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Maronite Catholic Church

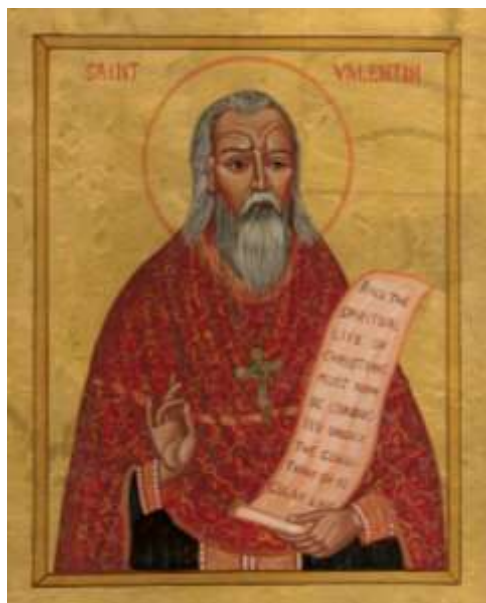


February 12-13, 2022

Sunday of the Righteous and Just

Saint Valentine, Priest and Martyr

Feast Day: February 14



Saint Valentine was a Catholic priest who lived in Italy during the third century AD and served as a priest in Rome. Valentine became famous for marrying couples who were in love but couldn't get legally married in Rome during the reign of Emperor Claudius II, who outlawed weddings. Claudius wanted to recruit lots of men to be soldiers in his army and thought that marriage would be an obstacle to recruiting new soldiers and would distract them from their work.

When Emperor Claudius discovered that Valentine was performing weddings, he sent Valentine to jail. Valentine used his time in jail to continue to reach out to people with the love that he said Jesus Christ gave him for others.

He befriended his jailer, Asterius, who became so impressed with Valentine's wisdom that he asked him to help his daughter, Julia, who was blind to read material for her to learn it. When St. Valentine

saw, he prayed for her, raising his eyes to heaven, and immediately her eyes were opened and she was cured. When Asterius and his wife saw what happened they believed in Jesus and got baptized.

Emperor Claudius also came to like Valentine. He offered to pardon him if he would renounce his Christian faith and agree to worship the Roman gods. Not only did Valentine refuse to leave his faith, he also encouraged Emperor Claudius to place his trust in Christ. Valentine's faithful choices cost him his life. Emperor Claudius was so enraged at Valentine's response that he sentenced him to die.

Readings

First Reading

Hebrews 12:18-24

Gospel Reading

Matthew 25:31-46

Our Mission Statement

To seek to know the love of God revealed in Jesus Christ, to celebrate together as a united family of faith, and to share our gifts and talents in loving service to others.

Sanctuary Candle

The Sanctuary Candle is burning for the soul of **Michelle Giangrante**

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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 12, @ 6:00PM, liturgy is offered for the soul of Tom Baxter requested by his wife. May his soul rest in peace.

Sunday, February 13, @ 11:00AM, liturgy is offered for the soul of Rizk Frangie requested by Family. May his soul rest in peace.

Saturday, February 19, @ 6:00PM,

Sunday, February 20, @ 11:00AM, liturgy is offered for the soul of John Joseph requested by family. May his soul rest in peace.

TAX CONTRIBUTION LETTER

If you would like to receive your tax contribution letter for 2021, 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.

2022 CHURCH ENVELOPES

The 2022 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. In this way we can give you tax recognition letter at the end of the year.

ELDERLY COMMUNION

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

2022 MARONITE CALENDARS

The 2022 Maronite Calendars are available. You can pick them up from the back of the Church or from the Office.

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 5-6, 2022

Sunday Collection	\$ 1,661.00
Memorial	\$ 990.00
Online	\$ 550.00
Coffee Hour	\$ 17.00
Total:	\$ 3,218.00

IN OUR PRAYERS


Please keep in your prayers Robert Nigro, Thomas Jones, Raymond Fitzpatrick, Henry George, Linda Yeckes, Frankie Olivieri, Richy Grande, Marie Eddis, Mia Andrilla, Jimmy Romeo, Natalie Ciancaglini, Ashley Iaconelli, Stephen Bressi, Elissar Ayoub, Joanne Simon-Turing, Kevin Khoury, Suzanne Haney, Linda DiBernardo, Joan Speck, David Joseph Cook, Eddie Tayoun, Panichi, Dennis Strelchuk, Gladys Dalcourt, Denise Furey, Mirta Ruiz, Rita Impo, Jade Kellam, Marion Thomas Branca, Francesca Impo, Lucy DiLuce, Laurent Chidiac, Tom Hart, John Hart, Fadi Jaber, Joseph Realdine, Lisa Alestra, John Nader, Joey Gdowick, Francis Joseph Kerns, Samer Chokeir, Kathy Newman, Rita Arrigale, Maryann Bratton, Renee Sahar, Sister Nahida Al-Sawa, 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.

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UPCOMING EVENTS



ASH MONSAY

Monday, February 28, 2022 @ 6:00PM
Divine Liturgy and distribution of Ashes



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday @ 6:00PM
From March 4 to April 8

CHURCH ROOF UPDATES

With God grace and the support of many, we were able to finish the first phase of the roof repair. The second phase is the electrical work. New outdoor lights will be installed around the Church as soon as the weather permits.



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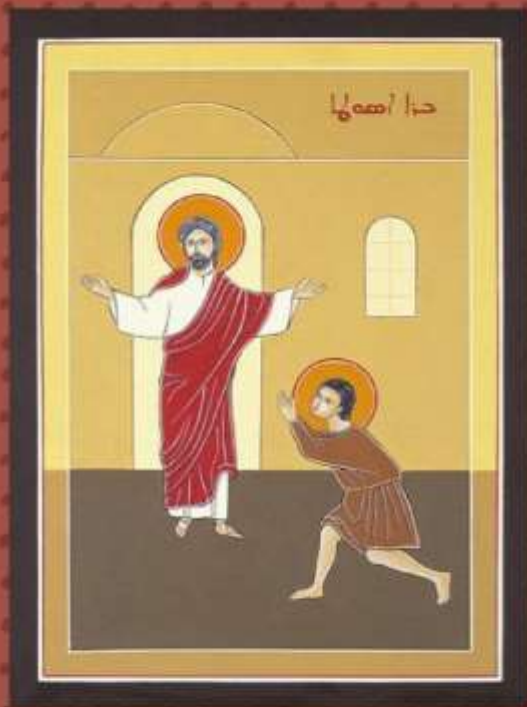
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VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS

**FEB. 24: THE SIGNIFICANCE
OF CANA SUNDAY**

MSGR. SEELY BEGGIANI

**MAR. 3: THE HEALING OF
THE LEPER**

FR. RUDY WAKIM

**MAR. 10: THE HEALING OF
THE HEMORRHAGING WOMAN**

DEACON JOE CHEBLI

MAR. 17: THE PRODIGAL SON

FR. VINCE FARHAT

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

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MYO ... ARE YOU READY!

The 2022 Mid-Atlantic Regional MYO Retreat will be on April 22-24, 2022
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For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but
rather of power and love and self-control. [2 Tim 1:7]

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First Reading

Hebrews 12:18-24

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews. Your blessing father...

Brothers and Sisters:

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, 'If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.' Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, 'I tremble with fear.') But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

Praise be to God always.

فصل من الرسالة إلى العبرانيين

يا إِخْوَتِي، إِنَّكُمْ لَمْ أَقْتَرِبُوا إِلَى جَبَلٍ مَلْمُوسٍ، وَنَارٍ مُتَّقَدَةٍ، وَضَبَابٍ وَظَلَامٍ وَزُوبَعَةٍ، وَهُتَافِ بُوقٍ، وَصَوْتِ كَلِمَاتٍ طَلَبَ الَّذِينَ سَمِعُوهَا أَلَّا يُزَادُوا مِنْهَا كَلِمَةً؛ لِأَنَّهُمْ لَمْ يُطِيقُوا تَحْمُلَ هَذَا الْأَمْرِ: "وَلَوْ أَنَّ بَهِيمَةً مَسَّتِ الْجَبَلَ تَرْجَمَ!". وَكَانَ الْمَنْظَرُ رَهيبًا حَتَّى إِنَّ مُوسَى قَالَ: "إِنِّي خَائِفٌ وَمُرْتَدٍ!". بَلِ اقْتَرَبْتُمْ إِلَى جَبَلٍ صِهْيُونٍ، وَإِلَى مَدِينَةِ اللَّهِ الْحَيِّ، أُورُشَلِيمَ السَّمَاوِيَّةِ، وَإِلَى عَشْرَاتِ الْأُلُوفِ مِنَ الْمَلَائِكَةِ، وَإِلَى عِيدِ خَافِلٍ، وَإِلَى كَنِيْسَةِ الْأَنْبَكَارِ الْمَكْتُوبِينَ فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ، وَإِلَى اللَّهِ دَيَّانِ الْجَمِيعِ، وَإِلَى أَرْوَاحِ الْأَبْرَارِ الَّذِينَ بَلَغُوا الْكَمَالَ، وَإِلَى وَسِيطِ الْعَهْدِ الْجَدِيدِ، يَسُوعَ، وَإِلَى دَمٍ رَشٍّ يَنْطِقُ بِكَلَامٍ أَفْضَلَ مِنْ دَمِ هَابِيلَ!

والتسبيح لله دائماً.

Gospel Reading

Saint Matthew 25:31-46

The Apostle Writes:

‘When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.’

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

مِنْ إِنْجِيلِ الْقَدِيسِ مَتَّى

قَالَ الرَّبُّ يَسُوعُ: "مَتَّى جَاءَ ابْنُ الْإِنْسَانِ فِي مَجْدِهِ، وَجَمِيعُ الْمَلَائِكَةِ مَعَهُ، يَجْلِسُ عَلَى عَرْشِ مَجْدِهِ. وَتُجْمَعُ لَدَيْهِ جَمِيعُ الْأُمَمِ، فَيُمَيِّزُ بَعْضَهُمْ مِنْ بَعْضٍ، كَمَا يُمَيِّزُ الرَّاعِي الْخِرَافَ مِنَ الْجِدَاءِ. وَيُقِيمُ الْخِرَافَ عَنْ يَمِينِهِ وَالْجِدَاءَ عَنْ شِمَالِهِ. حِينَئِذٍ يَقُولُ الْمَلِكُ لِلَّذِينَ عَنْ يَمِينِهِ: تَعَالَوْا، يَا مُبَارَكِي أَبِي، ارْثُوا الْمُلْكُوتَ الْمُعَدَّ لَكُمْ مِنْذُ انْشَاءِ الْعَالَمِ؛ لِأَنِّي جُعْتُ فَأَطْعَمْتُمُونِي، وَعَطِشْتُ فَسَقَيْتُمُونِي، وَكُنْتُ غَرِيبًا فَأَوَيْتُمُونِي، وَعُزْيَانًا فَكَسَوْتُمُونِي، وَمَرِيضًا فَرَزْتُمُونِي، وَمَحْبُوسًا فَأَتَيْتُمْ إِلَيَّ. حِينَئِذٍ يُجِيبُهُ الْأَبْرَارُ قَائِلِينَ: يَا رَبِّ، مَتَّى رَأَيْنَاكَ جَائِعًا فَأَطْعَمْنَاكَ، أَوْ عَطِشَانًا فَسَقَيْنَاكَ؟ وَمَتَّى رَأَيْنَاكَ غَرِيبًا فَأَوَيْنَاكَ، أَوْ عُزْيَانًا فَكَسَوْنَاكَ؟ وَمَتَّى رَأَيْنَاكَ مَرِيضًا أَوْ مَحْبُوسًا فَأَتَيْنَا إِلَيْكَ؟ فَيُجِيبُ الْمَلِكُ وَيَقُولُ لَهُمْ: أَلْحَقَّ أَقُولُ لَكُمْ: كُلُّ مَا عَمَلْتُمُوهُ لِأَحَدٍ مِنْ إِخْوَتِي هَؤُلَاءِ الصِّغَارِ، فَلِي عَمَلْتُمُوهُ! ثُمَّ يَقُولُ لِلَّذِينَ عَنْ شِمَالِهِ: إِذْهَبُوا عَنِّي، يَا مَلَاعِينِ، إِلَى النَّارِ الْأَبَدِيَّةِ الْمُعَدَّةِ لِلْإِبْلِيسِ وَجُنُودِهِ؛ لِأَنِّي جُعْتُ فَمَا أَطْعَمْتُمُونِي، وَعَطِشْتُ فَمَا سَقَيْتُمُونِي، وَكُنْتُ غَرِيبًا فَمَا أَوَيْتُمُونِي، وَعُزْيَانًا فَمَا كَسَوْتُمُونِي، وَمَرِيضًا وَمَحْبُوسًا فَمَا زُرْتُمُونِي! حِينَئِذٍ يُجِيبُهُ هَؤُلَاءِ أَيْضًا قَائِلِينَ: يَا رَبِّ، مَتَّى رَأَيْنَاكَ جَائِعًا أَوْ عَطِشَانًا أَوْ غَرِيبًا أَوْ مَرِيضًا أَوْ مَحْبُوسًا وَمَا خَدَمْنَاكَ؟ حِينَئِذٍ يُجِيبُهُمْ قَائِلًا: أَلْحَقَّ أَقُولُ لَكُمْ: كُلُّ مَا لَمْ تَعْمَلُوهُ لِأَحَدٍ مِنْ هَؤُلَاءِ الصِّغَارِ، فَلِي لَمْ تَعْمَلُوهُ. وَيَذْهَبُ هَؤُلَاءِ إِلَى الْعَذَابِ الْأَبَدِيِّ، وَالْأَبْرَارُ إِلَى الْحَيَاةِ الْأَبَدِيَّةِ."

حَقًّا وَالْأَمَانُ لِكُلِّكُمْ.