



# Saint Maron

## Maronite Catholic Church



March 7-8, 2020

# HEALING OF THE HEMORRHAGING

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Today we are celebrating the third Sunday of Lent which is the Sunday of the haemorrhaging. This passage deals with two intertwined events. With one message from Jesus which is the importance of having faith. Two people in particular watched for his arrival.

The haemorrhaging woman lost her health, her wealth and had a chronic problem, embarrassing as well, she was ceremonially unclean under Leviticus law. She talked to herself, planning this all out. If she could just touch tassel of his garment she could be healed. Now this seems superstitious magic, she believed in his power, but avoided a personal contact with him. So, she crept up and touched him without his notice. She was granted the healing. Jesus knew who touched him and she knew she was healed. But He stopped and acted as though he didn't. At first, she denied it. Jesus persisted looking for a public confession. Finally she Came forward in fear and trembling and found there was no need to be afraid. Jesus said to her "Daughter, your faith made you well". It was not her touch, but her faith that healed her, it was not the

garment's intrinsic power, but the Lord! - His personal response to her "Go in peace" healed her soul as well. The woman's faith was strong but misdirected. She felt her needs were not worthy of His attention, but Jesus responded to her needs by healing, both of her Body and soul.

Jairus was a ruler of the Synagogue in Capernaum and was waiting anxiously the delay of Jesus caused by the woman. He had often, heard Jesus teaching, and likely had witnessed miracles, he came to Jesus saying; "Please come" His beloved 12-year-old daughter was very ill. Jairus' faith was hesitant, lacking in completeness. He underestimated the Lord and what he could do. He was going through religious motions but had no faith in them. His child who was clearly dead was well and walking.

Christ gives newness of life. Do we hesitate to think He cares, and that he will help us, if he is eager to offer us salvation and eternal life, do we think he doesn't care about our needs and concerns? What holds us back from the Saviour? Do we sincerely trust the Lord, do we have faith? He can be trusted, and He is quite capable. Do we feel too

small or insignificant? Jesus' love, expressed on the cross, says otherwise.

Jesus is calling us to trust and act upon the assurance of His love and forgiveness. Each time we become stronger, and ready for even greater challenges. Faith can move mountains, if it draws upon the love and power of the Saviour.

Fr. El-Badaoui Habib

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"As Lent is the time for greater love, listen to Jesus' thirst... 'Repent and believe' Jesus tells us. What are we to repent? Our indifference, our hardness of heart. What are we to believe? Jesus thirsts even now, in your heart and in the poor -- He knows your weakness. He wants only your love, wants only the chance to love you."*

*Saint Teresa of Calcutta*



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

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The Parish Council meeting will be rescheduled from **Monday, March 9, 2020 to Monday, March 16, 2020 at 6:30 PM.** Please make every effort to attend, inform Fr. Habib if you are unable. Thank you.

## SECOND COLLECTION BISHOP LENTEN APPEAL

During the Lenten season we will have a second collection every Sunday to help collect the amount needed for the Bishop's Appeal. This Annual Eparchial Appeal will be for the support of the seminarians, the ministries, the retired priests, Lebanon & the Middle East, and the Eparchial Endowment. Thank you for your generosity!

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**Friday, March 13, @ 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.

## 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!

## MYO SHAANINI CANDLES

Our MYO are decorating Shaanini Candles and they will sell them on **Sunday, March 22, 2020.** Thank you in advance for your continuous support for our MYO.

## 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.

## SAINTS PETER AND PAUL CEMETERY

John Turrline, area director of Catholic Cemeteries, will be at our parish on **Sunday, March 29, 2020** immediately following Divine Liturgy. He will be here to answer and help anyone who is interested in cemetery plots at Sts. Peter and Paul. As you may know, an area of that cemetery has been reserved for the parish of St. Maron and St. Sharbel. I know this may be unpleasant for many to think about, however, John is here to help in this process. Also, there will be a discounted price for those who are interested of 30% off the price of the plots.

## 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.

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

On **Friday, April 3, 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.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Stations of the Cross,** Friday, March 13, 2020 @ 6:30 PM.
- **Fish Fry,** Friday, March 13, 2020 following Stations of the Cross.
- **Healing Mass,** Sunday, March 22, 2020 @ 11:00AM.
- **Fish Fry,** Friday, March 27, 2020 following Stations of the Cross.
- **Eucharistic Adoration,** Friday, April 3, 2020 @ 9:30AM.
- **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.

## 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.

## DIVINE LITURGIES

**Saturday, March 7, @ 6:00 PM,**  
**(Feast of the 7 young Men of Ephesus)**

**Sunday, March 8, @ 11:00 AM,**  
Liturgy is being offered for the Starr and Bittner families requested by Barbara Dahdah-Anderson and family. May their souls rest in peace.

**Tuesday, March 10, @ 9:00 AM,**

**Wednesday, March 11, @ 6:00 PM,**

**Thursday, March 12, @ 6:00 PM, (Feast of Pope St. Gregory the Great)**

**Friday, March 13, @ 6:30 PM,**  
**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**Saturday, March 14, @ 6:00 PM,**

**Sunday, March 15, @ 11:00 AM,** liturgy is being offered for the soul of Stavro Jabra requested by Simon and Zeina Topalian and family. May his soul rest in peace. Also, liturgy is being offered for the souls of Bassam Isawa (1-year anniversary) and Ziad Choli (2-years anniversary) requested by their family. May their souls rest in peace.

## 2020 NATIONAL MARONITE CONVENTION

St. Anthony of Padua Church in Cincinnati, OH and NAM are preparing for a dynamic and memorable National Maronite Convention on July 8-12, 2020. Registration is now available. All information needed for the convention including registration and hotel is on the website [www.namnews.org](http://www.namnews.org).

## WOMEN'S DAY

### REFLECTION & RETREAT

Saint Anthony Church in Danbury, CT is hosting a women's day reflection and retreat on **Saturday, September 26, 2020**. The guest speakers will be Bishop Gregory Mansour and Mrs. Kathleen Keefe. For more information please contact Saint Anthony's Parish Office at 203-744-3372.

### SEEKING CAREGIVER

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### WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR February 29-March 1, 2020

Collection	\$ 1,654.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 15.00
Donations	\$ 340.00
Coffee Hour	\$ 21.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 2,030.00</b>

## IN OUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers Sue Flacco, Joe Maglio, Marie McCrea, Kathy Dale, Suzanne Haney, 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 Houry, 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, Yasmine Myers, Joey Gdowick, Francis Joseph Kerns, Samer Chokeur, 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,



*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



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.

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