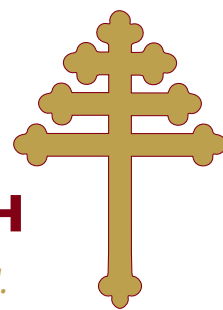




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A prayer to begin every day: *Good morning my good and my beloved Lord.*

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SAINTS FOR THIS WEEK

- 21 St. Quadratus, Bishop of Athens, M
- 22 St. Phocas and His Companions, M
- 23 Jonah the Prophet
St. Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)
- 24 St. Theda, the First Woman Martyr, V, M
- 25 St. Paphnutius the Confessor, C
- 26 St. John the Evangelist, Ap
- 27 St. Vincent de Paul, C.

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER HOLY CROSS

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20
Adoration 4:00 p.m.; Liturgy at 4:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21
Rosary at 9:30 a.m.; 10:00 a.m.

GOSPEL

MARK 10:35-45



Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." He replied, "What do you wish (me) to do for you?" They answered him, "Grant that in your glory we may sit one at your right and the other at your left." Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Can you drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" They said to him, "We can." Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink, you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right or at my left is not mine to give but is for those for whom it has been prepared." When the ten heard this, they became indignant at James and John. Jesus summoned them and said to them, "You know that those who are recognized as rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great



CHRIST TAKING LEAVE OF THE APOSTLES. Duccio di Buoninsegna 1308-11. Museo dell'Opera del Duomo, Siena. via Wikimedia Commons

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Jesus teaches his disciples that the true greatness comes not from power or status, but from serving others. How can I serve others this week with the same humility and love that Jesus teaches?

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

MASS INTENTIONS

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

For the repose of the soul of Azar Noujaim
Requested by his daughter, Mirelle Silano

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

For Major Kelly Newkirk Mittal, Lieutenant Colonel
Katie Newkirk Evans, Lieutenant Chris Soliani and
SOIC David Soliani
May God keep them safe as they protect our
country and world
Requested by Deacon Steven Marcus

Saturday, September 27 at 4:30 p.m.

For the repose of the soul of Father Naji Kiwan
Requested by Father Fadi, Deacon Steven
and Sub Deacon Mike

Sunday, September 28 at 10:00 a.m.

In gratitude for the generosity of those who
contributed to the endowment fund.

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

For the repose of the soul of Dona Spino
Requested by Thomas and Laurie Theroux

Sunday, October 5 at 10:00 a.m.

In memory of Mary & John Comporesi
Requested by Hayat & Jack Comporesi

For the rest and repose of the soul of Dona Spino
Requested by Helen Piechocki

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

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

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



Last Sunday we came together in love and remembrance to celebrate the beautiful life of Dona Spino – a woman whose kindness, generosity, and unwavering love touched everyone who knew her. The day was filled with heartfelt stories, cherished memories, and reflections on the joy she shared with all who knew her. Music, smiles and even a few tears accompanied the many stories and memories.

Dona's legacy of love, laughter, joy, compassion and warm hugs reminds all of us what it means to live fully and love deeply. That legacy is a gift that will continue to shine brightly in the hearts of her family, friends and church community. Thank you to everyone who joined us, whether in person or in spirit, to honor Dona's life. She will be greatly missed.

CHURCH SUPPORT

Weekend of September 13/14

Saturday Offering

1st Collection **\$241.00**

2nd Collection **\$36.00**

Sunday Offering

1st Collection **\$661.00**

2nd Collection **\$92.00**

Mail In: **\$420.00**

Bingo: **\$1004.00**

Thank You!

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 September 22: In memory of Egidio Recidivi and our anniversary, from Janet Recidivi

MOTHER TERESA ON SERVICE

"Some time ago a man came to our house and he said, 'Mother, there is a family, a Hindu family, that has eight children. They have not eaten for a long time. Do something for them.' So I took some rice and I went. When I arrived at their house I could see the hunger in the children's eyes... I gave the rice to the mother, and she took the rice. She divided it into two, and then she went out. When she came back, I asked her, 'Where did you go?' She said, 'They are hungry also.' Next door neighbor, they were also hungry. What struck me most, not that she gave the rice but she knew they were hungry. And because she knew, she shared. And this is what we have to come to know.... Love, to be true, has to hurt and this woman who was hungry – she knew that her neighbor was also hungry, and that family happened to be a Muslim family. So it was touching, so real." (Mother Theresa, *Where there is Love, there is God*, p. 337)

EPISTLE

2 TIMOTHY 2:1-10

So you, my child, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And what you heard from me through many witnesses entrust to faithful people who will have the ability to teach others as well. Bear your share of hardship along with me like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. To satisfy the one who recruited him, a soldier does not become entangled in the business affairs of life. Similarly, an athlete cannot receive the winner's crown except by competing according to the rules. The hardworking farmer ought to have the first share of the crop. Reflect on what I am saying, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything. Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David: such is my gospel, for which I am suffering, even to the point of chains, like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore, I bear with everything for the sake of those who are chosen, so that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, together with eternal glory.

GOSPEL

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ones make their authority over them felt. But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many."

MARONITE SERVANTS OF CHRIST THE LIGHT



We are very lucky to have the Maronite Servants of Christ the Light in our Eparchy. The Sisters will be with us here at Saint Maron on December 8 for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.

To support their mission, on October 4 the Sisters are having a Benefit Dinner at Saint Anthony of the Desert Church Hall, 300 N. Eastern Ave., Fall River, MA. Bishop Gregory will be the special guest. The evening will feature a gourmet dinner, cash bar, entertainment, children's activities room, silent auction, wine pull and 50-50. The cost of a ticket is \$75.00 with children under 12 costing \$35.00.

For more information on this fun night, either visit their website Maroniteservants.org or call 508-99-1753.



The Pastor's Corner

SHORT ARTICLES AND NOTES

My Dear Friends:

In the Acts of the Apostles, chapter 5, we see both the power of the Holy Spirit and the seriousness of living in truth. The apostles, filled with the Holy Spirit healed many and preached boldly: "Thus they even carried the sick out into the streets and laid them on cots and mats so that when Peter came by, at least his shadow might fall on one or another of them" (5:15). Moreover, the story of Ananias and Sapphira reminds us that deceit and hypocrisy have no place in God's Church. In addition, the apostles, in the face of suffering, rejoiced to bear witness to Jesus Christ: "So they left the presence of the Sanhedrin, rejoicing that they had been found worthy to suffer dishonor for the sake of the name" (5:41).

This chapter calls us to live honestly, fearlessly, and in full trust of God's Spirit.

Am I living in integrity before God and others, and do I trust the Holy Spirit to guide and strengthen me each day?

Fr. Fadi

THE MINOR PROPHETS: JONAH

The prophet Jonah teaches us about God's mercy and our need for conversion. When Jonah tried to flee from God's call, he was swallowed by a great fish, where he prayed: "When my soul fainted within me, I remembered the Lord; My prayer reached you in your holy temple." (Jonah 2:8). God saved Jonah and sent him again to preach to Nineveh, and the people repented.

His story reminds us that God never abandon us, but always calls us back to His mercy.

When have I tried to run from God's call, and how can I open my heart to His mercy today?

OUR PARISH PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER IS A PRAYER FOR THE SICK:

Merciful Lord, bring healing to the sick, comfort to those who suffer, and strength to those who care for them. May Your peace fill their hearts, and Your love be their light in every trial. Amen.

WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS

For I trust, in whatever manner I die, that I shall not be deprived of the mercy of my God.

-- St Gertrude



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