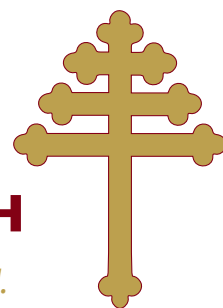




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A prayer to begin every day: *Good morning my good and my beloved Lord.*

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SAINTS FOR THIS WEEK

- 19 St. Aaron of Antioch, M
Sts. John de Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues,
and Companions
- 20 St. Shallita (Artemius), M
- 21 St. Hilarion of Tabatha, C
- 22 Pope St. John Paul II, C
- 23 St. Ignatius, Patriarch of Constantinople
- 24 St. Arethas and His Companions, M
- 25 St. Chrysanthus and His Wife Daria, M

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER HOLY CROSS

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

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

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 25:1-13



"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones, when taking their lamps, brought no oil with them, but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps. Since the bridegroom was long delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep. At midnight, there was a cry, 'Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!' Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise ones replied, 'No, for there may not be enough for us and you. Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves.' While they went off to buy it, the



The Wise and Foolish Virgin. Jan Adam Kruseman, 1848. Jan Cunen Museum, Oss, The Netherlands. via Wikimedia Commons.

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Am I keeping my heart ready for Christ's coming each day, cultivating my faith, love, and vigilance through prayer and action?

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

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Saturday, November 8 at 4:30 p.m.

Available

Sunday, November 9 at 10:00 a.m.

In memory of Zakeeya & Michel Noujaim
Requested by Hayat & Jack Comporesi
and Toni & Richard Noujaim

Saturday, November 15 at 4:30 p.m.

Available

Sunday, November 16 at 10:00 a.m.

Available

Saturday, November 22 at 4:30 p.m.

Available

Sunday, November 23 at 10:00 a.m.

Available

Saturday, November 29 at 4:30 p.m.

Available

Sunday, November 30 at 10:00 a.m.

Available

WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS

*The best way to prepare for death is to spend every day of
life as though it were the last. -- St Philip Neri*

CHURCH SUPPORT

Weekend of October 11/12

Saturday Offering

1st Collection **\$293.00**

Sunday Offering

1st Collection **\$699.00**

Mail In: **\$150.00**

Bingo: **\$766.50**

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 19
In Memory of Paul F. Samele, Jr.



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.

<https://sherwoodfundraiser.com/Troop3torrington>

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

EPISTLE

PHILIPPIANS 2:12-18

So then, my beloved, obedient as you have always been, not only when I am present but all the more now when I am absent, work out your salvation with fear and trembling. For God is the one who, for his good purpose, works in you both to desire and to work. Do everything without grumbling or questioning, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine like lights in the world, as you hold on to the word of life, so that my boast for the day of Christ may be that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. But, even if I am poured out as a libation upon the sacrificial service of your faith, I rejoice and share my joy with all of you. In the same way you also should rejoice and share your joy with me.



GOSPEL

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bridegroom came and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him. Then the door was locked. Afterwards the other virgins came and said, 'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!' But he said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.' Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF PAUL F. SAMELE, JR. AUGUST 17, 1963 - OCTOBER 20, 2020



As we remember the fifth anniversary of Paul F. Samele, Jr. we thank God for his life and the difference he made in Torrington. We offer our love, support and prayers to the Samele family and all who loved this good man. God bless you all.

Save the Date!

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2026

Our St. Maron Feast Day Celebration!

Divine Liturgy at 4:30,

followed by a Lebanese Dinner, Music, Drinks
in the parish hall. \$35/PP



The Pastor's Corner

SHORT ARTICLES AND NOTES

My Dear Friends:

In the Acts of the Apostles, Chapter 9, we hear the dramatic story of Saul's conversion on the road to Damascus. Saul, who once persecuted the Church, was struck by a light from heaven and heard the voice of Jesus: "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" (Acts 9:4). This encounter blinded him, but through the prayers and courage of Ananias, Saul regained his sight, was baptized, and became the apostle Paul.

This chapter reminds us that no life is beyond God's reach. The same Jesus who transformed Saul can also turn our weakness, blindness, and even sin into a new mission for His Church.

Where in my life do I need to let Jesus Christ open my eyes and lead me to a new beginning, as He did with Saul? How can I open my heart to let God dwell within me, rejoice over me, and transform my life as He did with Saul?

I pray that you will have a blessed week ahead.

Fr. Fadi

THE MINOR PROPHETS: ZEPHANIAH

The prophet Zephaniah spoke in a time of corruption and exile, warning of judgment but also announcing a tender promise. At the heart of its message is this verse: "The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior; He will rejoice over you with gladness, and renew you in his love, He will sing joyfully because of you" (3:17).

In the Hebrew text, God is pictured as a warrior who rescues His people, yet also as a Father and a Bridegroom who sings with joy over them. In the Syriac tradition, the verse becomes even more intimate: "The Lord your God is within you, the mighty giver of life." God does not only stand among His people, He dwells inside the heart of everyone, rejoicing in silence and in song.

This verse reminds us that God delights in us. Sometimes He calms our fears with the silence of His love. And sometimes He lifts us with the joy of His song.

How can I let God dwell within me this blessed week, so that His love brings me peace and His joy becomes my strength?

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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