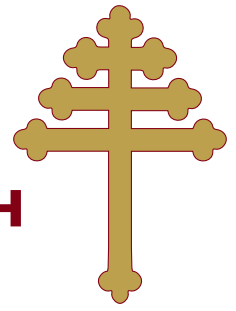




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 Before or after Liturgy or
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MARRIAGE
 Couples must contact our priest
 six months before the wedding.

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

**THE FIFTH WEEK OF GREAT LENT
 THE SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC**

SATURDAY, MARCH 9
 Adoration 4:00 p.m.; Liturgy at 4:30 p.m.

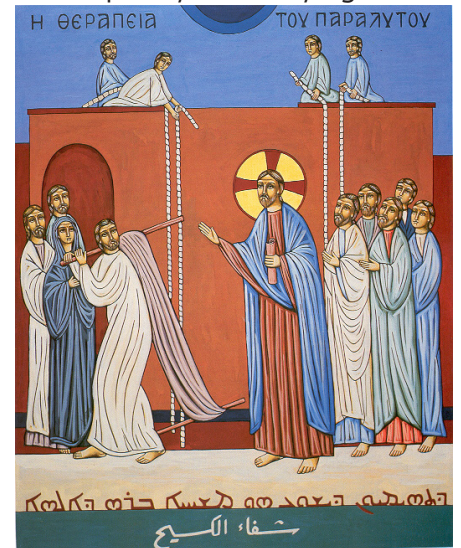
SUNDAY, MARCH 10
 Rosary at 9:30 a.m.; Liturgy at 10:00 a.m.

GOSPEL

Mark 2:1-12



When Jesus returned to Capernaum after some days, it became known that he was at home. Many gathered together so that there was no longer room for them, not even around the door, and he preached the word to them. They came bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. Unable to get near Jesus because of the crowd, they opened up the roof above him. After they had broken through, they let down the mat on which the paralytic was lying. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Child, your sins are forgiven." Now some of the scribes were sitting there asking themselves, "Why does this man speak that way? He is blaspheming. Who but God alone can forgive sins?" Jesus immediately knew in his mind what they were thinking to themselves, so he said, "Why are you thinking such things in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, pick up your mat and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority to forgive sins on earth" -- he said to the paralytic, "I say to you, rise, pick up your mat, and go home." He rose, picked up his mat at once, and went away in the sight of everyone. They were all astounded and glorified God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this."



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

This week Father will pray the
ANAPHORA OF SAINT JOHN MARON,
 beginning on page 897

MASS INTENTIONS

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.

Hosanna Sunday
Available

Wednesday, March 27

Rite of the Lamp at 7:00 p.m.

Blessing the oil & anointing for the healing of
body and soul

Thursday, March 28

Thursday of the Mysteries at 7:00 p.m.

Liturgy of the Washing of the feet,
followed by Exposition of the Holy Eucharist

Friday, March 29

Great Friday of the Crucifixion

12:00 noon - Signing of the Chalice Liturgy
7:00 p.m. - Adoration of the Cross/Burial of the Lord

Saturday, March 30

Great Saturday of the Light 4:30 p.m.

Liturgy of the Glorious Resurrection
For the people of St. Maron Parish

Sunday, March 31

The Glorious Resurrection at 10:00 a.m.

For the people of St. Maron Parish

CHURCH SUPPORT

Weekend of March 2/3

Saturday, March 2 Offering:

1st Collection **\$350.00**

Sunday, March 3 Offering:

1st Collection **\$797.00**

Mail In: **\$1140.00**

Bingo: **\$879.00**

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.**

SAVE THE DATE!

SATURDAY JUNE 8

BREW FEST RETURNS!



BrewFest is our major fundraiser of the year.

St. Maron's will be putting together 3 gift baskets for the various raffles. We are asking our parishioners to purchase one item for the baskets. There is a sign up sheet in the back of the church for 3 gift baskets. See Subdeacon Mike if you have any questions.

*Coffee Hour This Sunday March 10
after the 10:00 a.m. Mass!*



*A cup of coffee shared with a friend is
happiness tasted and time well spent.*

Saint Maron's continues to support the survivors of domestic and sexual abuse served by the Susan B. Anthony Project. Our donation box for personal care items and boxed and canned food is in the back of the church. If you have any questions, please see Sub Deacon Mike. Thank you for your continuing incredible generosity.

EPISTLE

1 TIMOTHY 5:24-6:5

Some people's sins are public, preceding them to judgment; but other people are followed by their sins. Similarly, good works are also public; and even those that are not cannot remain hidden. Those who are under the yoke of slavery must regard their masters as worthy of full respect, so that the name of God and our teaching may not suffer abuse. Those whose masters are believers must not take advantage of them because they are brothers but must give better service because those who will profit from their work are believers and are beloved. Whoever teaches something different and does not agree with the sound words of our Lord Jesus Christ and the religious teaching is conceited, understanding nothing, and has a morbid disposition for arguments and verbal disputes. From these come envy, rivalry, insults, evil suspicions, and mutual friction among people with corrupted minds, who are deprived of the truth, supposing religion to be a means of gain. Praise be to God always.



PASSION WEEK SCHEDULE

There are many beautiful liturgies during Passion Week. They only happen once a year - don't miss this chance to experience the re-telling of Jesus' great love for us all and his triumph over death. Come join us!

Sunday, March 24 - Hosanna Sunday

10:00 a.m. Procession with Palms

Wednesday, March 27 - Rite of the Lamp

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Saturday, March 30 - Great Saturday of the Light

4:30 p.m. - Liturgy of the Glorious Resurrection

Sunday, March 31 - The Glorious Resurrection

10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy



The Pastor's Corner

SHORT ARTICLES AND NOTES

My Dear Friends:

I would like to share a very good reflection on Lent from Bishop Sam Jacobs:

A man got lost in the desert. Walking and walking, he was so desperate to slake his thirst with a drink of water, then, he found a shack and entered to look for water. There was no water except an old, rusty water pump. He ran to it and pumped it. No water came out. He staggered back, weak, discouraged. He squatted on the floor. He found a jug beside him. He took it and brushed the dust off the outside markings. "You have to pour the water from this jug to make the pump work. P.S. Be sure to refill the jug with water for the next use," it said. Thoughts were racing: "Should I pour all the water? If so, what if the pump won't work? Or should I just drink the water? If so, what about the next user? If I poured all the water, I could lose everything. It could yield fresh, cold water as well. If I just drink all the water, there won't be any water to pump out water from the well." He thought for awhile and then poured all the water. At first, no water came out. "Squeak, squeak, squeak," sounded the pump until finally water gushed forth. He had enough water for himself and for the next user. He took the jug and added the following words: "Believe me, it really works. You have to give everything away before you can have a refill of good water."

Lent is a time to entrust ourselves more deeply to the Lord and to trust fully in his life-giving word. This is not easy, because within us is a constant voice (not from God) which asks, "What if this does not work"? It really comes down to whose voice will I really listen to. When I listened to the other voice, what happened? Temporary satisfaction. What did I miss out? Union with God now forever. Like the man in the story you have to trust and act on the word. Nothing may happen at first, but then the life-giving water wells up. The risk and the waiting is worth it in the end.

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

Fr. Fadi

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



Come and accompany Jesus every step of the way to calvary and the cross - the cross he bore out of love for each one of us. So many abandoned Him then and so many abandon Him now. Come stay with Him for a while and remember His love for all.

Christ on the Cross El Greco. c 1577-1587 New York. The Metropolitan Museum of Art. Robert Lehman Collection, 1975



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