

## *Parable of the Prodigal Son*

### *March 4, 2018*

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 4</b>	<i>Parable of the Prodigal Son</i> 9:00 am Special Intention 11:30 am Kaiser and Richard Nofil	Req. by: Anonymous Req. by: Lydia Gordon
<b>Monday</b>	<b>March 5</b>	<b>NO LITURGY</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>March 6</b>	10:00 am Peter Root	Req. by: Carol Hamid
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>March 7</b>	<i>The 7 Young Men of Ephesus - Martyr</i> 10:00 am Melia Simon	Req. by: The Simon Family
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>March 8</b>	10:00 am Peter Root	Req. by: Carol Hamid
<b>Friday</b>	<b>March 9</b>	<i>The Forth Martyrs - Martyr</i> 10:00 am Peter Root	Req. by: Carol Hamid
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>March 10</b>	<b>NO LITURGY</b>	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 11</b>	<i>Healing of the Paralytic</i> 9:00 am 10:00 am Peter Root 11:30 am In Thanksgiving	Req. by: Carol Hamid Req. by: Lydia Gordon

#### *Weekly Offering*

Collection:	\$ 1,905.00
Candles:	\$ 102.00
Debt Reduction:	\$ 70.00
Dividends:	\$ 173.72
Rent:	\$ 20,833.33
Saint Maron Day:	\$ 9,829.76
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 32,913.81</b>

#### *Yearly Budget – 2018*

<i>Annual Operating Budget:</i>	\$ 400,000.00
<b>Collections to Date:</b>	<b>\$ 14,390.00</b>
<b>Candles to Date:</b>	<b>\$ 793.00</b>
<b>Donations to Date:</b>	<b>\$ 1,000.00</b>
<b>Cathedral Stipends to Date:</b>	<b>\$ 700.00</b>
<b>Memorials to Date:</b>	<b>\$ 125.00</b>
<b>Dividends to Date:</b>	<b>\$ 364.75</b>
<b>Rentals to Date:</b>	<b>\$ 71,286.99</b>
<b>Fund Raising/Advertising:</b>	<b>\$ 9,829.76</b>
<b>Debt Reduction to Date:</b>	<b>\$ 1,020.00</b>
<b>Easter /Christmas Flowers:</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Bishop's Appeal to Date:</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Altar Bread/Wine/Sanctuary Lamps</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 99,509.50</b> <b>(-300,490.50)</b>

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

#### *Readings*

*March 4, 2018*

*Parable of the Prodigal Son*

<b>Reading:</b>	<b>II Corinthians 13: 5 - 13</b>
<b>Gospel:</b>	<b>Luke 15: 11 - 32</b>
<b>Lectors:</b>	<b>9:00 am Raymond Gill</b> <b>11:30 am Norma Haddad - Arabic</b> <b>11:30 am Denise Abou Chrouch - English</b>

*March 11, 2018*

*Healing of the Paralytic*

<b>Reading:</b>	<b>I Timothy 5: 24 - 6: 5</b>
<b>Gospel:</b>	<b>Mark 2: 1 - 12</b>
<b>Lectors:</b>	<b>9:00 am Raymond Gill</b> <b>11:30 am Zahia Abi-Habib - Arabic</b> <b>11:30 am Lydia Gordon - English</b>

*March 18, 2018*

*Healing of the Blind Man*

<b>Reading:</b>	<b>II Corinthians 10: 1 - 7</b>
<b>Gospel:</b>	<b>Mark 10: 46 - 52</b>
<b>Lectors:</b>	<b>9:00 am Raymond Gill</b> <b>11:30 am Pierre Haddad - Arabic</b> <b>11:30 am Marise Frangie - English</b>

*Dear Parishioners and Friends:*

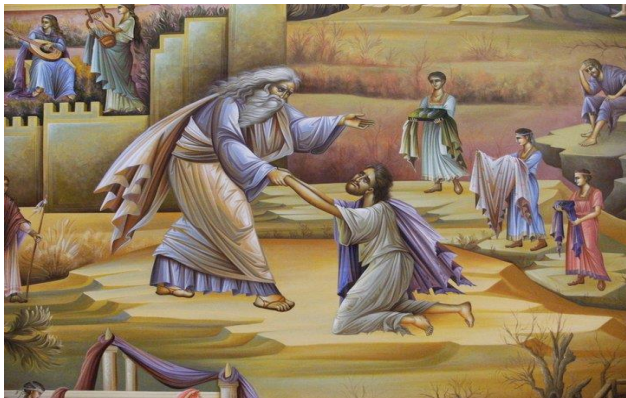
*Today we hit mid Lent. The Sunday of the Prodigal Son is one of the most moving of all Gospel stories and one of the most beautiful narratives in the Sacred Scripture. The conduct of the father in the parable reveals to us the love and mercy of God. The father not only welcomes his prodigal son, but also celebrated his return with immense joy.*

*What can we say about the older brother? His response to the father's mercy indicated that his years of obedience had been years of duty and not true love. Perhaps he was going through the motions, remaining at home simply to enjoy the benefits of a comfortable life.*

*God's love is far greater than man's capacity to love. God can forgive what man refuses to forgive. The love, mercy and compassion of God can overcome the rebellion of the human heart. Nevertheless, there are many who refuse to love and prefer to live far from the 'Father's' house.*

*God patiently seeks the conversion of every person. God will do everything that he can do to save us. We are objects of God's infinite love and can personally experience his love. However, God's infinite wisdom respects our freedom. We can accept or reject God's invitation to experience eternal joy and peace.*

*Aboona James*



*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.

*Lenten Meals*

Friday, March 9th will be sponsored by the MYA.

Friday, March 16th will be sponsored by the MYO.

Friday, March 23rd will be sponsored by Msgr. James and the Tarneeb Club.

*Confraternity of the Immaculate Conception*

The next meeting of the Confraternity will be on Sunday, March 11th immediately following the 11:30 Divine Liturgy in the Rectory

*Knights of Saint Maron*

The next meeting of the Knights will be on Sunday, March 11th immediately following the 11:30 Divine Liturgy in the Library.

*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. We have collected \$1,200.00 to date.

*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.

*Saint Joseph Breakfast*

The Knights of Saint Maron are sponsoring the Annual Saint Joseph Day Breakfast on Sunday, March 18th immediately following the 11:30 am Divine Liturgy. Donation of \$10.00 per person including all children is requested. Please plan from now to attend.

*Family Profile*

We are constantly asking people to register in the parish. We are asking each family who attends here to fill out a profile form for our records.

We will ask you to fill them out at the Coffee Hour or before Divine Liturgy. This is very important. Out of 389 sets of envelopes only 185 use them. We only have 136 emails. Something is wrong. We need your cooperation to adequately update our records. Please do your part.

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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.

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