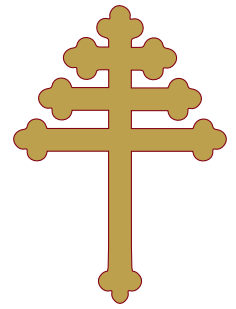




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A prayer to begin every day: *Good morning my good and my beloved Lord.*

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SAINTS FOR THIS WEEK

- 20 St. Eustatius and His Wife and Children, M
- 21 St. Quadratus, Bishop of Athens, M
- 22 St. Phocas and His Companions, M
- 23 Jonah the Prophet
St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)
- 24 St. Thecla, the First Woman Martyr, V, M
- 25 St. Paphnutius the Confessor, C
- 26 St. John the Evangelist, Ap

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER HOLY CROSS [PAGE 606 IN THE BOOK OF OFFERING]

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2026
Adoration 4:00 p.m.; Liturgy at 4:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2026
Rosary at 8:30 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 ones make their authority over them felt. But it shall



JAMES AND JOHN
Church of the Assumption, Bad
Königshofen im Grabfeld, Germany
via Wikimedia Commons

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James and John wanted to be important, but Jesus shows them that the greatest person is not the one who sits in the highest place. The greatest is the one who serves with love. Jesus teaches us to replace ambition with humility. Do not ask, How important am I? Ask, How can I serve others? Amen.

Father will pray the
ANAPHORA OF SAINT MARK
beginning on page 835

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 19 at 4:30 p.m..

For the repose of the soul of Egidio Recidivi
Requested by his wife, Janet

Sunday, September 20 at 10:00 a.m.

Available

Saturday, September 26 at 4:30 p.m..

For the repose of the soul of Albert Joseph Ryder
Requested by the Parish Community of St. Maron

Sunday, September 27 at 10:00 a.m.

In Memory of George and Vera Balakgie
Requested by their children

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

For the Community Education and Outreach team
of the Susan B. Anthony Project as they serve and
support those in need

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

Available

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH

MARONITE FAITH FORMATION SERIES – FALL 2026

The Season of the Glorious Cross with Chorbishop Seely Beggiani

September 10, 17, 24; 8:00 p.m. via Zoom

The series consists of three Presentations: 1. Stages of Faith, 2. Transformation
in the Spirit, 3. Maturity in Christ

For more information or to register, contact the Saint Sharbel Center

Website: saintsharbelcenter.org

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ESSENTIALS: THE WAY OF GOD (Eparchial MYO Retreat)

Our MYO youth are invited to rediscover the foundations of our faith: who God
is, who we are called to be, and what it means to truly walk in His way. Through
prayer, talks, small groups, fellowship, activities, and time together, we'll get
back to the things that keep us grounded in Christ.

WHEN: Columbus Day Weekend | Saturday, October 10 – Monday, October 12

WHERE: Camp Pontiac | Copake, NY

WHO: Open to all youth in Grades 7–12 from the New England and Mid-
Atlantic East & West Regions

How Much: \$265/per person

WHERE TO REGISTER: www.myoeparchystmaron.org

Registration closes September 28

ROSARY

Beginning in October, Fr. Fadi will pray the Rosary before our shrine of the
Blessed Virgin Mary on the first Saturday of every month after Mass. Please
join him in prayer.

CATECHISM CLASS

Starting the first Monday in October, Father will be offering a catechism class
in the rectory from 6 to 7 PM. The class is for young people ages 10 through
15 and designed to help them learn more about our beautiful Maronite faith.
Classes will run monthly throughout the academic year. All are welcome.

CHURCH SUPPORT

Weekend of September 12/13

Saturday Offering

1st Collection **\$899.00**

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Sunday Offering

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2nd Collection **\$80.00**

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Thank You!

UPCOMING ST. MARON PARISH EVENTS!

St. Maron Church Cookbook



The deadline for submission is
September 30, 2026. Please feel free
to send in multiple recipes! Recipes
of all types from all heritages are
welcome!

Please email your recipes to Helen Piechocki at
helenpiechocki@gmail.com

You may also mail them to: St. Maron Church, Attn:
Helen/Recipes, 613 Main Street, Torrington, CT 06790

Parish Breakfast

Sunday, October 11 9:00 a.m. - Noon

ADULTS: \$15 • 12 AND UNDER: \$10 • UNDER 6: Free!



WE WOULD LOVE YOUR HELP!

We need volunteers to help
make the breakfast a success. If
you are able to, please add

your name to the volunteer sign-up sheet at the back
of the church.

We are also gratefully accepting donated baked
goods for the breakfast. A sign-up sheet in the back of
the church is available with a list of needed items.

Every helping hand is greatly appreciated! Thank you!

ST. MARON HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR ON NOVEMBER 28

There are a few tables left. If you are an
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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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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."

On Sunday, we welcomed father and son Tai and Jamison Maher as new members of St. Maron. They were baptized and confirmed in a beautiful celebration. May God continue to shine his love, blessings upon this beautiful family.

Left to right: Tai Maher, Alexandra Maher holding Jameson Maher and Fr. Fadi



OUR PARISH PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER IS FOR *Doctors*

My Beloved Lord Jesus Christ,
bless all doctors and guide their hands.
Give them wisdom, strength, and compassion
to care for the sick and bring them healing and hope.
Amen.



The Pastor's Corner

SHORT ARTICLES AND NOTES

My Dear Friends:

Why not?

I invite everyone to join me as we reflect together on these two questions.

1- Why not learn one new idea today?

2- Why not read one verse of the Gospel today?

On October 4 at the 10 a.m. Mass, Saint Maron Church will welcome the Community Education and Outreach team of the Susan B. Anthony Project. They will share with us their important work in our community and it will be a wonderful opportunity for us to learn, connect, and discover how we can work together to support and serve those in need. We are honored to have them visit.

As we enter into the autumn season, have a blessed week ahead.

Fr. Fadi

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WISDOM FROM THIS WEEK'S SAINTS

Pray, hope, and don't worry. Worry is useless. God is merciful and will hear your prayer.

St. Padre Pio, Feast Day September 23



Without goodness, knowledge is not good.

St. Paphnutius the Confessor
Feast Day September 25



PLEASE JOIN US IN HONORING OUR VETERANS AT MASS ON NOVEMBER 7 AND 8

We would like to publish a Veterans Honor Roll for the bulletin. Please submit your Veteran names and service branch, if available, to be included in the Honor Roll. Names can be submitted via email, the weekly collection basket, or by mailing to the church office. If you would also like to contribute to a recognition tribute wreath, it would be greatly appreciated.

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