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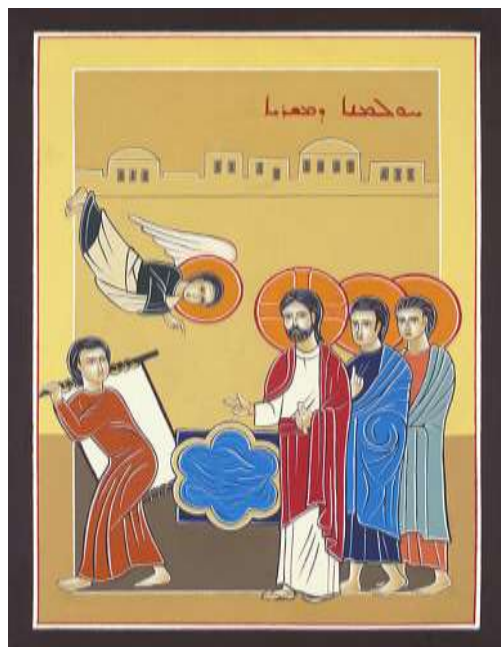
## Maronite Catholic Church



March 13-14, 2021

# HEALING OF THE PARALYTIC

## Healing of the Paralytic



“When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, ‘Child, your sins are forgiven.’ ... He rose, picked up his mat at once, and went away in the sight of everyone. They were all astounded and glorified God, saying, ‘We have never seen anything like this.’” - Mark 2:5, 12

The healing of the paralytic reveals the connection between human frailness, suffering, and illness with human sin. We know from the Book of Genesis that God created all things, he created all things as good, and he created man and woman to be stewards of his creation. What entered into God’s creation was the mystery of sin, resulting from the failure of human beings to exercise their free will for love of God and neighbor, and to turn inward in an attempt to usurp God’s dominion over all. In their attempt to become the masters of life, the mystery of sin reached its ultimate expression in the mystery of death. The images of God who were created for the Kingdom of Heaven, a kingdom of love and peace; took their broken images to the Shoel, the Old Testament term for the shadowy abode of the dead.

In the healing of the paralytic we see that Jesus the Son of God, the Son of Man, is the only one who can re-establish the beauty of creation and the bonds of love between God and human beings, and humans with each other.

The miraculous healings of Christ must always be seen in their connection to his Cross and Resurrection. Jesus is the Divine Physician not merely because he can cure our bodily illnesses, but because he destroys death, the cosmic result of the misuse of our freedom. As Saint Paul said to the Corinthians, “For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.” (2 Corinthians 5:21)

Fr. David Fisher

**Divine Liturgies will be in the Church.**

**Seating is limited to 50 people.**

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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, March 13, @ 6:00PM,**

**Sunday, March 14, @ 11:00AM,** liturgy is offered for the soul of Edmond and Stavro Jabra requested by Simon and Zeina Topalian and family. May their souls rest in peace.

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

**Saturday, March 20, @ 6:00PM,** liturgy is offered for the soul of Josephine Rudolph requested by her daughters. May her soul rest in peace.

**Sunday, March 21, @ 11:00AM,** liturgy is offered for the repose of souls of Assaad and Jamile Finianos requested by family. May their souls rest in peace.

## PALM SUNDAY CANDLES



Every year Mrs. Carol Sawan offers her talents to Saint Maron Church by decorating Shaanini Candles for Children. This year due to COVID she won't display them in the Hall but she's still willing to make these candles upon order. If you wish to have a decorated candle for your child please contact Carol at 215-802-1705.

## 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.

## IN OUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers Stephen Bressi, Pierre Khoury, 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.

## ELDERLY COMMUNION

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## RICE BOWL

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## WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR February 27-28, 2021

<b>Sunday Collection</b>	<b>\$ 948.00</b>
<b>Donations</b>	<b>\$ 860.00</b>
<b>Online Collection</b>	<b>\$ 460.00</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 2,268.00</b>
<b>Weekly Budget</b>	<b>\$ 3,950.00</b>
<b>Deficit</b>	<b>- \$ 1,682.00</b>

## BISHOP'S APPEAL

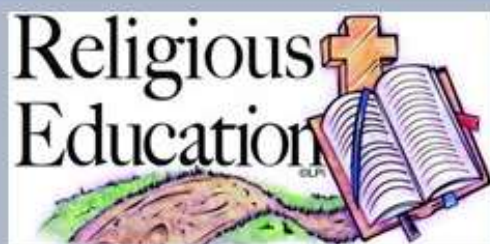
<b>TOTAL RECEIVED\$</b>	<b>3,140.00</b>
<b>GOAL</b>	<b>\$ 3,500.00</b>
<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 360.00</b>

## FALAFEL TAKE OUT

<b>TOTAL INCOME \$</b>	<b>2,820.00</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES\$</b>	<b>174.00</b>
<b>PROFIT</b>	<b>\$ 2,646.00</b>



# Upcoming Events



## **CCD & MYO**

Back on course,  
Registration is still open



## **Stations of the Cross**

Every Friday during Lent  
6:00 PM



## **Palm Sunday**

Sunday, March 28, 2021  
11:00 AM



## **Annual Bake Sale Take Out**

March 31 – April 1, 2021  
11:00AM – 5:00PM



## **Holy Week**

March 29 to April 3



## **Resurrection Sunday**

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March 31 – April 1, 2021

11:00 AM – 5:00 PM



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## Cookies

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



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LOOKING AHEAD ■ **MAY 10**



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*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*

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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 يَسْتَهْيِئُوا بِهِمْ، لِأَنَّهُمْ إِخْوَةٌ، بَلْ بِالْآخَرِ فَلْيَخْدُمُوهُمْ، لِأَنَّ الْمُسْتَقِيدِينَ مِنْ خَدَمَتِهِمُ الطَّيِّبَةَ هُمْ مُؤْمِنُونَ وَأَحِبَّاءُ، ذَلِكَ مَا يَجِبُ أَنْ تَعْلَمَهُ 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 كَفَرْنَاحُومَ. 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 لِكُلِّكُمْ.**