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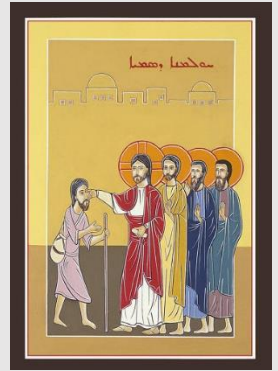
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## WEEKLY BULLETIN - 03/17/2024

### *Season of Great Lent*

### Healing of the Blind Man



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Heavenly Father,

open our eyes to see your presence in our lives  
and grant us the faith to follow you  
with courage and conviction.

Help us to persist in prayer and trust in your  
mercy, knowing that you hear our cries  
and respond with love.

May we, like Bartimaeus, be transformed by your  
grace and become faithful disciples, shining your  
light in the world. Amen.



#### **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>

#### **SUNDAY READINGS**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

2 Cor 10:1-7

**Gospel Reading**

Mark 10:46-52

**Sanctuary Candle**

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**DIVINE LITURGIES**

**Friday, March 15, @ 6:00PM**  
**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**Saturday, March 16, @ 4:00PM,**  
liturgy is offered in memory of Luigi Lombardi requested by Theresa Lombardi. May his soul rest in peace.

**Sunday, March 17, @ 11:00AM**  
liturgy is offered in memory of Akram Ajina and the deceased members of the Ajina family requested by Philip and Vivian Rai. May their souls rest in peace.

**Friday, March 22, @ 6:00PM**  
**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**Saturday, March 23, @ 4:00PM,**  
liturgy is offered in memory of the deceased members of Mosier and DeBuono families requested by Terri Koway and Debra Mosier. May their souls rest in peace.

**Sunday, March 24, @ 11:00AM**  
**Hosanna Sunday.** Liturgy is offered for our children.

Also, liturgy is offered in memory of the deceased members of the Saliba, Kouri, and Marrone families requested by family. May their souls rest in peace.

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**  
**March 9-10, 2024**

Collection	\$	2,279.00
Fuel	\$	30.00
PayPal	\$	100.00
Coffee Hour	\$	21.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,430.00</b>

Bishop's Appeal	\$	100.00
Insurance	\$	00.00
Rice Bowl	\$	25.00

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

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

For more info, visit our website  
[www.saintmaron.org](http://www.saintmaron.org)  
or our Facebook page  
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**BAKE SALE**

March 23, 2024

**PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH**

March 24, 2024

**GOOD FRIDAY POTLUCK**

March 29, 2024

**SIP & PAINT**

April 19, 2024

**IN OUR PRAYERS**

**Please keep in your prayers**

Joseph Lemons, Allison Auld, Carmen Sansweet, Deacon Anthony Koury, Mary Louise Scotti, Janet Labar, Krystal Valianti, Anne Mgrdichian, Carol Bevelhmyer, 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.



## Falafel Fundraiser

I wish to express my deepest appreciation to each and every volunteer who generously contributed their time to the falafel fundraiser, as well as to all those within our congregation who wholeheartedly supported our church's mission and initiatives. **Fr. Andrewos**

Total Income	\$ 1,423.82
Total Expenses	\$ 170.00
<b>Profit</b>	<b>\$ 1,253.82</b>

## Bishop's Appeal 2024

### Collected during Lent

<b>Collected</b>	<b>\$ 2,190.00</b>
<b>Amount Due</b>	<b>\$ 3,500.00</b>
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$ 1,310.00</b>

**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/>

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## BAKE SALE

### PREPS

Friday, March 15, 2024 (4 pm)

Maamoul Baking

Saturday, March 16, 2024 (10 am)

Cookies Baking & Packaging

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

Sesame Cookies Baking & Packaging

### Orders Pick Up

Saturday, March 23, 2024

1pm to 6pm

Sunday, March 24, 2024

1pm to 3pm

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Saturday, March 23, 2024



### MAAMOUL

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Walnut - 1/2 doz.	\$11.00
Pistachio - 1/2 doz.	\$12.00

### COOKIES

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Strawberry - 1/2 doz.	\$7.00
Sesame - 1/2 doz.	\$7.00

### COMBOS

Variety Pack	\$30.00
(6 Maamoul, 6 Cookies, 6 Karabij)	
Gift Pack	\$50.00
(12 Maamoul, 12 Cookies, 6 Karabij)	

### SPECIALS

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## CCD CORNER - Important Dates

March 15, 2024 – 6PM

Stations of the Cross

March 22, 2024

Service Project | **POSTPONED**

April 13, 2024

First Communion Retreat

April 14, 2024

First Communion - Divine Liturgy

## Maronite Enrichment Days

April 9 -12, 2024

At The Maronite Seminary in DC  
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For More Information:

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

## 2024 NAM Convention

59<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention

Detroit, Michigan  
July 4-7, 2024

For more info you can click  
on the link below:

<https://rb.gy/hy4cwa>

## Year of Prayer

Pope Francis declared 2024 as the **Year of Prayer**, calling upon believers worldwide to deepen their spiritual connection through prayerful reflection, seeking unity, and fostering peace in our hearts and communities.

Let us come together in faith, embracing this sacred opportunity for renewal and communion with God.



# HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



Sunday, March 24	<b>PALM SUNDAY - 11:00 AM</b>
Monday, March 25	Coming to the Harbor - 6:00 PM (Evening Prayer)
Tuesday, March 26	Passion Week - 6:00 PM (Divine Liturgy)
Wednesday, March 27	Rite of the Lamp - 6:00 PM (Blessing of the Oil)
Thursday, March 28	Thursday of the Mysteries - 7:00 PM (Divine Liturgy & Washing of the Feet)
Friday, March 29	Signing of the Chalice - 11:00 AM Adoration of the Cross - 7:00 PM
Saturday, March 30	Prayer of Forgiveness - 12:00 PM <b>RESURRECTION LITURGY - 4:00 PM</b>
Sunday, March 31	<b>RESURRECTION LITURGY - 11:00 AM</b>

## PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH

Tickets are now available.  
Please contact the office to  
purchase your ticket.

## GOOD FRIDAY POTLUCK

Join us for our Annual Good  
Friday Potluck and share in the  
spirit of fellowship and  
community as we gather to  
commemorate this solemn  
occasion.

**PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH**  
Sunday,  
March 24, 2024

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"Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!"  
(John 12:12)



## Rite of the Lamp

Blessing of the oil  
and anointing the sick

Wednesday, March 28, 2024  
6:00PM



"Anoint them with oil in the name of the  
Lord" (James 5:14)



## Thursday of the Mysteries

Thursday, March 28, 2024  
7:00PM

Divine Liturgy and Washing of the Feet  
followed by Eucharistic Adoration



## GOOD FRIDAY

Friday,  
March 29, 2024

Signing of the Chalice  
11:00AM

Adoration of the Cross  
7:00PM

**LENTEN DINNER  
8:00PM**





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Wednesday, April 10 • Doors Open at 5:00PM



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## MYO CORNER

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# Readings – 6<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent

## Healing of the Blind Man

### First Reading

#### 2 Corinthians 10:1-7

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

Brothers and Sisters:

I myself, Paul, appeal to you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ I who am humble when face to face with you, but bold towards you when I am away! I ask that when I am present I need not show boldness by daring to oppose those who think we are acting according to human standards. Indeed, we live as human beings, but we do not wage war according to human standards; for the weapons of our warfare are not merely human, but they have divine power to destroy strongholds. We destroy arguments and every proud obstacle raised up against the knowledge of God, and we take every thought captive to obey Christ. We are ready to punish every disobedience when your obedience is complete. Look at what is before your eyes. If you are confident that you belong to Christ, remind yourself of this, that just as you belong to Christ, so also do we.

**Praise be to God always.**

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الثانية إلى أهل قورنثس

يا إخوتي، أنا بولس نفسي أناشدكم بوداعة المسيح وجمه، أنا المتواضع بينكم عندما أكون حاضراً، والجريء عليكم عندما أكون غائباً. وأرجو ألا أُجبر عند حضورٍ أن أكون جريئاً، بالثقة التي لي بكم، والتي أنوي أن أجرو بها على الذين يحسبون أننا نسلك كأناس جسديين. أجل، إننا نحيا في الجسد، ولكننا لا نحارب كأناس جسديين؛ لأن أسلحة جهادنا ليست جسدية، بل هي قادرة بالله على هدم الحصون المنيعه؛ فإننا نهدم الأفكار الخاطئة، وكل شموخ يرتفع ضد معرفة الله، ونأسر كل فكرٍ لطاعة المسيح. ونحن مستعدون أن نعاقب كل عصيان، متى كملت طاعتكم. إنكم تحكمون على المظاهر! إن كان أحدٌ واثقاً بنفسه أنه للمسيح، فليفكر في نفسه أنه كما هو للمسيح كذلك نحن أيضاً.

والتسبيح لله دائماً.

## Gospel Reading

Saint Mark 10:46-52

### The Apostle Writes:

They came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!' Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, 'Son of David, have mercy on me!' Jesus stood still and said, 'Call him here.' And they called the blind man, saying to him, 'Take heart; get up, he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, 'What do you want me to do for you?' The blind man said to him, 'My teacher, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has made you well.' Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

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

### مِنْ إِنْجِيلِ الْقَدِيسِ مَرْقَسِ

بَيْنَمَا يَسُوعُ خَارِجٌ مِنْ أَرِيحَا، هُوَ وَتَلَامِيذُهُ وَجَمْعٌ غَفِيرٌ، كَانَ بَرْتِيمَا، أَي ابْنُ طِيمَا، وَهُوَ شَحَاذٌ أَعْمَى، جَالِسًا عَلَى جَانِبِ الطَّرِيقِ. فَلَمَّا سَمِعَ أَنَّهُ يَسُوعُ النَّاصِرِيُّ، بَدَأَ يَصْرُخُ وَيَقُولُ: "يَا يَسُوعُ ابْنَ دَاوُدَ أَرْحَمْنِي!". فَأَنْتَهَرَهُ أَنْاسٌ كَثِيرُونَ لِيَسْكُتَ، إِلَّا أَنَّهُ كَانَ يَزْدَادُ صُرَاخًا: "يَا ابْنَ دَاوُدَ أَرْحَمْنِي!". فَوَقَّفَ يَسُوعُ وَقَالَ: "أَدْعُوهُ!". فَدَعَا الْأَعْمَى قَائِلِينَ لَهُ: "ثِقْ وَأَنْهَضْ! إِنَّهُ يَدْعُوكَ". فَطَرَحَ الْأَعْمَى رِدَاءَهُ، وَوَثَبَ وَجَاءَ إِلَى يَسُوعَ. فَقَالَ لَهُ يَسُوعُ: "مَاذَا تُرِيدُ أَنْ أَصْنَعَ لَكَ؟". قَالَ لَهُ الْأَعْمَى: "رَابُّونِي، أَنْ أَبْصِرَ!". فَقَالَ لَهُ يَسُوعُ: "إِذْهَبْ! إِيمَانُكَ خَلَّصَكَ". وَلِلْوَقْتِ عَادَ يُبْصِرُ. وَرَاحَ يَتَّبِعُ يَسُوعَ فِي الطَّرِيقِ.

**حَقًّا وَالْأَمَانَ لْجَمِيعِكُمْ.**





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