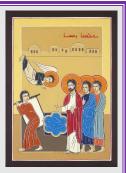


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STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday during Lent 6:00PM

FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION

Saturday, March 25, 2023 6:00PM

HEALING OF THE PARALYTIC



Saint Joseph, fiancé of Our Lady the Virgin Mary - March 19

Source: https://www.maronite-

heritage.com/LNE.php?page=19March

He is Joseph, son of Jacob, son of Mattan, from the house of David the king and Abraham the father of the fathers (Cf. Mt. 1:1-16). Joseph is the greatest among saints, and the most noble one, because what he got from God was beyond compare. God the Father appointed him to father and raise up his Only Son, the Incarnated Word. God the Son took him as his earthly father and God the Holy Spirit choose him to be the fiancé of His bride, Mary the most holy. Thus, the choice of the Holy Trinity to saint Joseph is the proof for his righteousness, as the evangelist declared: "and her man Joseph, was righteous" (Mt. 1:19).

God who became man, loved us in our poverty and desired to be like us poor, humble, and so he choose his parent, Joseph, a simple, poor man, rich in virtues and love. Joseph's firm faith and unshakable trust in God were his help and guide in hard times. His first trial was to find out that his fiancée is pregnant. This got him perplexed; however, his noble character prevented him from hurting her, and while he was planned to quit her in secret, the Angle of God appeared to him and revealed to him the truth of Mary's virgin and divine pregnancy. From that moment on, Joseph vowed his life to the service of the Virgin Mary and her child Jesus. He was there for them in the stable, he accompanied them to the temple to perform the law, he was with them in their flight to Egypt back and forth, he was with them in Nazareth, and searched for Jesus with Mary, when the boy was lost and found in the temple.

Saint Joseph always cared of Jesus and his mother Mary, with firm faith, great love, and silent hard work, until he died surrounded by Jesus and Mary, and thus became for us the patron of peaceful death. The Church also assigned him the patron of the Christian families and workers.

The devotion to Saint Joseph is quite spread out in the Western and Eastern Church. To his name many churches, fraternities and sororities were dedicated. In the Maronite Church, it was Patriarch Boulos Massad who introduced the blessing rite with the icon of Saint Joseph. There is also a Safro, Ramsho & Leelio prayers in Aramaic dedicated to Saint Joseph's feast-week; which go back to the year 1484. May his prayers be with us. Amen.

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary Candle is burning for the Priests of the Eparchy of St. Maron of Brooklyn

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading 1 Timothy 5:24 – 6:5

Gospel Reading
Mark 2:1-12

DIVINE LITURGIES

Saturday, March 18, @ 6:00PM,

liturgy is offered in memory of Jean Gesin requested by Ann Matter. May her soul rest in peace.

Sunday, March 19, @ 11:00AM, Feast of St. Joseph

liturgy is offered in memory of Roberta Gussin Abdalla requested by Rosemarie Marrone. May her soul rest in peace.

Friday, March 24, 2023 @ 6:00PM, Stations of the Cross & Blessing with the Holy Cross.

Saturday, March 25, @ 6:00PM, Feast of the Annunciation to the Virgin Mary

liturgy is offered for a special intention.

Sunday, March 26, @ 11:00AM, liturgy is offered in memory of John Joseph requested by Mary Joseph. May his soul rest in peace.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

March 11-12, 2023

Sunday Collection	\$ 1,883.00
Fuel	\$ 25.00
PayPal	\$ 450.00
Coffee Hour	\$ 20.00
Total	\$ 2,378.00

BISHOP'S APPEAL

GOAL	\$ 3,500.00
Amount Received	\$ 2,285.00
Balance	\$ 1,115.00

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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DABKE SIGN-UP

One of our festival traditions is the Dabke performance of our children. To keep this tradition alive, there will be a sign-up sheet in the Church Hall.



The Dates and times of practices will be announced once we have the final number of participating children.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rice Bowls

Lenten Alms Change Lives
Like every year, our parish supports
the Catholic Releif 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.



<u>The Annual Discernment</u> <u>Weekend</u>

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.

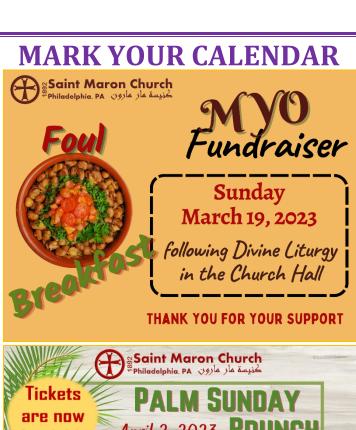


IN OUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers

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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.





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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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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

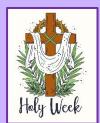
Coming to the Harbor

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







following Divine Liturgy in the Church Hall

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March 18-19, 2023

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 إِلاَّ بَعْدَهُ. كذلِكَ فَإِنَّ الأَعْمَالَ الصَّالِحَةَ هِيَ أَيضًا وَاضِحَة، والَّتي هي غَيرُ واضِحَةٍ فَلا يُمْكِنُ أَنْ تَبْقَى خَفِيَّة. على جَمِيعِ الَّذِينَ لَهُم أَسْيَادٌ تَحْتَ نِيرِ الْعُبُودِيَّةِ أَنْ يَحْسَبُوا أَسْيَادَهُم أَهْلاً لِكُلِّ كَرَامَة، لِئَلاً يُجَدَّفَ عَلى آسْمِ اللهِ وتَعْلِيمِهِ. أَمَّا الَّذِينَ لَهُم أَسْيَادٌ مُومُنُونَ مَوْمِنُونَ فِلا يَسْتَهِينُوا بِهِم، لأَنَّهُم إِخْوَة، بَلْ بِالأَحْرَى فَلْيَخْدُمُوهُم، لأَنَّ المُسْتَقِيدِينَ مِن خَدْمَتِهِم الطَّيِبَةِ هُم مُؤْمِنُونَ وَأَحِبًاء، ذلِكَ مَا يَجِبُ أَنْ تُعَلِّمُهُ وتَعِظَ بِهِ. فَإِنْ كَانَ أَحدٌ يُعَلِّمُ تَعْلِيمًا مُخَالِفًا، ولا يَتَمَمَّكُ بالكَلامِ الصَّحِيح، كَلامِ وَأَحبًاء، ذلِكَ مَا يَجِبُ أَنْ تُعَلِّمَ المُوَافِقِ للتَّقْوى، فَهُو إِنسَانٌ أَعْمَتْهُ الكِبْرِيَاء، لا يَغْهَمُ شَيْئًا، بَلْ مُصَابٌ بَمَرَضِ رَبِّنَا يَسُوعَ المَسِيح، وبِالتَّعْلِيمِ المُوَافِقِ للتَّقْوى، فَهُو إِنسَانٌ أَعْمَتْهُ الكِبْرِيَاء، لا يَغْهَمُ شَيْئًا، بَلْ مُصَابٌ بَمَرَضِ المُجَادِلاتِ والمُمَاحَكَات، النَّي يَنْشَأُ عَنْهَا الحَسَدُ والخِصَامُ والتَّجْدِيفُ وسُوءُ الظَّنّ، والمُشَاجَرَاتُ بينَ أُناسٍ فَاسِدِي المُعَلِي مَن الحَق، يَظُنُونَ أَنَّ التَّقْوى وَسِيلَةٌ لِلرَبْح.

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 إِنْجِيلِ القِدِّيسِ 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: مَغْفُورة لَكَ خَطَايَاك؟ أَمْ أَنْ يُقَالَ لَهُم: وَلَمْسُ وَلَشَكَ وَلَمْشِ؟ ولِكَي تَعْلَمُوا أَنَّ لاَبْنِ الإِنْسَانِ سُلْطَانًا أَنْ يَغْفِرَ الخَطَايَا عَلَى الأَرْضِ"، قالَ لِلْمُخَلَّع: لَكَ أَقُول: قُم، إِحْمِلْ فِرَاشَكَ وَلَمْشِ؟ ولِكَي تَعْلَمُوا أَنَّ لاَبْنِ الإِنْسَانِ سُلْطَانًا أَنْ يَغْفِرَ الخَطَايَا عَلَى الأَرْضِ"، قالَ لِلْمُخَلِّع: لَكَ أَقُول: قُم، إِحْمِلْ فِرَاشَكَ وَلَاشَكَ، وَلَا هَلَا هذَا البَتَّة؛".

حقًّا والأمان لجميعكم.