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Maronite Catholic Church



Season of Great Lent:
Healing of the Hemorrhaging Woman

March 12-13, 2022

Lenten Reflection by Our Seminarians

"Who is it that touched me?"

Today begins week three of Great Lent. Hopefully by now we have had some time to examine what gets in the way of our relationship with Christ, and hopefully this relationship has grown a little deeper as a result. But even if our Lord seems far away from us, there is still plenty of time for us to reach for His grace!

Reaching out for God's grace is exactly what we hear about in the Gospel today. The hemorrhaging woman had been bleeding for twelve years and throughout this time she visited countless different doctors for help, but none of these doctors were able to put an end to her bleeding. Imagine how exhausted and weak she would have been from constantly losing blood every day for twelve years! She must have been discouraged and weary. Her discouragement wasn't greater than her faith, however, and through faith she turned to the true Doctor, the Divine Physician and healer of bodies and souls. Her faith moved her to action, and she confidently reached for the tassel of Christ's cloak.

This woman was likely a Gentile, and she would have been shunned and considered unclean because of her bleeding. She does not let this prevent her from approaching Jesus, and amidst the commotion of the crowd she goes directly to Him. Like her, we must be tenacious in the spiritual life, and we must boldly reach for the tassels that can bring us closer to God. I invite you to reflect on the following question this

week: what are the tassels in your life, the little things that connect you to the healing divinity of our Lord? In His generosity the Good One gives different tassels to different people, but there are some tassels that we all have access to. The most important of these are the sacraments—the holy mysteries—and prayer.

Even Christ who knows all things was surprised at the boldness of the woman's action. "Who is it that touched me?" He asked, feeling that power went out from Him. How exciting is it to think that we can, in a way, "surprise" our Lord through our acts of faith? The hemorrhaging woman acted so boldly on her faith that she shocked the One who knows all things! Through her faith, she entered into a living relationship with her Lord.

As the hemorrhaging woman shows, faith is a dynamic relationship between Jesus and His people, and we have the freedom to keep this relationship lively and exciting. This relationship is a deep one, as deep as a family bond. When Jesus tells the woman that her faith has healed her, He doesn't call her "woman," but He calls her "daughter." Through her great act of faith she has indeed become His daughter. Let us reach for the tassels around us, turn to our Lord in faith, and so become His adopted children!

Jacob Wyder

St. Joseph Church, Waterville, ME

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DIVINE LITURGIES

Saturday, March 12, @ 6:00PM,
Sunday, March 13, @ 11:00AM,
liturgy in offered for the soul of Stavro and Edmond Jabra requested by Simon and Zeina Topalian and family. May their souls rest in peace.

Friday, March 18, @ 6:00PM, **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Saturday, March 19, @ 6:00PM,
Sunday, March 20, @ 11:00AM,
liturgy in offered for the soul of the Starr / Bittner families requested by Salema and Barbara Dahdah. 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 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.



DYLIGHT SAVING TIME

This **Sunday, March 13,** the daylight-saving time begins. Please remember to set your clocks ahead on hour.

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 March 5-6, 2022

Sunday Collection	\$ 1,086.00
Donation	\$ 40.00
Online	\$ 450.00
Coffee Hour	\$ 18.00
Total:	\$ 2,016.00

BISHOP'S APPEAL

TOTAL RECEIVED	\$ 1,015.00
GOAL	\$ 3,500.00
BALANCE	\$ 2,485.00

ELDERLY COMMUNION

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

IN OUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers Stephanie Devinney, Angela Scorza Anderson, 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, 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.

Readings

First Reading
2 Corinthians 7:4-11
Gospel Reading
Luke 8:40-56

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 a **Special Intention**

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OFFICE HOURS: The Church office will be open Tuesday through Friday from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm.

UPCOMING EVENTS



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday @ 6:00PM

From March 4 to April 8



FALAFEL SANDWICHES

Sunday, March 20, 2022

After Divine Liturgy



PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH

Sunday, April 10, 2022

Details will be announced soon



ANNUAL BAKE SALE

Sunday, April 10, 2022

Details will be announced soon



HOLY WEEK

Coming to the Harbor

Monday, April 11, 2022 @6:00PM

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Tuesday, April 12, 2022 @6:00PM

Rite of the Lamp

Wednesday, April 13, 2022 @6:00PM

Thursday of the Mysteries

Thursday, April 14, 2022 @6:00PM

Signing of the Chalice

Friday, April 15, 2022 @10:30AM

Adoration of the Cross

Friday, April 15, 2022 @6:00PM

Prayer for Forgiveness

Saturday, April 16, 2022 @12:00PM

FALAFEL SANDWICHES



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Sunday, March 20, 2022
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**Falafel
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Annual Bake Sale

Sunday,
April 10, 2022

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CIRCULAR LETTER FROM THE EPARCHY



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March 3, 2022

Prot. No. 250/1/22
Circ. No. 22.18

Brother Priests, Deacons and Subdeacons, Consecrated Men and Women, Brothers and Sisters;

In my letter of 28 May 2021 (Prot. No. 356/1/21; Cir. No. 21.16), I reinstated the obligation for all to attend Divine Liturgy on Sunday and Holy Days of Obligations on the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, Sunday June 27, 2021, I also stated the following:

Barring anything unforeseen, we hope to return to the normal exchange of the Greeting of Peace and totally eliminate Holy Communion in the hand, as of August 15, 2021, the Feast of the Assumption.

The Delta, then Omicron variants of the Corona Virus became that “unforeseen” situation. Thus, I have waited until it was safer to return to our ancient practice of communion on the tongue by intinction under both species.

On the Feast of Saint Joseph, March 19, 2022, I ask all pastors to return to this practice and no longer give Holy Communion in the hand. Likewise, the sign of peace is to be returned in the customary way.

I thank the priests once again for their faithful service as true pastors during these difficult times.

Sincerely yours in Christ,


+ 
+ Gregory

GJM/rb

RICE BOWL

Each Lent, Catholic families across the country unite to put their faith into action through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Through CRS Rice Bowl, families learn about how our sisters and brothers across the globe overcome hardships like hunger and malnutrition, and how through Lenten alms, we have the power to make the world a better place for all. These past two years have been challenging for everyone—and certainly even more challenging for people who already struggled. One in 9 people around the world are hungry. COVID-19 has only increased the threat of food insecurity globally. We encourage you to participate in the crsricebowl.org program. It is family oriented and easy to begin.

You can find the Rice Bowl Boxes in the back of the Church and also in the Hall.





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2022 CRS Rice Bowl
Maronite Catholic Church Lenten Calendar

February 27 th	Sunday of Cana in Galilee / Entrance into Lent
February 28 th	Ash Monday – the Great Fast begins
March 6 th	Sunday of the Lepers, Second Sunday of Lent
March 6 th -March 12 th	A JOURNEY TO 3 COUNTRIES
March 13 th	Sunday of the Hemorrhaging Woman, Third Sunday of Lent
March 13 th -March 19 th	A STORY OF HOPE-GUATEMALA – <i>Options for the Poor</i>
March 20 th	Sunday of the Prodigal Son, Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 20 th -March 26 th	A STORY OF HOPE- BANGLADESH – <i>Care for God's Creation</i>
March 27 th	Sunday of the Paralytic, Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 27 th -April 2 nd	A STORY OF HOPE-RWANDA – <i>Dignity of the Human Person</i>
April 3 rd	Sunday of Bartimaeus the Blind, Sixth Sunday of Lent
April 3 rd - April 9 th	WE ALL HAVE DREAMS – <i>Dignity of Work</i>
April 10 th - April 17 th	HOLY WEEK
April 10 th	Hosanna Sunday
April 14 th	Thursday of Mysteries
April 15 th	Great Friday of the Crucifixion
April 16 th	Great Saturday of the Light
April 17 th	GREAT SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

For virtual Rice Bowl please join us at CRSRiceBowl.org





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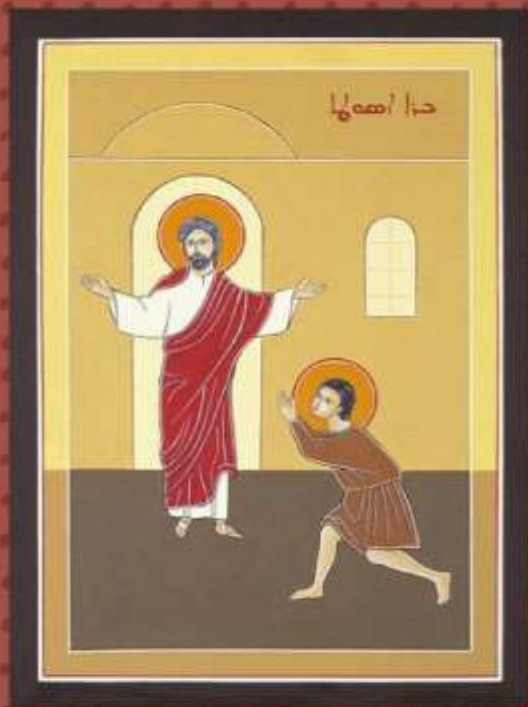
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ADULT FAITH FORMATION 2022



GREAT LENT: HEALING AND TRANSFORMATION IN CHRIST

Join the Maronite Sisters and Clergy from our Eparchy of Saint Maron as we reflect and go deeper on applying the message of these powerful Gospels into our lives.

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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March 12-13, 2022

First Reading

2 Corinthians 7:4-11

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

Brothers and Sisters:

I often boast about you; I have great pride in you; I am filled with consolation; I am overjoyed in all our affliction. For even when we came into Macedonia, our bodies had no rest, but we were afflicted in every way disputes without and fears within. But God, who consoles the downcast, consoled us by the arrival of Titus, and not only by his coming, but also by the consolation with which he was consoled about you, as he told us of your longing, your mourning, your zeal for me, so that I rejoiced still more. For even if I made you sorry with my letter, I do not regret it (though I did regret it, for I see that I grieved you with that letter, though only briefly). Now I rejoice, not because you were grieved, but because your grief led to repentance; for you felt a godly grief, so that you were not harmed in any way by us. For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation and brings no regret, but worldly grief produces death. For see what earnestness this godly grief has produced in you, what eagerness to clear yourselves, what indignation, what alarm, what longing, what zeal, what punishment! At every point you have proved yourselves guiltless in the matter.

Praise be to God always.

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الثانية إلى أهل كورنثوس

يا إخوتي، إِنَّ لِي عَلَيْكُمْ دَالَّةً كَبِيرَةً، وَلِي بِكُمْ فَخْرًا عَظِيمًا. وَلَقَدْ أَمْتَلَأْتُ تَغْزِيَةً، وَأَنَا أَفِيضُ فَرْحًا فِي ضَيْقِنَا كُلِّهِ. فَإِنَّا لَمَّا وَصَلْنَا إِلَى مَقْدُونِيَّةَ، لَمْ يَكُنْ لَجَسَدِنَا شَيْءٌ مِنَ الرَّاحَةِ، بَلْ كُنَّا مُتَضَايِقِينَ فِي كُلِّ شَيْءٍ، صِرَاعٌ مِنَ الْخَارِجِ، وَخَوْفٌ مِنَ الدَّخْلِ! لَكِنَّ اللَّهَ الَّذِي يُعْزِّي الْمُتَوَاضِعِينَ عَزَانَا بِمَجِيءِ طِيمُطُسَ، لَا بِمَجِيئِهِ فَحَسَبَ، بَلْ أَيْضًا بِالتَّغْزِيَةِ الَّتِي تَعَزَّاهَا بِكُمْ. وَقَدْ أَخْبَرْنَا بِأَسْتِيَاقِكُمْ إِلَيْنَا، وَحُزْنِكُمْ، وَغَيْرَتِكُمْ عَلَيَّ، حَتَّى إِنِّي أَرَدَدْتُ فَرْحًا. وَإِذَا كُنْتُ قَدْ أَحْزَنْتُكُمْ بِرِسَالَتِي فَلَسْتُ نَادِمًا عَلَى ذَلِكَ، مَعَ أَنَّي كُنْتُ قَدْ نَدِمْتُ، لِأَنِّي أَرَى أَنَّ تِلْكَ الرِّسَالَةَ، وَلَوْ أَحْزَنْتُكُمْ إِلَى حِينٍ، قَدْ سَبَّبَتْ لِي فَرْحًا كَثِيرًا، لَا لِأَنَّكُمْ حَزَنْتُمْ، بَلْ لِأَنَّ حُزْنَكُمْ أَدَّى بِكُمْ إِلَى التَّوْبَةِ. فَقَدْ حَزَنْتُمْ حُزْنًا مُرْضِيًا لِلَّهِ، كَيْ لَا نَخْشَرُوا بِسَبَبِنَا فِي أَيِّ شَيْءٍ؛ لِأَنَّ الْحُزْنَ الْمُرْضِيَّ لِلَّهِ يَصْنَعُ تَوْبَةً لِلْخَلَاصِ لَا نَدَمَ عَلَيْهَا، أَمَّا حُزْنُ الْعَالَمِ فَيَصْنَعُ مَوْتًا. فَانْظُرُوا حُزْنَكُمْ هَذَا الْمُرْضِيَّ لِلَّهِ كَمْ أَنْشَأَ فِيكُمْ مِنَ الْاجْتِهَادِ، بَلْ مِنَ الْاعْتِدَارِ، بَلْ مِنَ الْاسْتِنْكَارِ، بَلْ مِنَ الْخَوْفِ، بَلْ مِنَ الشَّوْقِ، بَلْ مِنَ الْغَيْرَةِ، بَلْ مِنَ الْإِصْرَارِ عَلَى الْعِقَابِ! وَقَدْ أَظْهَرْتُمْ أَنْفُسَكُمْ فِي كُلِّ ذَلِكَ أَنَّكُمْ أَبْرِيَاءُ مِنْ هَذَا الْأَمْرِ.

والتسبيح لله دائماً.

Gospel Reading

Saint Luke 8:40-56

The Apostle Writes:

When Jesus returned, the crowd welcomed him, for they were all waiting for him. Just then there came a man named Jairus, a leader of the synagogue. He fell at Jesus' feet and begged him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter, about twelve years old, who was dying. As he went, the crowds pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years; and though she had spent all she had on physicians, no one could cure her. She came up behind him and touched the fringe of his clothes, and immediately her haemorrhage stopped. Then Jesus asked, 'Who touched me?' When all denied it, Peter said, 'Master, the crowds surround you and press in on you.' But Jesus said, 'Someone touched me; for I noticed that power had gone out from me.' When the woman saw that she could not remain hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before him, she declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed. He said to her, 'Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace.' While he was still speaking, someone came from the leader's house to say, 'Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the teacher any longer.' When Jesus heard this, he replied, 'Do not fear. Only believe, and she will be saved.' When he came to the house, he did not allow anyone to enter with him, except Peter, John, and James, and the child's father and mother. They were all weeping and wailing for her; but he said, 'Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping.' And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But he took her by the hand and called out, 'Child, get up!' Her spirit returned, and she got up at once. Then he directed them to give her something to eat. Her parents were astounded; but he ordered them to tell no one what had happened.

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

مِنْ إِنْجِيلِ الْقَدِيسِ لَوْقَا

لَمَّا عَادَ يَسُوعُ، اسْتَقْبَلَهُ الْجَمْعُ، لِأَنَّهُمْ جَمِيعُهُمْ كَانُوا يَنْتَظِرُونَهُ. وَإِذَا بَرَجْلٌ اسْمُهُ يَائِيرُسُ، وَكَانَ رَئِيسَ الْمَجْمَعِ، جَاءَ فَارْتَمَى عَلَى قَدَمَيْ يَسُوعَ، وَأَخَذَ يَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْهِ أَنْ يَدْخُلَ بَيْتَهُ، لِأَنَّ لَهُ ابْنَةً وَحِيدَةً، عُمْرُهَا نَحْوُ اثْنَتَيْ عَشْرَةِ سَنَةً، قَدْ أَشْرَفَتْ عَلَى الْمَوْتِ. وَفِيمَا هُوَ ذَاهِبٌ، كَانَ الْجُمُوعُ يَرْحَمُونَهُ. وَكَانَتْ أُمْرَأَةٌ مُصَابَةٌ بِنَزْفٍ دَمٍ مُنْذُ اثْنَتَيْ عَشْرَةِ سَنَةً، وَلَمْ يَقْدِرْ أَحَدٌ أَنْ يَشْفِيَهَا. دَنَتْ مِنْ وَرَاءِ يَسُوعَ، وَلَمَسَتْ طَرَفَ رِدَائِهِ، وَفَجْأَةً وَقَفَ نَزْفُ دِمَهِهَا. فَقَالَ يَسُوعُ: «مَنْ لَمَسَنِي؟». وَأَنْكَرَ الْجَمِيعُ. فَقَالَ بَطْرُسُ وَمَنْ مَعَهُ: «يَا مُعَلِّمُ، إِنَّ الْجُمُوعَ يَرْحَمُونَكَ وَيُضَايِقُونَكَ!». فَقَالَ يَسُوعُ: «إِنَّ وَاحِدًا قَدْ لَمَسَنِي! فَإِنِّي عَرَفْتُ أَنَّ قُوَّةً قَدْ خَرَجَتْ مِنِّي!». وَرَأَتْ الْمَرْأَةُ أَنَّ أَمْرَهَا لَمْ يَخْفَ عَلَيْهِ، فَدَنَتْ مُرْتَعِدَةً وَأَرْتَمَتْ عَلَى قَدَمَيْهِ، وَأَعْلَنْتْ أَمَامَ الشَّعْبِ كُلِّهِ لِمَاذَا لَمَسَتْهُ، وَكَيْفَ شَفِيَتْ لِلْحَالِ. فَقَالَ لَهَا يَسُوعُ: «يَا ابْنَتِي، إِيمَانُكَ خَلَّصَكَ! اذْهَبِي بِسَلَامٍ!». وَفِيمَا هُوَ يَتَكَلَّمُ، وَصَلَ وَاحِدٌ مِنْ دَارِ رَئِيسِ الْمَجْمَعِ يَقُولُ: «مَاتَتْ ابْنَتُكَ! فَلَا تُرْجِعِ الْمُعَلِّمَ!». وَسَمِعَ يَسُوعُ فَأَجَابَهُ: «لَا تَخَفْ! يَكْفِي أَنْ تُؤْمِنَ فَتُخْلَصِ ابْنَتُكَ!». وَلَمَّا وَصَلَ إِلَى الْبَيْتِ، لَمْ يَدْعُ أَحَدًا يَدْخُلُ مَعَهُ سِوَى بَطْرُسَ وَيُوَحْنَا وَيَعْقُوبَ وَأَبِي الصَّبِيِّ وَأُمِّهَا. وَكَانَ الْجَمِيعُ يَبْكُونَ عَلَيْهَا وَيَقْرَعُونَ صُدُورَهُمْ. فَقَالَ: «لَا تَبْكُوا! إِنَّهَا لَمْ تَمُتْ. لَكِنَّهَا نَائِمَةٌ!». فَأَخَذُوا يَضْحَكُونَ مِنْهُ لِعِلْمِهِمْ بِأَنَّهَا مَاتَتْ. أَمَّا هُوَ فَأَمْسَكَ بِيَدِهَا وَنَادَى قَائِلًا: «أَيَّتُهَا الصَّبِيَّةُ، قُومِي!». فَعَادَتْ رُوحُهَا إِلَيْهَا، وَفَجْأَةً نَهَضَتْ. ثُمَّ أَمَرَ بِأَنْ يُطْعِمُوهَا. فَدَهَشَ أَبَوَاهَا، وَأَوْصَاهُمَا يَسُوعُ أَلَّا يُخْبِرَا أَحَدًا بِمَا حَدَثَ.

حَقًّا وَالْأَمَانُ لِكُلِّكُمْ.