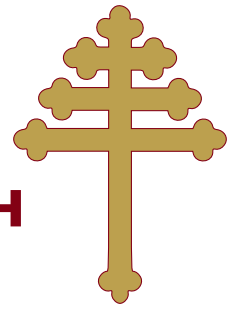




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Couples must contact our priest  
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Be sure to visit from time to time for National  
Maronite News, pictures of parish events and  
other announcements!

## **THE THIRD WEEK OF LENT THE HEMORRHAGING WOMAN**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24**  
Adoration 4:00 p.m.; Liturgy at 4:30 p.m.

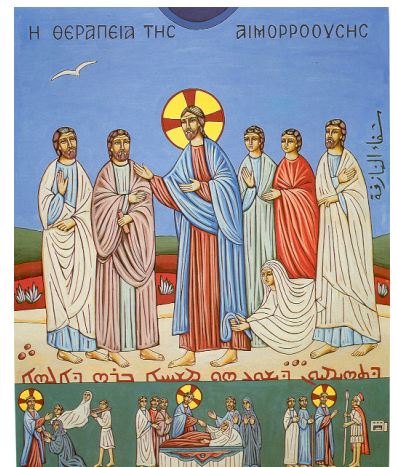
**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25**  
Rosary at 9:30 a.m.; Liturgy at 10:00 a.m.

## **GOSPEL**

Luke 8:40-56



When Jesus returned, the crowd welcomed him, for they were all waiting for him. And a man named Jairus, an official of the synagogue, came forward. He fell at the feet of Jesus and begged him to come to his house, because he had an only daughter, about twelve years old, and she was dying. As he went, the crowds almost crushed him. And a woman afflicted with hemorrhages for twelve years, who (had spent her whole livelihood on doctors and) was unable to be cured by anyone, came up behind him and touched the tassel on his cloak. Immediately her bleeding stopped. Jesus then asked, "Who touched me?" While all were denying it, Peter said, "Master, the crowds are pushing and pressing in upon you." But Jesus said, "Someone has touched me; for I know that power has gone out from me." When the woman realized that she had not escaped notice, she came forward trembling. Falling down before him, she explained in the presence of all the people why she had touched him and how she had been healed immediately. He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has saved you; go in peace." While he was still speaking, someone from the synagogue official's house arrived and said, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the teacher any longer." On hearing this, Jesus answered him, "Do not be afraid; just have faith and



**THE HEALING OF THE HEMORRHAGING WOMAN**  
*The Maronite Icons: Modern Sacred Art.* Dar Sader Publishers: Beirut 1999.  
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**This week Father will pray the  
ANAPHORA OF SAINT SIXTUS,  
beginning on page 856.**

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, February 24 at 4:30 p.m.**

For the repose of the soul of Charlie Nader  
Requested by his wife Dulce and son Anthony

**Sunday, February 25 at 10:00 a.m.**

For the repose of the soul of Marjorie Newman  
Requested by Elizabeth Rau and family

**Saturday, March 2 at 4:30 p.m.**

For the repose of the soul of Gloria Spina  
Requested by Renee and Steven Marcus

For the repose of the soul of Sami Kayrouz  
Requested by Pascale and Carlos Nejaime

**Sunday, March 3 at 10:00 a.m.**

For the repose of the soul of Marie Soliani  
Requested by Sam and Jane Slaiby

For the repose of the soul of Joseph Haddad, Sr.  
Requested by Deacon David and Marilyn Leard

**Saturday, March 9 at 4:30 p.m.**

For the repose of the soul of Maurice & Tania Barakat  
Requested by Ninette Barakat

For the repose of the soul of Joseph Haddad, Sr.  
Requested by Ninette Barakat

**Sunday, March 10 at 10:00 a.m.**

For the repose of the soul of Eveline Rizkallah  
Requested by Sam and Jane Slaiby

For the intentions of the Scouts' Group

**Saturday, March 16 at 4:30 p.m.**

In memory of Spiro Aoun  
Requested by Ninette Barakat

**Sunday, March 17 at 10:00 a.m.**

In memory of Elias Nemer Noujaim  
Requested by Hayat and Jack Comporesi

**Saturday, March 23 at 4:30 p.m.**

For the repose of the soul of  
Paolo and Maria Daddona  
Requested by Sal and Linda Rinaldi

**Sunday, March 24 at 10:00 a.m.**

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## CHURCH SUPPORT

**Weekend of February 17/18**

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2nd Collection **\$61.00**

Sunday, February 18 Offering:

1st Collection **\$385.75**  
2nd Collection **\$91.00**

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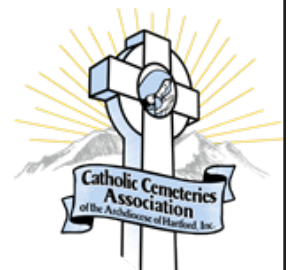
*Thank You!*

## UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

**The second collection during Lent is for:**

*The Eparchial Charities Appeal*

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## *First Holy Communion*



Thirteen children will be making their **First Holy Communion on Sunday, April 21 at 10:00am Mass**. Following Mass, the entire parish community is invited to

a celebration to congratulate the children and recognize their study and efforts.

*Save the Date!*



**PLEASE JOIN US IN THE CHURCH AT 6 P.M.  
EACH FRIDAY DURING GREAT LENT AS WE PRAY  
THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

In this holy season of Great Lent, it is important to meditate on the sorrowful mysteries of Jesus' passion - the passion he endured willingly, for the love of each one of us.

*Christ Crowned with Thorns. Dirk Bouts c. 1470 London. The National Gallery. Bequeathed by Mrs Joseph H. Green.*

## EPISTLE

2 CORINTHIANS 7:4-11

I have great confidence in you, I have great pride in you; I am filled with encouragement, I am overflowing with joy all the more because of all our affliction. For even when we came into Macedonia, our flesh had no rest, but we were afflicted in every way-- external conflicts, internal fears. But God, who encourages the downcast, encouraged us by the arrival of Titus, and not only by his arrival but also by the encouragement with which he was encouraged in regard to you, as he told us of your yearning, your lament, your zeal for me, so that I rejoiced even more. For even if I saddened you by my letter, I do not regret it; and if I did regret it ((for) I see that that letter saddened you, if only for a while), I rejoice now, not because you were saddened, but because you were saddened into repentance; for you were saddened in a godly way, so that you did not suffer loss in anything because of us. For godly sorrow produces a salutary repentance without regret, but worldly sorrow produces death. For behold what earnestness this godly sorrow has produced for you, as well as readiness for a defense, and indignation, and fear, and yearning, and zeal, and punishment. In every way you have shown yourselves to be innocent in the matter. Praise be to God always.



## GOSPEL *continued from page 1*

she will be saved." When he arrived at the house he allowed no one to enter with him except Peter and John and James, and the child's father and mother. All were weeping and mourning for her, when he said, "Do not weep any longer, for she is not dead, but sleeping." And they ridiculed him, because they knew that she was dead. But he took her by the hand and called to her, "Child, arise!" Her breath returned and she immediately arose. He then directed that she should be given something to eat. Her parents were astounded, and he instructed them to tell no one what had happened. This is the Truth. Peace be with you.

### TWO ST. SHARBEL QUOTES ON PRAYER

*Your prayer alone with the Lord,  
puts you in the heart of the Lord.*

*Plant the earth with prayer and incense.*



## The Pastor's Corner

SHORT ARTICLES AND NOTES

My Dear Friends:

Someone once compared prayer to vegetables – the often difficult part of a meal, at least as far as children are concerned. This is a common lament of mothers (it's usually the mothers): How do I sneak more vegetables into my family's dinners? Only with prayer, it is How do I get more prayer in my life? I'm too busy; it's too boring; it's too hard; I can't stay focused. In other words, I don't like the taste.

Prayer isn't just reciting the Our Father or the Hail Mary or the Rosary or saying a Novena, although those are good prayers. Prayer is also action, and an easy way to "sneak" it into your day is to offer the difficult or least favorite parts of your day to God for the benefit of someone.

For example, you are waiting in a long line to use the ATM and no one ahead of you appears to know how to use it, or they stop to talk to someone when they should be pushing buttons. You are about to lose your mind. Take a breath, compose yourself in patience and offer your frustration to God for the benefit of someone you know who needs help. Do the same with mopping the floor, cutting the grass, cleaning the toilet, getting up for a baby, answering a question for what seems like the hundredth time in five minutes, or whatever is causing you to have a difficult time. And there you have it. Without adding anything to your day, you have prayed.

I pray that God will bless all of you in a special way this week and all during Great Lent.

Fr. Fadi

## *Experience the Power of Healing*

In these challenging times, many of us carry burdens – be it **physical ailments** such as cancer and kidney disease, **emotional struggles** such as depression, anxiety, PTSD, or grief, or **spiritual battles**. YOU ARE NOT ALONE. Find solace and embrace the healing powers of our divine physician, Jesus Christ.

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