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Maronite Catholic Church



February 20-21, 2021

HEALING OF THE LEPER

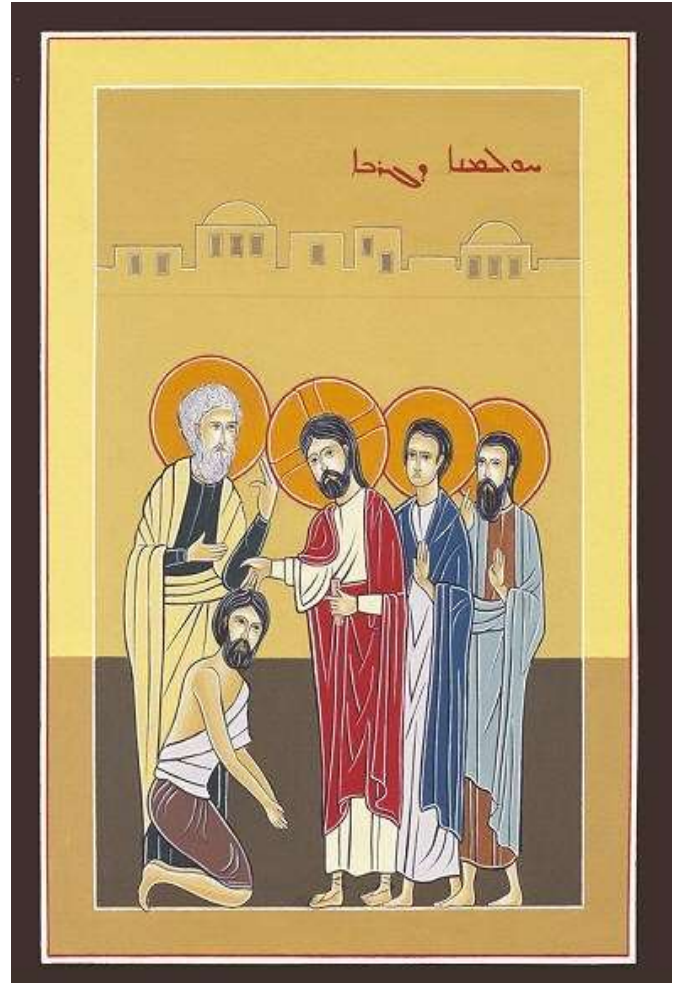
The Cleansing of the Leper

A leper came to him [and kneeling down] begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean. - Mark 1:40-42

The healing of the leper illustrates a common element in the scriptural encounters of Jesus with those who seek healing from him; that being the necessity of faith. Christ never forces the miraculous upon anyone, rather he heals in response to the cry of those who have faith in his healing power. "Prayer to Jesus is answered by him already during his ministry, through signs that anticipate the power of his death and Resurrection: Jesus hears the prayer of faith, expressed in words (the leper... the woman with a hemorrhage who touches his clothes)." (The Catechism of the Catholic Church, article 2, number 2616)

Faith is a response of the total person (reason, will, emotions) to the presence of the divine. In Jesus the Eternal God invites us to be made anew, to come to full stature as beings of love; but this relationship by which we are healed of sin and death is never forced upon us, our response of faith is possibly the greatest act of freedom a human being can ever make.

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 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.

Friday, February 26, @ 6:00PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Saturday, February 27, @ 6:00PM, liturgy is offered for the soul of Nan Farhat requested by Salema and Barbada Dahdah. May her soul rest in peace.

Sunday, February 28, @ 11:00AM, liturgy is offered for the soul of Labibe Sholy requested by Khalil and Madline Raie and family. May her soul 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.

2021 MARONITE CALENDARS

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

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.

APARTMENT FOR RENT

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 13-14, 2021

Sunday Collection	\$ 605.00
Feast of St. Maron	\$ 260.00
Ash Monday	\$ 40.00
Online Donations	\$ 460.00
Total:	\$ 1,365.00

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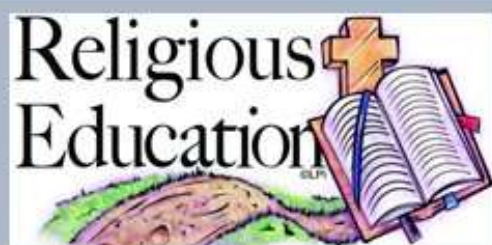
February 13, 2021

TOTAL INCOME	\$ 7,562.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 1,741.00
PROFIT	\$ 5,820.08

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 Chokeyr, 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



Stations of the Cross
Every Friday during Lent
6:00 PM



Falafel Take Out
Saturday, March 6, 2021
Details will be announced soon



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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 6:12-23

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

Brothers and Sisters:

Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Praise be to God always.

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل رومة

يا إخوتي، لا تَمْلِكَنَّ الْخَطِيئَةُ بَعْدُ فِي جَسَدِكُمْ الْمَائِتِ، فَتُطِيعُوا شَهَوَاتِهِ. وَلَا تَجْعَلُوا أَعْضَاءَكُمْ سِلَاحَ ظُلْمٍ لِلْخَطِيئَةِ، بَلْ قَرَّبُوا أَنْفُسَكُمْ لِلَّهِ كَأَحْيَاءٍ قَامُوا مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، وَاجْعَلُوا أَعْضَاءَكُمْ سِلَاحَ بَرٍّ لِلَّهِ. فَلَا تَتَسَلَّطْ عَلَيْكُمْ الْخَطِيئَةُ، لِأَنَّكُمْ لَسْتُمْ فِي حُكْمِ الشَّرِيعَةِ بَلْ فِي حُكْمِ النِّعْمَةِ. فَمَاذَا إِذَا؟ هَلْ نَخْطَأُ لِأَنَّنَا لَسْنَا فِي حُكْمِ الشَّرِيعَةِ، بَلْ فِي حُكْمِ النِّعْمَةِ؟ حَاشَا! أَلَا تَعْلَمُونَ أَنَّكُمْ عِنْدَمَا تَجْعَلُونَ أَنْفُسَكُمْ عِبِيدًا لِأَحَدٍ فَتُطِيعُونَهُ، تَكُونُونَ عِبِيدًا لِلَّذِي تُطِيعُونَهُ: إِمَّا عِبِيدًا لِلْخَطِيئَةِ الَّتِي تَوُولُ إِلَى الْمَوْتِ، وَإِمَّا لِلطَّاعَةِ الَّتِي تَوُولُ إِلَى الْبَرِّ. فَشُكْرًا لِلَّهِ لِأَنَّكُمْ بَعْدَمَا كُنْتُمْ عِبِيدَ الْخَطِيئَةِ، أَطَعْتُمْ مِنْ كُلِّ قَلْبِكُمْ مِثَالَ التَّعْلِيمِ الَّذِي سُلِّمَتْكُمْ إِلَيْهِ. وَبَعْدَ أَنْ حُرِّرْتُمْ مِنَ الْخَطِيئَةِ، صِرْتُمْ عِبِيدًا لِلْبَرِّ. وَأَقُولُ قَوْلًا بَشَرِيًّا مُرَاعَاةً لِيُضَغِّفَكُمْ: فَكَمَا جَعَلْتُمْ أَعْضَاءَكُمْ عِبِيدًا لِلنَّجَاسَةِ وَالْإِثْمِ فِي سَبِيلِ الْإِثْمِ، كَذَلِكَ اجْعَلُوا الْآنَ أَعْضَاءَكُمْ عِبِيدًا لِلْبَرِّ فِي سَبِيلِ الْقِدَاسَةِ. فَلَمَّا كُنْتُمْ عِبِيدَ الْخَطِيئَةِ، كُنْتُمْ أَحْرَارًا مِنَ الْبَرِّ. فَأَيَّ ثَمَرٍ جَنَيْتُمْ حِينَئِذٍ مِنْ تِلْكَ الْأُمُورِ الَّتِي تَسْتَحُونَ مِنْهَا الْآنَ؟ فَإِنَّ عَاقِبَتَهَا الْمَوْتُ. أَمَّا الْآنَ، وَقَدْ صِرْتُمْ أَحْرَارًا مِنَ الْخَطِيئَةِ وَعِبِيدًا لِلَّهِ، فَإِنَّكُمْ تَجْنُونَ ثَمَرًا لِلْقِدَاسَةِ، وَعَاقِبَتُهَا الْحَيَاةُ الْأَبَدِيَّةُ. لِأَنَّ أَجْرَ الْخَطِيئَةِ هِيَ الْمَوْتُ. أَمَّا مَوْهَبَةُ اللَّهِ فَهِيَ الْحَيَاةُ الْأَبَدِيَّةُ فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ رَبَّنَا.

والتسبيح لله دائماً.

Gospel Reading

Saint Mark 1:35-45

The Apostle Writes:

In the morning, while it was still very dark, Jesus got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, 'Everyone is searching for you.' He answered, 'Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do.' And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons. A leper came to him begging him, and kneeling he said to him, 'If you choose, you can make me clean.' Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him, 'I do choose. Be made clean!' Immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean. After sternly warning him he sent him away at once, saying to him, 'See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.' But he went out and began to proclaim it freely, and to spread the word, so that Jesus could no longer go into a town openly, but stayed out in the country; and people came to him from every quarter.

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

مِنْ إِنْجِيلِ الْقَدِيسِ مَرْقُس

قَامَ يَسُوعُ قَبْلَ طُلُوعِ الْفَجْرِ، فَخَرَجَ وَذَهَبَ إِلَى مَكَانٍ قَفْرٍ، وَأَخَذَ يُصَلِّي هُنَاكَ. وَلَحِقَ بِهِ سَمْعَانُ وَالَّذِينَ مَعَهُ، وَوَجَدُوهُ فَقَالُوا لَهُ: "الْجَمِيعُ يَطْلُبُونَكَ". فَقَالَ لَهُمْ: "لِنَذْهَبَ إِلَى مَكَانٍ آخَرَ، إِلَى الْقُرَى الْمُجَاوِرَةِ، لِأُبَشِّرَ هُنَاكَ أَيْضًا، فَإِنِّي لِهَذَا خَرَجْتُ". وَسَارَ فِي كُلِّ الْجَلِيلِ، وَهُوَ يَكْرِزُ فِي مَجَامِعِهِمْ وَيَطْرُدُ الشَّيَاطِينَ. وَأَتَاهُ أَبْرَصٌ يَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْهِ، فَجَنَّا وَقَالَ لَهُ: "إِن شِئْتَ فَأَنْتَ قَادِرٌ أَنْ تُطَهِّرَنِي!". فَتَحَنَّنَ يَسُوعُ وَمَدَّ يَدَهُ وَلَمَسَهُ وَقَالَ لَهُ: "قَدْ شِئْتَ، فَاطْهَرِ!". وَفِي الْحَالِ زَالَ عَنْهُ الْبَرَصُ، فَطَهَّرَ. فَأَنْتَهَرَهُ يَسُوعُ وَصَرَفَهُ حَالًا، وَقَالَ لَهُ: "أَنْظُرْ، لَا تُخْبِرَ أَحَدًا بِشَيْءٍ، بَلِ اذْهَبْ وَارِ نَفْسَكَ لِلْكَاهِنِ، وَقَدِّمْ عَنْ طَهْرِكَ مَا أَمَرَ بِهِ مُوسَى، شَهَادَةً لَهُمْ". أَمَّا هُوَ فَخَرَجَ وَبَدَأَ يُنَادِي بِأَعْلَى صَوْتِهِ وَيُذِيعُ الْخَبَرَ، حَتَّى إِنَّ يَسُوعَ لَمْ يَعُدْ قَادِرًا أَنْ يَدْخُلَ إِلَى مَدِينَةٍ عَلَانِيَةً، بَلْ كَانَ يُقِيمُ فِي الْخَارِجِ، فِي أَمَاكِنَ مُقْفَرَةٍ، وَكَانَ النَّاسُ يَأْتُونَ إِلَيْهِ مِنْ كُلِّ مَكَانٍ. حَقًّا وَالْأَمَانُ لَجَمِيعِكُمْ.