



# Saint Maron

## Maronite Catholic Church



January 29-30, 2022

## Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

### St. Maximus the Confessor

January 30



**St. Maximus the Confessor**, (born c. 580, Constantinople [now Istanbul, Turkey]—died August 13, 662, Lazica [now Tsageri, Georgia]; Eastern feast day January 21; Western feast day August 13), the most important Byzantine theologian of the 7th century whose commentaries on the early 6th-century Christian Neoplatonist Pseudo-Dionysius the Areopagite and on the Greek Church Fathers considerably influenced the theology and mysticism of the Middle Ages.

A court secretary of the Eastern Roman emperor Heraclius I, Maximus became a monk c. 613 at a monastery near Chrysopolis in Bithynia. Fleeing to North Africa because of the Persian invasion of 626, he took part at Carthage (near modern Tunis) in the Monothelite controversy over the doctrine that Christ, while having two distinct natures, divine and human, in his one Person (a doctrine firmly established) nonetheless had only one will and one operation. Arguing for a dual-will faculty in Christ, Maximus was called to Rome, where he supported the condemnation of Monothelitism by a regional church council under Pope Martin I in 649. Maximus and Martin were arrested by the emperor Constans II in an intricate theological-political tactic, and, after imprisonment from 653 to 655, Maximus was later tortured and exiled; he died in the wilderness near the Black Sea.

Throughout his approximately 90 major works Maximus developed a Christocentric theology and mysticism. His *Opuscula theologica et polemica* ("Short Theological and Polemical Treatises"), *Ambigua* ("Ambiguities" in the works of St. Gregory of Nazianzus), and *Scholia* (on Pseudo-Dionysius the Areopagite), express Maximus's teaching on the transcendental, impredicable nature of the divinity, his intrinsic Trinitarian existence, and his definitive communication in Christ. In his *400 Capita de caritate* ("Four Hundred Chapters on Charity"), Maximus counselled a Christian humanism, integrating asceticism with ordinary life and active charity.

Maximus's attempt to achieve balance in spiritual theory and practice was not always furthered by later theologians; he thus remains an independent and original thinker in the history of Christian speculation.

### Readings

#### First Reading

Romans 7:1-6

#### Gospel Reading

John 4:5-7, 6-9

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**Saturday, January 29, @ 6:00PM,**  
**Sunday, January 30, @ 11:00AM,** liturgy is offered for the soul of Semaan Nehmeh Bassil requested by Fr. Andrawos. May his soul rest in peace.

**Tuesday, February 8, @ 6:00PM, PRESENTATION OF JESUS CHRIST TO THE TEMPLE**

**Saturday, February 5, @ 6:00PM,** liturgy is offered for the soul of Chucky Simon requested Theresa Barry. May her soul rest in peace.

**Sunday, February 6, @ 11:00AM,** liturgy is offered for the soul of Melhem ElHajal requested Manal and Claudine ElHajal. May his soul rest in peace.

**Tuesday, February 8, @ 6:00PM, FEAST OF SAINT MARON.**

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<b>Sunday Collection</b>	<b>\$ 1,234.00</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Collection</b>	<b>\$ 175.00</b>
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## UPCOMING EVENTS



### **PRESENTATION OF JESUS CHRIST TO THE TEMPLE**

**Tuesday, February 1 @ 6:00PM**

**Divine Liturgy – Blessing of the Candles**



### **SAINT MARON FEAST DAY**

**Tuesday, February 8 @ 6:00PM**

**Divine Liturgy**



### **ST. MARON FEAST DAY TAKE OUT**

**Saturday, February 12, 11AM to 7:00PM**

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### First Reading

Romans 7:1-6

**A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans. Your blessing father...**

Brothers and Sisters:

Do you not know, brothers and sisters for I am speaking to those who know the law that the law is binding on a person only during that person's lifetime? Thus a married woman is bound by the law to her husband as long as he lives; but if her husband dies, she is discharged from the law concerning the husband. Accordingly, she will be called an adulteress if she lives with another man while her husband is alive. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law, and if she marries another man, she is not an adulteress. In the same way, my friends, you have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead in order that we may bear fruit for God. While we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death. But now we are discharged from the law, dead to that which held us captive, so that we are slaves not under the old written code but in the new life of the Spirit.

**Praise be to God always.**

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل رومة

أَيُّهَا الإِخْوَةُ، إِنِّي أَكَلِّمُكُمْ كَأَناسٍ يَعْرِفُونَ الشَّرِيعَةَ: هَلْ تَجْهَلُونَ أَنَّ الشَّرِيعَةَ تَتَسَلَّطُ عَلَى الْإِنْسَانِ مَا دَامَ حَيًّا؟ فَالْمَرْأَةُ الْمُتَزَوِّجَةُ تُرَبِّطُهَا الشَّرِيعَةُ بِزَوْجِهَا مَا دَامَ حَيًّا، وَلَكِنْ إِذَا مَاتَ زَوْجُهَا، أُعْتِقَتْ مِنَ الشَّرِيعَةِ الَّتِي تُرَبِّطُهَا بِهِ. فَإِنْ صَارَتْ لِرَجُلٍ آخَرَ، وَزَوْجُهَا حَيٌّ، تُدْعَى زَانِيَةً. وَلَكِنْ إِذَا مَاتَ زَوْجُهَا فَهِيَ حُرَّةٌ مِنَ الشَّرِيعَةِ، وَلَا تَكُونُ زَانِيَةً إِنْ صَارَتْ لِرَجُلٍ آخَرَ. هَكَذَا أَنْتُمْ أَيْضًا يَا إِخْوَتِي، قَدْ مُتُّمْ عَنِ الشَّرِيعَةِ بِجَسَدِ الْمَسِيحِ، لِكَيْ تَصِيرُوا لآخر، وَهُوَ الَّذِي أُقِيمَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، حَتَّى نُثْمَرَ لِلَّهِ. فَعِنْدَمَا كُنَّا أَنَاسًا جَسَدِيِّينَ، كَانَتْ أَهْوَاءُ الْخَطَايَا تَغْتَنِّمُ الشَّرِيعَةَ لِتَعْمَلَ فِي أَعْضَائِنَا، حَتَّى نُثْمَرَ لِلْمَوْتِ. أَمَّا الْآنَ فَقَدْ أُعْتِقْنَا مِنَ الشَّرِيعَةِ، لِأَنَّنَا مُنْتَنَا عَمَّا كَانَ يَأْسُرُنَا، حَتَّى نَعْبُدَ اللَّهَ فِي نِظَامِ الرُّوحِ الْجَدِيدِ، لَا فِي نِظَامِ الْحَرْفِ الْعَتِيقِ.

والتسبيح لله دائماً.

## Gospel Reading

### Saint John 4:5-7, 9-26

#### The Apostle Writes:

So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.' Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.'

**This is the truth. Peace be with you.**

#### مِنْ إِنْجِيلِ الْقَدِيسِ يُوْحَنَّا

فَاتَى إِلَى مَدِينَةٍ مِنَ السَّامِرَةِ يُقَالُ لَهَا سُوخَارُ، عَلَى مَقَرَبَةِ مِنَ الْأَرْضِ الَّتِي أَعْطَاهَا يَعْقُوبُ لِابْنِهِ يُوسُفَ، وَفِيهَا نَبْعٌ يَغْفُوبُ. وَكَانَ يَسُوعُ قَدْ تَعَبَ مِنَ الْمَسِيرِ، فَجَلَسَ عِنْدَ النَّبْعِ، وَكَانَتِ السَّاعَةُ نَحْوَ الظُّهْرِ. وَجَاءَتِ امْرَأَةٌ مِنَ السَّامِرَةِ لِيَسْتَقِي مَاءً، فَقَالَ لَهَا يَسُوعُ: «أَعْطِنِي لِأَشْرَبَ»؛ فَقَالَتْ لَهُ الْمَرْأَةُ السَّامِرِيَّةُ: «كَيْفَ تَطْلُبُ مِنِّي أَنْ تَشْرَبَ، وَأَنْتَ يَهُودِيٌّ، وَأَنَا امْرَأَةٌ سَامِرِيَّةٌ؟». قَالَتْ هَذَا، لِأَنَّ الْيَهُودَ لَا يَخَالِطُونَ السَّامِرِيِّينَ. أَجَابَ يَسُوعُ وَقَالَ لَهَا: «لَوْ كُنْتُ تَعْرِيفِينَ عَطِيَّةَ اللَّهِ، وَمَنِ الْقَائِلُ لَكَ: أَعْطِنِي لِأَشْرَبَ، لَطَلَبْتَ أَنْتِ مِنْهُ فَأَعْطَاكِ مَاءً حَيًّا». قَالَتْ لَهُ الْمَرْأَةُ: «يَا سَيِّدَ، لَا دَلْوَ مَعَكَ، وَالْبِنْرُ عَمِيقَةٌ، فَمَنْ أَيْنَ لَكَ الْمَاءُ الْحَيُّ؟ هَلْ أَنْتَ أَكْثَمُ مِنْ أَبِييَا يَغْفُوبَ، الَّذِي أَعْطَانَا هَذِهِ الْبِنْرَ، وَمِنْهَا شَرِبَ هُوَ وَبَنُوهُ وَمَاشِيَتُهُ؟». أَجَابَ يَسُوعُ وَقَالَ لَهَا: «كُلُّ مَنْ يَشْرَبُ مِنْ هَذَا الْمَاءِ يَعْطَشُ مِنْ جَدِيدٍ. أَمَّا مَنْ يَشْرَبُ مِنَ الْمَاءِ الَّذِي أُعْطِيهِ أَنَا إِيَّاهُ، فَلَنْ يَعْطَشَ إِلَى الْأَبَدِ، بَلِ الْمَاءُ الَّذِي أُعْطِيهِ إِيَّاهُ يَصِيرُ فِيهِ نَبْعٌ مَاءٍ يَنْتَجِرُ حَيَاةً أَبَدِيَّةً». قَالَتْ لَهُ الْمَرْأَةُ: «يَا سَيِّدَ، أَعْطِنِي هَذَا الْمَاءَ، حَتَّى لَا أَعْطَشَ، وَلَا أَعُودَ إِلَى هُنَا لَأَسْتَقِيَ». قَالَ لَهَا: «إِذْهَبِي، وَأَدْعِي زَوْجَكَ، وَعُودِي إِلَيَّ هُنَا». أَجَابَتِ الْمَرْأَةُ وَقَالَتْ لَهُ: «لَا زَوْجَ لِي». قَالَ لَهَا يَسُوعُ: «حَسَنًا قُلْتِ: لَا زَوْجَ لِي. فَقَدْ كَانَ لَكَ خَمْسَةُ أَزْوَاجَ، وَالَّذِي لَكَ الْآنَ لَيْسَ هُوَ زَوْجَكَ. صَدَقْتِ فِي مَا قُلْتِ». قَالَتْ لَهُ الْمَرْأَةُ: «يَا سَيِّدَ، أَرَى أَنَّكَ نَبِيٌّ. آبَاؤُنَا سَجَدُوا فِي هَذَا الْجَبَلِ، وَأَنْتُمْ تَقُولُونَ: إِنَّ الْمَكَانَ الَّذِي فِيهِ يَجِبُ السُّجُودُ هُوَ فِي أُورُشَلِيمَ». قَالَ لَهَا يَسُوعُ: «صَدَقْتِنِي، يَا امْرَأَةُ. تَأْتِي سَاعَةٌ، فِيهَا تَسْجُدُونَ لِلْأَبِ، لَا فِي هَذَا الْجَبَلِ، وَلَا فِي أُورُشَلِيمَ. أَنْتُمْ تَسْجُدُونَ لِمَا لَا تَعْلَمُونَ، وَنَحْنُ نَسْجُدُ لِمَا نَعْلَمُ، لِأَنَّ الْخَلَاصَ هُوَ مِنَ الْيَهُودِ. وَلَكِنْ تَأْتِي سَاعَةٌ، وَهِيَ الْآنَ، فِيهَا السَّاجِدُونَ الْحَقِيقِيُّونَ يَسْجُدُونَ لِلْأَبِ بِالرُّوحِ وَالْحَقِّ. فَعَلَى مِثَالِ هَؤُلَاءِ يُرِيدُ الْآبُ السَّاجِدِينَ لَهُ. اللَّهُ رُوحٌ، وَعَلَى السَّاجِدِينَ لَهُ أَنْ يَسْجُدُوا بِالرُّوحِ وَالْحَقِّ». قَالَتْ لَهُ الْمَرْأَةُ: «أَنَا أَعْلَمُ أَنَّ مَسِيحًا، أَيَّ الْمَسِيحِ، أَتَى؛ وَعِنْدَمَا يَأْتِي فَهُوَ يُخْبِرُنَا بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ». قَالَ لَهَا يَسُوعُ: «أَنَا هُوَ، أَنَا الْمُتَكَلِّمُ مَعَكَ.»

**حَقًّا وَالْأَمَانُ لِكُلِّكُمْ.**