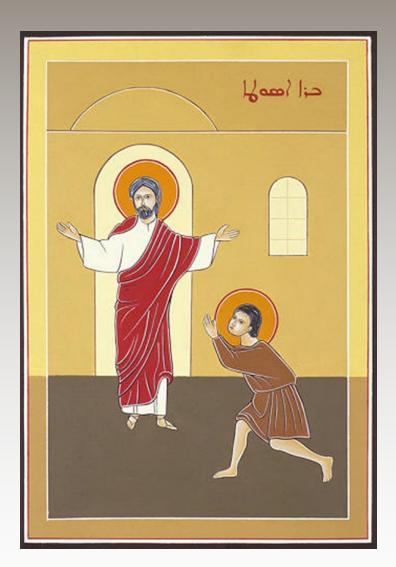
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# Sunday of the Parable of the Prodigal Son March 3rd, 2024

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Sun., Mar. 3	Sunday of the Parable of the Prodigal Son / St 9 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners 11:30 am for Charbel El Khoury	. Thomas Aquinas by the El Khour	ry Family
Mon., Mar. 4	NO DIVINE LITURGY St. Paul and his sister, St. Juliana		
Tues., Mar. 5	10 am Divine Liturgy for Mary, Tom, Rosemary St. Albert the Great	& Tommy Perun	by Mr. & Mrs. Jorge Leon
Wed., Mar. 6	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Conan of Isauria		
Thurs., Mar. 7	10 am Divine Liturgy The Seven Young Men of Ephesus		
Fri., Mar. 8	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Frances of Rome		
Sat., Mar. 9	10 am Divine Liturgy Feast of the Forty Martyrs		
Sun., Mar. 10	Sunday of the Healing of the Paralytic / St. Auxentius 9 am for Lisa del Puerto by Julie Aguilera 11:30 am for Loretta Hanna by Mr. & Mrs. Tony Saade		

## **2023 Financial Standing**

#### **Ordinary Income**

- Collections on Sundays & Holy Days: **\$221,549.55**
- Cathedral Stipends from Marriages & Funerals, Hall Rent, Candles, Breakfast, Luncheon, Raffle, Dues, Religious Education, Flowers ....\$342,583.61

#### Total Ordinary Income: \$564,133.16

#### **Ordinary Expenses**

 Payroll, Gas, Electricity, Building Insurance and Medical Insurance, Leasing Equipment, TV, Phone, Internet, Supplies for Church, Hall & Office, Postage, Regular Maintenance, Charity, Eparchial Appeal, Insurance....\$399,584.08 Total Ordinary Expenses: \$399,584.08

Do you know? A couple of basic monthly expenses: The Monthly Eparchial Assessment & Bishop's Appeal has increased from \$2,125 to \$2,670 a month starting January 2024.

The Cathedral's Building Insurance increased 14.3% in 2023, and we paid \$46,122 for the year. It has gone up another 8% in 2024, so we pay \$49,313.00. The Cathedral monthly building insurance is now \$4,109.41

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

### **ONLINE:**

You may also donate online by clicking here.

#### 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.

#### **CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### Stations and Benediction of the Cross

Every Friday of Lent beginning Friday, February 16th, at 7:30 pm, we will pray the Stations and Benediction of the Cross. The service will be followed by a Lenten supper.

#### **Pre-order Maamoul**

Families may pre-order their maamoul today. The Confraternity will do a baking session a week or two before Easter, so the maamoul will be fresh for the celebration.

#### Interested in Joining the Choir?

The choir of the Cathedral would like to welcome anyone interested in joining them to praise the Lord in a more dedicated way. We are also looking for someone who knows the Maronite music to play the organ. Members of the Choir meet on Zoom every Wednesday to plan for Sunday. Please make sure to see Christiane Merhej after the 11:30 Divine Liturgy if you would like to join.

#### **Promoting Vocations**

The Eparchy is trying to bring more awareness to the different vocations in life: priesthood, consecrated life, diaconate, married life and generous single life. For this reason, an icon of the Holy Family along with a prayer will be given to a different family each week for prayer every night so God may guide us to discern and promote the various vocations. Please see Fr. Chuck to be put on the list.

#### The 2024 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 \$8,000 to participate in this awesome mission of the Eparchy. We have collected \$1,588 so far. Thank you for your generosity.

#### Knights Easter Raffle

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

#### **Catholic Relief Services Lenten Rice Bowl**

Join our faith community and more than 12,000 Catholic communities across the United States in a life-changing Lenten journey with the CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's Rice Bowl in the vestibule of the Cathedral. During the 40 days of Lent, let us reflect on how hunger and malnutrition affect our human family, and on the need to take action to end this global injustice. Click <u>here</u> to learn more.

#### Strengthen Your Marriage

The Secretariat for Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth of the USCCB designated February as a time to strengthen Marriages. To support this effort the Secretariat has prepared resources to assist dating, engaged and married couples. Please click <u>here</u> for more information.

#### **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.

#### Arab Bankers Association of North America Fellowship Award

Fellowships are open to all for students pursuing graduate studies in business at an American university. Applications will be taken annually for 5 fellowships to be granted annually for \$15,000 each year for two consecutive years for a total of \$30,000. Please apply <u>here</u> by April 2nd, 2024.

#### St. Sharbel Spiritual Life Center

The Grand Opening of the Saint Sharbel Spiritual Life Center in Pittsburgh will take place on Saturday, April 13, 2024! The Center is located in the former Epiphany Center and was recently acquired by and is operated under the direction of the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn. The Cathedral contributed \$5000 to acquire the Center. Doctor Anne Borik serves as Director and Subdeacon Vincent Michael as Assistant Director. To register online for the Dedication and Open House, or to purchase tickets for the Dinner and Concert (\$50 per person), please visit www.saintsharbelcenter.org. For more information please email: info@saintsharbelcenter.org



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Lent 2024 Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

If you believe in Jesus Christ, sacrifice always has meaning. It leads to something, just as the Cross led to the Resurrection. Life is not about being comfortable but about answering God's call to us. Our response makes our lives "worth living," as Archbishop Fulton Sheen used to say.

During this season of sacrifice, please consider making a sacrificial gift for this year's Annual Lenten Appeal for the Eparchy of Saint Maron. There are so many people suffering here and around the world (especially in Lebanon) who can be helped by our prayers, fasting and almsgiving. The Eparchy can be part of your Lenten sacrifice, as we rely upon your generosity to serve the faithful in the Eparchy and the Middle East.

Your gift to this year's Annual Lenten Appeal will support:



Seminarians: We currently have three excellent men preparing for the priesthood. Our seminarians are our future; we need to educate them well so that they can minister effectively as priests someday. 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 well. We help them with a modest pension 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.



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"Reverencing Our Bodies: Male and Female He Created Us"



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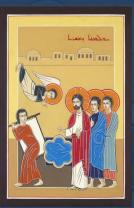
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Luncheon to follow in Church Hall



# Lenten Scripture Sharing: Faith, Mercy, Healing



Dive deeper into the Maronite Gospels for the Sundays of Great Lent presented by the Maronite Servants of Christ the Light and guest contributors.

We welcome you to join us live as we highlight spiritual lessons from each Gospel. Participants will also have an opportunity to share their insights as well. Thursdays at 8:00pm EST

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FEBRUARY 29: PARABLE OF THE PRODIGAL SON

MARCH 7: HEALING OF THE PARALYTIC MARCH 14: HEALING OF THE BLIND MAN MARCH 21: HOSANNA SUNDAY

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## **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 قور نتس 13-5:13 با إخوَتِي، إخْتَبَرُوا أَنْفُسَكُم، هَلْ أَنْثُم رَ اسخُونَ في الإَيْمَانَ الْمُتَحِنُوا أَنْفُسَكُم، هَلْ أَنْثُم رَ اسخُونَ في فَيَكُم؟ إِلاَ إِذَا كُنْتُم مَرْ فُوضِينَ ! فَأَرْجُو أَنَّ تَعْرِفُوا أَنَّنَا أَيَ شَرَ، لا لِنَظْهَرَ نَحْنُ مَتَبُولِينَ، بَلْ لِكَي تَفْعَلُوا أَيَ شَرَ، لا لِنَظْهَرَ نَحْنُ مَتَبُولِينَ، بَلْ لِكَي تَفْعَلُوا أَنَ نَفْعَلَ شَيْئًا صَدَّ الحَقّ، فَوْضُونَ ! فَأَرْجُو أَنَّ تَعْرَفُوا أَنَّنَا الْخَبْرِ، و نَكُونَ نَحْنُ كَأَنَنا مَرْ فُوضِينَ ! فَأَرْجُو أَنَّ تَعْرَفُوا أَنْنَا مَنْ خَلْ لِمَنْ اللَّهُ مَنْ فُوضِينَ ! وَنُصَلِّي إِلَى اللَّهُ كَيْ لا تَفْعَلُوا الْخَبْرِ، و نَكُونَ نَحْنُ كَأَنَا مَرْ فُوضُونَ ! فَاتَنَا لا تَسْتَطِيعُ مَنْ أَخْلَ هذَا يَتُعَانَ مَنْيَنًا مَنَ فَعْمَاءَ، وَ تَكُونُوا أَنَّتُم أَقُويَاء. مَنْ أَخْلُ هذَا يَقْبَلُهُ مَنْ أَعْمَا يُحَالِي لِكَي تَعْعَلُوا مِنْ أَخْلُ هذَا يَعْتَمَا نَكُونُ نَحْنُ صَعْعًاء، وتَكُونُوا كَامِلِينَ . أَكْتَبُ مِنْ أَخْلُ هَذَا يَعْنَا يُمَا يُعَا يُحَالَي لِكَانَ أَعَابَهِ اللَّعَنَا وَ وَأَنَا مَاتَنُو وَنَعْسَجُعُوا إِنَا حَائِبَ الْنَكُونُ فَوْتَا عَانَ اللَّذِي أَعْمَائُهُ مَعْمَاوَهُ وأَنا عَائِسُ وَ وَيَعْذُمُ الْأَنَا وَ وَنَتَمَ مَنْفُونَ عَنْ أَنْ مُعْمَا وَ وَا عَائِنَ اللَّذَي أَعْمَائُهُ وَ وَالَعَا وَ وَأَنَا مَائِينَ الْكُولُي فَعْتَعَلَى الْعَنْ الْمَا الْمَنْعَوْ وَ أَنْ مَائُولُونَ عَنْ مَنْعَا وَيَعْمَا فُوالَعَا مَنْ مَنْعَوْ الْعَائِنَ اللَكُونَ وَ وَالْنَا عَائِسُ الْعَنْ الْنَا الَذِي أَعْمَا يُعَائِي إِنَّنُ الْنَعْنَا وَ وَالْعَانِ اللَهُ وَالَنَ الَنَا الَحَيْبَ وَاللَّهُ اللَّهُ الْمَا وَالْعَالَا الْحَدَيَ وَنَعْنُ وَالْعَنْهُوا الْعَائِنَ الْنَا الْمَنْ وَالْنَعْنَا الْعَنْ الْنَا الْمَنْ وَنَعْ عَلَى الْعَانَ الْنَعْ الْعَائِنَ وَ وَالْنَا مَا الْمَا الْمُونَ عَلَنُ مَا مَنْعُولُونَ وَالْنَا مَالَعُونَ وَ وَالْنَا وَتَعْتَرُونُ مَائَتُونُ مَائَعُونُ الْنَا الْحَائِنَ الْعَائِنَ الْنَا الْنَا الْمَنْ وَنَ مَنْ الْعَا الْمَا مُولَ عَائَمُونَ وَالْنَا مَنْ وَا الْنَا مَائِنُ الْنَا الْعَائِنُ الْنَالَ الْنَا الَنَا الْتَعَائِ مَا الْحُنْ الْعُونَ

الفُلُس مَعَكُمُ أَجْمَعِين! عَنْ وَمَا اللَّذَي اللَّعَنَى وَعَالَ اللَّحَاتِ اللَّذَي اللَّحَاتِ اللَّذَي اللَّذَي اللَّحَاتِ اللَّذَي المَنْ الْمَنْ لَى الْمَنْ لَى الْمَنْ لَى الْمَنْ مَنْ الْمَنْ لَكُوبُ اللَّذَي اللَّذِي مَنْ الْمَنْذَلُ اللَّذَي اللَّذَي اللَّذَي اللَّذَي اللَّذَي الْمَنْعَر مَى الْمَنْ الْمَنْ لَكُوبُ اللَّذِي اللَّذَي اللَّذَي اللَّذَي اللَّذَي اللَّذَي اللَّذَي عَنْ الْمَنْ الْمَنْ الْحَرَاتِ الْحَذَاتِ عَنْ عَنْ الْحَرُوبِ وَحَدَى الْحَزَاتِ عَنْ الْحَرُوبِ الْحَرَاتِ الْحَذَاتِ الْحَذَاتِ الْحَذَاتِ الْحَذَاتِ الْحَذَاتِ الْحَذَاتِ عَنْ الْحَرَى مَى الْحَرُوبِ الْحَدَى الْحَذَاتِ الْحَذَاتِ عَنْ الْحَرُوبِ الْحَدَى الْحَذَى الْحَذَى الْحَدَى الْحَدَى الْحَذَى الْحَدَى عَنْ الْحَدَى الْحَدَى



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