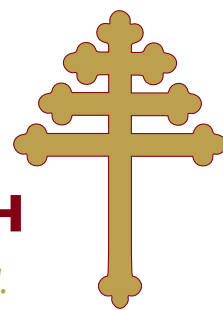




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A prayer to begin every day: *Good morning my good and my beloved Lord.*

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SAINTS FOR THIS WEEK

- 30 St. Andrew, Ap
- 1 Nahum the Prophet
Saint Charles de Foucauld, C
- 2 Habakkuk the Prophet
- 3 St. Francis Xavier, C
- 4 St. Barbara, M
Saint John of Damascus, Doctor of the Church, C
- 5 St. Saba the Hermit, C
- 6 St. Nicholas (Zakhia), C

SEASON OF THE GLORIOUS BIRTH OF OUR LORD VISITATION OF THE VIRGIN TO ELIZABETH

[PAGE 38 IN THE BOOK OF OFFERING]

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29
Adoration 4:00 p.m.; Liturgy at 4:30 p.m.

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

GOSPEL

LUKE 1:39-45



During those days Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."



THE ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE VIRGIN MARY
The Maronite Icons: Modern Sacred Art.
Dar Sader Publishers: Beirut 1999. Via
[Maronite Heritage.com/icons](http://MaroniteHeritage.com/icons)

This passage teaches us that faith opens our hearts to recognize God's work in others. It encourages us to support one another in faith, rejoice in God's blessings, and respond with humility and trust, just as Saint Mary did.



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.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Saturday, December 13 at 4:30 p.m.

For the repose of the souls of Paulo & Maria
D'Addona and Genevieve & Nicholas Zampagleone
Requested by Sal and Linda Rinaldi

Sunday, December 14 at 10:00 a.m.

For the repose of the souls of Paul & Lola Keywan
and deceased members of the Azar Keywan family
Requested by Adla Keywan

Saturday, December 20 at 4:30 p.m.

For the 60th wedding anniversary of
Hortensia and Jorge Fernandez Baujin

Sunday, December 21 at 10:00 a.m.

For the repose of the soul of Teresita Tacoronte Campos
Requested by her family

Wednesday, December 24 at 4:30 p.m.

For the parishioners of St. Maron's

Thursday, December 25 at 10:00 a.m.

For the parishioners of St. Maron's

CHURCH SUPPORT

Due to the short production week because of the Thanksgiving holiday, the collections for the Weekend of November 30/December 1 will be reported next week.

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.



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.



**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.



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.

DONATE

What we need is a cup of understanding, a barrel of love, and an ocean of patience."

-- St. Francis de Sales

EPISTLE

EPHESIANS 1:1-14

Salutation / Spiritual Blessings in Christ
Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,
To the saints who are in Ephesus and are faithful in
Christ Jesus: Grace to you and peace from God our
Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Blessed be the God
and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed
us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the
heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before
the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless
before him in love. He destined us for adoption as
his children through Jesus Christ, according to the
good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious
grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.
In him we have redemption through his blood, the
forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches
of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom
and insight he has made known to us the mystery
of his will, according to his good pleasure that he
set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time,
to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and
things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained
an inheritance, having been destined according to
the purpose of him who accomplishes all things
according to his counsel and will, so that we, who
were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live
for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when
you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your
salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with
the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge
of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own
people, to the praise of his glory. Praise be to God
always!



A CELEBRATION FOR THE FEAST OF SAINT MARON!

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2026

Divine Liturgy at 4:30
followed by
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Drinks, Music & Dancing**
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The Pastor's Corner

SHORT ARTICLES AND NOTES

My Dear Friends:

In the Acts of the Apostles, chapter 15, the early Church faces an important challenge: Whether Gentile converts must follow the Jewish Law, especially circumcision, to be saved. The apostles and elders gather in Jerusalem to discuss this matter and to be guided by the Holy Spirit: "After much debate had taken place, Peter got up and said to them, My Brothers, you are well aware that from early days God made His choice among you that through my mouth the Gentiles would hear the word of the gospel and believe... it is the decision of the Holy Spirit and of us not to place on you any burden beyond these necessities." (15:6- 29).

The early Church shows us the importance of building dialogue, listening, and acting in love for the unity and growth of the Church.

This week my question for you is: what made you smile today?

I pray that you will have a week full of smiles ahead.

Fr. Fadi

THE OLD TESTAMENT: LAMENTATIONS

The book of lamentations is traditionally attributed to the prophet Jeremiah. It is a heartfelt collection of poems mourning the destruction of Jerusalem and the suffering of God's people during the Babylonian exile. It expresses deep sorrow, grief, and a sense of loss. Nevertheless, it also contains profound trust in God's mercy, hope, and faithfulness.

Lamentations teaches us that even in the darkest times, we can cry out to God with honesty and find comfort in His enduring love.

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

*Christians must lean on the Cross of Christ
just as travelers lean on a staff when they begin
a long journey.-- St Anthony of Padua*

Many of us carry burdens – be it physical ailments, emotional struggles or spiritual battles. Find solace, and embrace the healing powers of our divine physician, Jesus Christ. A special Healing Mass and anointing of the sick will be celebrated on Friday, December 5 at 6:00 pm at St. Peter Church, 99 East Main St., Torrington. The celebrant and homilist will be Father Emmanuel Ihemedu. .



Bingo Night!

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