



Saint Maron Maronite Catholic Church



October 26-27, 2019

SUNDAY OF CHRIST THE KING

The gift of "Hope"

In our Christian faith one of the most spiritual virtues we have is hope. It is very our glimps of light in times of distress, sufferings and pain.

In Romans 5:3-5, Paul says that we can rejoice in our sufferings because **we are a people of hope**: we are people who know that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us" (Rom. 5:3).

In tonight's sermon I will meditate with you on this special, Holy and divine gift of hope and call upon you to rely on God's presence, provision and power.

1. Rely on God's presence

Rejoicing in suffering does not mean celebrating when bad news comes. But, it does mean that we can believe that God is doing a redemptive work. This word "redemptive" means that God does not waste a hurt or disappointment. He is using them to shape and build us into the image of Jesus, which is his highest passion.

When we go through suffering, we often pray and seek God more intensely than at any other times. My greatest times of growth have been when I've reached the end of my

resources and all I have left is Jesus. God uses suffering to make us rely on his presence.

In one of the Psalm, David reveals that one of the reasons for his joy is that he is forgiven: "Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven whose sins are covered (Ps. 31:1).

2. Rely on God's provision

In 2 Corinthians 12:7, Paul reveals that he has suffered from a "thorn in the flesh."

In our current situations, God is saying to us that his grace is sufficient, and even when we feel weak, he is making us stronger than we have ever been. His grace is not an abstract idea. It is the person of Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit.

3. Rely on God's power

"Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses so that the power of Christ may rest upon me" (2 Cor. 12:9b). What is your weakness? Maybe it is a son or a daughter that hasn't quite turned out the way you thought he or she would. A job situation that has gone away. A medical diagnosis that has scared you. Maybe, like Paul, it is also insults, hardships, or persecutions. Whatever it is, Paul says he will boast in those things because when we are weak, the power of Christ rests on us.

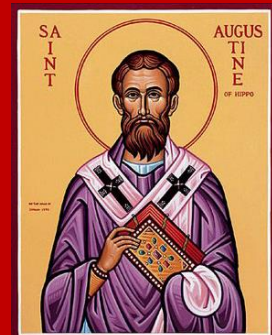
Maybe you hear voices telling you to just quit, give up, and let it go. Don't stop. When you are weak, then he is strong. Remember the greater the attack against you, the greater Christ is in you, but you have to rely on his presence, his provision and his power.

Fr. El-Badaoui Habib

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men. That is what love looks like."

St. Augustine of Hippo



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OFFICE HOURS: The Church office will be open Tuesday through Friday from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm.

DIVINE LITURGIES

Saturday, October 26, @ 7:00 PM, (Feast of St. Demetrius) liturgy is being offered for the souls of the deceased members of the Felici and Eddis families requested by their family.

Sunday, October 27, @ 11:00 AM,

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Sunday, October 27, @ 7:00 PM, liturgy is being offered for the soul of Mary Felici and James Eddis requested by Chucky Simon. May their souls rest in peace.

Monday, October 28, @ 7:00 PM, liturgy is being offered for the soul of Michael (Chubby) Simon requested by Chucky Simon. May his soul rest in peace.

Tuesday, October 29, @ 9:00 AM,
Wednesday, October 30, @ 9:00 AM,

ALL SAINTS DAY

Thursday, October 31, @ 7:00 PM,

Friday, November 1, @ 9:00 AM,

Saturday, November 2, @ 6:00 PM, (All Souls Day) liturgy is being offered for the soul of Marion and Theresa George requested by family. May their souls rest in peace.

Sunday, November 3, @ 11:00 AM, (Feast of St. Risha) liturgy is being offered for the living and deceased members of the Iocco and Koway families requested by his Teri Koway.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

Please know that confession is available half an hour before Divine Liturgies. You may also call to set up an appointment.

FALL BACK AND CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS

This is a friendly reminder to please set your clocks back one hour next week, on Sunday, November 3, 2019.



HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

November 1, All Saints Day is a Holy Day of Obligation. Divine Liturgy will be celebrated on Thursday, October 31, 2019 at 7:00PM.

MYO THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

The MYO will be sponsoring their annual Thanksgiving Food Drive once again. An insert is included with this bulletin with the different items needed this year. I ask you all to bring what is listed on the flyer as these were the items given to us by St. Cyprian. Your kindness and generosity has helped many families in the past and I thank each of you once again in these efforts. Please have all items here no later than Sunday, November 17, as this will be the day the MYO deliver the food to the needy. God bless you and God bless St. Maron Parish.

SICK AND OLD PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Please notify the Church office of any family member who is old or ill and can't come to the church and Fr. El-Badaoui Habib will be glad to visit and give them communion.

WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR

October 19-20, 2019

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| Collection | \$ 1,084.00 |
| Donation | \$ 300.00 |
| 2nd collection | \$ 191.00 |
| Coffee | \$ 31.00 |
| Total: | \$ 1,606.00 |

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Pasta Night, Monday, October 28, 2019 at 8:00 PM,**
- **Fall Hafli Beef and Beer Dance to the Oldies Night,** Saturday, November 30, 7:00 PM – Midnight. Hot roast beef and roast pork sandwiches, beer, and DJ Gio, playing oldies but goodies music.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers Linda DiBernardo, Patty Reynolds, Joan Speck, David Joseph Cook, Walter "Chip" Meixner, Eddie Tayoun, Martha Simon Casella, Manirva Labbad, Dante Panichi, Dennis Strelchuk, Anthony Leuzzi, Carol Krestos, Gladys Dalcourt, Denise Furey, Chucky Simon, Michael Winter, Kevin McCrea, Kevin Khoury, Mirta Ruiz, Tina Grassi, Rita Impo, Lisa and Henry Schaffer, Jade Kellam, Marion Thomas Branca, Francesca Impo, Raja Kaldany, Lucy DiLuce, Cat Niven Glaze, Laurent Chidiac, Tom Hart, John Hart, Fadi Jaber, Joseph Realdine, Emily Stone, Roseann Anthony, Elaine Nader, Eddie Gussin, Lisa Alestra, John Nader, Aminee Skaf, Yasmine Myers, Joey Gdowick, Francis Joseph Kerns, Samer Chokeyr, Kathy Newman, Rita Arrigale, Helen Freedenberg, Maryann Bratton, Renee Sahar, Sister Nahida Al Sawa, Rose De Jesse, James Cordisio, Stacey Fuentes, Debbie Freedenberg, Noel Andjuhar, Angel Salerno, Dennis McGiney, and Bonnie Sabatini. We ask Almighty God to bless them with good health so that they may join us in the Church and give glory and thanksgiving to God. Please notify the Church office of any family member who is ill so that we may remember them in our daily prayers and on our altar of intentions.

First Reading Romans 12:9-21

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

Brothers and Sisters:

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Praise be to God always.

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل رومة

يا إخوتي، لِيَتَكُنْ مَحَبَّتُكُمْ بِلَا رِيَاءٍ: تَحَبَّبُوا الشَّرَّ، وَلَا زِمُوا الْخَيْرَ. أَحْبَبُوا بَعْضُكُمْ بَعْضًا مَحَبَّةَ أُخَوِيَّةٍ، وَبَادِرُوا بَعْضُكُمْ بَعْضًا بِالْإِكْرَامِ. كُونُوا فِي الْأَجْتِهَادِ غَيْرَ مُتَكَاسِلِينَ، وَبِالرُّوحِ حَارِّينَ، وَلِلرَّبِّ عَابِدِينَ، وَبِالرَّجَاءِ فَرِحِينَ، وَفِي الصَّبْرِ ثَابِتِينَ، وَعَلَى الصَّلَاةِ مُوَظِّبِينَ، وَفِي حَاجَاتِ الْقَدِيسِينَ

مُشَارِكِينَ، وَإِلَى ضِيَاةِ الْغُرَبَاءِ سَاعِينَ. بَارِكُوا الَّذِينَ يَضْطَهُدُونَكُمْ، بَارِكُوا وَلَا تَلْعَنُوا. إِفْرَحُوا مَعَ الْفَرِحِينَ، وَأَبْكُوا مَعَ الْبَاكِينَ. كُونُوا مُتَّقِينَ بَعْضُكُمْ مَعَ بَعْضٍ، مُتَوَاضِعِينَ لَا مُتَكَبِّرِينَ. لَا تَكُونُوا حُكَمَاءَ فِي عُيُونِ أَنْفُسِكُمْ. وَلَا تُبَادِلُوا أَحَدًا شَرًّا بِشَرًّا، وَأَعْتَنُوا بِعَمَلِ الْخَيْرِ أَمَامَ جَمِيعِ النَّاسِ. سَالِمُوا جَمِيعَ النَّاسِ، إِنْ أُمَكُنَ، عَلَى قَدْرِ طَاقَتِكُمْ. لَا تَتَقَبَّضُوا لِأَنْفُسِكُمْ، أَيُّهَا الْأَحْبَاءُ، بَلِ اتَّزَكُوا مَكَانًا لِعِصَابِ اللَّهِ، لِأَنَّهُ مَكْتُوبٌ: "لِي الْإِنْتِقَامُ، يَقُولُ الرَّبُّ، وَأَنَا أَجَازِي". وَلَكِنْ "إِنْ جَاعَ عَدُوُّكَ فَأَطْعِمْهُ، وَإِنْ عَطَشَ فَأَسْقِهِ، فَإِنَّكَ بِفِعْلِكَ هَذَا تَرْكُمُ عَلَى رَأْسِهِ جَمْرًا نَارًا". لَا تَدْعُ الشَّرَّ بِغَلْبِكَ، بَلِ اغْلِبِ الشَّرَّ بِالْخَيْرِ. وَالتَّسْبِيحُ لِلَّهِ دَائِمًا.

Gospel Reading Saint Matthew 25:31-46

The Apostle Writes:

'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Then he will say to those at his left

hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

مِنْ إِنْجِيلِ الْقَدِيسِ مَتَّى

قَالَ الرَّبُّ يَسُوعُ: "مَتَى جَاءَ ابْنُ الْإِنْسَانِ فِي مَجْدِهِ، وَجَمِيعُ الْمَلَائِكَةِ مَعَهُ، يَجْلِسُ عَلَى عَرْشِ مَجْدِهِ. وَتُجْمَعُ لَدَيْهِ جَمِيعُ الْأُمَمِ، فَيَمَيِّرُ بَعْضَهُمْ مِنْ بَعْضٍ، كَمَا يُمَيِّرُ الرَّاعِي الْخِرَافَ مِنَ الْجِذَاءِ. وَيَقِيمُ الْخِرَافَ عَنْ يَمِينِهِ وَالْجِذَاءَ عَنْ شِمَالِهِ. حِينَئِذٍ يَقُولُ الْمَلِكُ لِلَّذِينَ عَنْ يَمِينِهِ: تَعَالَوْا، يَا مُبَارِكِي أَبِي، ارْثُوا الْمَلَكُوتَ الْمَعَدَّ لَكُمْ مِنْذُ إِنْشَاءِ الْعَالَمِ؛ لِأَنِّي جُعْتُ فَأَطْعَمْتُمُونِي، وَعَطَشْتُ فَسَقَيْتُمُونِي، وَكُنْتُ غَرِيبًا فَأَوْتَيْتُمُونِي، وَعُرْيَانًا فَكَسَوْتُمُونِي، وَمَرِيضًا فَرَزْتُمُونِي، وَمَحْبُوسًا فَأَتَيْتُمُونِي إِلَيَّ. حِينَئِذٍ يُجِيبُهُ الْأَبْرَارُ قَائِلِينَ: يَا رَبِّ، مَتَى رَأَيْنَاكَ جَائِعًا فَأَطْعَمْنَاكَ، أَوْ عَطَشَانًا فَسَقَيْتْنَاكَ؟ وَمَتَى رَأَيْنَاكَ غَرِيبًا فَأَوْتَيْنَاكَ، أَوْ عُرْيَانًا فَكَسَوْنَاكَ؟ وَمَتَى رَأَيْنَاكَ مَرِيضًا أَوْ مَحْبُوسًا فَأَتَيْنَا إِلَيْكَ؟ فَيُجِيبُ الْمَلِكُ وَيَقُولُ لَهُمْ: الْحَقُّ أَقُولُ لَكُمْ: كُلُّ مَا عَمَلْتُمُوهُ لِأَحَدٍ إِخْوَتِي هؤُلَاءِ الصِّغَارِ، فَلِي عَمَلْتُمُوهُ! ثُمَّ يَقُولُ لِلَّذِينَ عَنْ شِمَالِهِ: اذْهَبُوا عَنِّي، يَا مَلَاعِينِ، إِلَى النَّارِ الْأَبَدِيَّةِ الْمَعَدَّةِ لِإِبْلِيسَ وَجُنُودِهِ؛ لِأَنِّي جُعْتُ فَمَا أَطْعَمْتُمُونِي، وَعَطَشْتُ فَمَا سَقَيْتُمُونِي، وَكُنْتُ غَرِيبًا فَمَا أَوْتَيْتُمُونِي، وَعُرْيَانًا فَمَا كَسَوْتُمُونِي، وَمَرِيضًا وَمَحْبُوسًا فَمَا زُرْتُمُونِي! حِينَئِذٍ يُجِيبُهُ هؤُلَاءِ أَيْضًا قَائِلِينَ: يَا رَبِّ، مَتَى رَأَيْنَاكَ جَائِعًا أَوْ عَطَشَانًا أَوْ غَرِيبًا أَوْ مَرِيضًا أَوْ مَحْبُوسًا وَمَا خَدَمْنَاكَ؟ حِينَئِذٍ يُجِيبُهُمْ قَائِلًا: الْحَقُّ أَقُولُ لَكُمْ: كُلُّ مَا لَمْ تَعْمَلُوهُ لِأَحَدٍ هؤُلَاءِ الصِّغَارِ، فَلِي لَمْ تَعْمَلُوهُ. وَيَذْهَبُ هؤُلَاءِ إِلَى الْعَذَابِ الْأَبَدِيِّ، وَالْأَبْرَارُ إِلَى الْحَيَاةِ الْأَبَدِيَّةِ". حَقًّا وَالْأَمَانُ لَجَمِيعِكُمْ.

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