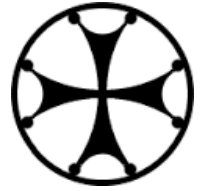




Saint Maron

Maronite Catholic Church



February 19-20, 2022

Sunday of the Faithful Departed

The Story of the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

(source: <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/>)



The Church has encouraged prayer for the dead from the earliest times as an act of Christian charity. "If we had no care for the dead," Augustine noted, "we would not be in the habit of praying for them." Yet pre-Christian rites for the deceased retained such a strong hold on the superstitious imagination that a liturgical commemoration was not observed until the early Middle Ages, when monastic communities began to mark an annual day of prayer for the departed members.

In the middle of the 11th century, Saint Odilo, abbot of Cluny, France, decreed that all Cluniac monasteries offer special prayers and sing the Office for the Dead on November 2, the day after the feast of All Saints. The custom spread from Cluny and was finally adopted throughout the Roman Church.

The theological underpinning of the feast is the acknowledgment of human frailty. Since few people achieve perfection in this life but, rather, go to the grave still scarred with traces of sinfulness, some period of purification seems necessary before a soul comes face-to-face with God. The Council of Trent affirmed this purgatory state and

insisted that the prayers of the living can speed the process of purification.

Superstition easily clung to the observance. Medieval popular belief held that the souls in purgatory could appear on this day in the form of witches, toads or will-o'-the-wisps. Graveside food offerings supposedly eased the rest of the dead.

Observances of a more religious nature have survived. These include public processions or private visits to cemeteries and decorating graves with flowers and lights.

Readings

First Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Gospel Reading

Luke 16:19-31

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.

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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 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.

Saturday, February 26, @ 6:00PM,
Sunday, February 27, @ 11:00AM, liturgy is offered for the soul of Jamile Haddad requested by Philip and Vivian Rai. May her soul rest in peace.

Monday, February 28, @ 6:00PM, ASH MONDAY

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.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers Lisa McBride, 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,

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WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR February 12-13, 2022

Sunday Collection	\$ 920.00
St. Maron Feast Day	\$ 128.00
Memorial	\$ 150.00
Online	\$ 50.00
Coffee Hour	\$ 14.00
Total:	\$ 1,262.00

ST. MARON FEAST DAY TAKE OUT

February 12, 2022

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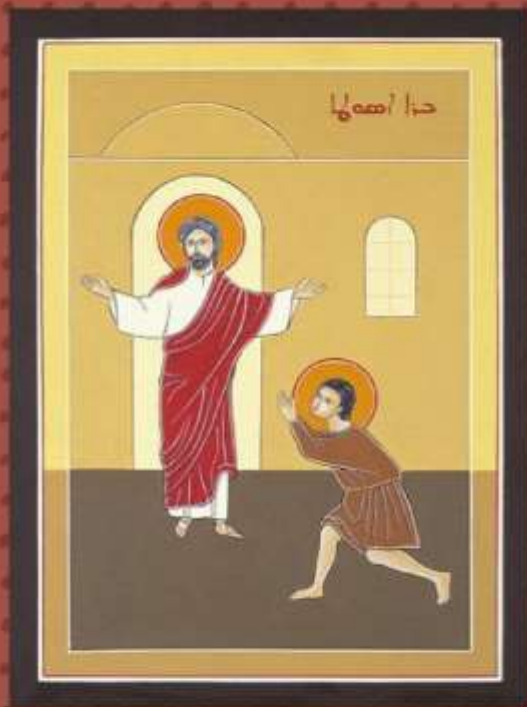
POSTPONED

New Fall 2022 Dates TBD

For God did not give us a spirit of fear but
rather of power and love and self-control. [2 Tim 1:7]

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**FEB. 24: THE SIGNIFICANCE
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MSGR. SEELY BEGGIANI

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THE HEMORRHAGING WOMAN**

DEACON JOE CHEBLI

MAR. 17: THE PRODIGAL SON

FR. VINCE FARHAT

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First Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

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

Brothers and Sisters:

Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Praise be to God always.

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الأولى إلى أهل تسالونيقي

يا إخواني، أما الأزمنة والأوقات، أيها الإخوة، فلا حاجة بكم أن يكتب إليكم في شأنها؛ لأنكم تعلمون جيدًا أن يوم الرب يأتي كالسارق ليلاً. فحين يقولون: سلام وأمن! حينئذ يدهمهم الهلاك دهم المخاض للحبلى، ولا يغفلون. أما أنتم، أيها الإخوة، فليست في ظلمة ليغاجكم ذلك اليوم كالسارق. فأنتم كلكم أبناء النور، وأبناء النهار؛ ولستنا أبناء الليل ولا أبناء الظلمة. إذا فلا ننم كسائر الناس، بل لنسهر ونصح؛ لأن الذين ينامون ففي الليل ينامون، والذين يسكرون ففي الليل يسكرون. أما نحن أبناء النهار، فلنصح لابسين درع الإيمان والمحبة، وواضعين خوذة رجاء الخلاص. فإن الله لم يجعلنا للغضب، بل لإحراز الخلاص ببرنا يسوع المسيح، الذي مات من أجلنا، لنحيا معه ساهرين كنا أم نائمين. فلذلك شجعوا بعضكم بعضاً، ولينبأ الواحد الآخر، كما أنتم فاعلون.

والتسبيح لله دائماً.

Gospel Reading

Saint Luke 16:19-31

The Apostle Writes:

‘There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames." But Abraham said, "Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us." He said, "Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house for I have five brothers that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment." Abraham replied, "They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them." He said, "No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent." He said to him, "If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.”

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

مِنْ إِنْجِيلِ الْقَدِيسِ لَوْقَا

قَالَ الرَّبُّ يَسُوعُ: "كَانَ رَجُلٌ غَنِيٌّ يَلْبَسُ الْأَرْجُوَانَ وَالْكَتَّانَ النَّاعِمَ، وَيَتَنَعَّمُ كُلَّ يَوْمٍ بِأَفْخَرِ الْوَلَائِمِ. وَكَانَ رَجُلٌ مِسْكِينٌ أَسْمُهُ لَعَازَرُ مَطْرُوحًا عِنْدَ بَابِهِ، تَكْسُوهُ الْقُرُوحُ. وَكَانَ يَشْتَهِي أَنْ يَشْبَعَ مِنَ الْفَتَاتِ الْمَتَسَاقِطِ مِنْ مَائِدَةِ الْغَنِيِّ، غَيْرَ أَنَّ الْكِلَابَ كَانَتْ تَأْتِي فَتَلْحَسُ قُرُوحَهُ. وَمَاتَ الْمِسْكِينُ فَحَمَلَتْهُ الْمَلَائِكَةُ إِلَى حِضْنِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ. ثُمَّ مَاتَ الْغَنِيُّ وَدُفِنَ. وَرَفَعَ الْغَنِيُّ عَيْنَيْهِ، وَهُوَ فِي الْجَحِيمِ يُقَاسِي الْعَذَابَ، فَرَأَى إِبْرَاهِيمَ مِنْ بَعِيدٍ، وَلَعَازَرَ فِي حِضْنِهِ. فَنَادَى وَقَالَ: يَا أَبَتِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ، إِرْحَمْنِي وَأَرْسِلْ لَعَازَرَ لِيُبَلِّ طَرَفَ إِصْبَعِهِ بِمَاءٍ وَيُبْرِدَ لِسَانِي، لِأَنِّي مُتَوَجِّعٌ فِي هَذَا اللَّهْيَبِ. فَقَالَ إِبْرَاهِيمُ: يَا ابْنِي، تَذَكَّرْ أَنَّكَ نِلْتَ خَيْرَاتِكَ فِي حَيَاتِكَ، وَلَعَازَرُ نَالَ الْبَلَايَا. وَالآنَ هُوَ يَتَعَرَّى هُنَا، وَأَنْتَ تَتَوَجَّعُ. وَمَعَ هَذَا كُلِّهِ، فَإِنَّ بَيْنَنَا وَبَيْنَكُمْ هُوَّةً عَظِيمَةً ثَابِتَةً، حَتَّى إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يُرِيدُونَ أَنْ يَجْتَازُوا مِنْ هُنَا إِلَيْكُمْ لَا يَسْتَطِيعُونَ، وَلَا مِنْ هُنَاكَ أَنْ يَغْبُرُوا إِلَيْنَا. فَقَالَ الْغَنِيُّ: أَسْأَلُكَ إِذَا، يَا أَبَتِ، أَنْ تُرْسِلَ لَعَازَرَ إِلَى بَيْتِ أَبِي، فَإِنَّ لِي خَمْسَةَ إِخْوَةٍ، لِيَشْهَدَ لَهُمْ، كَيْ لَا يَأْتُوا هُمْ أَيْضًا إِلَى مَكَانِ الْعَذَابِ هَذَا. فَقَالَ إِبْرَاهِيمُ: عِنْدَهُمْ مُوسَى وَالْأَنْبِيَاءُ، فَلْيَسْمَعُوا لَهُمْ. فَقَالَ: لَا، يَا أَبَتِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ، وَلَكِنْ إِذَا مَضَى إِلَيْهِمْ وَاحِدٌ مِنَ الْأَمْوَاتِ يَتُوبُونَ. فَقَالَ لَهُ إِبْرَاهِيمُ: إِنْ كَانُوا لَا يَسْمَعُونَ لِمُوسَى وَالْأَنْبِيَاءِ، فَإِنَّهُمْ، وَلَوْ قَامَ وَاحِدٌ مِنَ الْأَمْوَاتِ، لَنْ يَقْتَنِعُوا!".

حَقًّا وَالْأَمَانُ لَجَمِيعِكُمْ.