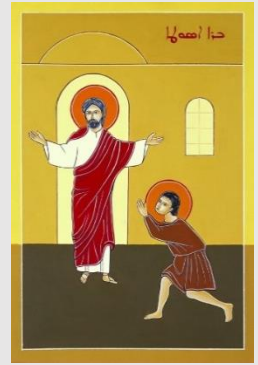




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WEEKLY BULLETIN - 03/03/2024

Season of Great Lent

Parable of the Prodigal Son

OFFICE HOURS:

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TUESDAY – FRIDAY 10:30AM - 4:00PM

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"Embracing Divine Forgiveness: The Prodigal Son's Journey"

The parable of the prodigal son beautifully illustrates the boundless forgiveness of the Lord, regardless of our past mistakes. Despite squandering his inheritance and living a life of folly, the prodigal son is welcomed back with open arms by his loving father. This story serves as a powerful reminder that no matter how far we may stray, God's mercy and forgiveness are always available to us when we humbly seek them.

MYO FUNDRAISER

*Congratulations
to the remarkable MYO
for orchestrating
yet another
successful fundraiser.*

Your unwavering dedication and selfless efforts have once again demonstrated the power of community and generosity. May God continue to bless your endeavors abundantly as you strive to make a positive impact in the lives of others.

Fr. Andrawos (Fadi) El Tabchi

Dabkeh Dance Signup

*Let us dance together in
celebration of our
traditions
and community spirit.*

All children of our parish are invited to sign up for the Festival Dabkeh. You can find the sign-up sheet in the office. You can also call the office or email us to register your child.

Practice time and dates will be communicated later. I hope everyone can attend.



BIBLE STUDY

**with Abouna David - Starting Thursday, April, 4, 2024
at 7 PM Via Zoom**

and in person at the Church Hall

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87347439104?pwd=eUJRRVpFUyt5NVpTVXR5bCtBdGpGdz09>

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1st Reading

2 Cor 13:5-13

Gospel Reading

Luke 15: 11-32

Sanctuary Candle

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Saturday, March 2, @ 4:00PM,
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Mary Ligato requested by the
Elaine Cavallaro. May her soul rest
in peace.

Sunday, March 3, @ 11:00AM
liturgy is offered in memory of the
deceased members of Starr/Bitner
and Butrus families requested by
Salema and Barbara Dahdah. May
their souls rest in peace.

Friday, March 8, @ 6:00PM
STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Saturday, March 9, @ 4:00PM,
liturgy is offered in memory of
Linda Stella requested by her
friends. May her soul rest in peace.

Sunday, March 10, @ 11:00AM
liturgy is offered in memory of
Edmond and Stavro Jabra
requested by Simon and Zeina
Topalian. May their souls rest in
peace.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

February 24-25, 2024

Collection	\$	1,437.00
Fuel	\$	165.00
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Coffee Hour	\$	45.00
Total	\$	1,647.00

Bishop's Appeal \$ 430.00

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**STATIONS OF THE CROSS
& ADORATION OF THE CROSS**

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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

Collected during Lent

Collected \$ 760.00
Amount Due \$ 3,500.00
Balance \$ 2,740.00

Reminder: contributing to the Bishop's Appeal is a responsibility shared by all churches in the Eparchy. Your generous support is truly valued and greatly appreciated.

Maronite Voice

The latest issue of the Maronite Voice has been released. Click on the link below to read the article about Saint Maron Church or grab your copy from the church hall.

<https://www.maronitevoice.org/>
<https://rb.gy/bssl9u>

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CCD CORNER Important Dates

March 2, 2024

Lenten Retreat
Grades 3rd - 6th
10:30AM - 3pm

March 3, 2024

First Confession
2nd Grade

March 10, 2024

First Communion
Parent Meeting

March 15, 2024

Stations of the Cross
6pm

March 22, 2024

Service Project
Grades 5th - 12th

April 13, 2024

First Communion Retreat

April 14, 2024

First Communion
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Maamoul Baking

Saturday, March 16, 2024 (10 am)
Cookies Baking & Packaging

Thursday, March 21, 2024 (5:30 pm)
Sesame Cookies Baking & Packaging

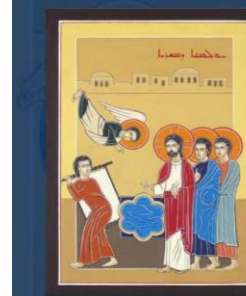
The Spirituality of our Lenten Traditions & Practices
with Bishop Gregory Mansour

8pm EST
March 6th

Zoom Meeting ID:
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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

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Parable of the Prodigal Son

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 إخواني، إختبروا أنفسكم، هل أنتم راسخون في الإيمان. إمتحنوا أنفسكم. ألا تعرفون أن المسيح يسوع فيكم؟ إلا إذا كنتم مرفوضين! فأرجو أن تعرفوا أننا نحن لسنا مرفوضين! ونصلي إلى الله كي لا تفعلوا أي شر، لا لنظهر نحن مقبولين، بل لكي تفعلوا أنتم الخير، ونكون نحن كأنا مرفوضون! فإنا لا نستطيع أن نفعل شيئاً ضد الحق، بل لأجل الحق! أجل، إننا نفرح عندما نكون نحن ضعفاء، وتكونون أنتم أقوياء. من أجل هذا أيضاً نصلي لكي تكونوا كاملين. أكتب هذا وأنا غائب، لئلا أعاملكم بفساوة وأنا حاضر، بالسلطان الذي أعطاني إياه الرب، لبنيناكم لا لهدمكم. وبعذ، أيها الإخوة، إفرحوا، وأسعوا إلى الكمال، وتسجعوا، وكونوا على رأي واحد، وعيشوا في سلام، وإله المحبة والسلام يكون معكم! سلموا بعضكم على بعض بقبله مقدسة. جميع القديسين يسلمون عليكم. نعمة الرب يسوع المسيح، ومحبة الله، وشركة الروح القدس معكم أجمعين!

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 تَرْوَتَهُ. وَبَعْدَ أَيَّامٍ قَلِيلَةٍ، جَمَعَ الْابْنُ الْأَصْغَرُ كُلَّ حِصَّتِهِ، وَسَافَرَ إِلَى بَلَدٍ بَعِيدٍ. وَهُنَاكَ بَدَدَ مَالَهُ فِي حَيَاةِ الطَّيِّشِ. وَلَمَّا أَنْفَقَ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ، حَدَّثَتْ فِي ذَلِكَ الْبَلَدِ مَجَاعَةٌ شَدِيدَةٌ، فَبَدَأَ يُحْسِبُ بِالْعَوَزِ. فَذَهَبَ وَوَلَجَّ إِلَى وَاحِدٍ مِنْ أَهْلِ ذَلِكَ الْبَلَدِ، فَأَرْسَلَهُ إِلَى حُقُولِهِ لِيَرْعَى الْخَنَازِيرَ. وَكَانَ يَشْتَهِي أَنْ يَمْلَأَ جَوْفَهُ مِنَ الْخَرْوَبِ الَّذِي كَانَتْ الْخَنَازِيرُ تَأْكُلُهُ، وَلَا يُعْطِيهِ مِنْهُ أَحَدٌ. فَرَجَعَ إِلَى نَفْسِهِ وَقَالَ: كَمْ مِنَ الْأَجْرَاءِ عِنْدَ أَبِي، يُفْضَلُ الْخُبْزُ عَنْهُمْ، وَأَنَا هَهُنَا أَهْلِكُ جُوعًا! أَقُومُ وَأَمْضِي إِلَى أَبِي وَأَقُولُ لَهُ: يَا أَبِي، حَطَّنْتُ 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، حَطَّنْتُ إِلَى السَّمَاءِ وَأَمَامَكَ. وَلَا أَسْتَحِقُّ بَعْدَ أَنْ أُدْعَى لَكَ ابْنًا... فَقَالَ الْأَبُ لِعَبِيدِهِ: أَسْرِعُوا وَأُخْرِجُوا الْخُلَّةَ الْفَاحِرَةَ وَاللَّبْسُوهَ، وَأَجْعَلُوا فِي يَدَيْهِ خَاتَمًا، وَفِي رِجْلَيْهِ حِذَاءً، وَأَثُوا بِالْعِجْلِ الْمُسَمَّنِ وَأَذْبَحُوهُ، وَلِنَأْكُلْ وَنَتَنَعَّمُ! لِأَنَّ ابْنِي هَذَا كَانَ مَيِّتًا فَعَاشَ، وَصَائِعًا فَوَجِدَ. 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 أَحْوَكٌ، فَذَبَحَ أَبُوكَ الْعِجْلَ الْمُسَمَّنَ، لِأَنَّهُ لَقِيَهُ سَالِمًا. فَغَضِبَ وَلَمْ يَرِدْ 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 الَّذِي أَكَلَ تَرْوَتَكَ مَعَ الرُّوَانِي، ذَبَحْتَ لَهُ الْعِجْلَ 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 فَوَجِدَ."

حَقًّا وَالْأَمَانُ لِكُلِّكُمْ.