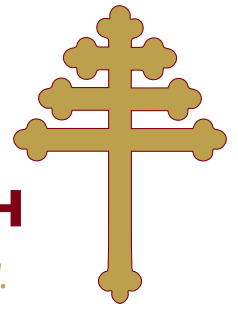




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A prayer to begin every day: *Good morning my good and my beloved Lord.*

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SUNDAY OF THE HEALING OF THE PARALYTIC

[PAGE 237 IN THE BOOK OF OFFERING]

SATURDAY, MARCH 29

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 30

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
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One of the themes of this week's Gospel can be found on page 2.

Father will pray the
ANAPHORA OF SAINT JOHN
 beginning on page 815

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 29 at 4:30 p.m.

For the repose of the souls of
Doctors Juan and Felina Tocatoronte
Requested by the family

Sunday, March 30 at 10:00 a.m.

For a special intention
Requested by Theresa Kenneson

Friday, April 4 at 6:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross

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.

Available

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

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

12:00 noon - *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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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 **April 6**.



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

**Bishop Gregory will be with us
on Friday, April 18**

**The Great Friday of the Crucifixion
to celebrate the Signing of the Chalice Liturgy
at 12:00 noon.**

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

A theme found in this week's Gospel is that the paralyzed man is incapable of helping himself. Each day he needs the support of others to do his basic tasks of life. It is the same for us. We need the faith of others to carry us to our beloved Lord Jesus Christ.

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.



Happy birthday to Judy Theeb. Judy was in Naples, FL visiting the Maronite parish and took the opportunity to celebrate her birthday with Steven and Renee. God bless you Judy for all of your dedication to Saint Maron's. Judy has served in the position of trustee of Saint Maron's parish for the last five years God bless you and thank you for your dedication



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



The Pastor's Corner

SHORT ARTICLES AND NOTES

My Dear Friends:

Continuing where I left off last week, here is a little more about our beautiful Divine Liturgy.

If we accept this gift of the Spirit, we become like Mary, the servant of God, and a New Conception will take place in our hearts that will become His dwelling place.

The Divine Liturgy is the great mystery of the manifestation of the love of God the Father to humanity. This love becomes manifest through the Incarnate Son, Jesus, who becomes human in everything but sin. By becoming human and taking our humanity, He offers us the opportunity to receive His divinity by sharing in His death and resurrection.

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 : 23-32

- 23 Doing wrong is like sport to a fool, but wise conduct is pleasure to a person of understanding.
- 24 What the wicked dread will come upon them, but the desire of the righteous will be granted.
- 25 When the tempest passes, the wicked are no more, but the righteous are established forever.
- 26 Like vinegar to the teeth, and smoke to the eyes, so are the lazy to their employers.
- 27 The fear of the Lord prolongs life, but the years of the wicked will be short.
- 28 The hope of the righteous ends in gladness, but the expectation of the wicked comes to nothing.
- 29 The way of the Lord is a stronghold for the upright, but destruction for evildoers.
- 30 The righteous will never be removed, but the wicked will not remain in the land.
- 31 The mouth of the righteous brings forth wisdom, but the perverse tongue will be cut off.
- 32 The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable, but the mouth of the wicked what is perverse.

Texts are taken from the New Revised Standard Bible.

THOUGHTS FROM THE SAINTS

He who labors as he prays lifts his heart to God with His hands. -- Saint Benedict



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