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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

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The liturgy this week is offered for

**IN THANKSGIVING FOR
THE UNITED STATES
HAPPY 250TH BIRTHDAY**

MARONITE DIVINE LITURGY

SUNDAY, 9:30 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

CONFESSION

Please see the priest before
Divine Liturgy or by appointment

MASS REQUESTS

To request a Mass for someone
or some special intention,
please email your request to
Father@NaplesMaronite.org

EPISTLE

2 CORINTHIANS 3:1-6

Are we beginning to commend ourselves again? Or do we need, as some do, letters of recommendation to you or from you? You are our letter, written on our hearts, known and read by all, shown to be a letter of Christ administered by us, written not in ink but by the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets that are hearts of flesh. Such confidence we have through Christ toward God. Not that of ourselves we are qualified to take credit for anything as coming from us; rather, our qualification comes from God, who has indeed qualified us as ministers of a new covenant, not of letter but of spirit; for the letter brings death, but the Spirit gives life.



Thank you, Father Paul.
 God bless your service
 to our community.



*We will
 miss you!*

GOSPEL

LUKE 10:1-7



After this the Lord appointed seventy (-two) others whom he sent ahead of him in pairs to every town and place he intended to visit. He said to them, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest. Go on your way; behold, I am sending you like lambs among wolves. Carry no money bag, no sack, no



JAMES TISSOT. THE PRIMACY OF SAINT PETER. HE SENT THEM OUT TWO BY TWO (IL LES ENVOYA DEUX À DEUX), 1886-1894. by James Tissot. THE Brooklyn Museum.

sandals; and greet no one along the way. Into whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this household.' If a peaceful person lives there, your peace will rest on him; but if not, it will return to you. Stay in the same house and eat and drink what is offered to you, for the laborer deserves his payment. Do not move about from one house to another.



LAST SUNDAY'S NUMBERS

Attendance: 25
 Collection: \$221.00

*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
 Naples Maronite Catholic Community, Inc.

SAINTS FOR THIS WEEK

- 5 St. Macarius of the Cross, C
- 6 St. Maria Goretti, V, M
- 7 St. Thomas the Hermit, C
- 8 St. Procopius, M
- 9 St. Pancras, M
- 10 The Three Massabki Brothers, M
- 11 St. Benedict, Abbot, C

TREASURER'S REPORT: JUNE 2026 CASH FLOW

Income \$3,847 [includes \$673 online]
 Supplies (\$2,988) [\$2,000 for special travel]
 Net \$859 .00

**A 250th Anniversary
 Prayer for Our Nation**

Father in Heaven,
 You chose Mary
 to be the mother of your Son and
 gave her to us to be our mother also.

As we celebrate
 the 250th anniversary of
 independence of the United States,
 we ask Mary to
 protect and guide our country.
 May we, under her protection,
 be united with You
 and with one another.

Strengthened by the gift
 of the Holy Spirit,
 help us to have a stronger faith,
 be filled with hope,
 and live in charity with all
 of our brothers and sisters.
 Through Christ our Lord.
 Amen

Prayer from the Arlington VA Catholic Diocese
 Photo by Fr. Lawrence Lew, OP via Flickr
 Stained glass window in St Peter's Catholic Church, Montgomery, AL.



WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS

*The governor can take my money, but my
 faith nobody can take away from me. We
 are not afraid of those who kill the body.
 We are Christians and in the religion of
 Christ we shall die."*

Francis Massabki,
 the eldest brother



*You may destroy our lives but you cannot
 destroy our faith in Christ and our souls;
 we are Christians.*

Abdel Moati Massabki,
 the middle brother



Raphael Massabki (the youngest
 brother) left no words when asked to
 convert to Islam. He fell to his knees
 in prayer to the Blessed Virgin and was
 beheaded.

(Feast day of all three brothers - July 10)



*We welcome Father Nicolas El-Kada
 this month. He will be with us for all
 of July. We are so grateful for your
 love and service to our community.
 Welcome home, Abounna and thank
 you for being with us!*