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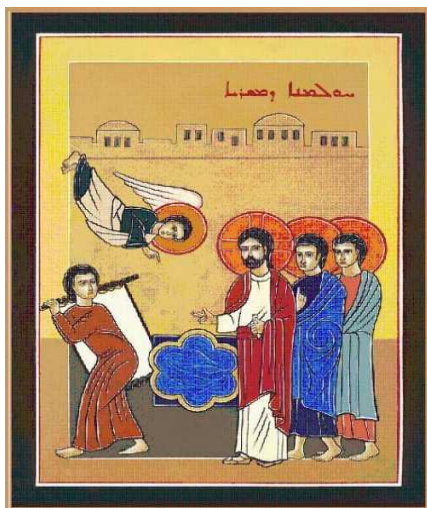
## Maronite Catholic Church



March 21-22, 2020

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*UNUS PRO OMNIBUS, OMNES PRO UNO.*  
**ONE FOR ALL AND ALL FOR ONE AGAINST THE  
CORONA VIRUS AND AGAINST ALL SINS.**



## WELCOME FR. SAMIR CHEBLI

Today we welcome Fr. Samir Chebli as Administrator of St. Maron's. His appointment by Bishop Gregory Mansour comes following a brief stay at St. John Paul II in Sleepy Hollow, New York.

Chebli was born on March 10, 1966 in Sakiet el Misk/ Bhorsaf to Joseph and Jacqueline. He attended St. Famille Francaise and Mont La Salle Ain Saade. He later studied business at College Mont La Salle, as well as Philosophy and Theology at the University of Kaslik.

From 1998 - 2002 Chebli served as the Chaplain of Sagesse School in Achrafieh, and taught Christian education for high school level students. From 2003 – 2015, he served as Chaplain of St. Joseph School in Cornet Chehwan, and taught Christian education to Middle School students.

While teaching he discerned a call to serve God and began studies for the priesthood. Chebli was ordained in 2003 in the Antelias Diocese. Following his ordination, he served for 11 years in Broumana area as a pastor at several parishes including St. Isaac the Profit Church (Mar Chaaya), St. Elias Church, Our Lady of Broumana Church, St. Charbel

## PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*O Divine Ocean of Mercy and Compassion, be with us in our time of trial and difficulties. Today I make an act of spiritual communion with you, the Life-Giving Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. At this time I am not able to receive the sacred body and blood of my Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ, but I choose to live in union with him and in the unity of the Holy Spirit. I offer my day, my daily life, my joys and sorrows to you, for those around me, and for the whole world. Be with us O life-giving Triune God, for we know that nothing in this world has power over us. O Lover of all people, have mercy on us and on the whole world.*

**Fr. Samir Chebli, Administrator | Fr. David Fisher, Consultant**

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Church, St. Joseph Church (Ghabeh), and St. Takla Church (Masaa).

From 2013 - 2019, he served as pastor of Maria Majori Church in Beit Chabeb. In late 2019, he accepted the opportunity to serve the Maronites in the United States.

Together with his wife, Ghada, they are the proud parents of three sons, Karim (27), Nadim (25), and Naji (20), as well as one daughter, Nour (14). Nadim resides in the United States while the other children remain in Lebanon with their mother.

### THANK YOU

**We extend our gratitude and thanks to Fr. El-Badaoui Habib for his efforts during his time at St. Maron's. We wish him all of God's blessings in his future endeavors.**

### Coronavirus Statement from Bishop Gregory Mansour

Dear Brother Priests, Deacons and Subdeacons, Religious Men and Women, and Lay Faithful:

These days of the Coronavirus have been most difficult. We look to God and to modern science to help us in our great need. The Center for Disease Control has recommended that social gatherings are to be avoided for the next 8 weeks. Some states have prohibited such gatherings by law, giving regulations on the numbers of people gathered. This gives us deep pause to reflect on what our 45 parishes ought to do as we look for a way forward in this new reality.

I ask that we do not cancel the celebration of the Divine Liturgy and continue to offer it daily. In this time of crisis, we need the Liturgy. If possible, I encourage our priests to live stream the Liturgy to our faithful who wish to make a spiritual

communion (see prayer below). During this time of crisis, the faithful are dispensed from the obligation to attend the Divine Liturgy on Sunday. In fact, in this present crisis, I strongly recommend what health officials have been telling us, to stay home unless for something essential.

On Sundays, I ask the priests to observe all directives issued by civil authorities as best as possible with pastoral prudence, and to be creative. Times for the Sacrament of Penance and Friday Lenten devotions need not be cancelled, but social gatherings should be cancelled at this time.

Let us redouble our efforts to care for one another in creative ways, as Pope Francis has urged us. In times like this God can bring out the best in us, and we can rise to the call of service. I am asking our priests to keep the doors of their Church open to those who desire to come and pray, and to be available to the sick, especially to offer the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

May the prayers, Our Lady, Saint Joseph, and the Hosts of Heaven be with us.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
+ Gregory John Mansour

### PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The Parish Council meeting will be **Monday, March 23, 2020 at 6:30 PM** in the Hall. Please make every effort to attend, inform Fr. Samir if you are unable. Thank you.

### FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Finance Committee will be meeting on **Wednesday, March 25, 2020 at 7:00 PM** in the Hall. Please make every effort to attend and inform Fr. Samir 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!

### 2020 NATIONAL MARONITE CONVENTION

Due to the unpredictable status of the COVID-19 virus in the country and the State of Ohio, we are facing many rules, regulations, and mandates for this situation and regarding our upcoming National Maronite Convention in Cincinnati, July 8-12, 2020. We want to act prudently and move forward with sound ethical and financial decisions. At this time we are on hold and will keep all of you updated as things progress.

Rose Sahyoun (NAM President)

### 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.

## DIVINE LITURGIES

**Saturday, March 21, @ 6:00PM** liturgy is being offered for the souls of Matthew Mockewich and Frank Caruso requested by Marlene Mockewich. May their souls rest in peace.

**Sunday, March 22, @ 11:00AM** liturgy is being offered for the soul of Marie Makhoulf requested by George Dib and Manal ElHajal and families. May her soul rest in peace.

**Saturday, March 28, @ 6:00PM** liturgy is being offered for the soul of Charles Matter requested by Ann Matter. May his soul rest in peace.

**Sunday, March 29, @ 11:00AM (Feast of St. Cyril of Baalbek)** liturgy is being offered for the soul of Akram Ajina and the deceased members of the Ajina family requested by Philip and Vivian Rai and family. May their souls rest in peace.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**To keep everyone of you safe. We won't have Stations of the Cross on Fridays.**

## PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH

Palm Sunday brunch is on hold, we will update you accordingly.

## 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.

## 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.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Lebanese Festival**, from Friday, May 29, 2020 to Sunday, May 31, 2020. **(To be Confirmed)**

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## WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR

**March 14-15, 2020**

<b>Collection</b>	<b>\$ 884.00</b>
<b>Bishop's Appeal</b>	<b>\$ 144.00</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 1,028.00</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 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, 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 them with good health so that they may join us in the



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### First Reading

#### 1 Timothy 5:24-25, 6:1-5

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

Brothers and Sisters:

The sins of some people are conspicuous and precede them to judgement, while the sins of others follow them there. So also good works are conspicuous; and even when they are not, they cannot remain hidden. Let all who are under the yoke of slavery regard their masters as worthy of all honour, so that the name of God and the teaching may not be blasphemed. Those who have believing masters must not be disrespectful to them on the ground that they are members of the church; rather they must serve them all the more, since those who benefit by their service are believers and beloved. Teach and urge these duties. Whoever teaches otherwise and does not agree with the sound words of our Lord Jesus Christ and the teaching that is in accordance with godliness, is conceited, understanding nothing, and has a morbid craving for controversy and for disputes about words. From these come envy, dissension, slander, base suspicions, and wrangling among those who are depraved in mind and bereft of the truth, imagining that godliness is a means of gain.

**Praise be to God always.**

#### فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الأولى إلى طيموتاوس

يا إِخْوَتِي، مِنَ النَّاسِ مَنْ تَكُونُ خَطَايَاهُمْ وَاضِحَةً قَبْلَ الْحُكْمِ فِيهَا، وَمِنْهُمْ مَنْ لَا تَكُونُ وَاضِحَةً إِلَّا بَعْدَهُ. كَذَلِكَ فَإِنَّ الْأَعْمَالَ الصَّالِحَةَ هِيَ أَيْضًا وَاضِحَةٌ، وَالَّتِي هِيَ غَيْرُ وَاضِحَةٍ فَلَا يُمَكِّنُ أَنْ تَبْقَى خَفِيَّةً. عَلَى جَمِيعِ الَّذِينَ تَحْتَ نِيرِ الْعُبُودِيَّةِ أَنْ يَحْسَبُوا أَسْيَادَهُمْ أَهْلًا لِكُلِّ كَرَامَةٍ، لِئَلَّا يُجَدَّفَ عَلَى اسْمِ اللَّهِ وَتَعْلِيمِهِ. أَمَّا الَّذِينَ لَهُمْ أَسْيَادٌ مُؤْمِنُونَ فَلَا يَسْتَهَيِّنُوا بِهِمْ، لِأَنَّهُمْ إِخْوَةٌ، بَلْ بِالْأُخْرَى فَلْيَخْدُمُوهُمْ، لِأَنَّ الْمُسْتَقِيدِينَ مِنْ خَدَمَتِهِمُ الطَّيِّبَةَ هُمْ مُؤْمِنُونَ وَأَحِبَّاءُ، ذَلِكَ مَا يَجِبُ أَنْ تُعَلِّمَهُ وَتَعِظَ بِهِ. فَإِنْ كَانَ أَحَدٌ يُعَلِّمُ تَعْلِيمًا مُخَالِفًا، وَلَا يَتَمَسَّكُ بِالْكَلَامِ الصَّحِيحِ، كَلَامِ رَبِّنَا يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ، وَبِالتَّعْلِيمِ الْمُوَافِقِ لِلنَّقْوَى، فَهُوَ إِنْسَانٌ أَعْمَتُهُ الْكِبْرِيَاءُ، لَا يَفْهَمُ شَيْئًا، بَلْ مُصَابٌ بِمَرَضِ الْمَجَادَلَاتِ وَالْمُمَاحَكَاتِ، الَّتِي يَنْشَأُ عَنْهَا الْحَسَدُ وَالْخِصَامُ وَالتَّجْدِيفُ وَسُوءُ الظَّنِّ، وَالْمُشَاجَرَاتُ بَيْنَ أَنْاسٍ فَاسِدِي الْعَقْلِ، زَانِفِينَ عَنِ الْحَقِّ، يَظُنُّونَ أَنَّ النَّقْوَى وَسِيلَةٌ لِلرَّبْحِ.

**والتسبيح لله دائماً.**

## Gospel Reading

### Saint Mark 2:1-12

#### The Apostle Writes:

When Jesus returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door; and he was speaking the word to them. Then some people came, bringing to him a paralysed man, carried by four of them. And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, 'Son, your sins are forgiven.' Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, 'Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?' At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were discussing these questions among themselves; and he said to them, 'Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, "Your sins are forgiven", or to say, "Stand up and take your mat and walk"? But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins' he said to the paralytic 'I say to you, stand up, take your mat and go to your home.' And he stood up, and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, 'We have never seen anything like this!'

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

#### مِنْ إِنْجِيلِ الْقَدِيسِ مَرْقَسْ

عَادَ يَسُوعُ إِلَى كَفَرْنَاهُومَ. وَسَمِعَ النَّاسُ أَنَّهُ فِي الْبَيْتِ. فَتَجَمَعَ عَدَدٌ كَبِيرٌ مِنْهُمْ حَتَّى غَصَّ بِهِمُ الْمَكَانُ، وَلَمْ يَبْقَ مَوْضِعٌ لِأَحَدٍ وَلَا عِنْدَ الْبَابِ. وَكَانَ يُخَاطِبُهُمْ بِكَلِمَةِ اللَّهِ. فَأَنَوَّهُ بِمُخْلَعٍ يَحْمِلُهُ أَرْبَعَةُ رِجَالٍ. وَبِسَبَبِ الْجَمْعِ لَمْ يَسْتَطِيعُوا الْوُضُولَ بِهِ إِلَى يَسُوعَ، فَكَشَفُوا السَّقْفَ فَوْقَ يَسُوعَ، وَنَبَشُوهُ، وَذَلُّوا الْفِرَاشَ الَّذِي كَانَ الْمُخْلَعُ مَطْرُوحًا عَلَيْهِ. وَرَأَى يَسُوعُ إِيمَانَهُمْ، فَقَالَ لِلْمُخْلَعِ: "يَا ابْنِي، مَغْفُورَةٌ لَكَ خَطَايَاكَ!". وَكَانَ بَعْضُ الْكَتَبَةِ جَالِسِينَ هُنَاكَ يُفَكِّرُونَ فِي قُلُوبِهِمْ: لِمَاذَا يَتَكَلَّمُ هَذَا الرَّجُلُ هَكَذَا؟ إِنَّهُ يُجَدِّفُ! مَنْ يَقْدِرُ أَنْ يَغْفِرَ الْخَطَايَا إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ؟ وَفِي الْحَالِ عَرَفَ يَسُوعُ بِرُوحِهِ أَنَّهُمْ يُفَكِّرُونَ هَكَذَا فِي أَنْفُسِهِمْ فَقَالَ لَهُمْ: "لِمَاذَا تُفَكِّرُونَ بِهِذَا فِي قُلُوبِكُمْ؟ مَا هُوَ الْأَسْهَلُ؟ أَنْ يُقَالَ لِلْمُخْلَعِ: مَغْفُورَةٌ لَكَ خَطَايَاكَ؟ أَمْ أَنْ يُقَالَ: قُمْ وَاحْمِلْ فِرَاشَكَ وَامْشِ؟ وَلَكِي تَعْلَمُوا أَنَّ لَابْنَ الْإِنْسَانِ سُلْطَانًا أَنْ يَغْفِرَ الْخَطَايَا عَلَى الْأَرْضِ"، قَالَ لِلْمُخْلَعِ: لَكَ أَقُولُ: قُمْ، إِحْمِلْ فِرَاشَكَ، وَأَذْهَبْ إِلَى بَيْتِكَ. فَقَامَ فِي الْحَالِ وَحَمَلَ فِرَاشَهُ، وَخَرَجَ أَمَامَ الْجَمِيعِ، حَتَّى دَهَشُوا كُلُّهُمْ وَمَجَّدُوا اللَّهَ قَائِلِينَ: "مَا رَأَيْنَا مِثْلَ هَذَا الْبَتَّة!".

**حَقًّا وَالْأَمَانُ لَجَمِيعِكُمْ.**