

SUNDAY OF THE ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM

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GREAT AT JERUSALEM



## *Sunday of the Entrance into Lent/ Miracle at Cana in Galilee February 14th, 2021*

<b>Sun., February 14</b>	<b>Sunday of the Entrance into Lent/ Miracle at Cana in Galilee</b> 11: 30 am 40 Day Liturgy for Najah Sassine	Req. by Mr. & Mrs. Simon Sassine
<b>Mon., February 15</b>	7:30 pm Divine Liturgy of the Blessing and Imposition of Ashes Sts. Faustinus & Jovitus	
<b>Tues., February 16</b>	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Theodore of Tyrour	
<b>Wed., February 17</b>	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Agapitus, Bishop of Synnada	
<b>Thurs., February 18</b>	10 am Divine Liturgy Pope St. Leo the Great, Doctor of the Church	
<b>Fri., February 19</b>	10 am Divine Liturgy The 500 Martyrs of Tyre	
<b>Sat., February 20</b>	10 am Divine Liturgy St. James, the Hermit of Cyrrhus	
<b>Sun., February 21</b>	<b>Sunday of the Healing of the Leper</b> 11: 30 am for Joseph Nacif Hache & Adela Haddad	Req. by the Hache Family

### January 2021 Financial Standing

#### Ordinary Income

- ◆ Collections on Sundays & Holy Days : **\$14,900.10**
- ◆ Cathedral Stipends from Marriages & Funerals, Lower Hall Rent, Candles, Breakfast, Luncheon, Raffle, Dues, Religious Education, Flowers .... **\$7,157.00**

**Total Ordinary Income: \$22,057.10**

#### Ordinary Expenses

- ◆ Payroll, Gas, Electricity, Building Insurance and Medical Insurance, Leasing Equipment, TV, Phone, Internet, Church, Hall & Office Supplies, Postage, Regular Maintenance, Charity, Eparchial Appeal, Insurance....

**Total Ordinary Expenses: \$17,126.39**

**Total Ordinary Income vs Expenses: \$4,930.71**

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**Do you know? A couple of basic monthly expenses:**

**Cathedral monthly building insurance: \$3,484.00**

**Monthly Eparchial Assessment & Bishop's Appeal: \$2,125.00**

**The Library did not pay the May, June, July, August, September and October rents. They vacated the Church Hall at the end of October.**

**Thank you for your contribution  
in helping maintain the Church  
and in planning different activities**

### HELP LEBANON!



#### BY CHECK:

Make your donation to Lebanon by sending a check to the Eparchy of St. Maron of Brooklyn and in the memo designate your charity either to Caritas, Lebanon, or Saint Vincent de Paul.

#### ONLINE:

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#### FAMILY-TO-FAMILY HELP THROUGH CARITAS LEBANON

In coordination with Caritas Lebanon, a family in the United States is now able to sponsor a family in Lebanon. The sponsorship varies from \$50 to \$100 per month depending on the size and the need of the family.

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Lent 2021

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Each year during Lent, I ask you to reflect on God's blessings and to support the Eparchy of Saint Maron with a donation to our Annual Lenten Appeal. Much has happened in the past year – the pandemic and lockdowns, civil unrest, economic and political instability, and unprecedented troubles here and around the world. And yet, God always watches over his children throughout the most challenging times, and our Eparchy is here to serve you. We rely upon your help to give us the resources to serve you and the faithful throughout the Eparchy.

Please consider making a sacrificial gift to this year's Annual Lenten Appeal. Your gift will support:

- **Seminarians:** We currently have five men preparing for the priesthood. Our seminarians are our future priests, and we need to educate and form them well so that they can minister effectively to our faithful in the future. The costs of Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Seminary are about \$400,000 per year. **40% of your contribution to this year's Annual Appeal will go for Seminarians.**
- **Ministries:** Our outreach and services to young people, the elderly, families, and in defense of life from conception to natural death, can help people at the most crucial times in their lives. You can help ensure that the Eparchy can continue this important work. **20% of your contribution will go to support Ministries.**
- **Retired Priests:** The Eparchy's 15 retired priests served the faithful for over 500 years in total. We help them with a modest pension of \$2,000 per month. **20% of your contribution will support Retired Priests.**
- **Helping in Lebanon and the Middle East:** The Eparchy provided an unprecedented amount of support to help in Lebanon and the Middle East last year. Our primary focus is on the needs of our own Eparchy, but we can never forget the homeland of our Maronite Church. **10% of your contribution will support Christians in Lebanon and the Middle East.**
- **Endowment:** The Eparchy's Endowment Fund supports needs today and ensures the Eparchy will have resources in the future. **10% of your contribution will be deposited into the Eparchy's Endowment.**

Please open your heart once again and make a gift. Your participation in this Appeal can impact the lives of many people, both inside the Eparchy, and outside of it in the Middle East. Any gift will help.

Thank you, and may God bless you for your generosity! I wish you a blessed Lent and Easter.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

+ Gregory

+ Gregory J. Mansour

PS: Please also consider remembering the Eparchy and your parish in your estate plan, or as the beneficiary of an insurance policy, retirement plan or charitable gift annuity. Thank you.



EPARCHY OF SAINT MARON OF BROOKLYN  
2021 ANNUAL  
LENTEN APPEAL



### Confraternity Fellowship Evening

The Confraternity will have a fun and fellowship evening on Friday, February 12th at 7 pm.

### Ash Monday

The Liturgy of the Blessing and Imposition of Ashes on the foreheads will be held on Monday, February 15th at 7:30 pm.

### Stations and Benediction of the Cross

Every Friday of Lent beginning Friday, February 19th at 7:30 pm, we will pray the Stations and Benediction of the Cross.

### Traditional Fasting & Abstinence Observance

Those who wish to observe the traditional Maronite practice of fasting and abstinence are invited to follow this practice. According to the Synod of Mount Lebanon of 1736, every weekday of Lent (Monday through Friday) is a day of fasting and abstinence from meat and dairy products (eggs, butter, milk, etc.) Fasting involves eating and drinking nothing at all (except water and medicine) from midnight until noon. The rest of the day normal meals can be taken but without meat or dairy products. Saturdays and Sundays are exempt from fasting and abstaining as are the following feast days: St. Maron on Feb. 9th if it falls during Lent, the 40 Martyrs on March 9th, and St. Joseph on March 19th.

### Knights Easter Raffle

The Knights are sponsoring an Easter Raffle. Tickets are available from Samer Hadchiti, Edgard Abi Daher, Roger Shammass and Georges El Hage. The drawing will take place on Sunday, April 11th after the 11:30 Divine Liturgy.



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- FEB. 25: GREAT LENT: FASTING, PRAYER, & ALMSGIVING  
FR. RUDY WAKIM
- MAR. 4: OVERVIEW OF THE MARONITE LITURGICAL YEAR  
FR. NAJI KIWAN
- MAR. 11: MARONITE RITUALS FOR GREAT LENT  
MSGR. JIM ROOT
- MAR. 18: SYRIAC THEMES IN PASSION WEEK  
FR. AARON SANDBOTHE
- MAR. 25: MARY IN OUR MARONITE TRADITION  
FR. KEVIN BEATON

Via Zoom on Thursdays 8:00-9:15PM

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## Sunday Readings

### قراءات الأحد

#### First Sunday of Great Lent: Cana Sunday

The Letter to the Romans 14: 14-23.

I know and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself; but it is unclean for anyone who thinks it unclean. If your brother or sister is being injured by what you eat, you are no longer walking in love. Do not let what you eat cause the ruin of one for whom Christ died. So do not let your good be spoken of as evil. For the kingdom of God is not food and drink but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. The one who thus serves Christ is acceptable to God and has human approval. Let us then pursue what makes for peace and for mutual edification.

Do not, for the sake of food, destroy the work of God. Everything is indeed clean, but it is wrong for you to make others fall by what you eat; it is good not to eat meat or drink wine or do anything that makes your brother or sister stumble. The faith that you have, have as your own conviction before God. Blessed are those who have no reason to condemn themselves because of what they approve. But those who have doubts are condemned if they eat, because they do not act from faith; for whatever does not proceed from faith is sin.

#### The Gospel according to Saint John 2: 1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

#### احد مدخل الصوم الكبير : احد آية عرس قانا

رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل رومة 14: 14-23  
يا إخواني، إني عالمٌ واثقٌ، في الرب يسوع، أن لا شيء نجسٌ في ذاته، إلا لمن يحسبُه نجسًا، فله يكون نجسًا. فإن كنت من أجل الطعام تُحزن أخاك، فلا تكون سالماً في المحبة. فلا تهلك بطعامك ذلك الذي مات المسيح من أجله! إذا فلا تسمحوا بأن يصير الخبز فيكم سبباً للتجديف. فليس ملكوت الله أكلاً وشرباً، بل برٌ وسلامٌ وفرحٌ في الروح القدس.

فمن يخدم المسيح هكذا فهو مرضي لدى الله، ومقبول لدى الناس. فلنسع إذاً إلى ما هو للسَّلام، وما هو لبنيان بعضنا بعضاً. فلا ننقض عمل الله من أجل الطعام؛ لأن كل شيء طاهر، ولكنّه يقلب شراً على الإنسان الذي يأكل ويكون سبب عثرة لأخيه. فخير لك أن لا تأكل لحمًا، ولا تشرب خمرًا، ولا تتناول شيئاً يكون سبب عثرة لأخيك. واحتفظ برأيك لنفسك أمام الله. وطوبى لمن لا يدين نفسه في ما يقرره!

أما المراتب في قراره، فإن أكل يذان، لأن عمله غير صادر عن يقين وإيمان. وكل عمل لا يصدُر عن يقين وإيمان فهو خطيئة.

#### إنجيل القديس يوحنا 2: 1-11

في اليوم الثالث، كان عرسٌ في قانا الجليل، وكانت أم يسوع هناك.

ودعي أيضاً يسوع وتلاميذه إلى العرس.

ونفذ الخمر، فقالت لیسوع أمه: «ليس لديهم خمر.»

فقال لها يسوع: «ما لي ولك، يا امرأة؟ لم تأت ساعتي بعد.»

فقالت أمه للخدم: «مهّمًا يقل لكم فأفعلوه.»

وكان هناك ستة أجران من حجر، معدة لتطهير اليهود، يسع كل

منها من ثمانين إلى مئة وعشرين ليتراً،

فقال يسوع للخدم: «املأوا الأجران ماءً.» فملأوها إلى فوق.

قال لهم: «اسنقوا الآن، وقدموا لرئيس الوليمة.» فقدموا.

وذاق الرئيس الماء، الذي صار خمرًا - وكان لا يعلم من أين هو،

والخدم الذين اسنقوا يعلمون - فدعا إليه العريس

وقال له: «كل إنسان يقدم الخمر الجيد أولاً، حتى إذا سكر المدعوون، فدم الأقل جودة، أما أنت فقد أبقيت الخمر الجيد إلى

الآن.»

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