

An Introduction to Fr. Nicolas

Fr. Nicolas El-Kada, has been married to his wife Carole for 24 years. Together, they have three daughters: Benedetta (21), Angela (18), and Melissa (13)

Fr. Nicolas holds a B.A. and Licentiate in Theology from the University of the Holy Spirit in Lebanon. He later completed an M.A. in Psychotherapy and Spirituality at Saint Paul University in Ottawa, along with a Diploma in Leadership and Management from both the Telfer School of Management (University of Ottawa) and the Rotman School of Management (University of Toronto).

He currently serves as the Professional Coordinator for Spiritual Care Services at The Ottawa Hospital, a professor of psychotherapy and spirituality, and a Registered Psychotherapist specializing in PTSD, trauma, depression, and dissociation. He also serves as Vice Chair of the Inquiries, Complaints, and Reports Committee at the College of Registered Psychotherapists of Ontario.

In 2016, Fr. Nicolas became the first married Maronite priest ordained in Canada. He serves the Maronite parish of St. Charbel in Ottawa and Notre-Dame-du-Très-Saint-Rosaire in Gatineau. Within the Maronite Eparchy of Canada, he is a member of the Presbyteral Council, Director of the Office of Ministries and Vocations, Academic Director of the Institute of Theology and Christian Studies (IMTEC), and Chair of the Victim Support Committee.

Fr. Nicolas and his family have been coming to Naples since 2012, where their condo feels like a second home. They enjoy the sunshine and feel truly blessed to be part of the warm and welcoming community in our parish.

A Note from Deacon Steve

On behalf of Bishop Gregory and our entire Naples family, we want to take this opportunity to thank you Father Nicolas for all that you have done for us over the years in Naples. You are a joy to be with and we are most grateful for your love support and continued prayers. Thank you for taking time away from your family, your Parish and your commitments in Canada to be with us for the past month in Naples. We hope that your travels to Lebanon are safe and enjoyable. We look forward to seeing you again in Naples with your beautiful family again soon. From the bottom of our hearts thank you again and again, Abounna.



Welcome to **NAPLES** **MARONITE COMMUNITY**

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MARONITE DIVINE LITURGY

SUNDAY, 9:15 A.M.

St. Agnes Chapel
7775 Vanderbilt Beach Road
Naples, Florida

WEDNESDAY, 12:00 NOON

Saint Peter the Apostle Catholic Church
5130 Rattlesnake Hammock Road
Naples, Florida

JUNE 22, 2025
THIRD WEEK OF PENTECOST
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THE LITURGY THIS WEEK IS OFFERED
for Peace in the Middle East

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LAST SUNDAY'S NUMBERS
Attendance: 46
Collection: \$646.00

*When you are out of town, you can still
donate to the collection by using this link.*
<https://naplesmaronite.org/donate>

We are grateful for all your generous financial
support. The bank has requested that all
checks must be made out to
Heart of Jesus Naples Maronite Mission

EPISTLE

1 CORINTHIANS 2:1-10

When I came to you, brothers, proclaiming the mystery of God, I did not come with sublimity of words or of wisdom. For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. I came to you in weakness and fear and much trembling, and my message and my proclamation were not with persuasive (words of) wisdom, but with a demonstration of spirit and power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. Yet we do speak a wisdom to those who are mature, but not a wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age who are passing away. Rather, we speak God's wisdom, mysterious, hidden, which God predetermined before the ages for our glory, and which none of the rulers of this age knew; for if they had known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But as it is written: "What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love him," this God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit scrutinizes everything, even the depths of God.



Fr. Nicolas blessed all the fathers present at Liturgy and prayed for all of our fathers both living and deceased. God bless you all

GOSPEL

John 14:21-27



Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me. And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him." Judas, not the Iscariot, said to him, "Master, (then) what happened that you will reveal yourself to us and not to the world?" Jesus answered

and said to him, "Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; yet the word you hear is not mine but that of the Father who sent me. "I have told you this while I am with you. The Advocate, the holy Spirit that the Father will send in my name--he will teach you everything and remind you of all that (I) told you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.



DETAIL FROM THE TRINITY DOME IN THE BASILICA OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION IN WASHINGTON DC.
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**The Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is Friday, June 27.
Here is a Novena of Confidence to the Sacred Heart**

O Lord, Jesus Christ, to your Most Sacred Heart I confide this intention... (*mention your request here.*)

Sacred Heart of Jesus, I have asked you for many favors, but I plead for this one. Take it, place it in your open broken Heart, and when the Eternal Father sees it covered with the mantle of your Most Precious Blood, he cannot refuse it, for then it is your prayer, not mine.

O Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place my trust in you. (Three times)