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WEEKLY BULLETIN - 01/29/2023 Three Weeks of Commemorations



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Men's Club

President: Amin Al Soueidy **Vice-President:** Samer Hourani

Finance Committee Meeting

Friday, February 3, 2023 in the Church Hall at 6:00pm

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Thursday, February 2, 2023 6:00pm

Sunday of The Priests



Saint John of the Cross (1542-1591) Carmelite, Doctor of the Church

Spiritual Canticle, 29,11 (©Institute of Carmelite Studies)

"Whoever loses their life for my sake will find it"
"I lost myself and was found"

The one who walks in the love of God seeks neither gain nor reward, but seeks only to lose with the will all things and self for God: and this loss the lover judges to be a gain. Thus, it is, as St. Paul asserts: "For me death is gain" [Phil.1:21], that is, my death for Christ is my gain, spiritually, of all things and of myself. Consequently, the soul declares: I was found. The soul that does not know how to lose herself does not find herself but rather loses herself, as Our Lord teaches in the Gospel: "Whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it" (Mt 16:25).

Should we desire to interpret this verse more spiritually and in accord with what we are discussing here, it ought to be known that when a soul treading the spiritual road has reached such a point that she has lost all roads and natural methods in her communion with God, and no longer seeks him by reflections or forms or feelings or by any other way of creatures and the senses, but has advanced beyond them all and beyond all modes and manners, and enjoys communion with God in faith and love, then it is said that God is her gain, because she has certainly lost all that is not God and has truly lost herself.

Sanctuary Candle

The Sanctuary Candle is burning for **The Repose of Soul of Salim Dib BouIssa**

Sunday Readings

First Reading 1 Timothy 4:6-16

Gospel Reading Luke 12:42-48

DIVINE LITURGIES

Saturday, January 28, @ **6:00PM,** liturgy is offered in memory of Paul Zaidan, requested by Salema and Barbara Dahdah. May his souls rest in peace.

Sunday, January 29, @ 11:00AM, liturgy is offered in memory of Frank Joseph Tartaglia requested by Theresa Delvecchio. May his souls rest in peace.

Thursday, February 2, 2023 @ **6:00PM, PRESENTATION OF THE LORD TO THE TEMPLE**

Saturday, February 4, @ 6:00PM, liturgy is offered in remembrance of Dominic D'adamo requested by Rose. Sunday, February 5, @ 11:00AM, liturgy is offered in memory of the Kafa AbouJaoude and Tony Abdalla Daou requested by Dany and Rania Cherfane and family. May their souls rest in peace.

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If you are sick and homebound and wish to receive communion at home, please contact:

the Church Office at 215-389-2000 or Fr. Andrawos at 978-241-2977.

WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR

January 21-22, 2023

 Sunday Collection
 \$ 2,011.00

 PayPal
 \$ 190.00

 Coffee Hour
 \$ 30.00

 Total:
 \$ 2,231.00

MYO Fundraiser \$ 290.00 Second Collection \$ 273.00

EPARCHIAL LOAN

Loan Principal and Interest Owed: \$ 57,125.00 Total Amount Paid as of January 2023

Total Amount Paid as of January 2023: \$ 33,375.00

Remaining Loan Balance: \$ 23.750.00

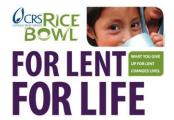
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ANNOUNCEMENTS Rice Bowls

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the Catholic Releif Service in their
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The Annual Discernment Weekend

The weekend of March 24-26, 2023 at Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Seminary:

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Women Discernment Retreat

The weekend of April 14-16, 2023 at the **Mother of the Light Convent** in Dartmouth, MA.



IN OUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers

Landon Reid, Tamara Lewis, Michael Thomas, Barbara Impriano, Mary McKinney, Jessica McKinney, Angela McKinney, Skyla Simon, Peter Labaki, Nancy Murphy, Marentha Young-Heart, Allison Tretina, Stephanie corza Devinney, Angela Anderson, Robert Nigro, Thomas Jones, Raymond Fitzpatrick, Linda Yeckes, Frankie Olivieri, Richy Grande, Marie Eddis, Mia Andrilla, Natalie Ciancaglini, Ashley Iaconelli, Stephen Bressi, Elissar Joanne Ayoub, 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.

TAX CONTRIBUTION LETTER

If you would like to receive your tax contribution letter for 2022, 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 continuous support to St. Maron Church.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



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For an Iraqi Night Party at

St. Gregory Armenian Church Hall

February 4th, 2023 - 7pm

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Proud of Our Youth

Words cannot describe how proud I am of our youth.

The CCD and the MYO have never failed to show how dedicated they are to the church and to the community.

Last week our CCD with the help of their parents and teachers cooked more than 70 meals for "Caring For Friends Organization".

The MYOs launched their first fundraiser for the year and sold pretzels in the Church Hall after the Divine Liturgy.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank all the parents who are planting the Real Christian Values in the hearts of their children.



A HUGE thank you to the CCD & MYO directors, teachers and advisors for all your hard work. We could never take for granted the hard work you do. We see it, and we appreciate you.

May God Bless You and Keep You Safe

Fr. Andrawos







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1 Chicken Kabob, Salad, Rice, Garlic, and Bread

KAFTA PLATTER \$15

1 Kafta Kabob, Salad, Rice, Hummus, and Bread





CHICKEN SANDWICH \$12

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KAFTA SANDWICH \$12

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January 28-29, 2023

First Reading

1 Timothy 4:6-16

A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Timothy. Your blessing father... Brothers and Sisters:

If you put these instructions before the brothers and sisters, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, nourished on the words of the faith and of the sound teaching that you have followed. Have nothing to do with profane myths and old wives' tales. Train yourself in godliness, for, while physical training is of some value, godliness is valuable in every way, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and struggle, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all people, especially of those who believe. These are the things you must insist on and teach. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Until I arrive, give attention to the public reading of scripture, to exhorting, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you through prophecy with the laying on of hands by the council of elders. Put these things into practice, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress. Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; continue in these things, for in doing this you will save both yourself and your hearers.

Praise be to God always.

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الأولى إلى طيموتاوس

يا إخوَتِي، إِذَا عَرَضْتَ ذَلِكَ لِلإِخْوَة، تَكُونُ خَادِمًا صَالِحًا للمَسِيحِ يَسُوع، مُتَغَذِّيًا بِكَلامِ الإِيْمَانِ والتَّعْلِيمِ الحَسَنِ الَّذي تَبِعْتَهُ. أَمَّا الخُرَافَاتُ التَّافِهَة، حِكَايَاتُ العَجَائِز، فَأَعْرِضْ عَنْهَا. وَرَوِّضْ نَفْسَكَ عَلَى التَّقْوَى فَهِي نَافِعَةٌ لكُلِّ شَيء، لأَنَّ لَهَا وَعْدَ الحَيَاةِ الحَاضِرَةِ والآتِيَة. صادِقَةٌ هي الكَلِمَةُ وَجَدِيرَةٌ بِكُلِّ قَبُول: إِنْ كُنَّا نَتْعَبُ ونُجَاهِد، فذلِكَ لأَنَّنَا جَعَلْنَا رِجَاءَنا في اللهِ الحَيّ، الذي هُو مُخلِّصُ النَّاس أَجْمَعِين، وَجَدِيرَةٌ بِكُلِّ قَبُول: إِنْ كُنَّا نَتْعَبُ ونُجَاهِد، فذلِكَ لأَنْنَا جَعَلْنَا رِجَاءَنا في اللهِ الحَيّ، الذي هُو مُخلِّصُ النَّاس أَجْمَعِين، ولا سِيَّمَا المُؤْمِنِين. فأوصِ بِذلكَ وعَلِمْهُ. ولا تَدَعْ أَحَدًا يَسْتَهِينُ بِحَداثَةِ سِنِكَ، بَلْ كُنْ مِثَالاً للمُؤْمِنِين، بِالكَلام، والسِيرَة، والإِيْمَان، والعَفَاف. وَاظِبْ عَلى إِعْلانِ الكَلِمَةِ والوَعْظِ والتَّعْلِيم، إلى أَنْ أَجِيء. لا تُهُمِلِ المَوْهِبَةَ والسِيرَة، والمَحَبَّة، والإِيْمَان، والعَفَاف. وَاظِبْ عَلى إِعْلانِ الكَلِمَةِ والوَعْظِ والتَّعْلِيم، إلى أَنْ أَجِيء. لا تُهُملِ المَوْهِبَة السَّيرَة، والمَحَبَّة، والإِيْمَان، والعَفَاف. وَاظِبْ عَلى إِعْلانِ الكَلِمَةِ والوَعْظِ والتَّعْلِيم، إلى أَنْ أَجِيء. لا تُهُملِ المَوْهِبَة التَي فِيك، وقَد وُهِبَتْ لَكَ بالنُبُوءَةِ معَ وَضْعِ أَيْدِي الشُيُوخِ عَلَيك. إِهْتَمْ بِتِلْكَ الأَمُور، وكُنْ مُواظِبًا عَلَيهَا، لِيَكُونَ تَقَدُمُكَ واضِحًا لِلجَمِيع. إِنْتَبِهُ لِنَفْسِكَ وَالتَعْلِيمِكَ، وَآثَبُتُ في ذلك. فإذا فَعَلْتَ خَلَّصْتَ نَفْسَكَ والنَّذِينَ يَسْمَعُونَك.

والتسبيح لله دائمًا.

Gospel Reading

Saint Luke 12:42-48

The Apostle Writes:

The Lord said, 'Who then is the faithful and prudent manager whom his master will put in charge of his slaves, to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Blessed is that slave whom his master will find at work when he arrives. Truly I tell you, he will put that one in charge of all his possessions. But if that slave says to himself, "My master is delayed in coming", and if he begins to beat the other slaves, men and women, and to eat and drink and get drunk, the master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour that he does not know, and will cut him in pieces, and put him with the unfaithful. That slave who knew what his master wanted, but did not prepare himself or do what was wanted, will receive a severe beating. But one who did not know and did what deserved a beating will receive a light beating. From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required; and from one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded.

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

مِنْ إنْجيل القديس لوقا

قَالَ الرَّبُ يِسُوع: «مَنْ تُرَاهُ ٱلوَكِيلُ ٱلأَمِينُ ٱلحَكِيمُ الَّذي يُقِيمُهُ سَيِّدُهُ عَلَى خَدَمِهِ لِيُعْطِيَهُم حِصَّتَهُم مِنَ الطَّعَامِ في حِينِهَا؟ طُوبَى لِذلِكَ العَبْدِ الَّذي، مَتَى جَاءَ سَيِّدُهُ، يَجِدُهُ فَاعِلاً هكذَا! حَقًّا أَقُولُ لَكُم: إِنَّهُ يُقِيمُهُ عَلَى جَمِيعٍ مُقْتَنياتِهِ. أَمَّا إِذَا قَالَ ذلِكَ العَبْدُ في قَلْبِهِ: سَيَتَأَخَّرُ سَيِّدِي في مَجِيئِهِ، وَبَداً يَضْرِبُ لِغِيمُهُ عَلَى جَمِيعٍ مُقْتَنياتِهِ. أَمَّا إِذَا قَالَ ذلِكَ العَبْدُ في قَلْبِهِ: سَيَتَأَخَّرُ سَيِّدِي في مَجِيئِهِ، وَبَداً يَضْرِبُ الغِلْمَانَ وَالجَوَارِي، يَأْكُلُ وَيَشْرَبُ وَيَسْكَر، يَجِيءُ سَيِّدُ ذلِكَ العَبْدِ في يَوْمٍ لا يَنْتَظِرُهُ، وَفي سَاعَةٍ لا يَعْرِفُها، فَيَقْصِلُهُ، وَيَجْعِلُ نَصِيبَهُ مَعَ الكافِرِين. فَذلِكَ العَبْدُ الَّذي عَرَفَ مَشِيئَةَ سَيِّدِهِ، وَمَا أَعَدَّ شَيْئًا، وَلا عَمِلَ بِمَشيئَةِ سَيِّدِهِ، وَعَمِلَ مَا يَسْتَوجِبُ وَلا عَمِلَ بِمَشيئَةِ سَيِّدِهِ، وَعَمِلَ مَا يَسْتَوجِبُ وَلا عَمِلَ بِمَشيئَةِ سَيِّدِهِ، وَعَمِلَ مَا يَسْتَوجِبُ الطَّرْب، فَيُضْرَبُ ضَرْبًا قَلِيلاً. وَمَنْ أَعْطِيَ كَثيرًا يُطْلَبُ مِنْهُ الكَثِير، وَمَنِ ٱنْتُمُنَ عَلَى الكَثِيرِ يُطالَبُ الطَّرْب، فَيضَرَبُ ضَرْبًا قَلِيلاً. وَمَنْ أَعْطِيَ كَثيرًا يُطْلَبُ مِنْهُ الكَثِير، وَمَنِ ٱنْتُمُنَ عَلَى الكَثِيرِ يُطالَبُ مَنْهُ الكَثِير، وَمَنِ ٱنْتُمُنَ عَلَى الكَثِيرِ يُطالَبُ

حُقًّا والأمان لجميعكم.