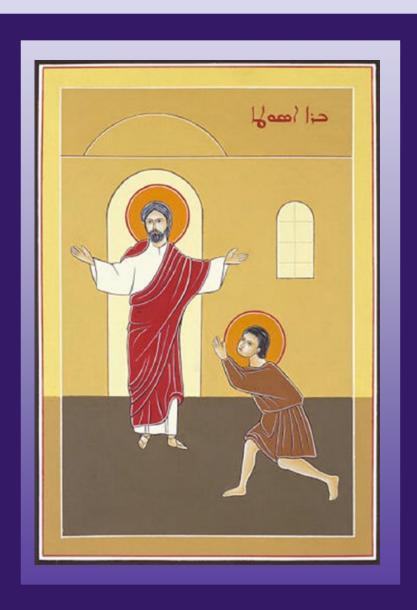
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Sunday of the Parable of the Prodigal Son March 12th, 2023		
Sun., March 12	Sunday of the Parable of the Prodigal Son / Po 9 am for Sami Nassour 11:30 am for Hani & Nadia Estanbouli	pe St. Gregory the Great by Mr. & Mrs. Adib El Houayek by their three children: Samer & Family, Souhel & Family, Samer & his wife Marie- Therese & their children Henri & Patrick
Mon., March 13	NO LITRUGY St. Theophanes the Chronicler	
Tues., March 14	NO LITRUGY St. Euphraisa	
Wed., March 15	NO LITRUGY St. Benedict	
Thurs., March 16	NO LITRUGY The First Council of Constantinople / St. Papas	
Fri., March 17	NO LITRUGY St. Patrick	
Sat., March 18	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Cyril of Jerusalem	
Sun., March 19	The Feast of St. Joseph, the Spouse of the Virg 9 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners 11:30 am for Fadia Zahran Esper for Joseph Saikaly	in Mary / The Healing of the Paralytic by Mr. & Mrs. Salim Shaya by Mr. & Mrs. Wadih Saikaly

February 2023 Financial Standing Ordinary Income

- Collections on Sundays & Holy Days: \$14,318.42
- Cathedral Stipends from Marriages & Funerals, Hall Rent, Candles, Breakfast, Luncheon, Raffle, Dues, Religious Education, Flowers \$35,262.97

Total Ordinary Income: \$49,581.39

Ordinary Expenses

 Payroll, Gas, Electricity, Building Insurance (\$46,122 paid this month) and Medical Insurance, Leasing Equipment, TV, Phone, Internet, Supplies for Church, Hall & Office, Postage, Regular Maintenance, Charity, Eparchial Appeal, Insurance....\$80,254.48

Total Ordinary Expenses: \$80,254.48

Total Ordinary Income vs Expenses: -\$30,673.09

Do you know? A couple of basic monthly expenses: Cathedral monthly building insurance: \$3,844.00 Monthly Eparchial Assessment & Bishop's Appeal: \$2,125.00

The Cathedral's Building Insurance increased 14.3% this year. We paid \$46,122 for the year.

> Thank you for your contribution in helping maintain the Church

HELP LEBANON!



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, Saint Vincent de Paul or The Franciscan Sisters of the Holy Cross.

BY CHECK:

ONLINE:

You may also donate online by clicking <u>here</u>.

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.

Please click <u>here</u> to sponsor a family.

We are coming close to the midpoint in the Season of Great Lent which we have been comparing to the wilderness. In general, there are two ways that we may experience this time: either we have been doing a good fast and cultivating spiritual fruits of holiness or we are failing and are not satisfied with the way our Lent and abstinence have been going. The temptation in the first is to be a little lax and to be proud of the improvement we have achieved in our spiritual life. In the second, the easiest thing is to give up and stop trying for it is too late in the game. The second attitude is similar to that of the lost sheep in the parable of Luke 15: 4-7.

Let us recall this short parable that Jesus told, "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance."

There are two reasons in particular for a sheep to make a decision to leave the shepherd and the rest of the flock. Last week's reflection emphasized the scarcity of food and lack of water in the wilderness where the shepherd took the sheep to graze. The sheep, for fear of starvation, is not to be blamed for running away for in its mind the shepherd does not have the best interest of the flock at heart. Remember what Psalm 78: 19-20 reads, "They spoke against God, saying, "Can God spread a table in the wilderness? Even though he struck the rock so that water gushed out and torrents overflowed, can he also give bread, or provide meat for his people?" Distrusting that the shepherd can always provide, the lost sheep chooses the way of destruction by running away.

The second reason that a sheep might have for abandoning the flock in the wilderness is his disagreement with the rest of the sheep. Living in a place like the wilderness has many threats and is not conducive to the good livelihood of the sheep. This creates tensions among members of the flock.

It is known that shepherds pour oil on the heads of the sheep not only to prevent flies and different insects from traveling up their noses to lay eggs which become worms, but also to prevent injuries when male sheep fight. Their heads become slippery and a collision will not be not harmful.

The passage tells us that when the shepherd finds the lost sheep, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. Some say the shepherd breaks the leg of the straying sheep to make sure he does not wander off again. It sounds brutal and painful, but it is during this time that the shepherd and the suffering brokenlegged sheep develop a closer connection. The shepherd continues to tend to his injured animal, but knows well that the leg will heal quickly. All this is to teach the sheep to stay with the flock no matter what and

be saved from the wolves.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS Confraternity Meeting

The Confraternity will have their monthly meeting on Sunday, March 12th, after the 11:30 am Divine Liturgy.

Annual Clergy Retreat

Fr. Dominique and Fr. Chuck will be out of town from Monday, March 13th, to Friday, March 17th. They will be participating in the annual clergy retreat with all the priests of the Eparchy. Please keep them in your prayers. The daily Divine Liturgy this week is canceled.

St. Joseph's Breakfast

The Knights will be sponsoring a breakfast in honor of St. Joseph on Sunday, March 19th, after the 11:30 am Divine Liturgy. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$30 a person.

Order Your Maamoul Today

Members of the Confraternity will be making Maamoul at the Church. You may pre-order with Darine Safi.

The 2021 Eparchial Lenten Appeal

A second collection for the Eparchial Charities Appeal will be taken up every Sunday during the Season of Great Lent. We are asked to raise \$5,500 to participate in this awesome mission of the Eparchy. We have collected \$1,343 so far. Thank you for your generosity.

Consecration of the Chrism and Holy Oils Liturgy

The Divine Liturgy for the Consecration of the Chrism and Holy Oils will be celebrated on Tuesday, March 28th, at 12 noon at the Cathedral. A Lenten luncheon will follow in the hall.

Palm Sunday Candles

Decorated candles are available for \$25 after the liturgy on Sunday. The MYO will have a table in the hall. Quantities are limited.

Knights Easter Raffle

The Knights are sponsoring an Easter Raffle. Tickets are available from Samer Hadchiti, Edgard Abi Daher, Roger Shammas and Georges El Hage. The drawing will take place on Sunday, April 16th, after the 11:30 Divine Liturgy.

Salaam Club Scholarship

The Salaam Club of New York is offering scholarships for high school graduates and college freshmen. Please click <u>here</u> for the application before April 30th.

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.



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2023 ANNUAL LENTEN APPEAL

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The world needs our help! Please support this year's Annual Lenten Appeal for the Eparchy of Saint Maron. There are so many challenges here and around the world (especially in Lebanon). This Lent we can offer our prayers, fasting and almsgiving for those suffering more than us. The Eparchy can be a part of your Lenten sacrifice, as we rely upon your generosity to serve the faithful throughout the Eparchy and in the Middle East.



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

Seminarians: We currently have four excellent men preparing for the priesthood. Our seminarians are our future; we need to educate them well so that they can minister effectively in the future. The costs of Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Seminary are about \$450,000 per year. 40% of your contribution to this year's Annual Appeal will go for Seminarians.

Ministries: Our outreach to young people, the elderly, families, and in defense of life from conception to natural death, helps people at the most crucial times in their lives. You can ensure that the Eparchy continues this important work. 20% of your contribution will go to support Ministries.

Retired Priests: The Eparchy's 17 retired priests served the faithful with generosity. We help them with a modest pension that is helpful to them each month. **20% of your contribution will support Retired Priests.**

Help for Lebanon and the Middle East: The Eparchy has provided an unprecedented amount of support to help in Lebanon and the Middle East over the past few years. 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 today's needs 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 impacts the lives of many people, both inside the Eparchy, and in the Middle East. Any gift will be appreciated. Please visit <u>http://www.stmaron.org/lenten-appeal</u> for more information.

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

Gratefully yours in Christ,

+ 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.

Sunday Readings قراءات الأحد

Fourth Sunday of Great Lent: Sunday of the Prodigal Son

Second Letter to the Corinthians 13: 5-13

Examine yourselves to see whether you are living in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not realize that Jesus Christ is in you? unless, indeed, you fail to pass the test! I hope you will find out that we have not failed. But we pray to God that you may not do anything wrong not that we may appear to have passed the test, but that you may do what is right, though we may seem to have failed. For we cannot do anything against the truth, but only for the truth. For we rejoice when we are weak and you are strong. This is what we pray for, that you may become perfect. So I write these things while I am away from you, so that when I come, I may not have to be severe in using the authority that the Lord has given me for building up and not for tearing down. Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

The Gospel according to Saint Luke15: 11-32

The Lord Jesus says: 'There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me." So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, "How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.' " So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son." But the father said to his slaves, "Quickly, bring out a robe the best one and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!" And they began to celebrate. 'Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound." Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, "Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!" Then the father said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'

الاحد الرابع من الصوم الكبير : مثل الابن الشاطر

رسالة بولس الثانية إلى أهل قورنتس 5:13-13 يا إخوتي، الخُتَبَرُوا أَنْفُسَكَمٍ، هَلْ أَنْتُم رَ إِسِخُونَ في رَسَعَادَ وَوَعَى الْحَابَةِ إِلَى (هَ تُوَرَعَقَلَ ذَائَمَ رَاسِخُونَ فَي الإَيْمَانَ الْمُتَحَثُّوا الْفُسَكَمَ، هَلْ أَنَّمَ رَاسِخُونَ فَي فَيَكُم الأَيْنَا الْمُتَحَثُّوا الْفُسَكَمَ، أَلا تَعْر فُونَ أَنَّ المَسِحَ بَسُوعَ نَحْنُ لَسْنَا مَرْ فُوضِينَ ! وَنُصَلَّى إِلَى اللَّه كَيْ لا تَفْعَلُوا أَيَ شَرَ، لا لِنَظْهَرَ نَحْنُ مَقْبُولَينَ، بَلْ لِكَي تَفْعَلُوا الْنَتُمُ الْحَيْر ، وتَكُونَ نَحْنُ كَانَنا مَرْ فُوضِينَ ! فَأَرْ جُو انْ تَعْر فُوا أَنَّنَا الْحَيْر ، وتَكُونَ نَحْنُ كَانَنا مَرْ فُوضِينَ ! فَأَرْ جُو انْ تَعْر فُوا أَنَّنَا الْحَيْر ، وتَكُونَ نَحْنُ كَانَنا مَرْ فُوضَينَ ! وَنُصَلِّي إِلَى اللَّه كَيْ لا تَفْعَلُوا أَنْ نَفْعَلَ شَيْئًا ضَدَّ الحَقَّ، بَلْ لاَجْلِ الْحَقِّ ! أَجَلْ، اتَنْ مَنْ أَجْلَ مَنْعَلَ اللَّذِي مَعْنَا مَعْبُولِينَ مَعْتَا وَ وَتَعَلَّوْنَ أَنَّتُمَ مَنْ أَجْلَ مَنْتَحْنَ مَعْتَا مَنْ أَنْ عَلَيْ اللَّهُ مَعْنَا مِنْ أَقُوبَا مِنْ أَجْلَ هذَا وَأَنَا خَائِبَ، لِنَكَ أَعْمَائَهُ وَقَسَاوَة و أَنَا مَائِنَهُ أَقُوبَا وَبَعْدَ، أَيُّهَا الاَحَقِ الْحَائِي إِيَاللَّاطَانِ وَالَعْنَ إِنَا كَانِي الْحُونَ الْعَنْ مَعْنَا وَ وَالَعْنَا وَ وَالَكُنَ وَلَ الْنَمَ وَ وَالَعْنَ الْحَدْمَ الْعَنْ الَعَائِنَ الَا إِنَّا اللَّهُ الْعَنْ فُونَ الْنَ الْمَاسِ وَيَعْتَا وَ وَالَا عَائِنَ الَقُونَ عَنْ وَالْعَنْ وَالْمَالَا الَّهُ الْعَنْ مُوالَى الْعَنْ الْأَعْطَى وَ وَتَنْ مَعْتَولَنَ الْنَ الْكَتَ الْعَلَى الْعَمَانَ وَ وَالَا عَائَكُونَ الْنَ الْنَا مَرْ فَوضَا أَنْ الْمَالَا وَالَنَا وَ وَالْنَا عَائِنَ الْنَهُ الْعَائِنُ الْنَعْنَا وَ وَالْعَنْ وَالْعَالَ اللَا الْمَالَ الَدَي وَعَامَ اللَا عَالَا اللَّاسَ الْعَائِنَ الْعُونَ وَالْعَائِ الْتُنَا وَ وَالْنَا وَ وَالْنَا مَا الْنَ الْنُعْلَ الْنَا أَنْ الْنَوْ الْعَالَ الْحَالَ الْعَنْ الْعَالَ الْنَا الْنَا الْمَا الْنَا الْعَالَ الْنَ فَعْتَنَا مَا أَنْ الْنَا مَا الْنَا الْنَا الْنَا أَنَ الْتُ

المُدُس مَعَمُ الْجَمَعِينِ ! عبر القدس معمَّم الجَمَعِينِ ! عبر القدس معاقر 21:11-26 المُرْبَعُ فَالَ المَعْنِ عُمَا لَهُ عَلَيْهُ المَعْنَ مُعَالًا مَعْمَرُ هُمَا مُرْدَيَّهُ . وَبَعْدَ أَيَّام قَلِيلَهُ ، حَمَّت لَا بْنُ الْاَصْعَرُ كُلَ مُرْدَيَّهُ . وَبَعْدَ أَيَّام قَلِيلَهُ ، حَمَّة الأَبْنُ الْاَصْعَرُ كُلَ الْطَبْش . وَلَمَا أَنْفُق كُلْ شَي ، حَدَّت في ذلك البَّلَهِ . مَحَاجَة شَدِيدَهُ فَتَذَا يُحِصْ الْعَزِ . فَذَهَبَ وَلَجاً إِلَى الْطَبْش . وَلَمَا أَنْفُق كُلْ شَي ، حَدَّت في ذلك البَلَهُ مِن الْحَبَّرُوبَةُ . وَبَعَدَ أَيَّام قَلْبِلَهُ عَلَى الْعَرَ . فَذَهَبَ وَلَجاً إِلَى الْحَبَّرُ مِعْلَى الْحَبَرِ . وَكَانَ يَشْتَعِي أَنْ يَمْلاً جُوفَهُ مِنَ الْحَرُوبِ الْحَبَرُ عَنْهُمَ وَقَالَ : هُمَا أَهْلِكُ جُوعًا ! أَقُومُ وَ أَمْضِي إِلَى الْحَبَرُ عَنْهُمَ وَقَالَ : عَمْ أَهْلَكُ جُوعًا ! أَقُومُ وَ أَمْضِي إِلَى الْحَبَرُ عَنْهُمَ وَقَالَ الْحَبَى الْحَرَاء عَنْدَ لَي يَعْمَلُ الْحَبَرُ عَنْهُمَ وَقَالَ الْحَبَى الْعَمَاءِ وَ أَمْصَى إِلَى الْحَبَرَ عَنْهُمَ عَلَى الْحَبَرِ الَكَابِ الْعَنْ الْحَبَرِ الْعَلَى الْعَبْرَ الْحَبَى الْعَبْرَ الْحَبَرَ اللَّهُ الْمَعْرَبِي عَالَهُ مَنْ الْحَبَرَ عَنْهُمَ عَلَى الْعَبْرَةُ الْمَاعَة عَدَانَ الْحَبَى الْعَبْرَ الْنَهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ عَلَى الْعَبْرَ الْعَابِ الْعَبْرَ الْنَا الْعَبْرَ الْعَامِ الْعَبْرَ الْعَبْرَ الْعَبْرَ الْنَهُ الْمَابِ الْعَبْلَ الْعَبْ الْعَبْنَ الْعَبْلَهُ عَلَيْ الْعَبْرَي الْعَبْنَا الْعَبْرَ الْعَابِ الْعَبْرَ الْعَابِ الْعَبْرَ الْعَابِ الْعَالَا الْعَابَ الْعَبْرَا الْعَابِ الْعَبْرَ الْعَبْرَ الْعَابِ الْعَبْرَا الْعَبْنَا الْعَبْرَ الْعَابِ الْعَبْرَ الْعَابَ الْعَابِ الْعَبْرَ الْعَبْرَ الْعَبْرَ الْعَابِ الْعَبْرَ الْعَبْرَ الْعَبْرَةُ الْمَاعَانَ الْعَبْرَ الْعَبْعَامِ الْعَبْنَ الْعَبْنَ الْعُنْ الْعَبْرَةُ الْعَامِ الْعَبْنَ الْعَبْنَ الْعَبْعَ مَعْتَى الْعَبْنَ الْعَبْنَ الْعَابِ الْعَبْنَ الْعَبْعَ مَنْ الْعَبْنَ الْعُمْنَ الْعَبْعَ الْعَبْ الْعَبْ الْعَبْنَ الْعَبْنَ الْعَنْ الْعَبْعَامِ الْعَالَى الْعَابَ الْعَابَ الْعَابِ الْعَبْنَ الْعَنَا الْعَنْ الْعَبْنَ الْعَبْعَ مَا الْعَا الْعَانَ الْعَنْ ا



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