

Healing of the Leper *February 18, 2018*

Sunday	February 18	<i>Healing of the Leper</i> 9:00 am For the Sick and Shut-Ins 11:30 am 40 Day Habib Tanios Antonios	Req. by: Clergy Req. by: Edouard Antonios
Monday	February 19	<i>The 500 Martyrs of Tyre - Martyr</i> NO LITURGY	
Tuesday	February 20	<i>Saint James, the Hermit of Cyrrhus - Confessor</i> 10:00 am Peter Root	Req. by: Jeanette, Zahia and Therese Abi-Habib
Wednesday	February 21	<i>Saint Eustathius, Patriarch of Antioch - Confessor</i> 10:00 am Peter Root	Req. by: Bassam and Myrna Ayoub
Thursday	February 22	<i>Establishment of the Chair of Saint Peter in Antioch</i> 10:00 am Eva Boumoussa 7:30 pm In honor of Saint Sharbel	Req. by: Shaia Family Req. by: Clergy
Friday	February 23	<i>Saint Polycarp of Smyrna - Martyr</i> 10:00 am Peter Root	Req. by: Bassam and Myrna Ayoub
Saturday	February 24	10:00 am Norma Halpin	Req. by: William Halpin
Sunday	February 25	<i>Healing of the Hemorrhaging Woman</i> 9:00 am For all Women 11:30 am John Khouri	Req. by: Clergy Req. by: Margee and George Khouri

Weekly Offering

Saint Maron Day:	\$ 694.00
Collection:	\$ 1,557.00
Ash Monday:	\$ 510.00
Candles:	\$ 145.00
Debt Reduction:	\$ 300.00
Cathedral Stipends:	\$ 400.00
Dividends:	\$ 132.60
Rent:	\$ 35.00
Total:	\$ 3,773.60

Yearly Budget – 2018

<i>Annual Operating Budget:</i>	\$ 400,000.00
Collections to Date:	\$ 10,792.00
Candles to Date:	\$ 563.00
Donations to Date:	\$ 1,000.00
Cathedral Stipends to Date:	\$ 400.00
Memorials to Date:	\$ 125.00
Dividends to Date:	\$ 191.03
Rentals to Date:	\$ 50,453.66
Fund Raising/Advertising:	\$
Debt Reduction to Date:	\$ 940.00
Easter /Christmas Flowers:	\$
Bishop's Appeal to Date:	\$
Altar Bread/Wine/Sanctuary Lamps	\$
Total:	\$ 64,464.69 (-335,535.31)

Each Quarter we must generate \$100,000.00 in revenue to stay on budget.

Readings

February 18, 2018

Healing of the Leper

Reading:	Romans 6: 12 - 23
Gospel:	Mark 1: 35 - 45
Lectors:	9:00 am Raymond Gill 11:30 am Edouard Antonios - Arabic 11:30 am Lydia Gordon - English

February 25, 2018

Healing of the Hemorrhaging Woman

Reading:	II Corinthians 7: 4 - 11
Gospel:	Luke 8: 40 - 56
Lectors:	9:00 am Raymond Gill 11:30 am Leila Vogl - Arabic 11:30 am Subdeacon Norbert - English

March 4, 2018

Parable of the Prodigal Son

Reading:	II Corinthians 13: 5 - 13
Gospel:	Luke 15: 11 - 32
Lectors:	9:00 am Raymond Gill 11:30 am Norma Haddad - Arabic 11:30 am Lydia Gordon - English

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

For most people, associating a sickness or disease with sin is lunacy. For the people of biblical times it was common. We have a much better understanding of medicine and science and therefore we have a better grasp at what reality is. However, having said that, all diseases aren't totally understood. Take cancer for instance. We can say that excessive smoking can lead to COPD and cancer but we all know individuals who may have lung cancer and never smoked a day in their life.

Having said this we see that Jesus uses the person with leprosy as an example of faith and trust in God. He does not accuse the person of being a sinner yet shows how the person with leprosy is made whole through repentance and faith.

All of us then suffer with a spiritual leprosy or ailment. Our Gospel today suggests four steps to find healing from spiritual leprosy.

The first is to admit the reality of sin in our lives. In other words do we know our sin? Do we know we need healing? Like the leper in the Gospel, we must first begin by admitting the reality of our sin and humbly ask the Lord for His help.

Secondly, we must accept the relationship between us and God. As in the Gospel the leper calls on the Lord and then we see how the Lord is moved with pity and touches the man in need.

The next and third step is that we must apply the remedy. Jesus, after curing the man, tells him to go and show himself to the priest. For us this is Sacramental Confession or Reconciliation.

The last step is to announce the result. This does not mean to go out and tell everyone your sins. At least not verbally. However, by our actions and by our gratefulness to God, we must change our ways and sin no more.

The heart of evangelization is announcing what the Lord has done for us. Yes, tell someone what the Lord has done. If your healing is real, you can't keep quiet about it.

Aboona James

Maronite Christian Formation

Classes resume next week at 10:00 am.

Coffee Hour

We are looking for volunteers to sponsor the Coffee Hour one Sunday each year. Most of the time the families who offer the Liturgy also offer the Coffee Hour, however, not always.

Yolla Howayek has graciously offered to organize this project. She needs everyone's cooperation. Please assist us and sign up for one Sunday. Thank you for your assistance.

MYO / MYA Regional Workshop

The Parish of Our Lady Star of the East in Pleasantville, NJ will sponsor a one day Lenten Retreat on Saturday, March 3, 2018. Sayedna Gregory and Msgr. James are the speakers for the day. We encourage all MYO and MYA members to attend. Today is the last day to register.

MYO News

The MYO will be selling decorated Sha'neenee candles at the Lenten Meals and after Divine Liturgy at the Coffee Hour on Sundays. We wish to thank Yolla Howayek and Jeanette El-Asmar for volunteering to decorate the candles for the MYO. They will vary between \$20.00 and \$30.00 per candle.

Lenten Meals

The first Lenten Meal will be held this Friday, February 16th immediately following the Stations and Service of the Cross. The Knights are going to sponsor the first meal. A list of sponsors is being prepared. We also ask that we limit the menu to no more than 6 items. Thank you.

Charities Appeal

Our Charities Appeal this year is \$6,500.00. We have until Great Friday to collect these funds. Enclosed is a letter from Sayedna Gregory describing the various distributions of the money. Please be as generous as possible.

You have received in your envelope packets one envelope for the months of February, March and April to complete the Appeal. Thank you for your generosity.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee will meet this Wednesday, February 21 at 7:00 pm in the Rectory.

First Reconciliation

Our First Communion class will make First Reconciliation on Saturday, March 17, 2018 following the 10:00 am Divine Liturgy. Please pray for our children.

First Communion is scheduled for Sunday, April 22, 2018 at the 11:30 am Divine Liturgy.

Chrism Liturgy

All parishioners and friends of Our Lady of Lebanon Cathedral are cordially invited to the Chrism Liturgy which will take place on Wednesday, March 21st beginning at 3:00 pm.

Immediately following the Liturgy there will be a dinner in the lower hall of the Cathedral. This is free of charge and all are welcome to attend.

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Divine Liturgy Schedule

Monday through Friday at 10:00 AM
Sunday at 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM
Holy Days at 10:00 AM and 7:30 PM

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

First Friday of the month from
10:00 AM until 12:00 Noon.

Reconciliation

10:15 AM to 10:45 Sunday
11:00 AM to 11:45 AM First Friday and
upon Request.

Initiation Rites (Baptism—Chrismation)

Parents and Godparents must meet
with the Rector for Instructions and
then a time will be set for the Baptism
and Chrismation of the child.

Mystery of Crowning (Marriage)

Rector must be notified at least six
months in advance to set up
instructions.

Hospital and Sick Calls

Notify the Rector as soon as possible.

New Parishioners

All are welcome at Our Lady of
Lebanon Cathedral. Please notify the
Rector as soon as possible.

