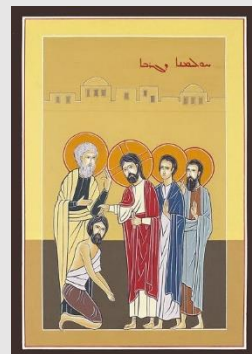




# Saint Maron Maronite Catholic Church

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## WEEKLY BULLETIN - 02/18/2024

### Season of Great Lent

### Healing of the Leper

#### OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY – FRIDAY 10:30AM – 4:00PM

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Vice-President: Samer Hourani

#### From Desperation to Restoration:

#### Jesus' Compassionate Touch

The story in Mark 1:35-45 illustrates a profound moment of healing and compassion. A leper, suffering physically and rejected by society, approached Jesus with a raw plea for cleansing.

Jesus, moved by compassion, defied convention by touching the leper and restoring not just his health but his dignity. His immediate willingness to heal demonstrates his boundless compassion and love for the marginalized.

Through Jesus' touch, the leper experienced a miraculous transformation, returning to society and worship. The news of this healing spread rapidly, inspiring others to seek Jesus for both physical and spiritual healing.

This encounter reveals Jesus' heart, unafraid of our brokenness, and eager to restore our souls. It encourages us to approach Jesus with our own cries for healing, knowing His touch brings hope and acceptance.

As recipients of His grace, we are called to extend compassion to others, becoming channels of His love in a hurting world.

#### Saint Maron Church

## MYO FUNDRAISER

Sunday, February 25, 2024 following Divine Liturgy

## FOUL BREAKFAST



### Rice Bowl

Your Lenten Alms  
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### E-Bike Raffle

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to win 1  
of the 2  
\$1,600 E-Bikes.

### SUNDAY READINGS

1<sup>st</sup> Reading  
Romans 6:12-23

Gospel Reading  
Mark 1:35-45

Sanctuary Candle  
IMO Mary Ann Mosier

## DIVINE LITURGIES

**Friday, February 16, @ 6:00PM**  
**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**Saturday, February 17, @ 4:00PM,**  
liturgy is offered in memory of Tom Baxter requested by his wife. May his soul rest in peace.

**Sunday, February 18, @ 11:00AM**  
liturgy is offered for the repose of soul of Michael Assaf requested by family. May his soul rest in peace.

**Friday, February 23, @ 6:00PM**  
**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**Saturday, February 24, @ 4:00PM,**  
liturgy is offered in memory of the deceased members of Navarro, Ortiz, Niño, Ruiz, Ocasio, and Pagan families requested by the Ortiz family. May their souls rest in peace.

**Sunday, February 25, @ 11:00AM**  
liturgy is offered for the repose of souls of Jamil and Malake Zakharia requested by Danny and Vera Zakharia. May their souls rest in peace.

## WEEKLY COLLECTION

**February 10-11, 2024**

Collection	\$	2,310.00
Fuel	\$	45.00
St. Maron	\$	275.00
Ash Monday	\$	252.00
PayPal	\$	220.00
Coffee Hour	\$	48.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>3,150.00</b>

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## LITURGICAL CALENDARS

We have received the Liturgical Calendars (Maronite and Roman Catholic). You can find them at the entrance of the church and the hall.



## STATIONS OF THE CROSS & ADORATION OF THE CROSS

**Saint Maron Church**  
Philadelphía, PA عُنْبِيَّة مَار مَرْوَن

SEASON OF  
THE GREAT LENT

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday

6:00PM

Starting Friday, February 16, 2024



## FUNDRAISING EVENTS

**Saint Maron Church**  
Philadelphía, PA عُنْبِيَّة مَار مَرْوَن

## FALAFEL SANDWICHES

Sunday, March 10, 2024  
following Divine Liturgy



SANDWICH  
\$10.00

PLATTER  
\$15.00  
(4 Falafel, Tahini Sauce,  
Vegetables, & Bread)

FRIES  
\$3.00

SODA  
\$2.00

WATER  
\$1.00



BAKE SALE PREPS  
(schedule on page 3)



## IN OUR PRAYERS

*"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."*

(Isaiah 41:10)

May the healing touch of God bring comfort and restoration to the sick. In praying for them, we extend an act of mercy, expressing compassion and love. Amen.

### Please keep in your prayers

Allison Auld, Carmen Sansweet, Deacon Anthony Koury, Mary Louise Scotti, Janet Labar, Krystal Valianti, Anne Mgrdichian, Carol Bevelhymmer, Mary V. (Nelson) Scotti, Mike Devinney, Debbie Freedenberg, Allan Emilio Domingez, Rev. Subdeacon Dr. Mallard T. George, Landon Reid, Tamara Lewis, Michael Thomas, Mary McKinney, Jessica McKinney, Angela McKinney, Skyla Simon, Peter Labaki, Nancy Murphy, Marentha Young-Heart, Allison Tretina, Stephanie Devinney, Angela Scorza Anderson, Raymond Fitzpatrick, Linda Yeckes, Frankie Olivieri, Marie Eddis, Mia Andrilla, Ashley Iaconelli, Elissar Ayoub, Joanne Simon-Turing, Suzanne Haney, Linda DiBernardo, Joan Speck, David Joseph Cook, 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.

## MYO CORNER

2024

REGIONAL EPARCHIAL

# LENTEN RETREATS

SATURDAY

**MARCH 2**  
10 AM - 7 PM

**NEW ENGLAND**

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SATURDAY

**MARCH 9**  
10 AM - 7 PM

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## CCD CORNER

### Important Dates

**Feb 18, 2024**

No Classes

**March 2, 2024**

Lenten Retreat  
Grades 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>  
10:30AM - 3pm

**March 3, 2024**

First Confession  
2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

**March 10, 2024**

First Communion  
Parent Meeting

**March 15, 2024**

Stations of the Cross  
6pm

**March 22, 2024**

Service Project  
Grades 5<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>

**April 13, 2024**

First Communion  
Retreat

**April 14, 2024**

First Communion  
Divine Liturgy

## BAKE SALE PREPS

**Thursday, March 14, 2024 (4 pm)**

Cookies Baking

**Friday, March 15, 2024 (4 pm)**

Maamoul Baking & Cookies Filling

**Saturday, March 16, 2024 (10 am)**

Packaging

**Thursday, March 21, 2024 (5:30 pm)**

Sesame Cookies Baking & Packaging

## The Spirituality of our Lenten

Traditions & Practices  
with Bishop Gregory Mansour



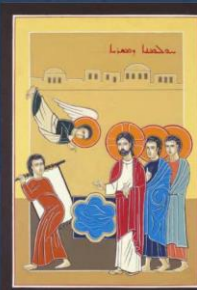
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March 6th

Hosted by:

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## Lenten Scripture Sharing: Faith, Mercy, Healing



FEBRUARY 22: HEALING OF THE  
HEMORRHAGING WOMAN

FEBRUARY 29: PARABLE OF THE  
PRODIGAL SON

MARCH 7: HEALING OF THE PARALYTIC

MARCH 14: HEALING OF THE BLIND MAN

MARCH 21: HOSANNA SUNDAY

For More Info,  
Scan the QR code



## Maronite Enrichment Days

April 9 -12, 2024

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For More Information:

<https://maroniteseminary.org/news-events/seminary-events/about/>

## Bishop's Appeal 2024

To be collected during Lent

**\$3,500.00**

The 2024 Bishop's Appeal assessment for your parish will be \$3,500.00. This appeal is to be made during Lent, and the total amount is due at the Chancery after Easter.

## Tax Contribution Letter 2023

To obtain your 2023 church donation letter for tax purposes, please reach out to the office at 215-389-2000 or contact us via email at [office@saintmaron.org](mailto:office@saintmaron.org)

Thank  
you




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# Saint Maron

## Maronite Catholic Church



February 17-18, 2024

### First Reading

#### Romans 6:12-23

**A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans. Your blessing father...**

Brothers and Sisters:

Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Praise be to God always.**

#### فصل من رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل رومة

يا إخوتي، لا تَمَلِكَنَّ الخَطِيئَةُ بَعْدُ في جَسَدِكُمْ المَائِتِ، فَتُطِيعُوا شَهَوَاتِهِ. وَلَا تَجْعَلُوا أَعْضَاءَكُمْ سِلَاحَ ظَلَمٍ لِلخَطِيئَةِ، بَلْ قَرِّبُوا أَنْفُسَكُمْ لِلَّهِ كَأَحْيَاءٍ قَامُوا مِنْ بَيْنِ الأَمْوَاتِ، وَأَجْعَلُوا أَعْضَاءَكُمْ سِلَاحَ بِرِّ اللَّهِ. فلا تَتَسَلَّطْ عَلَيْكُمُ الخَطِيئَةُ، لِأَنَّكُمْ لَسْتُمْ في حُكْمِ الشَّرِيعَةِ بَلْ في حُكْمِ النِّعْمَةِ. فَمَاذَا إِذَا؟ هَلْ نَخْطَأُ لِأَنَّنا لَسْنَا في حُكْمِ الشَّرِيعَةِ، بَلْ في حُكْمِ النِّعْمَةِ؟ حَاشَا! أَلَا تَعْلَمُونَ أَنَّكُمْ عِنْدَمَا تَجْعَلُونَ أَنْفُسَكُمْ عِبِيدًا لِأَحَدٍ فَتُطِيعُونَهُ، تَكُونُونَ عِبِيدًا لِلَّذِي تُطِيعُونَهُ: إِمَّا عِبِيدًا لِلخَطِيئَةِ الَّتِي تَوُولُ إِلَى المَوْتِ، وَإِمَّا لِلطَّاعَةِ الَّتِي تَوُولُ إِلَى البِرِّ. فَشُكْرًا لِلَّهِ لِأَنَّكُمْ بَعْدَمَا كُنْتُمْ عِبِيدَ الخَطِيئَةِ، أَطَعْتُمْ مِنْ كُلِّ قَلْبِكُمْ مِثَالَ التَّعْلِيمِ الَّذِي سُلِّمْتُمْ إِلَيْهِ. وَبَعْدَ أَنْ حُرِّرْتُمْ مِنَ الخَطِيئَةِ، صِرْتُمْ عِبِيدًا لِلبِرِّ. وَأَقُولُ قَوْلًا بَشَرِيًّا مُرَاعَاةً لِضِعْفِكُمْ: فَكَمَا جَعَلْتُمْ أَعْضَاءَكُمْ عِبِيدًا لِلنِّجَاسَةِ وَالإِثْمِ في سَبِيلِ الإِثْمِ، كَذَلِكَ أَجْعَلُوا الآنَ أَعْضَاءَكُمْ عِبِيدًا لِلبِرِّ في سَبِيلِ القِدَاسَةِ. فَلَمَّا كُنْتُمْ عِبِيدَ الخَطِيئَةِ، كُنْتُمْ أَحْرَارًا مِنَ البِرِّ. فَأَيُّ ثَمَرٍ جَنَيْتُمْ حِينَئِذٍ مِنْ تِلْكَ الأُمُورِ الَّتِي تَسْتَحُونَ مِنْهَا الآنَ؟ فَإِنَّ عَاقِبَتَهَا المَوْتُ. أَمَّا الآنَ، وَقَدْ صِرْتُمْ أَحْرَارًا مِنَ الخَطِيئَةِ وَعِبِيدًا لِلَّهِ، فَاتَّكُمُ تَجْنُونَ ثَمَرًا لِلقِدَاسَةِ، وَعَاقِبَتُهَا الحَيَاةُ الأَبَدِيَّةُ. لِأَنَّ أَجْرَةَ الخَطِيئَةِ هِيَ المَوْتُ. أَمَّا مَوْهَبَةُ اللَّهِ فَهِيَ الحَيَاةُ الأَبَدِيَّةُ في المَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ رَبِّنا.

والتسبيح لله دائماً.

## Gospel Reading

### Saint Mark 1:35-45

#### The Apostle Writes:

In the morning, while it was still very dark, Jesus got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, 'Everyone is searching for you.' He answered, 'Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do.' And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons. A leper came to him begging him, and kneeling he said to him, 'If you choose, you can make me clean.' Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him, 'I do choose. Be made clean!' Immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean. After sternly warning him he sent him away at once, saying to him, 'See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.' But he went out and began to proclaim it freely, and to spread the word, so that Jesus could no longer go into a town openly, but stayed out in the country; and people came to him from every quarter.

**This is the truth. Peace be with you.**

#### مِنِ انْجِيلِ الْقَدِيسِ مَرْقَسِ

قَامَ يَسُوعُ قَبْلَ طُلُوعِ الْفَجْرِ، فَخَرَجَ وَذَهَبَ إِلَى مَكَانٍ قَفْرٍ، وَأَخَذَ يُصَلِّي هُنَاكَ. وَلَحِقَ بِهِ سَمْعَانُ وَالَّذِينَ مَعَهُ، وَوَجَدُوهُ فَقَالُوا لَهُ: "الْجَمِيعُ يَطْلُبُونَكَ". فَقَالَ لَهُمْ: "لِنَذْهَبْ إِلَى مَكَانٍ آخَرَ، إِلَى الْقُرَى الْمُجَاوِرَةِ، لِأُبَشِّرَ هُنَاكَ أَيْضًا، فَإِنِّي لِهَذَا خَرَجْتُ". وَسَارَ فِي كُلِّ الْجَلِيلِ، وَهُوَ يَكْرِزُ فِي مَجَامِعِهِمْ وَيَطْرُدُ الشَّيَاطِينَ. وَأَتَاهُ أُبْرَصُ يَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْهِ، فَجَنَأَ وَقَالَ لَهُ: "إِن شِئْتَ فَأَنْتَ قَادِرٌ أَنْ تُطَهِّرَنِي!". فَتَحَنَّنَ يَسُوعُ وَمَدَّ يَدَهُ وَلَمَسَهُ وَقَالَ لَهُ: "قَدْ شِئْتَ، فَاطْهَرُ!". وَفِي الْحَالِ زَالَ عَنْهُ الْبَرَصُ، فَطَهَّرَ. فَانْتَهَرَهُ يَسُوعُ وَصَرَفَهُ حَالًا، وَقَالَ لَهُ: "أَنْظُرْ، لَا تُخْبِرْ أَحَدًا بِشَيْءٍ، بَلِ اذْهَبْ وَارِ نَفْسَكَ لِلْكَاهِنِ، وَقَدِّمْ عَنْ طَهْرِكَ مَا أَمَرَ بِهِ مُوسَى، شَهَادَةً لَهُمْ". أَمَّا هُوَ فَخَرَجَ وَبَدَأَ يُنَادِي بِأَعْلَى صَوْتِهِ وَيُذِيعُ الْخَبَرَ، حَتَّى إِنَّ يَسُوعَ لَمْ يَعُدْ قَادِرًا أَنْ يَدْخُلَ إِلَى مَدِينَةِ عِلَانِيَّةً، بَلْ كَانَ يُقِيمُ فِي الْخَارِجِ، فِي أَمَاكِنَ مُقْفَرَةٍ، وَكَانَ النَّاسُ يَأْتُونَ إِلَيْهِ مِنْ كُلِّ مَكَانٍ حَقًّا وَالْأَمَانِ لَجَمِيعِكُمْ.