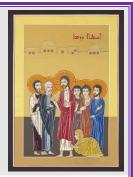


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WEEKLY BULLETIN - 03/05/2023 Season of Great Lent



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STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday during Lent 6:00PM

Healing of the Hemorrhaging Woman

Saint John Maron, patriarch of Antioch Feast Day: March 2

Source: https://www.maronite-heritage.com/

John was born in the village of Seroom, nearby Antioch. His father Agaton and his mother Onohamia were devout Christians, who brought him up according to the teaching of the Catholic Church, and secured him the best education available in Antioch, then in Constantinople at the seventh century. After his parents died, John turned back to Antioch, and from there to the monastery of Saint Maron by the banks of the Orontes River (Al'asi نهر العاصي), where he became a monk and took the name Maron after the monastery's patron, then he got ordained a priest. John Maron was famous for his zeal to bring people to the true faith in Christ, and guard the faithful from the heresies of his time. He is known for his book wherein he explains and promotes the Catholic teaching that Jesus has two natures: 1) divine, & 2) human, and two wills, and that the Lord is fully human and Divine.

In the year 676 John Maron was ordained a bishop and assigned the cathedral of Batroun in Mount Lebanon. In 685, John Maron was the first Maronite Patriarch to be elected by the bishops and people of Mount Lebanon. And according to our Maronite tradition, he went to Rome asking for the Pope's blessing, which he got from Pope Sergius who welcomed him and granted him "a high leadership honor badge". It was under the leadership of our first Patriarch that we got to be known as The Maronites after Saint Maron and thanks to the many monks that served the Maronite people especially in Mount Lebanon and kept them faithful to the Chalcedonian Catholic teaching. Saint John Maron's first Cathedral was in the monastery of Yanooh in Jebeil's mountains between Al'Akoora and Qartaba. According to the tradition, Saint John Maron established the monastery of Saint John Maron in KefarHay, Batroun, and got the skull of Saint Maron transferred there.

And when the pest disease spread out in his Church, Saint John used to visit the sick in person and heal them with his prayers. And it was then, that he wrote down the Maronite Anaphora that carries his name. Thus, he kept the good work serving his people with great zeal, taking special care of the sick and poor, raising up churches and monasteries, and confirming them in their Catholic faith, until he got called by his Lord to our heavenly home in February 2nd 707. May his prayers be with us always. Amen.

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary Candle is burning for **Mia and Liz Ndrecaj**

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading 2 Corinthians 7:4-11

Gospel Reading
Luke 8:40-56

DIVINE LITURGIES

Saturday, March 4, @ 6:00PM,

liturgy is offered in memory of Linda Stella requested by friends. May her soul rest in peace.

Sunday, March 5, @ 11:00AM,

liturgy is offered in memory of the deceased members of Starr and Bitner families requested by Salema and Barbara Dahdah. May their souls rest in peace.

Friday, March 10, 2023 @ 6:00PM, Stations of the Cross & Blessing with the Holy Cross.

Saturday, March 11, @ 6:00PM,

liturgy is offered in remembrance of Dominic D'adamo requested by Ed.

Sunday, March 12, @ 11:00AM,

liturgy is offered in memory of the Stavro and Edmond Jabra requested by Simon and Zeina Topalian. May their souls rest in peace.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

February 25-26, 2023

Sunday Collection	\$ 1,723.00
Fuel	\$ 275.00
Memorial	\$ 75.00
PayPal	\$ 100.00
Coffee Hour	\$ 36.00
Total	\$ 2,209.00

MYO Pretzels \$ 259.00

BISHOP'S APPEAL

GOAL \$ 3,500.00 Amount Received \$ 1,915.00 Balance \$ 1,585.00

EPARCHIAL LOAN

Loan Principal and Interest Owed: \$ 57,125.00 Total Amount Paid as of February 2023: \$ 34,375.00

Remaining Loan Balance: \$ 22,750.00

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Program. We have received the rice
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<u>Maronite Rituals for a Great</u> Lent Series

The Maronite Servants will be hosting a new series of online workshops via Zoom.



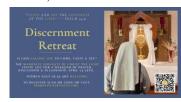
<u>The Annual Discernment</u> Weekend

The weekend of March 24-26, 2023 at Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Seminary. For info: (202) 723-8831



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

Mary V. (Nelson) Scotti, Mike Devinney, Debbie Freedenberg, Allan Emilio Domingez, Rev. Subdeacon Dr. Mallard George, Landon Reid, Tamara Lewis, Michael Thomas, Barbara Impriano, McKinney, Mary Jessica McKinney, Angela McKinney, Skyla Simon, Peter Labaki, Nancy Murphy, Marentha Young-Heart, Allison Tretina, Stephanie Devinney, Angela Scorza Anderson, Robert Nigro, Jones. Raymond Thomas Fitzpatrick, Linda Yeckes, Frankie Olivieri, Richy Grande, Marie Eddis, Mia Andrilla, Natalie Ciancaglini, Ashley Iaconelli, Stephen Bressi, Elissar Ayoub, Joanne Simon-Turing, Suzanne Linda Haney, 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, 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.







Taste of Liguori



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Feb. 26 - Healing of the Leper

Mar. 5 - Healing of the Hemorrhaging Woman

Mar. 19 - Healing of the Paralytic

Mar. 26 - Healing of the Blind Man



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UPCOMING EVENTS

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Palm Sunday	A

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent @ 6:00PM

Falafel Sandwiches

Sunday, March 5, 2023
Following Divine Liturgy

MYO Fundraiser - Foul Breakfast

Sunday, March 19, 2023 Following Divine Liturgy

Annunciation to the Virgin Mary

Saturday, March 25, 2023 @ 6:00PM

Palm Sunday

Vigil Liturgy: Saturday, April 1, 2023 @6:00PM Sunday Liturgy: Sunday, April 2, 2023 @ 11:00AM

Palm Sunday Brunch

Sunday, April 2, 2023

Tickets will be available starting Sunday, March 19, 2023

Annual Bake Sale

Pre-Orders Pick Up: Saturday, April 1, 2023

Bake Sale: Sunday, April 2, 2023

Coming to the Harbor

Monday, April 3, 2023 @ 6:00PM Tuesday, April 4, 2023 @ 6:00PM

Rite of the Lamp

Wednesday, April 5, 2023 @6:00PM Divine Liturgy and Blessing of the Oil

Thursday of the Mysteries

Thursday, April 6, 2023 @7:00PM

Divine Liturgy and Washing of the Feet

Great Friday of the Crucifixion

Signing of the Chalice: Friday, April 7, 2023 @ 10:30AM **Adoration of the Cross:** Friday, April 7, 2023 @ 7:00PM

SUNDAY

FALAFEL SANDWICHES \$10.00

March 5, 2023

after Divine Liturgy







ANNUAL 語 BAKE SALE

Sunday, April 2, 2023

MAAMOUL

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1/2 doz. Walnut \$10.00

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March 4-5, 2023

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 قورنتس

يا إخوَتِي، إِنَّ لِي عَلَيْكُم دَالَّةً كبِيرة، ولي بِكُم فَخْرًا عَظِيمًا. وَلَقَدِ آمْتَلَأَتُ تَعْزِيَة، وأَنَا أَفِيضُ فَرَحًا في ضِيقِنَا كُلِّهِ. فَإِنَّنَا الْمَ وَصَلْنَا إِلَى مَقْدُونِيَة، لَمْ يَكُنْ لِجَسَدِنَا شَيءٌ مِنَ الرَّاحَة، بَلْ كُنَّا مُتَضَايِقِينَ في كُلِّ شَيء، صِرَاعٌ مِنَ الخَارِج، وخوف مِنَ الدَّاخِل! لكِنَّ آللهَ الَّذي يُعَزِّي المُتَوَاضِعِينَ عَزَّانا بِمَحِيءٍ طِيْطُس، لا بِمَحِيئِهِ فَحَسْب، بَلْ أَيْضًا بِالتَّعْزِيةِ النَّتِي تَعَزَّاهَا بِكُم. وقَدْ أَخْبَرَنَا بِآشْتِيَاقِكُم إِلَيْنَا، وحُزْنِكُم، وعَيْرَتِكُم عَلَيَّ، حَتَّى إِنِي ٱزْدَدْتُ فَرَحًا. وإِذَا كُنْتُ قَدْ أَخْزَنْتُكُم بِرِسَالتِي فَلَسْتُ نَادِمًا عَلَى هَا مَوْنَا بِمَحِيءٍ عَلَى الرِسَالَة، ولَوْ أَخْزَنْتُكُم إلى حين، قَدْ سَبَبَتْ لي فَرَحًا كثِيرًا، لا لأَنْكُم عَلَى ذلك، معَ أَنَّنِي كُنْتُ قَدْ نَدِمْتُ، لأَتِي أَرَى أَنَّ تِلْكَ الرِسَالَة، ولَوْ أَخْزَنَتُكُم إلى حين، قَدْ سَبَبَتْ لي فَرَحًا كثِيرًا، لا لأَنْكُم حَزِنْتُم، بَلْ لأَنَّ حُزْنَكُم أَدَى بِكُم إلى النَّوبَة. فَقَدْ حَزِنْتُم حُزْنًا مُرْضِيًا لله، كَيْ لا تَخْسَرُوا سِسَبِنَا في أَيِّ شَيء لأَنَ الحُرُنَ المُرْضِي للله يَعْنَا عَوْبَةً لِخَلاصِ لا نَدَمَ عَلَيْهَا، أَمَّا حُزْنُ العَالَمِ فَيَصْنَعُ مَوْتًا. فَٱنظُرُوا حُزْنَكُم هَذَا ٱلمُرْضِي للهِ كَم أَنْشَأَ فَيصْنَعُ تَوْبَةً لِلْخَلاصِ لا نَدَمَ عَلَيْهَا، أَمَّا حُزْنُ العَالَمِ فَيَصْنَعُ مَوْتًا. فَٱنظُرُوا حُزْنَكُم هَذَا ٱلمُرْضِي لللهِ كَم أَنْشَأَ فَي مَنَ ٱلاَجْتِهَاد، بَلْ مِنَ ٱلغَيْرَة، بَلْ مِنَ ٱلأَنْ مُنْ العَلْمِ فَي أَلْ مِنَ ٱلشَّوْق، بَلْ مِنَ ٱلغَيْرَة، بَلْ مِنَ ٱلإَسْتِنَكَار، بَلْ مِنَ ٱلخُوف، بَلْ مِنَ ٱلشَّوْق، بَلْ مِنَ ٱلغَيْرة، بَلْ مِنَ ٱلْأَمُولُ مَنْ العَقْر، وقَدْ أَظْهَرْتُم أَنْفُكُم أَنْصُأَعُ في كُلُ ذَلِكَ أَنْكُم أَبْرَاءُ مِنَ هذَا الأَمْر.

والتسبيح لله دائمًا.

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 القديس لوقا

لَمَّا عَادَ يَسُوع، ٱسْتَقْبَلَهُ الجَمْع، لأَنَّهُم جَميعَهُم كَانُوا يَنْتَظِرُونَهُ. وَإِذَا بِرَجُلِ آسْمُهُ يَائِيرُس، وكَانَ رَئِيسَ المَجْمَع، جَاءَ فَأَرْتَمَى عَلَى قَدَمَي يَسُوع، وَأَخَذَ يَتْوَسَّلُ إِلَيْهِ أَنْ يَذْخُلُ بَئِيتُهُ، لأَنَّ لَهُ آبُنَةً وَجِيدَة، عُمْرُها نُحْوُ آثْتَتَي عَشْرَةَ سَنَة، وَلَمْ يَقْدِرْ أَحَدُ أَنْ الْمَوْت. وفِيمَا هُوَ ذَاهِب، كَانَ الجُمُوعُ يَزْحَمُونَهُ. وَكَانَتِ آمْرَأَةٌ مُصَابَةٌ بِنَزْفِ دَمٍ مُنْذُ ٱثْنَتَي عَشْرَةَ سَنَة، وَلَمْ يَقْدِرْ أَحَدٌ أَنْ يَشْفِيهَا. دَنَتْ مِنْ وَرَاءِ يَسُوع، وَلَمَسَتْ طَرَفَ رِدَائِهِ، وَفَجَأَةً وَقَفَ نَزْفُ دَمِها. فَقَالَ يَسُوع: «مَنْ لَمَسَنِي؟». وَأَنْكَرَ الجَمِيع. فَقَالَ بَشُوع: «إِنَّ واحِدًا قَدْ لَمَسَنِي؟». وَأَنْكَرَ الجَمِيع. فَقَالَ بَشُوم: إِنَّ الجُمُوعَ يَزْحَمُونَكَ وَيُصَايِقُونَك!». فَقَالَ يَسُوع: «إِنَّ واحِدًا قَدْ لَمَسَنِي؟». وَأَنْكَرَ الجَمِيع. أَنَّ قُوقَ قَدْ حَرَجَتْ مِنِي!». وَرَأْتِ آلمَرُأَةُ أَنَّ أَمْرَها لَمْ يَخْفَ عَلَيه، فَدَنَتُ مُرْتَعِدَةً وَارْبَمَتُ عَلَى قَدْمَيه، وَأَعْلَتُ أَمَامَ الشَّعْبِ كُلُو لَيْتَعْرُونَ مَنْ فَوْلَ: «مَاتَتِ آبْنَتُك!». فَقَالَ لَمَا الشَعْبِ الْمُعَلِي قِولَا وَصَلَ إِلَى البَيْت، لَمْ يَدْعُ أَحَدًا يَدُخُلُ مَعَهُ سِوَى بُطُرُسَ وَيُوحَنَّا وَيَعْقُوبَ وَأَبِي الصَّبِيَةِ وَأُمْونَ مُونَى مُنْعَا نَائِمَةً السَّعْمِ يَسُعُ يَبْكُونَ عَلَيها وَيَقْرَعُونَ صَدُورَهُم. فَقَالَ لَمَ السَّعْيَة، فُومِي!». فَعَادَتْ رُوحُهَا إِلَيْهَا، وَفَجْأَةً نَهَصَتْ. ثُمَّ أَمْرَ بِأَنْها مَاتَتْ. أَمًا هُوَ فَأَمْسَك بِيَدِها وَبَادَى قَائِلاً: «أَنْتُهُا الصَّبِيَة، قُومِي!». فَعَادَتْ رُوحُهَا إِلَيْهَا، وَفَجْأَةً نَهَصَتْ. ثُمَّ أَمْرَ بِأَنْ

حقًّا والأمان لجميعكم.