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# Sunday of the Healing of the Blind Man March 17th, 2024

Sun., Mar. 17	9 am for the Intenti 11:30 am for Josep	and Olivia Delgado de Torres	by Mr. & Mrs. Wadih Saikaly by Lena Delgado de Torres by Michael Ghaleb
Mon., Mar. 18	NO DIVINE LITUR St. Cyril of Jerusaler		
Tues., Mar. 19	10 am Divine Liturgy for Laure Hosri Feast of St. Joseph		by Mr. & Mrs. Samir Hosri
Wed., Mar. 20	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Photina the Samaritan Woman		
Thurs., Mar. 21	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Synesius, Bishop of Ptolemais		
Fri., Mar. 22	10 am Divine Liturgy of the Temptation of Jesus in the Wilderness St. Sergius Paulus		
Sat., Mar. 23	10 am Divine Liturgy of Lazarus Saturday St. Rafka		
Sun., Mar. 24	Hosanna Sunday (Palm Sunday) / St. Artemon, Bishop of Seleucia 9 am for the Intentions of the Children of the Cathedral 11: 30 am for the Intentions of the Children of the Cathedral		
	PASS	SION WEEK SCHEDU	U <b>LE</b>
Mon. of Passion Week, Mar. 25		7:30 pm Divine Liturgy Feast of the Annunciation to the Virgin Mary	
Tues. of Passion Week, Mar. 26		7:30 pm Divine Liturgy of the Coming to the Harbor St. Gabriel the Archangel	
Wed. of Passion Week, Mar. 27		7:30 pm Liturgy and Rite of the Lan For Ikbal Nassar St. Matrona of Thessalonica	np (Blessing & Imposition of Oil) by Subdeacon & Mrs. Norbert Vogl
Thursday of the Mysteries, Mar. 28		7:30 pm Divine Liturgy of the Rite of the Washing of the Feet Confession & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 12 Midnight St. Philetus and his wife, St. Lydia, and their children	
Great Friday of the Crucifixion, Mar. 29		10 am Liturgy of the Anaphora of the Signing of the Chalice 7:30 pm Liturgy of the Adoration of the Cross St. Cyril of Baalbek	
Great Saturday of the Light, Mar. 30		<ul> <li>11 am Prayer of Forgiveness</li> <li>St. John Climacus</li> <li>12 Midnight Glorious Resurrection Liturgy and the Rite of Peace</li> </ul>	
Sunday, Mar. 31	Sunday of the Glori	ious Resurrection and the Rite of Pe	ace

11:30 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners

### **CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **Stations and Benediction of the Cross**

Every Friday of Lent at 7:30 pm, we pray the Stations and Benediction of the Cross. The service is followed by a Lenten supper.

#### Beatification of Estephan El Douaihy (1670-1704)

His Holiness Pope Francis has authorized the Dicastery for the Causes of Saints to promulgate the decree regarding the miracle attributed to the intercession of the Venerable Servant of God Estephan El Douaihy, Patriarch of Antioch of the Maronite Church (1670-1704). This decree will pave the way for his beatification which will be held in Lebanon some time in the coming months.

#### 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.

#### **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.

#### Egg Hunt

Sponsored by the MCF, the children of the Cathedral are invited to participate in the Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday after the 11:30 am Divine Liturgy. Weather permitting, it will take place inside the Cathedral's fence on Remsen St. Do not forget to bring your baskets.

#### **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 register <u>here</u> and see Fr. Chuck for more information.

#### 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 \$2,922 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 14th, 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.

#### **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 here by April 2nd, 2024.



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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.

### FOM THE BISHOP OFFICE ON THE YEAR OF PRAYER

5 March 2024

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Dear Brother Priests, Deacons and Subdeacons, Consecrated Men and Women, Lay Faithful,

On January 21, 2024, Pope Francis opened the **Year of Prayer** in anticipation of the Jubilee Year 2025. The Holy Father's intention is to have us look closely at how we relate to the Church, to the family, and to the world, according to the wisdom of the Second Vatican Council, and then apply this practically to our own life of prayer.

As you know, Pope Saint Paul VI beatified Saint Sharbel at the end of the Second Vatican Council in 1965, along with a missionary priest martyr, Jacques Berthieu, who served in Madagascar, Africa. What an honor for us as Maronites, to have shared in this spotlight, and what a message the Saintly Pontiff gave to the world (and to us!) that prayer, silence, sacrifice, and a missionary spirit are the ways forward to the renewal of the Church, the family, and the world!

In the Apostolic Letter by which Sharbel was declared blessed, we read this:

"We should mention that we recently decreed the same honors (Beatification) for Jacques Berthieu, who won the prize by struggling in the action of life as though in a spiritual combat. Now, a monk, removed from all human association and given over to contemplation of divine things in solitude, is extolled. Both lives are commended by the Church.... Sharbel who represented anew the life, distinguished by the sanctity of the ancient hermits, kept his mind unperturbed... so that from the happiness of his soul would flow the cheerfulness of his countenance."

Brothers and Sisters in Christ, during this Year of Prayer, let us use this opportunity, in the same spirit that animated Pope Saint Paul VI at the end of the Second Vatican Council when he pointed to Saint Sharbel as a model of prayer and devotion, so that we may keep our "minds unperturbed" and thus from the "happiness of our soul" God will cause to "flow the cheerfulness of our countenance."

+ Gregory

PS: Please see the link below for some of the offerings of our new Saint Sharbel Spiritual Life Center on prayer and life of the holiness. <u>https://saintsharbelcenter.org/</u>

# 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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You are Cordially Invited To The Ordination of Subdeacon Adonis El-Asmar To

The Order of Deacons By The Imposition of Hands of The Most Reverend Gregory J. Mansour Bishop of The Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn

On

Saturday, May 11, 2024 @ 10:00 AM Our Lady of Lebanon Cathedral 113 Remsen Street, Brooklyn, New York

Luncheon to follow in Church Hall





# Sunday Readings قراءات الأحد

## Sixth Sunday of Lent: The Healing of the Blind Man

## Second Letter to the Corinthians 10: 1-7

I myself, Paul, appeal to you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ I who am humble when face to face with you, but bold towards you when I am away!

I ask that when I am present I need not show boldness by daring to oppose those who think we are acting according to human standards.

Indeed, we live as human beings, but we do not wage war according to human standards;

for the weapons of our warfare are not merely human, but they have divine power to destroy strongholds. We destroy arguments

and every proud obstacle raised up against the knowledge of God, and we take every thought captive to obey Christ.

We are ready to punish every disobedience when your obedience is complete.

Look at what is before your eyes. If you are confident that you belong to Christ, remind yourself of this, that just as you belong to Christ, so also do we.

## The Gospel according to Saint Mark10: 46-52

They came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!' Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, 'Son of David, have mercy on me!' Jesus stood still and said, 'Call him here.' And they called the blind man, saying to him, 'Take heart; get up, he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, 'What do you want me to do for you?' The blind man said to him, 'My teacher, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has made you well.' Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

# الأحد السادس من الصوم الكبير : أحد شفاء الأعمى

رسالة القديس بولس الثانية إلى أهل قورنتس 1:10-7 با إخوَتِي، أَنَا بُولُسُ نَفْسي أُنَاشِدُكُم بِوَدَاعَة المَسِيح وَحِلْمِهِ، أَنَا المُتَواضِعُ بَيْنَكُم عِنْدَمَا أَكُونُ حَاضِراً، والجَريءُ عَلَيْكُم عِنْدَما أَكُونُ غَائِبًا. وأَرْجُو أَلاَّ أُجْبَرَ عِنْدَ حُضُورِي أَنْ أَكُونُ عَائِبًا. بِالثَّقَةِ الَّتي لي بِكُم، والَّتي أُنُوي أَنْ أَكُونَ جَرينًا، عَلَى الَّذِينَ يَحْسَبُونَ أَنَّنا نَسْلُكُ كَأْنَاس جَسَدِيِين. أَجَل، إِنَّنا نَحْيَا في الْجَسَد، ولكِنَّنا لا نُحَارِبُ كَأْنَاس جَسَدِيِّين؛ لأَنَّ أَسْلِحَةَ جِهَادِنا لَيْسَتْ بَرْ تَفَعُ ضِدَّ مَعْرِفَةِ اللَّه، ونَأْسُرُ كُلَّ فِكْرِ لِطَاعَةِ يَرْ تَفَعُ ضِدَّ مَعْرِفَةِ اللَّه، ونَأْسُرُ كُلَّ فِكْر لِطَاعَةِ المَسِيح. ونَحْنُ مُسْتَعَدُّونَ أَنْ نُعَاقِبَ كُلَّ يَرْ تَفَعُ ضِداً مَعْرِفَةِ اللَّه، ونَأْسُرُ كُلَّ فِكْر لِطَاعَةِ يَرْ تَفَعُ ضِداً مَعْرِفَةِ اللَّه، ونَأْسُرُ كُلَّ فِكْر لِطَاعَةِ عُصْيَان، مَتى كَمَلَتْ طَاعَتُكُم. إِنَّنَا بَحَدَيُونَ عَلَى الْمَنْعَذُونَ أَنْ نُعَاقِبَ كُلَّ

إنجيل القديس مرقس 10:46-52 بَيْنَمَا يَسُوعُ خَارِجٌ مِنْ أَرِيحا، هُوَ وتَلامِيذُه وجَمْعٌ غَفِير، كَانَ بَرْطِيمَا، أَي ٱبْنُ طِيمَا، وهُوَ شَحَّاذُ أَعْمَى، جَالِسًا عَلَى جَانِبِ الطَّريق. فلَمَّا سَمِعَ أَنَّهُ يَسُوعُ النَّاصريّ، بَدَأَ يَصْرُخُ ويَقُول: »يَا يَسُوعُ أَبْنَ دَاوُدَ آَرْ حَمْنِي . «!فَاَنْتَهَرَهُ أَنَاسُ »يَا يَسُوعُ أَبْنَ دَاوُدَ آَرْ حَمْنِي . «!فَاَنْتَهَرَهُ أَنَاسُ يَثِيرُونَ لِيَسْكُت، إِلاَّ أَنَّهُ كَانَ يَزْ دَادُ صُرَاخًا: »يَا آَبْنَ دَاوُدَ آَرْ حَمْنِي . «!فوَقَفَ يَسُوعُ وقَال: يَأْدُعُوه! . «فَدَعَوا الأَعْمَى قَائِلِين لَهُ: »ثِقْ و وَنَبَ وجَاءَ إِلَى يَسُوع. فقَالَ لَهُ الأَعْمَى رِدَاءَهُ، و وَنَبَ وجَاءَ إِلَى يَسُوع. فقَالَ لَهُ يَسُوعَ دَهَان و أَنْ أَبْصر. «! قَانَ أَبْصر. «! عَادَ يُبْصِر. ورَاحَ يَتْبَعُ يَسُوعَ فِي الطَّرِيق.



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