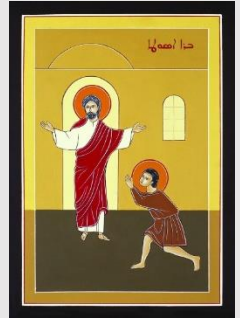




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WEEKLY BULLETIN - 03/12/2023

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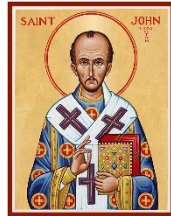
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Parable of The Prodigal Son



Saint John Chrysostom (c.345-407)

priest at Antioch

then Bishop of Constantinople,

Doctor of the Church

Sermons on Saint Matthew's Gospel, no.15

“Salt of the Earth”

“You are the salt of the earth”, the Savior says, so showing them the necessity of all those precepts he has just proclaimed. “My word,” he says to them, “will not only apply to your own lives but has been entrusted to you for the whole world. I am not sending you out to two towns, nor to ten, nor twenty, nor even to a single people as was the case of prophets in former times. But I am sending you out to the earth, the sea, the whole creation (Mk 16:15), wherever evil is rampant.

Indeed, by saying to them: “You are the salt of the earth”, he showed them that all human nature is saltless, corrupted by sin. Through their ministry the Holy Spirit's grace will regenerate and preserve the world. Hence he teaches them the virtues of the beatitudes: those that are most necessary and efficacious in anyone responsible for a multitude. Someone who is gentle, modest and merciful and does not just shut inside himself the good deeds he carries out in his mind but takes care that those lovely springs should also stream out for the good of others. Anyone who has a pure heart, who is a peacemaker, who suffers persecution for the truth is a person who consecrates his life for the good of others.

Spring Forward
Sun, Mar 12, 2023
2:00 AM



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday during Lent
6:00PM

CLERGY RETREAT

March 13-17, 2023

Please keep all priests in your prayers

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary Candle is burning for the
Safety & Well-being of all the parishioners

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading
2 Corinthians 13:5-13

Gospel Reading
Luke 15:11-32

DIVINE LITURGIES

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 Stavro
and Edmond Jabra requested by
Simon and Zeina Topalian. May their
souls rest in peace.

Friday, March 17, 2023 @ 6:00PM,
Stations of the Cross & Blessing with
the Holy Cross.

Saturday, March 18, @ 6:00PM,
liturgy is offered in memory of Jean
Gessin requested by Ann Matter. May
her soul rest in peace.

Sunday, March 19, @ 11:00AM,
liturgy is offered in memory of
Roberta Gussin Abdalla requested by
Rosemarie Marrone. May her soul rest
in peace.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

March 4-5, 2023

Sunday Collection	\$ 1,524.00
Fuel	\$ 20.00
Assessment	\$ 30.00
PayPal	\$ 140.00
Coffee Hour	\$ 21.00
Total	\$ 1,735.00

FALAFEL SANDWICHES

March 5, 2023

Total Income	\$ 1,748.33
Total Expenses	\$ 235.00
Net Income	\$ 1,513.33

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

Rice Bowls

Lenten Alms Change Lives

Like every year, our parish supports
the Catholic Relief Service in their
participates in the Rice Bowl Lenten
Program. We have received the rice
bowls. You can find them in the back
of the church and the hall entrance.



Maronite Rituals for a Great Lent Series

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



The Annual Discernment 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,
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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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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MYO Fundraiser

Sunday
March 19, 2023

following Divine Liturgy
in the Church Hall

Breakfast

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PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH

April 2, 2023
following Divine Liturgy

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ANNUAL BAKE SALE

PREPS
Schedule

Mamoul Baking

Friday, March 24, 2023 ~ 2:00 PM

Cookies Baking

Tuesday, March 28, 2023 ~ 3:30 PM

Packaging Cookies & Maamoul

Wednesday, March 29, 2023 ~ 1:00 PM

Lebanese Sesame Cookies

Thursday, March 30, 2023 ~ 6:00 PM

Biscotti Baking

Friday, March 31, 2023 ~ 10:30 AM



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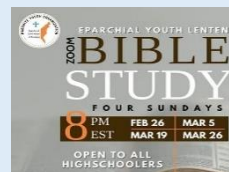
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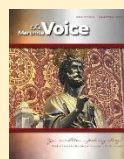
Feb. 26 - Healing of the Leper

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



Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent @ 6:00PM



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

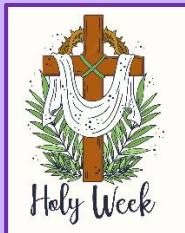
Monday, April 3, 2023 @ 6:00PM

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

Good Friday Lenten Dinner

Friday, April 7, 2023: Following the Adoration and Procession

Great Saturday of the Light

Prayer of Forgiveness: Saturday, April 8, 2023 @ 12PM



ANNUAL BAKE SALE

Sunday, April 2, 2023

MAAMOUL

1/2 doz. Dates	\$ 9.00
1/2 doz. Walnut	\$10.00
1/2 doz. Pistachio	\$ 11.00

COOKIES

1/2 doz. Apricot	\$ 6.00
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March 11-12, 2023

First Reading

2 Corinthians 13:5-13

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

Brothers and Sisters:

Examine yourselves to see whether you are living in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not realize that Jesus Christ is in you? unless, indeed, you fail to pass the test! I hope you will find out that we have not failed. But we pray to God that you may not do anything wrong not that we may appear to have passed the test, but that you may do what is right, though we may seem to have failed. For we cannot do anything against the truth, but only for the truth. For we rejoice when we are weak and you are strong. This is what we pray for, that you may become perfect. So I write these things while I am away from you, so that when I come, I may not have to be severe in using the authority that the Lord has given me for building up and not for tearing down. Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

Praise be to God always.

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الثانية إلى أهل قورنثس

يا إِخْوَتِي، إِخْتَبِرُوا أَنْفُسَكُمْ، هَلْ أَنْتُمْ رَاسِخُونَ فِي الْإِيمَانِ. إِمْتَحِنُوا أَنْفُسَكُمْ. أَلَا تَعْرِفُونَ أَنَّ الْمَسِيحَ يَسُوعَ فِيكُمْ؟ إِذَا كُنْتُمْ مَرْفُوضِينَ! فَارْجُوا أَنْ تَعْرِفُوا أَنَّ نَحْنُ لَسْنَا مَرْفُوضِينَ! وَنُصَلِّي إِلَى اللَّهِ كَيْ لَا تَفْعَلُوا أَيَّ شَرٍّ، لَا لِنُظْهِرَ نَحْنُ مَقْبُولِينَ، بَلْ لِكَيْ تَفْعَلُوا أَنْتُمْ الْخَيْرَ، وَنَكُونَ نَحْنُ كَأَنَّنا مَرْفُوضُونَ! فَإِنَّا لَا نَسْتَطِيعُ أَنْ نَفْعَلَ شَيْئًا ضِدَّ الْحَقِّ، بَلْ لِأَجْلِ الْحَقِّ! أَجَلْ، إِنَّا نَفْرَحُ عِنْدَمَا نَكُونُ نَحْنُ ضِعْفَاءَ، وَتَكُونُونَ أَنْتُمْ أَقْوِيَاءَ. مِنْ أَجْلِ هَذَا أَيْضًا نُصَلِّي لِكَيْ تَكُونُوا كَامِلِينَ. أَكْتُبُ هَذَا وَأَنَا غَائِبٌ، لِنَلَّا أَعْمَلَكُمْ بِقِسَاوَةٍ وَأَنَا حَاضِرٌ، بِالسُّلْطَانِ الَّذِي أَعْطَانِي إِيَّاهُ الرَّبُّ، لِنُبْنِيَانَكُمْ لَا لِهَدْمِكُمْ. وَبَعْدُ، أَيُّهَا الْإِخْوَةُ، إِفْرَحُوا، وَاسْعَوْا إِلَى الْكَمَالِ، وَتَسَجَّعُوا، وَكُونُوا عَلَى رَأْيٍ وَاحِدٍ، وَعِيشُوا فِي سَلَامٍ، وَإِلَهُ الْمَحَبَّةِ وَالسَّلَامِ يَكُونُ مَعَكُمْ! سَلِّمُوا بَعْضُكُمْ عَلَى بَعْضٍ بِقُبْلَةٍ مُقَدَّسَةٍ. جَمِيعُ الْقَدِيسِينَ يُسَلِّمُونَ عَلَيْكُمْ. نِعْمَةُ الرَّبِّ يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ، وَمَحَبَّةُ اللَّهِ، وَشَرِكَةُ الرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ مَعَكُمْ أَجْمَعِينَ!

والتسبيح لله دائماً.

Gospel Reading

Saint Luke 15:11-32

The Apostle Writes:

The Lord Jesus says: 'There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me." So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, "How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'" So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son." But the father said to his slaves, "Quickly, bring out a robe the best one and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!" And they began to celebrate. 'Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound." Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, "Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!" Then the father said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found." '

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

مِنْ إِنْجِيلِ الْقَدِيسِ لَوْقَا

قَالَ الرَّبُّ يَسُوعُ: "كَانَ لِرَجُلٍ ابْنَانِ. فَقَالَ أَصْغَرُهُمَا لِأَبِيهِ: يَا أَبِي، أَعْطِنِي حِصَّتِي مِنَ الْمِيرَاثِ. فَقَسَمَ لَهُمَا ثَرَوَتَهُ. وَبَعْدَ أَيَّامٍ قَلِيلَةٍ، جَمَعَ الابْنُ الْأَصْغَرُ كُلَّ حِصَّتِهِ، وَسَافَرَ إِلَى بَلَدٍ بَعِيدٍ. وَهُنَاكَ بَدَدَ مَالَهُ فِي حَيَاةِ الطُّيُوسِ. وَلَمَّا أَنْفَقَ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ، حَدَثَتْ فِي ذَلِكَ الْبَلَدِ مَجَاعَةٌ شَدِيدَةٌ، فَبَدَأَ يُحْسِبُ بِالْعَوَزِ. فَذَهَبَ وَلَجًا إِلَى وَاحِدٍ مِنْ أَهْلِ ذَلِكَ الْبَلَدِ، فَأَرْسَلَهُ إِلَى حُقُولِهِ لِيَرْعَى الْخَنَازِيرَ. وَكَانَ يَشْتَهِي أَنْ يَمْلَأَ جَوْفَهُ مِنَ الْخُرُوبِ الَّتِي كَانَتْ الْخَنَازِيرُ تَأْكُلُهَا، وَلَا يُعْطِيهِ مِنْهُ أَحَدٌ. فَارْجَعَ إِلَى نَفْسِهِ وَقَالَ: كَمْ مِنَ الْأَجْزَاءِ عِنْدَ أَبِي، يُفْضَلُ الْخُبْزُ عَنْهُمْ، وَأَنَا هَهُنَا أَهْلُكَ جُوعًا! أَقُومُ وَأَمْضِي إِلَى أَبِي وَأَقُولُ لَهُ: يَا أَبِي، خَطِئْتُ إِلَى السَّمَاءِ وَأَمَامَكَ. وَلَا أَسْتَحِقُّ بَعْدَ أَنْ أُدْعَى لَكَ ابْنًا. فَأَجْعَلْنِي كَأَحَدِ أَجْرَائِكَ! فَقَامَ وَجَاءَ إِلَى أَبِيهِ. وَفِيمَا كَانَ لَا يَزَالُ بَعِيدًا، رَأَاهُ أَبُوهُ، فَتَحَنَّنَ عَلَيْهِ، وَأَسْرَعَ فَأَلْقَى بِنَفْسِهِ عَلَى عُنُقِهِ وَقَبَّلَهُ طَوِيلًا. فَقَالَ لَهُ ابْنُهُ: يَا أَبِي، خَطِئْتُ إِلَى السَّمَاءِ وَأَمَامَكَ. وَلَا أَسْتَحِقُّ بَعْدَ أَنْ أُدْعَى لَكَ ابْنًا... فَقَالَ الْأَبُ لِعَبِيدِهِ: أَسْرِعُوا وَأُخْرِجُوا الْحُلَّةَ الْفَاخِرَةَ وَالْبُسُوهَ، وَاجْعَلُوا فِي يَدَيْهِ خَاتَمًا، وَفِي رِجْلَيْهِ حِذَاءً، وَأَثُوا بِالْعَجَلِ الْمُسَمَّنِ وَادْبَحُوهُ، وَلِنَأْكُلْ وَنَتَنَعَّمَ! لِأَنَّ ابْنِي هَذَا كَانَ مَيِّتًا فَعَاشَ، وَصَائِعًا فَوُجِدَ. وَبَدَأُوا يَتَنَعَّمُونَ. وَكَانَ ابْنُهُ الْأَكْبَرُ فِي الْحَقْلِ. فَلَمَّا جَاءَ وَأَقْتَرَبَ مِنَ الْبَيْتِ، سَمِعَ غِنَاءً وَرَفْصًا. فَدَعَا وَاحِدًا مِنَ الْعِلْمَانِ وَسَأَلَهُ: مَا عَسَى أَنْ يَكُونَ هَذَا؟ فَقَالَ لَهُ: جَاءَ أَخُوكَ، فَذَبَحَ أَبُوكَ الْعَجَلِ الْمُسَمَّنَ، لِأَنَّهُ لَقِيَهُ سَالِمًا. فَغَضِبَ وَلَمْ يُرِدْ أَنْ يَدْخُلَ. فَخَرَجَ أَبُوهُ يَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْهِ. فَأَجَابَ وَقَالَ لِأَبِيهِ: هَا أَنَا أَخْذُمُكَ كُلَّ هَذِهِ السِّنِينَ، وَلَمْ أَخَالَفْ لَكَ يَوْمًا أَمْرًا، وَلَمْ تُعْطِنِي مَرَّةً جَدِيًّا، لِأَتَنَعَّمَ مَعَ أَصْدِقَائِي. وَلَكِنْ لَمَّا جَاءَ ابْنُكَ هَذَا أَكَلَ ثَرَوَتَكَ مَعَ الزَّوْجَانِي، ذَبَحْتَ لَهُ الْعَجَلِ الْمُسَمَّنَ! فَقَالَ لَهُ أَبُوهُ: يَا وَلَدِي، أَنْتَ مَعِيَ فِي كُلِّ حِينٍ، وَكُلُّ مَا هُوَ لِي هُوَ لَكَ. وَلَكِنْ كَانَ يَنْبَغِي أَنْ نَتَنَعَّمَ وَنَفْرَحَ، لِأَنَّ أَخَاكَ هَذَا كَانَ مَيِّتًا فَعَاشَ، وَصَائِعًا فَوُجِدَ."

حَقًّا وَالْأَمَانُ لِكُلِّكُمْ.