



Saint Maron

Maronite Catholic Church



March 28-29, 2020

HEALING OF THE BLIND MAN

STAY AWAY FROM NEGATIVE PEOPLE,
THEY HAVE A PROBLEM FOR EVERY
SOLUTION.



HOLY WEEK DIRECTIVES

Dear brother priests,
For the upcoming Liturgical commemorations for Holy Week, most of our parishes are not doing public liturgies. However, for those who are, and for those offering private liturgy and live streaming, please see the following directives.
Palm Sunday: No Processions. Blessed Palms can be distributed in the Church for those who want or in the future for those who are staying home. Palms can be kept as fresh as possible at the parish office for several weeks.

Holy Wednesday: The Rite of the Lamp is always for the sick, and this year the Liturgy takes on a new, more poignant meaning. Holy Oil from the Rite of the Lamp can be placed in individual containers and made available at the parish office for several weeks.

Holy Thursday: No Washing of the Feet. No Eucharistic Procession.

Good Friday: Signing of the Chalice, No Processions, No kissing of the Cross for Burial of the Lord.

Holy Saturday: Rite of Forgiveness can be celebrated as usual.

Easter Sunday: No Processions.

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.

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

The Second Collection for the Holy Land is postponed until a later time. The Holy Father has extended a Plenary Indulgence for all those who work closely to assist the elderly, the vulnerable and the sick. Encourage them to make a good act of contribution, stay in the state of grace, and pray for the Holy Father. I pray that this year we may be even more aware of how vulnerable we truly are, and how much we need each other. May God be pleased with our repentance and our service. Sincerely yours in Christ,
+ Gregory John Mansour

UPCOMING EVENTS

In accordance with local laws regarding group events and to keep everyone safe, we will not be having any of the Church Events.

2020 NATIONAL MARONITE CONVENTION

Message from Fr. George Hajj

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, We hope and pray that you and your family are well, and healthy, Because of the state of emergency, we are all going through, our bishops, the NAM board and St. Anthony's Convention team decided to officially CANCEL, the 57th edition of the Maronite Convention, that was planned to take place in Cincinnati, from July 8-12, 2020. We are deeply grateful for the momentum that our parish family, volunteers, committees and conventioners had for this historic event. We pray that everyone is safe and in good health. We are all in this together. We will continue to monitor the COVID-19

situation and will follow guidance from public health officials and government agencies, so we can continue to support each other, healthy.

We hope to be in Philadelphia, next year, God willing!

Yours in Christ Jesus
Fr. George Hajj

MYO RETREAT

In consultation with Sister Therese Maria, Father Gary George, and the MYO Team, our scheduled MYO Retreat for **June 28, 2020 – July 3, 2020** is cancelled. A full statement from the MYO Office is forthcoming.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 4, 2020	Saturday of Lazarus	7:00 PM
Sunday, April 5, 2020	Palm Sunday (No Procession)	11:00 AM
Monday, April 6, 2020	Divine Liturgy – Coming to the Harbor	7:00 PM
Tuesday, April 7, 2020	Divine Liturgy – Coming to the Harbor	7:00 PM
Wednesday, April 8, 2020	Rite of the Lamp with Divine Liturgy	7:00 PM
Thursday, April 9, 2020	Divine Liturgy – Holy Thursday (No Washing of the feet)	7:00 PM
Friday, April 10, 2020	Great Friday of Crucifixion Service	7:00 PM
Saturday, April 11, 2020	Rite of Forgiveness	11:30 AM

EASTER SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 11, 2020	Divine Liturgy of the Glorious Resurrection	7:00 PM
Sunday, April 12, 2020	Divine Liturgy of the Glorious Resurrection	11:00 AM
Monday, April 13, 2020	Divine Liturgy	7:00 PM

DIVINE LITURGIES

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.

Saturday, March 21, @ 6:00PM
Sunday, March 22, @ 11:00AM, (PALM SUNDAY)
liturgy is being offered for the deceased members of Saliba, Koury and Marrone families requested by the family. May their souls rest in peace.

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!

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.

HELP WANTED

Full-time job for a responsible, pleasant, mature woman (age 60+) to be a live-in companion, homemaker, and assistant to my mother who is mobile and mentally alert. This job offers a private room in our home in Philadelphia, PA, meals, and a monthly salary. If you are interested, please call Rita at 215-858-4007.

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.

WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR March 21-22, 2020

Collection	\$ 265.00
Bishop's Appeal	\$ 200.00
Total:	\$ 465.00

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



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

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.

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First Reading

2 Corinthians 10:1-7

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

Brothers and Sisters:

I myself, Paul, appeal to you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ I who am humble when face to face with you, but bold towards you when I am away! I ask that when I am present I need not show boldness by daring to oppose those who think we are acting according to human standards. Indeed, we live as human beings, but we do not wage war according to human standards; for the weapons of our warfare are not merely human, but they have divine power to destroy strongholds. We destroy arguments and every proud obstacle raised up against the knowledge of God, and we take every thought captive to obey Christ. We are ready to punish every disobedience when your obedience is complete. Look at what is before your eyes. If you are confident that you belong to Christ, remind yourself of this, that just as you belong to Christ, so also do we.

Praise be to God always.

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الثانية إلى أهل قورنثس

يا إخوتي، أنا بولس نفسي أناشدكم بوداعة المسيح وحلمه، أنا المتواضع بينكم عندما أكون حاضراً، والجريء عليكم عندما أكون غائباً. وأرجو ألا أجبر عند حضوري أن أكون جريئاً، بالثقة التي لي بكم، والتي أنوي أن أجرو بها على الذين يحسبون أننا نسلك كأناس جسديين. أجل، إننا نحيا في الجسد، ولكننا لا نحارب كأناس جسديين؛ لأن أسلحة جهادنا ليست جسدية، بل هي قادرة بالله على هدم الحصون المنيعة؛ فإننا نهدم الأفكار الخاطئة، وكل شموخ يرتفع ضد معرفة الله، ونأسر كل فكر لطاعة المسيح. ونحن مستعدون أن نعاقب كل عصيان، متى كملت طاعتكم. إنكم تحكمون على المظاهر! إن كان أحد واثقاً بنفسه أنه للمسيح، فليفكر في نفسه أنه كما هو للمسيح كذلك نحن أيضاً.

والتسبيح لله دائماً.

Gospel Reading

Saint Mark 10:46-52

The Apostle Writes:

They came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaues, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!' Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, 'Son of David, have mercy on me!' Jesus stood still and said, 'Call him here.' And they called the blind man, saying to him, 'Take heart; get up, he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, 'What do you want me to do for you?' The blind man said to him, 'My teacher, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has made you well.' Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

مِنْ إِنْجِيلِ الْقَدِّيسِ مَرْقُس

بَيْنَمَا يَسُوعُ خَارِجٌ مِنْ أَرِيحَا، هُوَ وَتَلَامِيذُهُ وَجَمْعٌ غَفِيرٌ، كَانَ بَرْطِيمَا، أَيُّ ابْنِ طِيمَا، وَهُوَ شَحَّاذٌ أَعْمَى، جَالِسًا عَلَى جَانِبِ الطَّرِيقِ. فَلَمَّا سَمِعَ أَنَّهُ يَسُوعُ النَّاصِرِيُّ، بَدَأَ يَصْرُخُ وَيَقُولُ: "يَا يَسُوعُ ابْنَ دَاوُدَ ارْحَمْنِي!". فَانْتَهَرَهُ أَنْاسٌ كَثِيرُونَ لَيْسُكَتَ، إِلَّا أَنَّهُ كَانَ يَزْدَادُ صُرَاخًا: "يَا ابْنَ دَاوُدَ ارْحَمْنِي!". فَوَقَفَ يَسُوعُ وَقَالَ: "أَدْعُوهُ!". فَدَعَا الْأَعْمَى قَائِلِينَ لَهُ: "ثِقْ وَأَنْهَضْ! إِنَّهُ يَدْعُوكَ". فَطَرَحَ الْأَعْمَى رِدَاءَهُ، وَوَثَبَ وَجَاءَ إِلَى يَسُوعَ. فَقَالَ لَهُ يَسُوعُ: "مَاذَا تُرِيدُ أَنْ أَصْنَعَ لَكَ؟". قَالَ لَهُ الْأَعْمَى: "رَابُّونِي، أَنْ أَبْصِرَ!". فَقَالَ لَهُ يَسُوعُ: "إِذْهَبْ! إِيمَانُكَ خَلَّصَكَ". وَلِلْوَقْتِ عَادَ يُبْصِرُ. وَرَاحَ يَتْبَعُ يَسُوعَ فِي الطَّرِيقِ.
حَقًّا وَالْأَمَانُ لِكُلِّكُمْ.