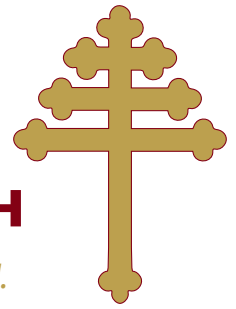




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**THE THIRD WEEK OF LENT
 SUNDAY OF THE HEMORRHAGING WOMAN**

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SATURDAY, MARCH 15
 Adoration 4:00 p.m.; Liturgy at 4:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 16
 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



THE HEALING OF THE HEMORRHAGING WOMAN
The Maronite Icons: Modern Sacred Art.
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A theme found in this week's Gospel is our Lord Jesus Christ brings salvation and life to our hearts and minds.

Father will pray the
ANAPHORA OF SAINT PETER
 beginning on page 774

MASS INTENTIONS

- Saturday, March 15 at 4:30 p.m.**
For the repose of the soul of Maurice Barakat
Requested by Ninette and family
- Sunday, March 16 at 10:00 a.m.**
For the repose of the soul of Chorbishop Dominic
Ashkar, former Pastor of St. Maron Church
requested by Fr. Fadi, Deacon Steve & Subdeacon Mike
- Friday, March 21 at 6:00 p.m.**
Stations of the Cross
- Saturday, March 22 at 4:30 p.m.**
Available
- Sunday, March 23 at 10:00 a.m.**
Available
- Friday, March 28 at 6:00 p.m.**
Stations of the Cross
- Saturday, March 29 at 4:30 p.m.**
For the repose of the souls of
Doctors Juan and Felina Tocaronte
Requested by the family
- Sunday, March 30 at 10:00 a.m.**
Available
- Friday, April 4 at 6:00 p.m.**
Stations of the Cross
- Saturday, April 5 at 4:30 p.m.**
Available
- Sunday, 16 at 10:00 a.m.**
Available
- Friday, April 11 at 6:00 p.m.**
Stations of the Cross

Life with Christ is a wonderful adventure. -- St. Pope John Paul II

A Note From Subdeacon Mike

I would like to thank Mark Garrison for joining me this year on our annual retreat at Holy Family Retreat Center in West Hartford. This year's theme was *In My Love, Abide*. We had a moving weekend meeting with men from many different regions and learned of the various struggles they are going through. We prayed for their children or grandchildren; we prayed for some fighting terminal cancer; and we prayed for people that have lost loved ones.

A few of my favorite sessions, in fact, were on praying. Pope Francis has named this year A Year of Prayer as well as a Jubilee Year. We discussed how, when, where and what to pray, and also that there is no right way to pray. Turn off the noise of life, choose a quiet secluded place and clear your thoughts is a great way to begin. We discussed Mark 9:24, "I believe, help my unbelief". We need to ask for guidance in our faith to strengthen our life with Christ. So often we pray and believe our prayers go unanswered. Sometimes they are answered, but we don't hear what is being said. Fr. David, retreat director, taught us that we don't have to say anything when we pray; sometimes we just need to listen. Our Lord will answer your prayers, though we may not get the answer we are looking for.

We welcome anyone that is interested to join us on retreat next year, or if you can't make that weekend, you may choose a different one to attend. Also, there are seven women's retreats which usually sell out.

God bless you all.

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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 **April 6**.



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

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

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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 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.



The Pastor's Corner

SHORT ARTICLES AND NOTES

My Dear Friends:

Here are some more thoughts and teachings on our Divine Liturgy: The call to gather to pray at the Church has its origin in God. It is God who calls people together to pray: Where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am in their midst (MT 18:20).

We all are on a journey from the earthly altar to the heavenly altar. We all need light, guidance, and strength so that we may one day appear before the throne of Christ without fear and share in the celebration of the eternal liturgy. We all need light, healing, happiness, and a pure heart so that we will be a part of the "chosen race", "the royal priesthood" and the "holy nation."

I pray that you all have a blessed week ahead.

Fr. Fadi

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PRAYER FOR OUR CHILDREN

My Beloved and Good Lord, we pray that you will remind our children and our grandchildren daily that your love for them is everlasting, as Psalm 103:17 reminds us: *But the Lord's kindness is forever, toward the faithful from age to age. He favors the children's children. Amen*

PROVERBS CHAPTER 10 : 1-8

- 1 The proverbs of Solomon. A wise child makes a glad father, but a foolish child is a mother's grief.
- 2 Treasures gained by wickedness do not profit, but righteousness delivers from death.
- 3 The Lord does not let the righteous go hungry, but he thwarts the craving of the wicked.
- 4 A slack hand causes poverty, but the hand of the diligent makes rich.
- 5 A child who gathers in summer is prudent, but a child who sleeps in harvest brings shame.
- 6 Blessings are on the head of the righteous, but the mouth of the wicked conceals violence.
- 7 The memory of the righteous is a blessing, but the name of the wicked will rot.
- 8 The wise of heart will heed commandments, but a babbling fool will come to ruin.

Texts are taken from the New Revised Standard Bible.

THOUGHTS FROM THE SAINTS

Actions speak louder than words; let your words teach and your actions speak. -- Saint Anthony of Padua:



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