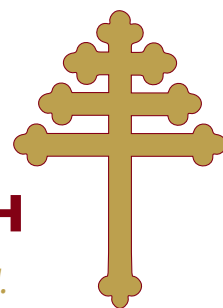




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A prayer to begin every day: *Good morning my good and my beloved Lord.*

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SAINTS FOR THIS WEEK

- 12 St. Edno, M
- 13 Sts. Carpus and Pappylus, and Their Companions, M
- 14 St. Isaiah the Monk, C
- 15 St. Teresa of Avila, Doctor of the Church, V
- 16 St. Longinus the Centurion, M
- 17 Sts. Cosmas and Damian, M
- 18 St. Luke the Evangelist

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER HOLY CROSS

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

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

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 24:45-51



"Who, then, is the faithful and prudent servant, whom the master has put in charge of his household to distribute to them their food at the proper time? Blessed is that servant whom his master on his arrival finds doing so. Amen, I say to you, he will put him in charge of all his property. But if that wicked servant says to himself, 'My master is long delayed,' and begins to beat his fellow servants, and eat and drink with drunkards, the servant's master will come on an unexpected day and at an unknown hour and will punish him severely and assign him a place with the hypocrites, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth."



Parable of the Wicked Servant by an Unknown German Master, active in the northern Germany in the 1560s. Gemäldegalerie, Berlin, via Wikimedia Commons.

This Gospel reminds us that true faith is shown not only in words but in daily faithfulness. We are called to serve with love, to stay vigilant, and to be prepared for our Lord's coming at any moment.

*This weekend we welcome our good friends
Father Francis Fador and Deacon Diorio to St. Maron.*

Father will pray the
ANAPHORA OF ST. SIXTUS
beginning on page 856

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 11 at 4:30 p.m.

For the repose of the soul of Dona Spino
Requested by Renee and Steven Marcus

For the repose of the soul of Rich Shaia (brother of
Lois Seymour)

Requested by Al & Beverly Michalowski

Sunday, October 12 at 10:00 a.m.

40 day memorial for Dona Spino
Requested by the Spino family

In loving memory of Dona Spino
Requested by St. Maron's Bingo Players

Saturday, October 18 at 4:30 p.m.

For the repose of the soul of Muriel R. Havel
(mother of Fr. Elias at the Maronite Monastery in
Petersham)

Requested by Deacon Steven Marcus

Sunday, October 19 at 10:00 a.m.

For the repose of the soul of Paul Samele, Jr.
5th anniversary memorial
Requested by the Samele family

For the repose of the soul of Nabil Noujaim
Requested by Steven and Marthe Hensen

Saturday, October 25 at 4:30 p.m.

Available

Sunday, October 26 at 10:00 a.m.

In loving memory of Richard Shaia on his birthday
in heaven
Requested by Lois (Shaia) Seymour and Larry
Seymour

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

Available

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

Available



There will be a coffee hour hosted by
the Bingo Players of St. Maron Church
in memory of Dona Spino
following the 10 a.m. Mass on Sunday, October 12.
Everyone is welcome and we hope to see you there!

WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS

If you cannot feed a hundred people, then feed just one.

-- St Teresa of Calcutta

CHURCH SUPPORT

Weekend of October 11/12

Saturday Offering

1st Collection **\$363.00**

Sunday Offering

1st Collection **\$1,136.00**

Mail In: **\$125.00**

Bingo: **\$897.50**

Thank You!

SECOND COLLECTION: OCTOBER 18/19
World Mission Sunday

THE SANCTUARY LAMP



The Sanctuary Lamp burns by the
Tabernacle continuously signifying
that the Blessed Sacrament - the
body of Christ - 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 October 12: In memory of Murial R.
Havel, requested by Deacon Steven Marcus***



The Annual Christmas Wreath and Decoration Sale
is back! Please support our local Boy Scouts in their
efforts to make Scouting affordable for everyone.
Items on sale include the Classic Christmas Wreath
(\$40), Door Swag (\$35) and Table Centerpieces (\$30).
These can be purchased following Masses from the
weekends of October 11/12 to November 1/2.

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. Please notice there are direct
delivery options if you would like items shipped
directly to you.

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The Scouts thank you for your support in making our
program possible!

EPISTLE

1 THESSALONIANS 5:1-11

Concerning times and seasons, brothers, you have no need for anything to be written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief at night. When people are saying, "Peace and security," then sudden disaster comes upon them, like labor pains upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you, brothers, are not in darkness, for that day to overtake you like a thief. For all of you are children of the light and children of the day. We are not of the night or of darkness. Therefore, let us not sleep as the rest do, but let us stay alert and sober. Those who sleep go to sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we are of the day, let us be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love and the helmet that is hope for salvation. For God did not destine us for wrath, but to gain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live together with him. Therefore, encourage one another and build one another up, as indeed you do.



MORE FROM ITALY!

Sub Deacon Mike and his wife Lisa traveled in Italy. Here is some more commentary on the churches they visited..



(top left) The tomb of St. Carlo Acutis in St. Mary Maggiore Church. St. Carlo was born in Milan and was very devoted to St. Francis. He died of Leukemia in 2006 at the age of 15, was beatified by Pope Francis in Assisi in 2020, and was canonized by Pope Leo last month.



(bottom left) Sub Deacon Mike and Lisa at the Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi. The Basilica is built on top of the old church. Both churches are still in use and St. Francis is entombed in the basement. The frescoes in the Basilica follow the life of St. Francis as written in a biography by St. Bonaventure. Assisi is home to less than 1000 full time residents and survives on tourism and weekend residents.



The Pastor's Corner

SHORT ARTICLES AND NOTES

My Dear Friends:

The Acts of the Apostles, chapter 8 shows how the Gospel begins to spread beyond Jerusalem after the persecution that followed Stephen's martyrdom. Philip preaches in Samaria and many believe and are baptized: "Thus Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed the Messiah to them" (8:5). Peter and John came to lay hands on the new believers, and they receive the Holy Spirit: "Now when the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent them Peter and John, who went down and prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Spirit" (8:14-15). We also hear of Simon the magician who tries to buy the power of the Spirit. He said: "Give me this power too, so that anyone upon whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit. But Peter said to him, may your money perish with you, because you thought that you could buy the gift of God with money" (8:19-20). Finally Philip is led by the Spirit to meet an Ethiopian official reading Isaiah; he explains the Scriptures, he announces Jesus, and he baptizes him. "Then he ordered the chariot to stop, and Philip and the eunuch both went down into the water, and he baptized him" (8:38).

This chapter highlights that the Gospel breaks barriers of culture, nation, and background, calling all to faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Thank you all for your many kind wishes during my recovery. You are all in my prayers and I hope that you will have a blessed week ahead.

Fr. Fadi

THE MINOR PROPHETS: HABAKKUK

The prophet Habakkuk lived around the end of the 7th century B.C., during a time of violence and injustice in Judah. Habakkuk speaks to God more than to the people, asking difficult questions: "How long, O Lord? I cry for help but you do not listen!" (1:2). God answers by assuring him that the wicked will not last, but "The just man, because of his faith, shall live" (2:4). In the end, Habakkuk proclaims trust and joy in God, saying: "Yet will I rejoice in the Lord, and exult in my saving God" (3:18).

His message reminds us to remain faithful and hopeful, even when life feels uncertain.

OUR PARISH PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER IS FOR SICK PRIESTS OF OUR EPARCHY:

Lord Jesus, Divine Physician, look with clemency on the sick priests of our Eparchy. Grant them healing in body, peace in soul, strength in their vocation, and rest in your loving care. Amen.



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