



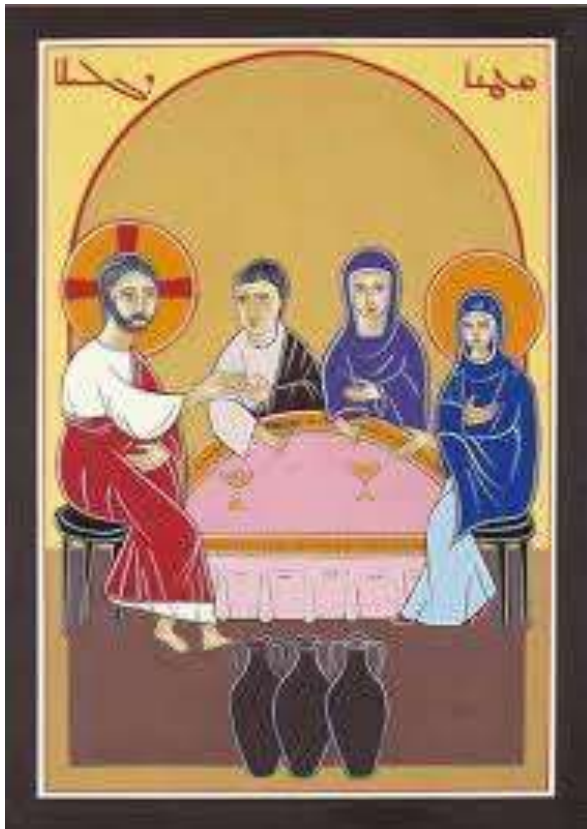
Saint Maron

Maronite Catholic Church



February 13-14, 2021

SUNDAY OF THE ENTRANCE INTO LENT MIRACLE AT CANA IN GALILEE



The Entrance into Great Lent: The Miracle at Cana

His mother said to the servants, "Whatever He tells you, do it." ... This beginning of his signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and revealed His glory; and His disciples believed in Him. - John 2:5,11

The Gospel readings during the Season of Great Lent in the Maronite Church, direct our attention to the healing presence and power of Christ. Beginning with the entrance Sunday of the Miracle of Cana in Galilee; where in this first public miracle of Jesus, the sacramental signs of matrimony, water, and wine reveal the supreme and perfect act of healing, the re-establishment of divine order in Christ's victory over death.

The Season of Great Lent is given to the Church each year as a time when we can seriously and prayerfully reflect upon what is of ultimate value in our lives and what is not necessary in our pilgrimage to the Kingdom of God. The Church is calling us to the kind of spiritual awareness that was expressed by St. Basil the Great in his work known as the Moralia. He writes, "whatever a person may possess over and above what is

necessary for life, he is obliged to do good with, according to the command of the Lord who has bestowed on us the things we possess." Here St. Basil reminds us that as Christians, if we have been given all we need for a good life, then what we have in abundance we should do good work with for others, for ultimately all we have is not of our own making, but are gifts from God.

Fr. David Fisher

Divine Liturgies will be in the Church.

Seating is limited to 50 people.

Please "SignUp" before attending.

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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, February 13, @ 6:00PM,

Sunday, February 14, @ 11:00AM, liturgy is offered for the soul of Tom Baxter requested by his wife Patty.

Monday, February 15, @ 6:00PM, Ash Monday. Liturgy is offered for the safety and wellbeing of our parishioners.

Friday, February 19, @ 6:00PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Saturday, February 20, @ 6:00PM, liturgy is offered for the soul of Chubby and Michael Simon requested by Chucky Simon. May their soul rest in peace.

Sunday, February 21, @ 11:00AM, liturgy is offered for the repose of souls of Nan Farhat requested by Dany and Rania Cherfane and family. May her souls rest in peace.

ELDERLY COMMUNION

If you wish to receive communion at home, please contact the Church Office at 215-389-2000.

2021 CHURCH ENVELOPES

The 2021 weekly envelopes are now available in the church hall. If anyone does not have a set of envelopes and would like them, please contact the office and we will have a set ready for you. This way, we can give you tax recognition at the end of the year.

2020 TAX CONTRIBUTION LETTER

If you would like to receive your tax contribution letter for 2020, please contact the office and we will prepare the papers needed. These can only be done for those who used the envelope system or made a donation by check. Thank you for your continued support to St. Maron Church.

2021 MARONITE CALENDARS

The 2021 Maronite Calendars are available. You can pick them up from the back of the Church or from the Office.

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Apartment for rent located at 1161 S. 10th Street, 1st Floor. One bedroom, washer / dryer, access to basement and yard, water included in rent, hardwood floors throughout, tile bathroom. For more information, contact Joe at 215-356-9754.

THANK YOU

Thank you for everyone who donated to the Church this past week. Our Church's finances rely on the generosity of our community, including Sunday collections and donations. If you are able to donate, please do so via the following link: <https://saintmaron.org/donate> or you can always mail your weekly envelopes/donations to the Church office. Thank you for your continuous support during these challenging times.

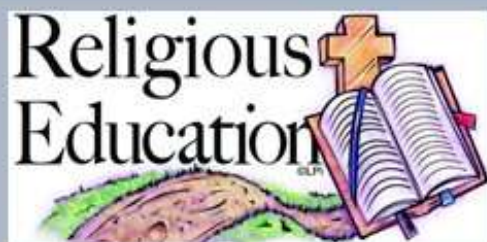
WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR February 6-7, 2021

Sunday Collection	\$ 1,691.00
Donation	\$ 230.00
Online Donations	\$ 310.00
Total:	\$ 2,231.00

IN OUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers Pierre Khoury, Mary Spina, Tina Grassia, Michelle Raymond, Elissar Ayoub, Lou Iovino, Ralph Passio, Joanne Simon-Turing, Diane McLaughlin, Bonnie Gorman, Kevin Khoury, Marie McCrea, Suzanne Haney, Luke Farrell Jr., Linda DiBernardo, Joan Speck, David Joseph Cook, Eddie Tayoun, Minarva Labbad, Dante Panichi, Dennis Strelchuk, Carol Krestos, Gladys Dalcourt, Denise Furey, Chucky Simon, Mirta Ruiz, Rita Impo, Jade Kellam, Marion Thomas Branca, Francesca Impo, Lucy DiLuce, Laurent Chidiac, Tom Hart, John Hart, Fadi Jaber, Joseph Realdine, Emily Stone, Lisa Alestra, John Nader, 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, and Angel Salerno. 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 intention.

Upcoming Events



Religious Education

Classes started



Ash Monday

Divine Liturgy and Distribution of Ashes
Monday, February 15, 2021

6:00 PM



Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent

6:00 PM



Dear Parishioners,

ATTENTION



It was brought to our attention that some of you are not receiving any emails from the church.

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

In coordination with Caritas Lebanon, every Maronite Eparchy was asked to assist needy families in Lebanon. The sponsorship varies from \$50 to \$100 per month, depending on the size and the need of the family. Sponsorship will be for this year, 2021, and everyone is able to help.

I ask you to promote this project through your social media, bulletins, and other ways to connect with your parishioners. Father John Nahal, President of Caritas Lebanon, USA, is coordinating this effort and he will be happy to answer any questions you might have. You may reach him at (314) 621-0056 or rector@straymondscathedral.com.

The need is great. Thankfully we already have some families who have sponsored families in Lebanon, but we need more. Any support you can give in this regard is greatly appreciated. Please refer to the links below for additional information.

Links:

<http://www.caritaslebanon.org/>

[CaritasFamiliesLeb for sponsorship2021\(7\).pdf \(caritaslebanon.org\)](#)

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Gregory

+ Gregory John Mansour

GJM/rs

ROSARY BY ZOOM

The Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn invites all of you to join and pray the Rosary every second Monday of the month via Zoom. The first meeting will be on Monday, February 8, 2021 at 8pm. Everybody is invited to join. All details are mentioned in the following flyer:



"I am the Lady of the Rosary. Continue always to pray the Rosary every day" - *Our Lady of Fatima*



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ZOOM LINK

MEETING ID: 883 4965 1080

PASSCODE: rosary

<https://tinyurl.com/OFSLROSARY>

January 29, 2021

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

Lent is a time of repentance and of uniting ourselves to Christ during his 40 days in the desert. During this sacred season, CRS Rice Bowl, Catholic Relief Services' Lenten faith-in-action program, invites us to reflect on how caring for our neighbor is caring for Christ. *For I was hungry and you gave me food, thirsty and you gave me drink* (Matthew 25:35).

CRS Rice Bowl provides resources to bring Lenten spirituality to life for families and parishes, while continuing to connect Catholics in our eparchy with the global human family.

This year, CRS invites us to journey to Madagascar, El Salvador and Timor-Leste to learn about the root causes of hunger and how communities with the support of CRS and faith communities like ours, are making sure they have what they need. Through stories, videos and lesson plans, we will learn about the global issue of hunger and malnutrition and our Gospel call to feed the hungry. With prayer, fasting and almsgiving, we continue Jesus' mission to care for all in need.

I again would like all our parishes and missions to participate in this Lenten program. **Please provide each family in your community with the attached 2021 CRS Rice Bowl Maronite Lenten Calendar.** If you did not receive CRS Rice Bowls last Lent, please visit crsricebowl.org to order one for each family. Please include "St. Maron" after the name of your parish or mission when ordering, so we can better track our Eparchy's participation. Additional CRS Rice Bowl resources also are available on the webpage, including:

- Lenten devotions and prayers
- Lesson plans, videos and activity sheets for Catholic school teachers and religious educators
- Ideas for in-person or virtual community gatherings and simple Lenten meal events

I have asked CRS to send a mid-Lent mailing to all participating communities in our Eparchy with a CRS-addressed envelope to send in your Lenten alms. Please contact our CRS Diocesan Director, Deacon Joseph Chebli, at (908) 578-3690 / josephchebli@gmail.com with any questions about how to incorporate CRS Rice Bowl into the life of your parish this Lent, or to obtain virtual access to the Rice Bowl.

Thank you for inviting families in your faith community to an enriched Lenten journey through CRS Rice Bowl. Together, we can respond to Christ's call to help those in need and ensure everyone reaches his or her God-given human potential.

Yours in Christ,



+ Gregory John Mansour
Bishop of the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn

2021 CRS Rice Bowl Maronite Catholic Church Lenten Calendar

February 14 th	Sunday of Cana in Galilee / Entrance into Lent
February 15 th	Ash Monday – the Great Fast begins
February 21 st	Sunday of the Leper, Second Sunday of Lent
February 21 st -27 th	<u>A JOURNEY TO 3 COUNTRIES</u> – <i>Solidarity with our World</i>
February 28 th	Sunday of the Hemorrhaging Woman, Third Sunday of Lent
February 28 th -March 6 th	<u>A STORY OF HOPE-MADAGASCAR</u> – <i>Option for the Poor</i>
March 7 th	Sunday of the Prodigal Son, Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 7 th -13 th	<u>A STORY OF HOPE- EL SALVADOR</u> – <i>Care for God's Creation</i>
March 14 th	Sunday of the Paralytic, Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 14 th -March 20 th	<u>A STORY OF HOPE-TIMOR-LESTE</u> – <i>Dignity of the Human Person</i>
March 21 st	Sunday of Bartimaeus the Blind, Sixth Sunday of Lent
March 21 st - March 27 th	<u>THE FRUIT OF OUR LENTEN SACRIFICE</u> – <i>Dignity of Work</i>
March 28 th -April 3 rd	<u>HOLY WEEK</u>
March 28 th	Hosanna Sunday
April 1 st	Thursday of Mysteries
April 2 nd	Great Friday of the Crucifixion
April 3 rd	Great Saturday of the Light
April 4 th	GREAT SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

For virtual Rice Bowl please join us at CRSRicebowl.org

SPRING FORMATION 2021

GREAT LENT

Learn more about the Maronite Faith and Traditions.

VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS

- **FEB. 25: GREAT LENT: FASTING, PRAYER, & ALMSGIVING**
FR. RUDY WAKIM
- **MAR. 4: OVERVIEW OF THE MARONITE LITURGICAL YEAR**
FR. NAJI KIWAN
- **MAR. 11: MARONITE RITUALS FOR GREAT LENT**
MSGR. JIM ROOT
- **MAR. 18: SYRIAC THEMES IN PASSION WEEK**
FR. AARON SANDBOTHE
- **MAR. 25: MARY IN OUR MARONITE TRADITION**
FR. KEVIN BEATON

Via Zoom on Thursdays 8:00-9:15PM

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First Reading

Romans 14:14-23

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

Brothers and Sisters:

I know and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself; but it is unclean for anyone who thinks it unclean. If your brother or sister is being injured by what you eat, you are no longer walking in love. Do not let what you eat cause the ruin of one for whom Christ died. So do not let your good be spoken of as evil. For the kingdom of God is not food and drink but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. The one who thus serves Christ is acceptable to God and has human approval. Let us then pursue what makes for peace and for mutual edification. Do not, for the sake of food, destroy the work of God. Everything is indeed clean, but it is wrong for you to make others fall by what you eat; it is good not to eat meat or drink wine or do anything that makes your brother or sister stumble. The faith that you have, have as your own conviction before God. Blessed are those who have no reason to condemn themselves because of what they approve. But those who have doubts are condemned if they eat, because they do not act from faith; for whatever does not proceed from faith is sin.

Praise be to God always.

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل رومة

يا إخواني، إِنِّي عَالِمٌ وَوَاتِقٌ، فِي الرَّبِّ يَسُوعَ، أَنَّ لَا شَيْءَ نَجِسٌ فِي ذَاتِهِ، إِلَّا لِمَنْ يَحْسَبُهُ نَجِسًا، فَلَهُ يَكُونُ نَجِسًا. فَإِنْ كُنْتَ مِنْ أَجْلِ الطَّعَامِ تُحْزِنُ أَخَاكَ، فَلَا تَكُونُ سَالِكًا فِي الْمَحَبَّةِ. فَلَا تُهْلِكُ بِطَعَامِكَ ذَاكَ الَّذِي مَاتَ الْمَسِيحُ مِنْ أَجْلِهِ! إِذَا فَلَا تَسْمَحُوا بِأَنْ يَصِيرَ الْخَيْرُ فِيكُمْ سَبَبًا لِلتَّجْدِيفِ. فَلَيْسَ مَلَكُوتُ اللَّهِ أَكْلًا وَشُرْبًا، بَلْ بَرٌّ وَسَلَامٌ وَفَرَحٌ فِي الرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ. فَمَنْ يَخْدُمُ الْمَسِيحَ هَكَذَا فَهُوَ مَرْضِيٌّ لَدَى اللَّهِ، وَمَقْبُولٌ لَدَى النَّاسِ. فَلْنَسْعَ إِذَا إِلَى مَا هُوَ لِلسَّلَامِ، وَمَا هُوَ لِلْبُنْيَانِ بَعْضُنَا بَعْضًا. فَلَا تَنْقُضْ عَمَلَ اللَّهِ مِنْ أَجْلِ الطَّعَامِ؛ لِأَنَّ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ طَاهِرٌ، وَلَكِنَّهُ يَنْقَلِبُ شَرًّا عَلَى الْإِنْسَانِ الَّذِي يَأْكُلُ وَيَكُونُ سَبَبَ عَثْرَةٍ لِأَخِيهِ. فَخَيْرٌ لَكَ أَنْ لَا تَأْكُلَ لَحْمًا، وَلَا تَشْرَبَ خَمْرًا، وَلَا تَتَنَاوَلَ شَيْئًا يَكُونُ سَبَبَ عَثْرَةٍ لِأَخِيكَ. وَاحْتَفِظْ بِرَأْيِكَ لِنَفْسِكَ أَمَامَ اللَّهِ. وَطُوبَى لِمَنْ لَا يَدِينُ نَفْسَهُ فِي مَا يُقَرِّرُهُ! أَمَّا الْمُرْتَابُ فِي قَرَارِهِ، فَإِنْ أَكَلَ يُدَانَ، لِأَنَّ عَمَلَهُ غَيْرُ صَادِرٍ عَنْ يَقِينٍ وَإِيمَانٍ. وَكُلُّ عَمَلٍ لَا يَصْدُرُ عَنْ يَقِينٍ وَإِيمَانٍ فَهُوَ خَطِيئَةٌ.

والتسبيح لله دائماً.

Gospel Reading

Saint John 2:1-11

The Apostle Writes:

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

مِنْ إِنْجِيلِ الْقَدِيسِ يُوْحَنَّا

فِي الْيَوْمِ الثَّالِثِ، كَانَ عُرْسٌ فِي قَانَا الْجَلِيلِ، وَكَانَتْ أُمُّ يَسُوعَ هُنَاكَ. وَدُعِيَ أَيْضًا يَسُوعُ وَتَلَامِيذُهُ إِلَى الْعُرْسِ. وَنَفَدَ الْخَمْرُ، فَقَالَتْ لِيَسُوعَ أُمُّهُ: «لَيْسَ لَدَيْهِمْ خَمْرٌ». فَقَالَ لَهَا يَسُوعُ: «مَا لِي وَلَكَ، يَا امْرَأَةٌ؟ لَمْ تَأْتِ سَاعَتِي بَعْدُ!». فَقَالَتْ أُمُّهُ لِلْخَدَمِ: «مَهْمَا يَقُلْ لَكُمْ فَافْعَلُوهُ!». وَكَانَ هُنَاكَ سِتَّةُ أَجْرَانِ مِنْ حَجَرٍ، مُعَدَّةٌ لِتَطْهِيرِ الْيَهُودِ، يَسَعُ كُلُّ مِنْهَا مِنْ ثَمَانِينَ إِلَى مِئَةِ وَعِشْرِينَ لِيْتَرَا، فَقَالَ يَسُوعُ لِلْخَدَمِ: «إِمْلَأُوا الْأَجْرَانَ مَاءً». فَمَلَأُوهُمَا إِلَى فَوْقِ. قَالَ لَهُمْ: «اسْتَقُوا الْآنَ، وَقَدِّمُوا لِرَبِّيسِ الْوَلِيمَةِ». فَقَدَّمُوا. وَذَاقَ الرَّبِّيسُ الْمَاءَ، الَّذِي صَارَ خَمْرًا - وَكَانَ لَا يَعْلَمُ مِنْ أَيْنَ هُوَ، وَالْخَدَمُ الَّذِينَ اسْتَقَوْ يَعْلَمُونَ - فَدَعَا إِلَيْهِ الْعَرِيسَ وَقَالَ لَهُ: «كُلُّ إِنْسَانٍ يُقَدِّمُ الْخَمْرَ الْجَيِّدَ أَوَّلًا، حَتَّى إِذَا سَكِرَ الْمَدْعُوُونَ، قَدَّمَ الْأَقْلَ جُودَةً، أَمَّا أَنْتَ فَقَدْ أَبْقَيْتَ الْخَمْرَ الْجَيِّدَ إِلَى الْآنَ!». تِلْكَ كَانَتْ أُولَى آيَاتِ يَسُوعَ، صَنَعَهَا فِي قَانَا الْجَلِيلِ، فَأَظْهَرَ مَجْدَهُ، وَآمَنَ بِهِ تَلَامِيذُهُ. حَقًّا وَالْأَمَانُ لَجَمِيعِكُمْ.