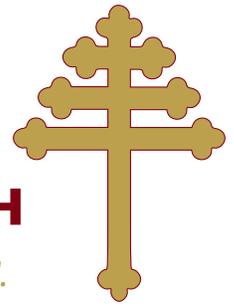




Welcome to
**SAINT MARON
 MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH**



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

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SAINTS FOR THIS WEEK

- 29 St. Cyril of Baalbek, M
- 30 St. John Climacus, C
- 31 Pope St. Lucius I (+254), M
- 1 St. Mary of Egypt, C
- 2 St. Aphian and His Brother St. Aedesius, M
- 3 Isaiah and Ezekiel the Prophets
- 4 Pope St. Anicetus (+166), M

HOSANNA SUNDAY

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SATURDAY, MARCH 28

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 29

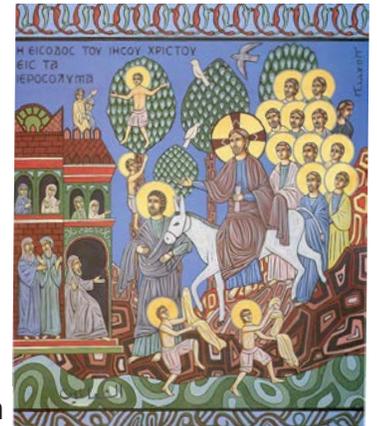
Rosary at 9:30 a.m.; 10:00a.m.

GOSPEL

JOHN 12:12-22



On the next day, when the great crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, they took palm branches and went out to meet him, and cried out: "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, (even) the king of Israel." Jesus found an ass and sat upon it, as is written: "Fear no more, O daughter Zion; see, your king comes, seated upon an ass's colt." His disciples did not understand this at first, but when Jesus had been glorified they remembered that these things were written about him and that they had done this for him. So the crowd that was with him when he called Lazarus from the tomb and raised him from death continued to testify. This was (also) why the crowd went to meet him, because they heard that he had done this sign. So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the whole world has gone after him." Now there were some Greeks among those who had come up to worship at the feast. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we would like to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus.



HOSANNA SUNDAY
The Maronite Icons: Modern Sacred Art.
 Dar Sader Publishers: Beirut 1999.
 Via Maronite Heritage.com/icons

On this blessed Palm Sunday, we welcome Jesus as king in our lives with joy and faith. And we commit ourselves to remain faithful to Him even in suffering and the Cross.

Father will pray the
THE ANAPHORA OF SAINT SIXTUS
 beginning on page 856

MASS INTENTIONS

- **Saturday, March 28 at 4:30 p.m.**
• For the intentions of the Parishioners of St. Maron's
- **Hosanna Sunday**
• **Sunday, March 29 at 10:00 a.m.**
• For the intentions of the Parishioners of St. Maron's
- **Great Saturday of the Light**
• **Saturday, April 4 at 4:30 p.m.**
• For the intentions of the Parishioners of St. Maron's
- **Easter Sunday**
• **Sunday, April 5 at 10:00 a.m.**
• For the intentions of the Parishioners of St. Maron's
- **Saturday, April 11 at 4:30 p.m.**
• For the repose of the souls of Tania & Maurice Barakat
• Requested by Ninette Barakat
- **Sunday, April 12 at 10:00 a.m.**
• For the repose of the souls of G. Hartley and Violet Curtis
• Requested by Jane and Sam Slaiby

CHURCH SUPPORT

Weekend of March 21/22

- Saturday Offering
 - 1st Collection **\$303.00**
 - 2nd Collection **\$272.00**
- Sunday Offering
 - 1st Collection **\$581.00**
 - 2nd Collection **\$ 50.00**

Mail in: **\$860.00**

Bingo: **\$652.00**

Thank You!

The second collection during Lent is for the Eparchial Charities Appeal.

AN INVITATION FROM FATHER FADI

I will celebrate Mass for the elderly
at Litchfield Woods on April 4 at 10:30 a. m.

I will celebrate Mass for the elderly
at Wolcott Hall on April 10 at 11:00 a. m.

Anyone who would like to join me and share a
sweet and grace-filled time is most welcome.

PASSION WEEK SCHEDULE

There are many beautiful liturgies during Passion Week. They only happen once a year - don't miss this chance to experience the re-telling of Jesus' great love for us all and his triumph over death. Come join us!

Sunday, March 29 - Hosanna Sunday
10:00 a.m. Procession with Palms

Wednesday, April 1 - Rite of the Lamp
7:00 p.m. Blessing the oil & anointing for the healing of body & soul

Thursday, April 2 - Thursday of the Mysteries
7:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Washing of the feet,
followed by Exposition of the Holy Eucharist

Friday, April 3 - Great Friday of the Crucifixion
11:00 a.m. - Signing of the Chalice Liturgy
7:00 p.m. - Adoration of the Cross/Burial of the Lord

Saturday, April 4 - Great Saturday of the Light
4:30 p.m. - Liturgy of the Glorious Resurrection

Sunday, April 5 - The Glorious Resurrection
10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy



Congratulations on the baptism and confirmation of Thomas Simon Ignatius Casaccio which was celebrated on Saturday at Saint Maron's

The parents of baby Thomas are Dr. Chris Casaccio and Dr. Kerry Simon; proud grandparents are Tommy and Eileen Simon. Godparents are Sam Casaccio and Jennifer Gorman. May God richly bless baby Thomas and his family.



SPRING RAFFLE \$17,500 IN PRIZES

First prize - \$10,000 Second prize - \$3,000
Third prize - \$ 2,000 Fourth prize - \$1,500
Fifth prize - \$1,000

Tickets \$100
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Drawing April 12
(winner need not be present)

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EPISTLE

Philippians 1:1-13

Paul and Timothy, slaves of Christ Jesus, to all the holy ones in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the overseers and ministers: grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God at every remembrance of you, praying always with joy in my every prayer for all of you, because of your partnership for the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus. It is right that I should think this way about all of you, because I hold you in my heart, you who are all partners with me in grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value, so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God. I want you to know, brothers, that my situation has turned out rather to advance the gospel, so that my imprisonment has become well known in Christ throughout the whole praetorium and to all the rest. Praise be to God always.



The Pastor's Corner

SHORT ARTICLES AND NOTES

My Dear Friends:

Revelations chapter 4: This book presents a powerful vision of heaven where a throne stands at the center, and God is seated in glory, surrounded by radiant light, elders, and four living creatures. All creation continually worships Him, singing "Holy, Holy, Holy", acknowledging His eternal power and majesty.

This chapter reminds us that, above all earthly struggles, God reigns in heaven, worthy of all praise, and invites us to join in a life of worship and trust in His divine authority.

During this coming week, we will walk with Jesus to the cross. We have beautiful liturgies at St. Maron's marking the steps in His journey. I hope that you will take some time this week to join us.

I wish you a blessed and holy Passion Week.

Fr. Fadi

THE OLD TESTAMENT: 1 CHRONICLES

The book of 1 Chronicles retells the history of God's people with a special focus on King David and the importance of worship. It begins with genealogies showing God's faithfulness across generations. Then, it highlights David's role in uniting Israel, bringing the Ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem, and preparing for the building of the Temple.

The book emphasizes that true leadership comes from faithfulness to God, and that worship, prayer, and obedience are at the heart of a strong and blessed community.

OUR PARISH PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH IS PLANTING THE WORD OF OUR BELOVED LORD IN THE HEARTS OF OUR TEENAGERS

Heavenly Father, we entrust our teenagers to Your loving care. May Your word dwell in their hearts as You commanded in the book of Deuteronomy (6:6-7). Help us, as parents and teachers, to guide them gently in Your instruction. Fill them with wisdom, faith, and true love. Strengthen them to follow You all the days of their lives.

Amen

WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS

He did not say: you will not be troubled – you will not be tempted – you will not be distressed. But he did say: you will not be overcome. -- St. Julian of Norwich



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Lunch & Learn

LEBANESE HERITAGE POTLUCK

St. Maron Church – 613 Main St., Torrington
Sunday, April 19 11 am (following 10 am Liturgy)

Featuring

Carla Angevine, MPH, MS, RDN and Stephanie Fowler, MD

- Discover how Mediterranean meal planning can support your family's health and wellness!
- Explore practical nutritional tips inspired by Lebanese and Mediterranean traditions.
- Sample homemade Lebanese dishes prepared by fellow parishioners.

All are welcome!

If you would like to share a simple, healthy dish, please call Ninette Barakat at (860) 782-7866.



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Mondays
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