



Saint Maron

Maronite Catholic Church

Season of Great Lent:

Healing of the Blind Man



April 2-3, 2022

Lenten Reflection by Our Seminarians

"They came to Jericho. And as Jesus was leaving Jericho . . ."

He comes; he goes. Jesus had somewhere to be! In this Gospel, we see that Jesus is not sticking around very long in Jericho, that he is just passing through. That was, in fact, just the case, as Jericho was on the road to Jerusalem, where Jesus was going to be crucified. Jesus was not going to be there long, and Bartimaeus would not have had another chance. So, regardless of the opinions of others (which, as we see, are very fickle) he cries out to Jesus and asks to see, and being granted sight, follows him.

It is fitting that the tradition of the Church places this passage on the last Sunday of Lent before Passion Week. Indeed, we are almost at cross and resurrection, and we really do not have much time left. Great Lent, this special season of grace in which we are to deepen our lives with God through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving is almost over and with this Gospel the Church calls out to us: It is not too late to cry out to Jesus! If you had a good start to Lent but fell off into your normal habits, or hardly even begun at all, or wishing you had gone deeper, the Church tells us that the time has come, it is swiftly passing by, so cry out now!

But this reaches beyond Lent. When Jesus passes us in various times of our lives, presenting us with opportunities to grow into his likeness, if we do not act, those opportunities can pass us by. We do not have forever to make our choice to follow Jesus in a deeper way. While grace may prompt us, our wills must still act. Where this takes us we do not know. When Bartimaeus woke up that morning, he might not have known that Jesus was coming, and when he came, he just asked for the obvious: sight. But with his physical sight, he also saw spiritually where God was calling him, and so he fixed his eyes on Jesus and, regardless of his own plans, followed him into Jerusalem. If God opens our eyes, so to speak, we too are called in turn to open our hearts, wherever that may take us, for that will be a greater honor and blessing than anything we could have originally asked for.

Vincent Michael

St. Teresa of Calcutta

Pittsburgh, PA

*Eparchy of Saint Maron
of Brooklyn*



DIVINE LITURGIES

Saturday, April 2, @ 6:00PM, 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 is 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.

Friday, April 8, @ 6:00PM,
STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Saturday, April 9, @ 6:00PM, liturgy is offered for the soul of Linda Stella requested by her friends. May her soul rest in peace.

Sunday, April 10, @ 11:00AM,
PALM SUNDAY liturgy is offered for the souls of the deceased members of the Saleba, Kouri, and Marrone families. May their souls rest in peace.

ELDERLY COMMUNION

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



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.

WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR March 26-27, 2022

Sunday Collection	\$ 2,852.00
Online	\$ 0.00
Coffee Hour	\$ 37.00
Total:	\$ 2,889.00

BISHOP'S APPEAL

TOTAL RECEIVED	\$ 2,390.00
GOAL	\$ 3,500.00
BALANCE	\$ 1,110.00

IN OUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers Marentha Young-Heart, Allison Tretina, 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, Suzanne Haney, Linda DiBernardo, Joan Speck, David Joseph Cook, Eddie Tayoun, 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 10:1-7

Gospel Reading

Mark 10:46-52

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

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS OUR NEWLY ORDAINED PRIEST FR. MICHAEL CHARCHAFLIAN

By the grace of God,
A new priest was ordained in our Eparchy
on Saturday March 19, 2022.

MAY THE LOVE OF GOD BE WITH HIM AND MAY HE
BE FILLED WITH WISDOM AND KNOWLEDGE SO
THAT HE CAN SERVE THE PEOPLE GOD HAS PLACED
IN HIS HANDS.



Congratulations to
the newly ordained
priest, the eparchy
and the Church.

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
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GOOD FRIDAY PUTLOCK

Friday, April 15, 2022
Following the Adoration of the Cross

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



Coming to the Harbor

Monday, April 11, 2022

7:00PM



Coming to the Harbor

Tuesday, April 12, 2022

7:00PM



Rite of the Lamp

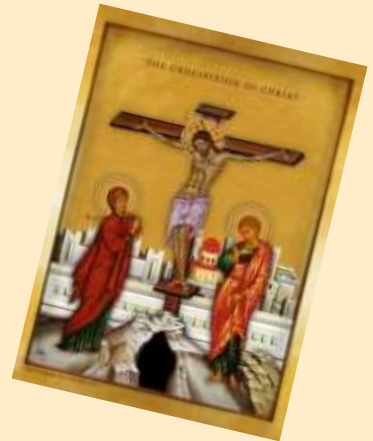
Wednesday, April 13, 2022

7:00PM

Thursday of the Mysteries

Thursday, April 14, 2022

7:00PM



Signing of the Chalice

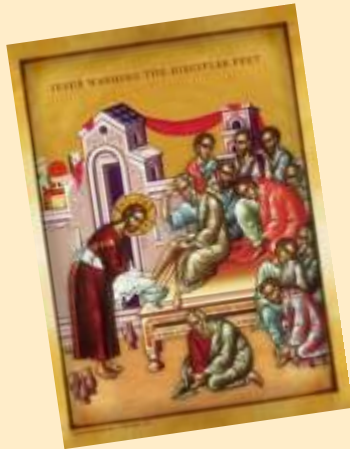
Friday, April 15, 2022

10:30AM

Adoration of the Cross

Friday, April 15, 2022

7:00PM



Prayer for Forgiveness

Saturday, April 16, 2022

12:00PM



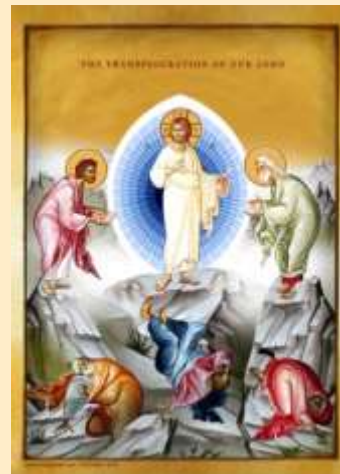
The Glorious Resurrection

Saturday, April 16, 2022

6:00PM

Sunday, April 17, 2022

11:00AM



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Sunday,
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GIFT PACK \$ 35.00

(12 Maamoul, 6 Cookies, 1 Biscotti)

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PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH

Tickets are Now Available!



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Palm Sunday Brunch

Sunday, April 10, 2022

Following Divine Liturgy

at

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DONATIONS

\$20.00 Adults

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MOTHER'S DAY PARTY IN ALLENTOWN

The newly named Saints Joachim and Anne Maronite Catholic Mission of Allentown

extends an invitation to all our parishioners to join them for their

Mother's Day Spring party

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.

They will also have a Raffle and door prizes.

We hope you participate and support our sister parish.

More information can be found in the flyer below:

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

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FOR LIFE

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2022 CRS Rice Bowl
Maronite Catholic Church Lenten Calendar

February 27th

February 28th

March 6th

March 6th-March 12th

March 13th

March 13th-March 19th

March 20th

March 20th-March 26th

March 27th

March 27th-April 2nd

April 3rd

April 3rd- April 9th

April 10th- April 17th

April 10th

April 14th

April 15th

April 16th

April 17th

Sunday of Cana in Galilee / Entrance into Lent

Ash Monday – the Great Fast begins

Sunday of the Lepers, Second Sunday of Lent

A JOURNEY TO 3 COUNTRIES

Sunday of the Hemorrhaging Woman, Third Sunday of Lent

A STORY OF HOPE-GUATEMALA – *Options for the Poor*

Sunday of the Prodigal Son, Fourth Sunday of Lent

A STORY OF HOPE- BANGLADESH – *Care for God's Creation*

Sunday of the Paralytic, Fifth Sunday of Lent

A STORY OF HOPE-RWANDA – *Dignity of the Human Person*

Sunday of Bartimaeus the Blind, Sixth Sunday of Lent

WE ALL HAVE DREAMS – *Dignity of Work*

HOLY WEEK

Hosanna Sunday


Thursday of Mysteries

Great Friday of the Crucifixion

Great Saturday of the Light

GREAT SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

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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!

Head on over to www.maroniteyouth.org and register now for our early bird pricing! **Pricing increases after March 26, so please encourage your youth to register as soon as possible!**

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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April 2-3, 2022

First Reading

2 Corinthians 10:1-7

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

Brothers and Sisters:

I myself, Paul, appeal to you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ I who am humble when face to face with you, but bold towards you when I am away! I ask that when I am present I need not show boldness by daring to oppose those who think we are acting according to human standards. Indeed, we live as human beings, but we do not wage war according to human standards; for the weapons of our warfare are not merely human, but they have divine power to destroy strongholds. We destroy arguments and every proud obstacle raised up against the knowledge of God, and we take every thought captive to obey Christ. We are ready to punish every disobedience when your obedience is complete. Look at what is before your eyes. If you are confident that you belong to Christ, remind yourself of this, that just as you belong to Christ, so also do we.

Praise be to God always.

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الثانية إلى أهل قورنثس

يا إخواني، أنا بولس نفسي أناشدكم بوداعة المسيح وحلمه، أنا المتواضع بينكم عندما أكون حاضراً، والجريء عليكم عندما أكون غائباً. وأرجو ألا أجبر عند حضوري أن أكون جريئاً، بالثقة التي لي بكم، والتي أنوي أن أجرو بها على الذين يحسبون أننا نسلك كأنا جسديين. أجل، إننا نحيا في الجسد، ولكننا لا نحارب كأنا جسديين؛ لأن أسلحة جهادنا ليست جسدية، بل هي قادرة بالله على هدم الحصون المنيعة؛ فإننا نهدم الأفكار الخاطئة، وكل شموخ يرتفع ضد معرفة الله، ونأسر كل فكر لطاعة المسيح. ونحن مستعدون أن نعاقب كل عصيان، متى كملت طاعتكم. إنكم تحكمون على المظاهر! إن كان أحد واثقاً بنفسه أنه للمسيح، فليفكر في نفسه أنه كما هو للمسيح كذلك نحن أيضاً.

والتسبيح لله دائماً.

Gospel Reading

Saint Mark 10:46-52

The Apostle Writes:

They came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaues, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!' Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, 'Son of David, have mercy on me!' Jesus stood still and said, 'Call him here.' And they called the blind man, saying to him, 'Take heart; get up, he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, 'What do you want me to do for you?' The blind man said to him, 'My teacher, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has made you well.' Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

مِنْ إِنْجِيلِ الْقَدِّيسِ مَرْقُس

بَيْنَمَا يَسُوعُ خَارِجٌ مِنْ أَرِيحَا، هُوَ وَتَلَامِيذُهُ وَجَمْعٌ غَفِيرٌ، كَانَ بَرْطِيمَا، أَي ابْنُ طِيمَا، وَهُوَ شَحَّاذٌ أَعْمَى، جَالِسًا عَلَى جَانِبِ الطَّرِيقِ. فَلَمَّا سَمِعَ أَنَّهُ يَسُوعُ النَّاصِرِيُّ، بَدَأَ يَصْرُخُ وَيَقُولُ: "يَا يَسُوعُ ابْنَ دَاوُدَ ارْحَمْنِي!". فَانْتَهَرَهُ أَنْاسٌ كَثِيرُونَ لَيْسُكَتَ، إِلَّا أَنَّهُ كَانَ يَزْدَادُ صُرَاخًا: "يَا ابْنَ دَاوُدَ ارْحَمْنِي!". فَوَقَفَ يَسُوعُ وَقَالَ: "أَدْعُوهُ!". فَدَعَا الْأَعْمَى قَائِلِينَ لَهُ: "ثِقْ وَأَنْهَضْ! إِنَّهُ يَدْعُوكَ". فَطَرَحَ الْأَعْمَى رِدَاءَهُ، وَوَثَبَ وَجَاءَ إِلَى يَسُوعَ. فَقَالَ لَهُ يَسُوعُ: "مَاذَا تُرِيدُ أَنْ أَصْنَعَ لَكَ؟". قَالَ لَهُ الْأَعْمَى: "رَابُّونِي، أَنْ أَبْصِرَ!". فَقَالَ لَهُ يَسُوعُ: "إِذْهَبْ! إِيمَانُكَ خَلَّصَكَ". وَلِلْوَقْتِ عَادَ يُبْصِرُ. وَرَاحَ يَتْبَعُ يَسُوعَ فِي الطَّرِيقِ.
حَقًّا وَالْأَمَانُ لِكُلِّكُمْ.