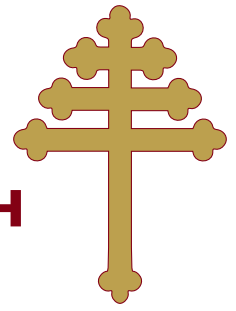




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Before or after Liturgy or by appointment

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Couples must contact our priest six months before the wedding.

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Be sure to visit from time to time for National Maronite News, pictures of parish events and other announcements!

**THE FOURTH WEEK OF LENT  
 THE PRODIGAL SON**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 2**  
 Adoration 4:00 p.m.; Liturgy at 4:30 p.m.

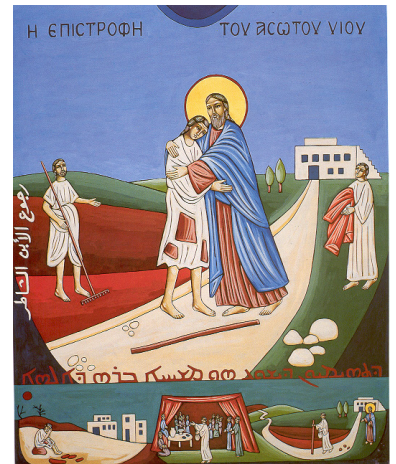
**SUNDAY, MARCH 3**  
 Rosary at 9:30 a.m.; Liturgy at 10:00 a.m.

**GOSPEL**

LUKE 15:11-32



Then he said, "A man had two sons, and the younger son said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of your estate that should come to me.' So the father divided the property between them. After a few days, the younger son collected all his belongings and set off to a distant country where he squandered his inheritance on a life of dissipation. When he had freely spent everything, a severe famine struck that country, and he found himself in dire need. So he hired himself out to one of the local citizens who sent him to his farm to tend the swine. And he longed to eat his fill of the pods on which the swine fed, but nobody gave him any. Coming to his senses he thought, 'How many of my father's hired workers have more than enough food to eat, but here am I, dying from hunger. I shall get up and go to my father and I shall say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers."' So he got up and went back to his father. While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him. His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'Quickly bring the finest robe and put it



THE PRODIGAL SON *The Maronite Icons: Modern Sacred Art. Dar Sader Publishers: Beirut 1999. Via Maronite Heritage.com/icons*

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This week Father will pray the  
**ANAPHORA OF SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM,**  
 beginning on page 876

## MASS INTENTIONS

### 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.

Available

## CHURCH SUPPORT

### Weekend of February 24/25

Saturday, February 24 Offering:

1st Collection **\$557.00**  
2nd Collection **\$212.00**

Sunday, February 25 Offering:

1st Collection **\$700.00**  
2nd Collection **\$290.00**

Mail In: **\$800.00**

Bingo: **\$722.50**

*Thank You!*

## UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

The second collection during Lent is for:

*The Eparchial Charities Appeal*



### EASTER FLOWERS

As a reminder for those who want to make a donation for the Easter flowers that will adorn our church, the last day we will be able to accept donations and have your intentions printed in the Easter handout, will be **Wednesday, March 20.**



## GRAND OPENING!

**SAINT SHARBEL SPIRITUAL LIFE CENTER**  
Saturday, April 13, 2024!

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2:00 pm Dedication with Bishop Gregory J. Mansour  
4:00 pm Divine Liturgy at Our Lady of Victory Church  
5:30 pm Buffet dinner at Our Lady of Victory Banquet Hall  
7:00 pm Concert with Saint Anthony of the Desert Choir

To register online for the Open House and Dedication, or to purchase tickets for the Dinner and Concert (\$50/pp), please visit [www.saintsharbelcenter.org](http://www.saintsharbelcenter.org)  
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**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 on the Cross* Eugène Delacroix 1853 London. The National Gallery.

Coffee Hour Next Week March 10  
after the 10:00 a.m. Mass!



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## EPISTLE

2 CORINTHIANS 13:5-13

Examine yourselves to see whether you are living in faith. Test yourselves. Do you not realize that Jesus Christ is in you?--unless, of course, you fail the test. I hope you will discover that we have not failed. But we pray to God that you may not do evil, not that we may appear to have passed the test but that you may do what is right, even 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 but you are strong. What we pray for is your improvement. I am writing this while I am away, so that when I come I may not have to be severe in virtue of the authority that the Lord has given me to build up and not to tear down. Finally, brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, 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 holy ones greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the holy Spirit be with all of you. Praise be to God always.



## GOSPEL *continued from page 1*

on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Take the fattened calf and slaughter it. Then let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and has been found.' Then the celebration began. Now the older son had been out in the field and, on his way back, as he neared the house, he heard the sound of music and dancing. He called one of the servants and asked what this might mean. The servant said to him, 'Your brother has returned and your father has slaughtered the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.' He became angry, and when he refused to enter the house, his father came out and pleaded with him. He said to his father in reply, 'Look, all these years I served you and not once did I disobey your orders; yet you never gave me even a young goat to feast on with my friends. But when your son returns who swallowed up your property with prostitutes, for him you slaughter the fattened calf.' He said to him, 'My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.'" This is the Truth. Peace be with you.



## The Pastor's Corner

SHORT ARTICLES AND NOTES

My Dear Friends:

The Rosary is a very powerful prayer and one that is very suited to praying out loud. In this year dedicated to prayer it would be a beautiful gift to pray the Rosary before our Sunday Mass. In order for this to happen, we need a small group of people who are willing to arrive by 9:20 a.m. to lead it. With a group dedicated to this practice, if one member can't be at Sunday Mass, then there are still others to lead. If you are willing to be part of this group, please see me. When you regularly pray the Rosary you receive more graces than you can imagine. You won't be sorry you said yes.

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

Fr. Fadi

Saint Maron's continues to make an impact in the lives of the survivors of domestic and sexual abuse served by the Susan B. Anthony Project. Our donation box is in the back of the church and a reminder of their wish list is below. If you have any questions, please see Sub Deacon Mike. Thank you for your generosity.

### NON-FOOD ITEMS

Shampoo/Conditioner  
Deodorant  
Body Wash  
Tampons/Pads  
Toothbrushes (adult & kids)  
Toothpaste (adult & kids)  
Hairbrushes (no combs, please)  
Razors  
Shaving Cream  
Hand Soap/Dish Soap  
Laundry Detergent  
Paper Towels  
Diapers (newborn)  
Baby Wipes  
Toilet Paper  
Baby Bottles/Sippy Cups

### FOOD ITEMS

Pudding/Jello (snack pack)  
Juice  
Granola Bars  
Canned Vegetables  
Canned Hearty Soups  
Shelf-stable Milk  
Pasta/Pasta Sauce  
Broth/ Spices  
Mac and Cheese (boxed)  
Cooking Spray/Cooking Oil  
Assorted Oatmeal Packets  
Meal Kits  
(e.g. tacos, Hamburger Helper)  
Instant Mashed Potatoes  
Cake Mix/Frosting  
Boxed Snacks  
Assorted Snack Packs

*When people say the Rosary together it is far more formidable to the devil than one said privately, because in this public prayer it is an army that is attacking him.*

*-- Saint Louis De Monfort*

*"We put great confidence in the Holy Rosary for the healing of evils which afflict our times."*

*-- Pope Pius XII*





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