



Saint Maron Maronite Catholic Church



February 22-23, 2020

SUNDAY OF THE ENTRANCE INTO LENT MIRACLE AT CANA IN GALILEE

THE SEASON OF LENT

The season of great Lent is the season of change. This change is on three dimensions:

Change in our relationship with God. There is no change in this meaning without prayer, deep prayer and repentance in order to regain the splendour of God's image in us.

Change in our relationship with ourselves. There is no change on this level without fasting and mortifying in order to liberate ourselves from every kind of blame and dishonour which can defame the image of God in us. And in order to train our wills to control and hold back the bad habits, intentions and desires and in order to have dominion over myself.

Change in our relationship with our neighbor and every man. Especially with those who are less fortunate, the poor and the needy. By practicing towards them, the works of love, mercy and almsgiving in order to restore the whole or total brotherhood in human race.

There are three ways of change. Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving.

Prayer is a necessity in life and for life- no one can live without God. By prayer every man and woman can have special relation and connection with God. We cannot say Abba O Father without the inspiration of the Holy Spirit who is able to fulfil the entire being of every man and woman who pray and liberate them from immoral, filthy and indecent actions and plant in them the fruits of the Holy Spirit, mentioned by Saint Paul; such as the fruits of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, humility, and self-control.

Fasting is a need for every man and woman even it deprives our bodies from the necessity of food and drink, but by fasting we expiate for all our sins and evildoing things and we recompense for them as Saint Paul said; "Christ was without sin, but for our sake God made him share our sin in order that in union with him we might share the righteousness of God.

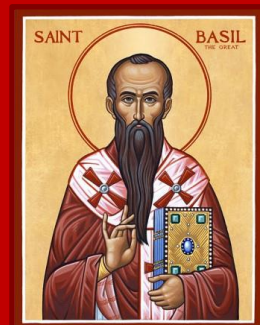
In this holy season we are not called to fast only for food and drink, but also for the works of the flesh as mentioned by saint Paul, such as adultery, impurity, immorality, prostitution, worship of idols, witchcraft, enmity, jealousy, anger, envy, separation and so on...

Almsgiving towards those who are less fortunate is an expression of the importance of social justice and of the commandment of loving your neighbor. Jesus told

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"True fasting lies in rejecting evil, holding one's tongue, suppressing one's hatred, and banishing one's lust, evil words, lying and betrayal of vows."

Saint Basil the Great



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us, “love your neighbor as you have to love yourself.” And he also said: “when you give Alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand’s doing”. And he said in different place of the gospel; give Alms of what you have. John the Baptist said: whoever got two t-shirts let him give the one who does not have. To this kind of Lent I call my beloved parishioners. And I want you to know from the beginning that this kind of change is the works of God in our lives. So open your hearts and minds, soul and bodies to him and let him dwell in you and remain in you forever. Amen.

Fr. El-Badaoui Habib

VISIT FROM BISHOP GREGORY MANSOUR ASH MONDAY

Bishop Gregory Mansour will be joining us for Divine Liturgy on **Ash Monday, February 24, 2020 at 7:00 PM**. Please mark your calendars and join us for this beautiful service to begin our Lenten Season.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

We will have Ash Wednesday Liturgy on **Wednesday, February 26, 2020 @ 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM**, with the distribution of ashes.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday, February 28, @ 6:30 PM will begin the Lenten services with the Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Please join us every Friday during this holy season of Lent.

DIVINE LITURGIES

Saturday, February 22, @ 6:00 PM, Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Roseann Anthony requested by Salema Dahdah, Barbara Dahdah-Anderson and Donna-Marie Scorese. May her soul rest in peace.

Sunday, February 23, @ 11:00 AM, (Feast of St. Polycarp of Smyrna) Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Albert Anderson requested by Barbara Dahdah-Anderson and family. May his soul rest in peace.

Monday, February 24 @ 7:00 PM, ASH MONDAY

Tuesday, February 25, @ 9:00 AM,

Wednesday, February 26, @ 9:00 AM, ASH WEDNESDAY

Thursday, February 27, @ 6:00 PM, (Feast of St. James the Hermit)

**Friday, February 28, @ 6:30 PM, (Feast of St. Thalaleus)
STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Saturday, February 29, @ 6:00 PM,

Sunday, March 1, @ 11:00 AM, (Feast of St. Domnina and St. Afdokia) liturgy is being offered for the soul of Labibie Sholi requested by Khalil Raie and family. May her soul rest in peace.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

On **Friday, March 6, 2020** we will have Divine Liturgy @ 9:30 AM followed by Eucharistic Adoration. Please come and spend some time in prayer in the presence of our Lord.

RICE BOWL

CRS Rice Bowl is the Lenten program of Catholic Relief Services, the official relief and development agency of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. This simple cardboard box is a tool for collecting Lenten charities. Each family is asked to take one box from the back of the church to collect their Lenten donations throughout the Lenten Season and return it to the Church office by Easter. Thank you in advance for your participation.

FESTIVAL GENERAL MEETING

We will have a general festival meeting on **Monday, March 2, 2020 @ 7:00 PM** in the Church Hall. We are inviting everyone who is interested in volunteering this year. Please mark your calendars and make every effort to join us so we can plan another successful festival.

DABKE SIGN UP SHEET

In preparation for our Lebanese Festival we will have a Dabke Sign Up Sheet in the Church Hall. Please Sign up your Children / Youth so Claudine and Fadia can prepare for the Dabke show of the festival.

FISH FRY

During the Lenten Season we will have two “Fish Fry” dinners on **March 13 and 27** following the stations of the Cross at 6:30 PM. Tickets will be \$12.00 per platter which will include fried fish, french fries, coleslaw, dessert, and sides. Please mark your calendars.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Visit from Bishop Gregory Mansour, Ash Monday,** February 24, 2020 @ 7:00 PM.
- **Stations of the Cross,** Friday, February 28, 2020 @ 6:30 PM.
- **Festival General Meeting,** Monday, March 2, 2020 @ 7:00 PM.
- **Eucharistic Adoration,** Friday, March 6, 2020 @ 9:30 AM.
- **Fish Fry,** Friday, March 13, 2020 following Stations of the Cross @ 7:00 PM.
- **Healing Mass,** Sunday, March 22, 2020 @ 11:00AM.
- **Fish Fry,** Friday, March 27, 2020 following Stations of the Cross @ 7:00 PM.
- **Palm Sunday Brunch,** Sunday, April 5, 2020 following Divine Liturgy @ 11:00 AM.
- **Bake Sale,** Sunday, April 5, 2020.
- **Good Friday Lenten Dinner,** Friday, April 10, 2020 following the Great Friday of Crucifixion Service @ 7:00 PM.
- **Lebanese Festival,** from Friday, May 29, 2020 to Sunday May 31, 2020.

HEALING MASS

On **Sunday, March 22, 2020 @ 11:00AM**, we will celebrate a Healing Mass with the intercession of St. Sharbel. May Almighty God hear our prayers through the intercession of St. Sharbel and grant us the gift of healing!

SEEKING CAREGIVER

Seeking the right person, who is a mature female, to take care of our 92 years old mother, in exchange for free room and board. (South Philadelphia area). Please email to: ninamontrose.1@gmail.com or call 215-462-9669, for details and information. References and background check required.

MYO/MYA LENTEN RETREAT

The MYO/MYA Regional Lenten Retreat day will be on **Saturday, March 7, 2020 from 11:00 AM to 8:00 PM** at Saint John Paul II Maronite Catholic Church at Immaculate Conception, (199 North Broadway Sleepy Hollow NY 10591). The fee is \$25.00 donation per person. Teens (ages 12-18) and young adults (19-35) from the neighboring Maronite parishes in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and Pennsylvania are welcomed to join. If you are interested in participating in this retreat, please notify your MYO advisor or the Church office.

WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR

February 8-9, 2020

Collection	\$ 1,220.00
Coffee Hour	\$ 49.00
Total:	\$ 1,269.00

ST. MARON FEAST DAY HAFLI

Total Income	\$ 10,379.00
Total Expenses	\$ 2,340.48
Total Profit	\$ 8,038.52

IN OUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers Sue Flacco, Joe Maglio, Marie McCrea, Kathy Dale, Donna Maglio, Nicole Giordano, Peter Perri, Neil Bohley Sr., Luke Farrell Jr., Linda DiBernardo, Patty Reynolds, Joan Speck, David Joseph Cook, Eddie Tayoun, Minarva Labbad, Dante Panichi, Dennis Strelchuk, 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, Lucy DiLuce, Cat Niven Glaze, Laurent Chidiac, Tom Hart, John Hart, Fadi Jaber, Joseph Realdine, Emily Stone, Elaine Nader, Eddie Gussin, Lisa Alestra, John Nader, Aminee Skaf, Yasmine Myers, Joey Gdowick, Francis Joseph Kerns, Samer Chokeir, Kathy Newman, Rita Arrigale, Maryann Bratton, Renee Sahar, Sister Nahida Al-Sawa, Rose DeJesse, James Cordisio, Stacey Fuentes, Debbie Freedenberg, Noel Andjuhar, Angel Salerno, Dennis McGiney, and Bonnie Sabatini. We ask Almighty God to bless



Save the Date
Thursday, October 1, 2020

Join us for the

*Eleventh Annual Benefit Dinner for
The Eparchy of Saint Maron*

At The Water Club, New York

Details to follow

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.

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