting @ 6PM

REGULAR BINGO
STARTING @ 7PM

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