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**Sunday of the Priests, January 24, 2021**

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**Thursday, January 28, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.**

End to abortion & a respect for life (conception to natural death)

**Saturday, January 30, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.**

Massoud Achkar

**Sunday, January 31, 2021**

**Sunday, February 7, 2021**

**Tuesday, February 9, 2021 (Feast of Saint Maron) at 7:30 p.m.**

**Sunday, February 14, 2021**

**Monday, February 15 (Ash Monday) at 7:30 p.m.**

**Reconciliation (Confession)** is available every Sunday between 10:15 and 10:45 a.m. before the Divine Liturgy.

The **last Sunday of every month**, a Holy Hour of Adoration will take place after the 11:00 a.m. Liturgy.

### **Scripture Readings**

**Sunday, January 31, 2021, Sunday of the Righteous and the Just**

Heb 12: 18-24; Mt 25:31-46

**Sunday, February 7, 2021, Sunday of the Faithful Departed**

1 Thes 5:1-11; LK 16:19-31

### **Let us Pray the Rosary**

Please join fellow parishioners as we pray the Holy Rosary every **Sunday at 10:15 a.m.** in preparation for the Divine Liturgy and in honor of our Blessed Mother, Mary.

### **Second Collection**

**On Sunday, January 24, 2021**, a second collection will be taken for the Catholic Bishops' Worldwide Charities (this collection combines the four USCCB collections: Central & Eastern Europe, the Church in Latin America, Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and Operation Rice Bowl which is a part of CRS). The total is divided evenly. All funds collected will be forwarded to the Chancery for transfer to the USCCB.

### **Thank you for your generosity**

Summary of the Collection for **Sunday, January 17, 2021**

Regular Sunday Collection \$1009

Pledges \$1250

Memorial Contribution \$ 200

Thank you for your generosity and may God bless you all.

### **End of the Year Statements**

End of the year contribution statements were mailed this week. If you do not receive yours or if you find an error in your statement, please let the Pastor know ASAP. We thank you for your generosity and support.

### **Mark Your Calendar**

#### **Holy Day of Obligation**

**Tuesday, February 9, 2021, Feast of St. Maron**, Patron and Founder of the Maronite Church, is a Holy Day of Obligation. Liturgy will be **at 7:30 p.m.** A Holy Day of Obligation means that a Catholic person who has reached the age of reason is obligated under the penalty of mortal sin to participate in the divine liturgy on that day.



### **Prayer for Fostering Vocations to the Priesthood**

Blessed be God, the Father, who chose shepherds after his own heart;

Blessed be the Beloved Son, who entrusted the service of his Mysteries to them;

Blessed be the Holy Life Giving Spirit, who sanctifies their offerings.

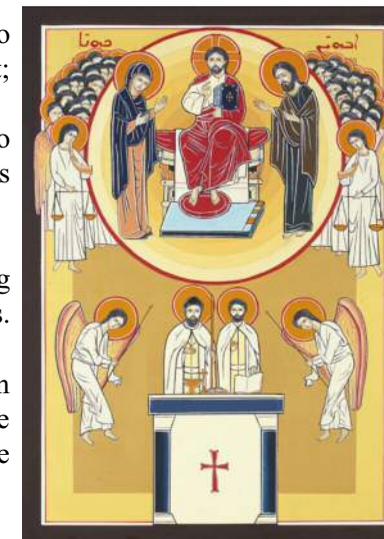
O Heavenly Father, we pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life for the service of your holy people.

We ask You to send laborers into your vineyard. Your faithfulness is unconditional and you accompany your church and invite us to cooperate in your plan of salvation.

May we contribute to creating and preserving conditions in which the good seed, sown by your Holy Spirit, can take root and bring forth abundant fruit in us.

We petition you, O Christ Our Lord, to enlighten the paths of those considering a call to priesthood and religious life and bring them close to you, so that their calling may become a pure sacrifice for the glory of God.

To you be glory, and upon us your mercy, now and forever. Amen.



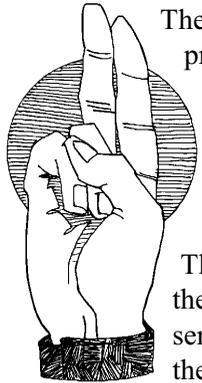
### **Food For Thought**

Each one of us Christians is a branch of the one vine which is Jesus; and all of us together are called to bear the fruits of this common membership in Christ.

*Pope Francis, January 21, 2021*

This Sunday, the Maronite Church begins a series of three Sundays dedicated to prayer for the dead. This first Sunday is set aside as a commemoration of all the deceased priests of the Church.

Christ has established the priesthood for His Church and entrusted it with great responsibilities. The priest is given the task of caring for the spiritual needs of the people of his parish. The bishop, however, is responsible for not only all the people of the diocese, but also for his priests and other ministers.



The more the Lord gives to the Church, the more He asks from it. The gift of the priesthood calls the people of God, the Church, to pray for those who were entrusted with the divine mysteries and carried on the salvific work of Christ. The bishops and priests are called to be the salt of the earth and the light and presence of Christ among us. All these responsibilities have been given to men who possess human weakness and frailty.

The gospel for the Eucharist today speaks of the “faithful servant” which is, of course, the role of the priests and bishops. They are to be like the wise virgins always ready to serve the Lord, and like the faithful servant, eager to multiply the talents God has given them.

Because the priests and bishops have been given so much responsibility over the Church of God, they must know, not only God’s will, but must also constantly strive to be examples of fidelity and prudent action. The Church’s ministers must always seek to be strong in virtue, persevering in willingness and humble and constant in action. If not, they may delay the Master’s coming.

Because of the dangers and temptations that assail the bishops and priests, we must pray for them. This is our Christian duty and it arises out of our gratitude for the service they have rendered God in His Church. We pray that all God’s priests and bishops may enter into the house of the Lord and reap the rewards of the faithful servant. May the Lord entrust them with even greater things!

*(Maronite Divine Office)*

### **No one is born a priest**

It takes:

families who talk about vocations,

Parishes that pray, encourage and promote vocations to religious life

priests who with their compassion and life show Christ’s love

Let us pray for vocations to priesthood and religious life so that when a priest dies there will be another one to take his place.

**SPRING FORMATION 2021**

# GREAT LENT

Learn more about the Maronite Faith and Traditions.

## VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS

- **FEB. 25: GREAT LENT: FASTING, PRAYER, & ALMSGIVING**  
FR. RUDY WAKIM
- **MAR. 4: OVERVIEW OF THE MARONITE LITURGICAL YEAR**  
FR. NAJI KIWAN
- **MAR. 11: MARONITE RITUALS FOR GREAT LENT**  
MSGR. JIM ROOT
- **MAR. 18: SYRIAC THEMES IN PASSION WEEK**  
FR. AARON SANDBOTHE
- **MAR. 25: MARY IN OUR MARONITE TRADITION**  
FR. KEVIN BEATON

Via Zoom on Thursdays 8:00-9:15PM  
[Register Here](#)

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