

# **Saint Maron**

# **Maronite Catholic Church**

Season of Great Lent: Healing of the Paralytic

March 26-27, 2022

# **Lenten Reflection by Our Seminarians**

Brothers and sisters in Christ, this week we removed the roof and then placed the Paralytic celebrate the healing of the Paralytic Man. The Man at the Feet of Our Blessed Lord. All of this, Evangelist relates to us that Our Lord is because of their faith. preaching in a house, surrounded by such a crowd And it is precisely because of their faith that Our place him at Our Lord's Feet. The Evangelist seeing this faith that Jesus heals the Paralytic. does not specify who carried the Paralytic, Brothers and sisters, in this week of Lent, let us preferring to simply use the Greek word reflect upon the faith "of them". How are we "ἔρχονται" (which translates as "they came"). living our faith in relation to one another? Would Perhaps these individuals were close friends of we remove the roof and bring others to a radical the Paralytic, longing for him to be made whole encounter with God? Or do we turn away when again. Or perhaps these men were even family we see the crowded doorway and the difficulties members of the Paralytic, no strangers to the of our lives? I urge you, my brothers and sisters, suffering that he endured every day. However, to strive to be like those individuals in the Gospel brothers and sisters, I offer this reading: I think today, living out our faith in the service of others, that these men were originally gathered at the bringing them to an encounter with Christ. May house and heard Jesus preaching to them. Upon God Bless you abundantly this Lent and let us all hearing Him, they took action and brought the pray for the dignity of human life from Paralytic Man to Him to be healed.

The Evangelist only gives us one detail concerning these individuals: their faith. The faith of these people was so great, they did not St. George Church, San Antonio, TX become dismayed upon seeing that there was no entry into the doorway of the house. Their faith was so great that they instead climbed the roof with the Paralytic (no easy feat in those days),

that there was no room to spare. In this congested Lord forgives the sins of the Paralytic. The congregation, a group of individuals bring the Evangelist writes "τὴν πίστιν αὐτῶν" (which is Paralytic Man through the roof of the house and translated as "the faith of them") and it is upon

conception to natural death.

Christopher J. Khattar Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles



#### **DIVINE LITURGIES**

Saturday, March 26, @ 6:00PM, liturgy is offered for the soul of Maria Navarro requested by the Ortiz family. May her soul rest in peace.

Sunday, March 27, @ 11:00AM, liturgy in offered as 1-year his soul rest in peace.

# STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Saturday, April 2, @ 6:00PM, 215-802-1705. liturgy is offered for the soul of Michelle Giangrante requested by Salema and Barbara Dahdah. May her soul rest in peace.

Sunday, April 3, @ 11:00AM, liturgy in offered for the souls of Akram Ajina and the deceased members of the Ajina family. Also, as a 40-Day memorial for the soul of Joseph Sholy. Requested by Philip and Vivian Rai. May their souls rest in peace.

#### **THANK YOU**

Thank you for everyone who offered their time and efforts last Sunday for the Falafel Sandwiches. Through the intercession of our Blessed Mother the Virgin Mary, may God bless you all and keep you safe.



#### PALM SUNDAY CANDLES

anniversary for the soul of John Every year Mrs. Carol Sawan offers Children. This year she's still willing Turing, Kevin Khoury,

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## WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR

March 19-20, 2022

<b>Sunday Collection</b>	\$ 861.00
Donation	\$ 3,000.00
Online	\$ 100.00
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	\$ 19.00
Total:	\$ 3,980.00

#### **FALAFEL SANDWICHES**

TOTAL INCOME	\$	1,515.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	S <u>\$</u>	99.75
BALANCE	\$	1,415.25

#### **BISHOP'S APPEAL**

TOTAL RECEIVED\$		2,340.00
GOAL	\$	3,500.00
BALANCE	\$	1,160.00

#### 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, Joseph requested by family. May her talents to Saint Maron Church by Ashley Iaconelli, Stephen Bressi, decorating Shaanini Candles for Elissar Ayoub, Joanne Simon-Suzanne Friday, April 1, @ 6:00PM, to make these candles upon order. If Haney, Linda DiBernardo, Joan you wish to have a decorated candle Speck, David Joseph Cook, Eddie for your child, please contact Carol at 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 Joseph Realdine, Lisa Jaber. 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, Freedenberg, Debbie 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** 1 Timothy 5:24-6:5 **Gospel Reading** Mark 2:1-12

#### **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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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



#### **GROUP DISCUSSIONS**

Friday, March 25 & Friday, April 1
After Stations of the Cross



#### PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH

Sunday, April 10, 2022

Tickets are Now Available in the church office



#### ANNUAL BAKE SALE

Sunday, April 10, 2022

Pre-order Now. Online or contact the office



#### **GOOD FRIDAY PUTLOCK**

**Friday, April 15, 2022** 

Following the Adoration of the Cross



#### **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

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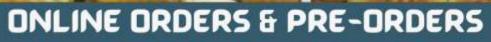
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**GIFT PACK** 

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Pick Up: Saturday, April 9, 2022

#### PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH

Tickets are Now Available!





# Palm Sunday Brunch



# Sunday, April 10, 2022

Following Divine Liturgy

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1013 Ellsworth Street, Philadelphia, PA 19147

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in their social hall (924 N. Front Street, Allentown, PA) on **Saturday, April 30, 2022.** 

Tickets are \$60.00 and include Arabic food, live entertainment, and soft drinks.

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We hope you participate and support our sister parish.

More information can be found in the flyer below:



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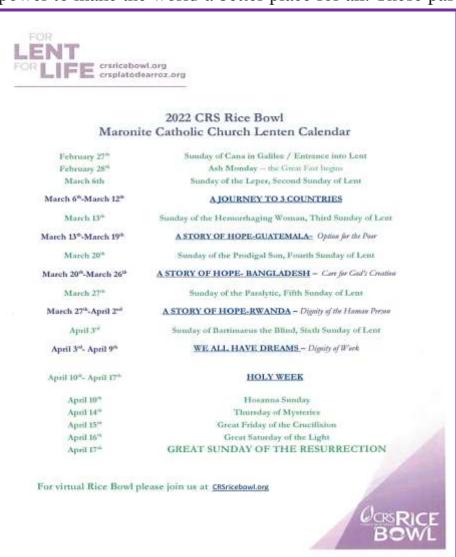
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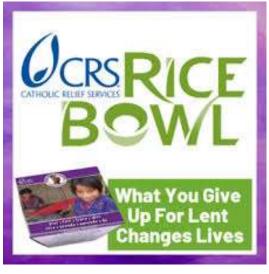
#### RICE BOWL

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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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#### REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Yes, you heard right! We are so excited to announce that registration for our 2022 National MYO Conference is now open!

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If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to us at office@maroniteyouth.org. Please mark your calendars, save the date, and spread the word! We can't wait to see you June 23-27, 2022 at Saint Vincent College in Latrobe, PA!

In Christ,

#### The National Maronite Youth Organization

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March 26-27, 2022

# First Reading 1Timothy 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 honor, 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 إخوتِي، مِنَ النَّاسِ مَنْ تَكُونُ خَطَايَاهُم وَاضِحَةً قَبْلَ الحُكمِ فِيهَا، ومِنهُم مَنْ لا تَكُونُ واضِحَةً إلاَّ بَعْدَهُ. كذلِكَ فَإِنَّ الأَعْمَالَ الصَّالِحَةَ هِيَ أَيضًا وَاضِحَة، والَّتي هي غَيرُ واضِحَةٍ فَلا يُمْكِنُ أَنْ تَبْقَى خَفِيَّة. على جَمِيعِ الَّذِينَ لَهُم أَسْيَادٌ تَحْتَ نِيرِ العُبُودِيَّةِ أَنْ يَحْسَبُوا أَسْيَادَهُم أَهْلاً لِكُلِّ كَرَامَة، لِئَلاً يُجَدَّف عَلى آسْمِ اللهِ وتَعْلِيمِهِ. أَمَّا الَّذِينَ لَهُم أَسْيَادٌ مُؤْمِنُونَ فلا يَسْتَهِينُوا بِهِم، لأَنَّهُم إِخْوَة، بَلْ بِالأَحْرَى فَلْيَخْدُمُوهُم، لأَنَّ المُسْتَفِيدِينَ مِن خَدْمَتِهِم الطَّيِبَةِ هُم مُؤْمِنُونَ وَلَحَبَاء، ذلك مَا يَجِبُ أَنْ تُعَلِّمهُ وتَعِظَ بِهِ. فَإِنْ كَانَ أَحدٌ يُعَلِّمُ تَعْلِيمًا مُخَالِفًا، ولا يَتَمَسَّكُ بالكلامِ الصَّحِيح، كَلامِ ولَّحبًاء، ذلك مَا يَجِبُ أَنْ تُعَلِّمهُ وتَعِظَ بِهِ. فَإِنْ كَانَ أَحدٌ يُعَلِّمُ تَعْلِيمًا مُخَالِفًا، ولا يَتَمَسَّكُ بالكلامِ الصَّحِيح، كَلامِ رَبِنَا يَسُوعَ المَسِيح، وبِالتَّعٰلِيمِ المُوَافِقِ للتَّقُوى، فَهُوَ إِنسَانٌ أَعْمَتُهُ الكِبْرِيَاء، لا يَفْهَمُ شَيْئًا، بَلْ مُصَابٌ بَمَرَضِ رَبِنَا يَسُوعَ المَسِيح، وبِالتَّعٰلِيمِ المُوَافِقِ للتَّقُوى، فَهُوَ إِنسَانٌ أَعْمَتُهُ الكِبْرِيَاء، لا يَفْهَمُ شَيْئًا، بَلْ مُصَابٌ بَمَرَضِ المُحادلاتِ والمُمَاحَكَات، الَّتِي يَنْشَأَ عَنْهَا الحَسَدُ والخِصَامُ والتَّجْدِيفُ وسُوءُ الظَّنّ، والمُشَاجَرَاتُ بينَ أُناسٍ فَاسِدِي العَقْل، زَافِفِينَ عَن الحَق، يَظُنُونَ أَنَ التَقْوى وَسِيلَةٌ لِلرّبْح.

والتسبيح لله دائمًا.

## **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 إنْجيل القِدِيس مرقس

عَادَ يَسُوعُ إِلَى كَفَرْنَاحُوم. وسَمِعَ النَّاسُ أَنَّهُ في البَيْت. فتَجَمَّعَ عَدَدٌ كَبيرٌ مِنْهُم حَتَّى غَصَّ بِهِمِ المَكَان، ولَمْ يَبْق مَوْضِعٌ لأَحَدٍ ولا عِنْدَ البَاب. وكانَ يُخَاطِبُهُم بِكَلِمَةِ الله. فأَتَوْهُ بِمُخَلَّعٍ يَحْمِلُهُ أَرْبَعَةُ رِجَال. وسَبَبِ الْجَمْعِ لَمْ يَسْتَطِيعُوا الْوُصُولَ بِهِ إِلَى يَسُوع، فكَشَفُوا السَّقْفَ فَوْقَ يَسُوع، ونَبَشُوه، ودَلُوا الفِرَاشَ الَّذي كانَ المُخَلَّعُ مَطُرُوحًا عَلَيْه. ورَأَى يَسُوعُ إِيْمَانَهُم، فقالَ لِلْمُخَلَّع: "يَا آبني، مَغْفُورة لَكَ خطَايَاك!". وكانَ بَعْضُ الكَتَبَةِ جَالِسِينَ هُنَاكَ يُفَكِّرُونَ في قُلُوبِهِم: لِمَاذَا يَتَكَلَّمُ هذَا الرَّجُلُ هكذَا؟ إِنَّهُ يُجَدِّف! مَنْ يَقْدِرُ أَنْ يَغْفِرَ الخَطَايَا إِلاَّ اللهُ وَحْدَهُ؟. وفي الحَالِ عَرَفَ يَسُوعُ بِرُوجِهِ لَمَاذَا يَتَكَلَّمُ هذَا الرَّجُلُ هكذَا؟ إِنَّهُ يُجَدِّف! مَنْ يَقْدِرُ أَنْ يَغْفِرَ الخَطَايَا إِلاَّ اللهُ وَحْدَهُ؟. وفي الحَالِ عَرَفَ يَسُوعُ بِرُوجِهِ لَمَاذَا يَتَكَلَّمُ هذَا الرَّجُلُ هكذَا في أَنْفُسِهِم فَقَالَ لَهُم: "لِمَاذَا تُفَكِّرُونَ بِهذَا في قُلُوبِكُم؟ ما هُو الأَسْهَل؟ أَنْ يُقَالَ لِلْمُخَلَّع: مَغْفُورَةٌ لَكَ خَطَايَاك؟ أَمْ أَنْ يُقَالَ لِلْمُخَلَّع: مَكَ أَوْلُ فَي وَالْمَلُ وَرَاشَكَ وَآمْشٍ؟ ولِكَي تَعْلَمُوا أَنَّ لاَبْنِ الإِنْسَانِ سُلْطَانًا أَنْ يُغْفِرَ الخَطَايَا عَلَى الأَرْضِ"، قالَ لِلْمُخَلَّع: لَكَ أَقُول: قُم، إِحْمِلُ فِرَاشَكَ وَلَمْشَ؟ والْدُهَبُ إلى بَيْتِكَ! فقامَ في الحَالِ وحَمَلَ فِرَاشَهُ، وخَرَجَ أَمامَ الجَمِيع، حَتَّى دَهِشُوا كُلُّهُم ومَجُدُوا اللهَ قَائِلِن: "مَا رَأَيْنَا مِثْلَ هذَا البَتَّة!".

حقًّا والأمان لجميعكم.