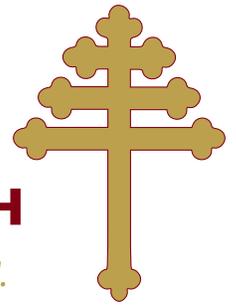




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A prayer to begin every day: *Good morning my good and my beloved Lord.*

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SAINTS FOR THIS WEEK

- 8 St. Frances of Rome, C
- 9 The Forty Martyrs, M
- 10 St. Auxentius, C
- 11 St. Sophronius, Bishop of Jerusalem, C
- 12 Pope St. Gregory the Great, Doctor of the Church (+604), C
- 13 St. Theophanes the Chronicler, C
- 14 St. Euphrasia, V

FOURTH SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT

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SATURDAY, MARCH 7
Adoration 4:00 p.m.; Liturgy at 4:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 8
Rosary at 9:30 a.m.; 10:00a.m.

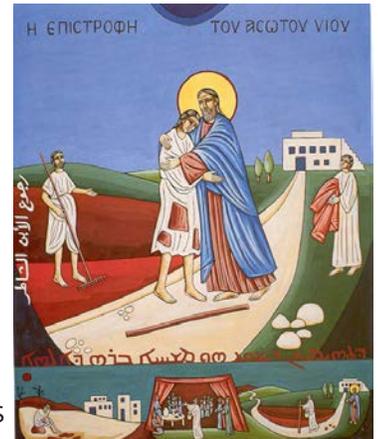
GOSPEL

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



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

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In the parable of the Prodigal Son, Jesus shows us that God is a loving Father who always forgives. So the question is: will I be happy when my friend or my neighbor or my relative come back to our Father?

Father will pray the
THE ANAPHORA OF THE TWELVE APOSTLES
beginning on page 754

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 7 at 4:30 p.m.

For the reposes of the souls of Maurice & Tania Barakat
Requested by Ninette Barakat

Sunday, March 8 at 10:00 a.m.

For the repose of the soul of Marc Doucette
Requested by Jane and Sam Slaiby

Friday, March 13 - Stations of the Cross 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 14 at 4:30 p.m.

Available

Sunday, March 15 at 10:00 a.m.

For the repose of the soul of Emilio Delgrande
Requested by Jane and Sam Slaiby

Friday, March 20 - Stations of the Cross 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 21 at 4:30 p.m.

Available

Sunday, March 22 at 10:00 a.m.

For the repose of the soul of Annessa Borla
Requested by Jane and Sam Slaiby

Friday, March 27 - Stations of the Cross 5:00 p.m.

WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS

Learn the heart of God from the Word of God

-- Pope St. Gregory the Great

Feast day March 12

CHURCH SUPPORT

Numbers for February 28/March 1 will be reported next week.

The second collection during Lent is for the Eparchial Charities Appeal.



SOUP AND STATIONS

Starting February 27, Stations of the Cross will be held at 5:00 p.m.

Before the Stations, we invite everyone to the rectory at 4:30 for some soup. Each Friday

there will be two soups to choose from and the company of friends and parishioners to enjoy.

Please join us!

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 **March 15**



SPRING RAFFLE \$17,500 IN PRIZES

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TROOP 3 ANNUAL PASTA DINNER



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Saturday, March 21

5:00-7:00pm

St. Maron Church Hall.

Tickets are \$15 per person and may be purchased by calling Jeffrey Seiser at 860-806-2993 or from the Scouts after Sunday Masses on March 1, 8, & 15.

Pope St. John Paul II's Prayer for Peace

Lord Jesus Christ, who are called the Prince of Peace, who are Yourself our peace and reconciliation, who so often said, "Peace to you" - please grant us peace.

Make all men and women witnesses of truth, justice and brotherly love. Banish from their hearts whatever might endanger peace. Enlighten our leaders that they may guarantee and defend the great gift of peace.

May all peoples on the earth become as brothers and sisters. May longed-for peace blossom forth and reign always over us all. Amen.

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.

**OUR PARISH PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH IS
PLANTING THE WORD OF OUR BELOVED LORD
IN THE HEARTS OF OUR TEENAGERS**

Heavenly Father, we entrust our teenagers to Your loving care. May Your word dwell in their hearts as You commanded in the book of Deuteronomy (6:6-7). Help us, as parents and teachers, to guide them gently in Your instruction. Fill them with wisdom, faith, and true love. Strengthen them to follow You all the days of their lives.
Amen

GOSPEL

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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 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:

We have finished the survey of the Acts of the Apostles, and now turn to the book of Revelation. In chapter 1, Saint John who was exiled on the island of Patmos received a vision "on the Lord's Day." He sees Jesus not as the suffering servant of the Gospel, but as the glorified Lord. He is the Alpha and the Omega who was dead and is alive forevermore.

This book is a message of comfort to a suffering Church. Its message is clear: Do not be afraid. I hold the keys.

My question for you this week is: What stories are you allowing to direct your life?

I wish you all a blessed season of Lent.

Fr. Fadi

THE OLD TESTAMENT: 1 KINGS

The first book of Kings tells the story of Israel after King David, beginning with the reign of Solomon. Solomon asks God for wisdom. He builds the Temple in Jerusalem. And he becomes famous for his understanding. But after his death, the kingdom becomes divided into Israel in the north and Judah in the south. The book shows how some kings followed God while many turned to idols. Moreover, the book highlights the powerful prophet Elijah who defended the true worship of the Lord.

The main message is that faithfulness to God brings blessing, while turning away from God leads to division and suffering.



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