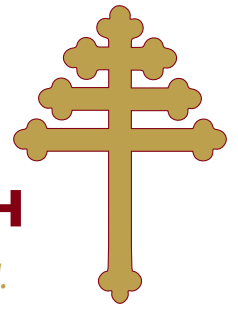




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**THE SECOND WEEK OF LENT
THE CLEANSING OF THE LEPER**

[PAGE 196 IN THE BOOK OF OFFERING]

SATURDAY, MARCH 8

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 9

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

GOSPEL

MARK 1:35-43



Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed. Simon and those who were with him pursued him and on finding him said, "Everyone is looking for you." He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come." So he went into their synagogues, preaching and driving out demons throughout the whole of Galilee. A leper came to him (and kneeling down) begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean. Then, warning him sternly, he dismissed him at once. This is the Truth. Peace be with you.



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

One of the themes in this week's Gospel is the act of penance. Jesus desires to purify, and to restore every one of us through the sacrament of penance.

Let no one mourn that he has fallen again and again: for forgiveness has risen from the grave! -- St. John Chrysostom

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

MASS INTENTIONS

- Saturday, March 8 at 4:30 p.m.**
For the repose of the souls of
Kathleen, Robert, and Susan Kelly
Requested by Kathleen & George Day

For the repose of the souls of
Antonio & Alejandrina Tamari
Requested by the family
- Sunday, March 9 at 10:00 a.m.**
For the repose of the souls of
Doctors Juan and Felina Tocaronte
Requested by the family
- Friday, March 14 at 6:00 p.m.**
Stations of the Cross
- 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.**
Available
- 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, 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

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Great Lent (March 3 - April 18)
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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**.



*The Liesborn Altarpiece:
Head of Christ Crucified.
c 1480s. London:
The National Gallery*

**PLEASE JOIN US
IN THE CHURCH AT 6 P.M.
EACH FRIDAY DURING 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.

Don't forget the Scout's pasta dinner at St. Maron Church Hall on Saturday, March 22nd from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15 each and will be sold after Masses starting on February 22nd or call Jeff Seiser at 860-806-2993.

EPISTLE

ROMANS 6:12-23

Therefore, sin must not reign over your mortal bodies so that you obey their desires. And do not present the parts of your bodies to sin as weapons for wickedness, but present yourselves to God as raised from the dead to life and the parts of your bodies to God as weapons for righteousness. For sin is not to have any power over you, since you are not under the law but under grace. What then? Shall we sin because we are not under the law but under grace? Of course not! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that, although you were once slaves of sin, you have become obedient from the heart to the pattern of teaching to which you were entrusted. Freed from sin, you have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of the weakness of your nature. For just as you presented the parts of your bodies as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness for lawlessness, so now present them as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. For when you were slaves of sin, you were free from righteousness. But what profit did you get then from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit that you have leads to sanctification, and its end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Praise be to God always.

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



The Pastor's Corner

SHORT ARTICLES AND NOTES

My Dear Friends:

I have made a few changes to the bulletin this week:

1. On page one at the top, directly under "Saint Maron Maronite Catholic Church," I have included a simple prayer which is one I highly recommend. If you find it difficult to pray, at least try to say this when you wake every morning: *Good morning my good and my beloved Lord.*
2. I have added the page number for the Book of Offering on the first page, directly under the description of the week.
3. People have asked for a summary of my homily in the bulletin. Unfortunately this just isn't practical, due to a number of reasons, one being the production schedule necessary to get the bulletin printed each week. However, at the end of the gospel, I will start including a sentence with one or two themes for meditation that are found in the readings.

And now, here are some more teachings on our Divine Liturgy:

Repentance is the openness of the heart to light and life. It avoids turning back to darkness and death.

The Divine Liturgy, the Eucharist, is our Source of Light and Life. In it Christians find the light and life they need. In the Breaking of the Word, and in the Breaking of the Bread, the church receives the One, Jesus Christ, who is the Light of the world and the Bread of life.

I hope you all have a good, spiritual Lent.

Fr. Fadi

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PROVERBS CHAPTER 9 : 7-12

- 7 Whoever corrects a scoffer wins abuse; whoever rebukes the wicked gets hurt.
- 8 A scoffer who is rebuked will only hate you; the wise, when rebuked, will love you.
- 9 Give instruction to the wise, and they will become wiser still; teach the righteous and they will gain in learning.
- 10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.
- 11 For by me your days will be multiplied, and years will be added to your life.
- 12 If you are wise, you are wise for yourself; if you scoff, you alone will bear it.

Texts are taken from the New Revised Standard Bible.

THOUGHTS FROM THE SAINTS

Go forward bravely. Fear nothing. Trust in God; all will be well. -- Saint Joan of Arc



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