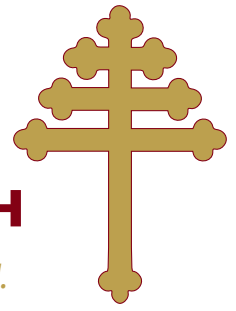




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Be sure to visit from time to time for National Maronite News, pictures of parish events and other announcements!

SUNDAY OF THE HEALING OF THE BLIND MAN

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SATURDAY, APRIL 5

Adoration 4:00 p.m.; Liturgy at 4:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 6

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

GOSPEL

MARK 10:46-52



They came to Jericho. And as he was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a sizable crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind man, the son of Timaeus, sat by the roadside begging. On hearing that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me." And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he kept

calling out all the more, "Son of David, have pity on me." Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." So they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take courage; get up, he is calling you." He threw aside his cloak, sprang up, and came to Jesus. Jesus said to him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see." Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way. This is the Truth. Peace be with you.



THE HEALING OF BARTIMAEUS THE BLIND
The Maronite Icons: Modern Sacred Art.
 Dar Sader Publishers: Beirut 1999.
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One theme of this week's Gospel:

Bartimaeus is healed not just physically, but more importantly, the eyes of his heart are enlightened. He is an image of what happens to every Christian at his baptism.

You either belong wholly to the world or wholly to God.
 -- St. John Vianney

Father will pray the
ANAPHORA OF SAINT MARK
 beginning on page 835

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 5 at 4:30 p.m.

In Memory of Marian Theeb, Anniversary Memorial
Requested by Patty & Nick Zabbara and
Donna & Marc Motuzick

Sunday, April 6 at 10:00 a.m.

In honor of Rosi & Tony Abou Arrage on their
50th Wedding Anniversary and for their good
health and well being
Requested by Hayat & Jack and Richie & Toni

Friday, April 11 at 6:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 12 at 4:30 p.m.

For the repose of the soul of Joseph Nadar
Requested by his mother, Dulce

Sunday, April 13 at 10:00 a.m.

Available

Saturday, April 19 at 4:30 p.m.

In honor of Hayat and Jack Comporesi
on their 50th wedding anniversary
Requested by Michele, Joe and Courtney Comporesi

Sunday, April 20 at 10:00 a.m.

For the people of St. Maron Parish

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, April 13 - Hosanna Sunday

10:00 a.m. *Procession with Palms*

Wednesday, April 16 - Rite of the Lamp

7:00 p.m. *Blessing the oil & anointing for the healing of body & soul*

Thursday, April 17 - Thursday of the Mysteries

7:00 p.m. *Liturgy of the Washing of the feet,
followed by Exposition of the Holy Eucharist*

Friday, April 18 - Great Friday of the Crucifixion

11:00 a.m. - *Signing of the Chalice Liturgy - Celebrated by Bishop Gregory*

7:00 p.m. - *Adoration of the Cross/Burial of the Lord*

Saturday, April 19 - Great Saturday of the Light

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

Sunday, April 20 - The Glorious Resurrection

10:00 a.m. - *Divine Liturgy*

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Weekend of March 29/30

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Thank You!

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All second collections during
Great Lent (March 3 - April 18)
are for the Eparchial Charities Appeal.

LAST CALL FOR EASTER FLOWERS



If you would like to make a donation for the Easter flowers that will adorn our church, **the last day we can accept donations and have your intentions printed in the Easter handout, is April 6.**



THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT AT 6 P.M.

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.

IMPORTANT!

Bishop Gregory will be with us
on the Great Friday of the Crucifixion
April 18
to celebrate the Signing of the Chalice Liturgy
at 11:00 a.m.***

This is a beautiful liturgy.
Please join us if you are able.

*** The time has been changed from noon to
11:00 a.m.

EPISTLE

2 CORINTHIANS 10:1-7

Now I myself, Paul, urge you through the gentleness and clemency of Christ, I who am humble when face to face with you, but brave toward you when absent, I beg you that, when present, I may not have to be brave with that confidence with which I intend to act boldly against some who consider us as acting according to the flesh. For, although we are in the flesh, we do not battle according to the flesh, for the weapons of our battle are not of flesh but are enormously powerful, capable of destroying fortresses. We destroy arguments and every pretension raising itself against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive in obedience to Christ, and we are ready to punish every disobedience, once your obedience is complete. Look at what confronts you. Whoever is confident of belonging to Christ should consider that as he belongs to Christ, so do we. Praise be to God always.



PASSION WEEK will be here soon and we will need help decorating our church for Holy Week. If you are interested in helping, please reach out to Dr.

Jorge Baujín. Jorge and his team can always use more people. God bless you all.

PROVERBS CHAPTER 11 : 1-9

- 1 A false balance is an abomination to the Lord, but an accurate weight is his delight.
- 2 When pride comes, then comes disgrace; but wisdom is with the humble.
- 3 The integrity of the upright guides them, but the crookedness of the treacherous destroys them.
- 4 Riches do not profit in the day of wrath, but righteousness delivers from death.
- 5 The righteousness of the blameless keeps their ways straight, but the wicked fall by their own wickedness.
- 6 The righteousness of the upright saves them, but the treacherous are taken captive by their schemes.
- 7 When the wicked die, their hope perishes, and the expectation of the godless comes to nothing.
- 8 The righteous are delivered from trouble, and the wicked get into it instead.
- 9 With their mouths the godless would destroy their neighbors, but by knowledge the righteous are delivered.

Texts are taken from the New Revised Standard Bible.



The Pastor's Corner

SHORT ARTICLES AND NOTES

My Dear Friends:

Our prayer this month is for families. You can see it below. Please try to pray it often.

Here are some more explanations of our Maronite liturgy:

The Rite of Fraction symbolizes the crucifixion and death of Jesus Christ. The priest says: *We have believed and have approached and now we seal and break this Oblation, the heavenly bread, the Body of the Word, who is the living God.*

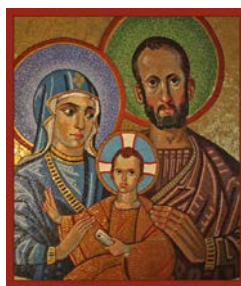
The Signing symbolizes the action of the Trinity in uniting the Body and Blood. The priest says: *We sign this chalice of salvation and thanksgiving with the forgiving ember which glows with heavenly mysteries.* Then, the priest dips the small particle into the cup, making with it the form of a cross saying, *we sign this cup of salvation.* Then, the celebrant dips the Body in the Blood three times saying, *In the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

In the Sprinkling, the priest sprinkles the Body three times, using the small piece that has been dipped into the Blood saying: *The Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ is sprinkled on his holy Body, in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.*

The Mingling symbolizes the uniting of Christ's Body and Blood. The celebrant drops the small piece into the Blood saying: *You have united, O Lord your divinity with our humanity*

The Elevation symbolizes Christ's resurrection, ascension into heaven, and the completion of the mystery of redemption. The Celebrant joins the two halves of the Body and holds them in his right hand over the chalice which is held in his left hand. He elevates them and prays with the congregation. The priest says: *You are the pleasing Oblation who offered yourself for us...*

Fr. Fadi



PRAYER FOR FAMILIES

Our Beloved and Good Lord, we fervently pray for every Christian family. Bestow on them clarity, wisdom, and peace to remain bold in their daily witness life of Christian life. Amen

Detail of the apse mosaic in the St Joseph's chapel of Westminster Cathedral, London
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WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS

You cannot be half a saint; you must be a whole saint or no saint at all. -- St. Therese of Lisieux



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