



# Saint Ann Maronite Catholic Church

*Fourth Sunday of Great Lent  
Parable of the Prodigal Son*

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## MARONITE HISTORY

### Patriarch John Safrawi (1648-56)

Patriarch Safrawi also sought the help of Pope Alexander VII in having a Maronite, Abou-Naufel el-Khazen, named Vice-consul of France to Beyrouth. El-Khazen was of great help to the Maronite Church in the 17th century. By his influence with the Druze and Turkish emirs, he was able to give protection to the Christians in his province of Kesrawan. He put his credit at the disposal of the western missionaries, such as the Jesuits and the Capuchins, thus facilitating their establishment in Lebanon. El-Khazen subsequently became a French consul of Beyrouth in 1662. He was the first consul of Beyrouth whose jurisdiction had been separated by the king from Saida and Aleppo. The functions of the consul of France to Beyrouth were exercised for nearly a century by Abou-Naufel and his descendants. It was not a light advantage for the Maronite Patriarchate to have one of its subjects bear the title consul of France with all the rights and honors which the representatives of France in the Middle East enjoyed.

On the other hand, during this period we have reports from various missionaries and travelers about the desperate situation of the Maronites in different areas. In 1656 the Maronites of Aleppo were required by the Turks to pay a large sum of money which they could not afford, so their sacred vessels and church furnishings were seized. Moved by their sad situation and convinced that they were unjust victims, the French Consul Picquet solicited help in their favor from the Roman Congregation of the Propagation of the Faith. To the 300 ecus obtained from Rome, he added 200 from his own pocket. The Capuchin Father Justin of Tours tells us that in Aleppo, the Maronite religious led a life more angelic than human, and more admirable than imitable. Their lives were so austere that they astonished all the people, and even the Turks considered them saints.

At Saida, the Christians were so hard pressed by the Turks that some lost their faith. The Jesuit mission there taught catechism and preached. The city of Beyrouth had suffered much ruin. There were quite a few Maronites there, and they shared the Church with the Latins. A wall divided the Church in half. The Jesuits also had missions in Tripoli and Antoura in Kesrawan, and did apostolic work in all the neighboring villages.

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS & CONTACT INFORMATION

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MESSAGE FROM  
HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR

*Lent 2018*

"BECAUSE OF THE INCREASE OF  
INIQUITY, THE LOVE OF MANY WILL  
GROW COLD" (MT 24: 12)



BULLETIN MARCH 3 - 4 /2018

Liturgical Schedule & Intentions				Readers & Greeter	Readings	Feast day
<b>Sat</b>	03 Mar	4:30 PM	<i>For the donors of Catholic Extension</i>		E: 2 Tim 3:1-9 G: Mt 12:1-14	St. Thomas Aquinas, C
<b>Sun</b>	04 Mar	10:00 AM	<i>In loving memory of Laurice &amp; Michel Abou Dib, Nasiba &amp; Daoud Saliba, Jamileh &amp; Anis Saliba, Elias Rahal, Soad &amp; Abdallah Hannoush by David &amp; Dianna Hannoush &amp; Family</i>	Greeter: K. Rezey En: P. Thornton Ar: Diana Hannoush	E: 2 Cor 13:5-13 G: Lk 8:40-56	
<b>Thu</b>	08 Mar	12:00 PM	<i>No Liturgy</i>		E: 2 Cor 1:23-2:5 G: Mt 15:29-39	
<b>Fri</b>	09 Mar	6:30 PM	<i>Veneration &amp; Stations of the Cross</i>		E: 2 Cor 4:11-18 G: Lk 6:20-23	<b>The Forty Martyrs, M</b>

Please remember to submit your intentions for Divine Liturgies as early as possible.

FINANCIAL CORNER	
<b>Feb 24 &amp; 25 / 2018</b>	596.00
Fuel Collection	53.00
Snow Removal	8.00
Bulletin Income	100.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$757.00</b>

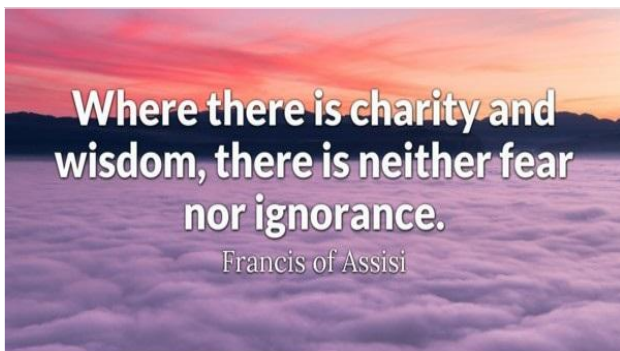
UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS/ Save the Date			
<b>Sun</b>	04 Mar	11:00 am	Religious Education
<b>Sat</b>	10 Mar	9:30 am – 12:00 Pm	Ladies retreat with the Sisters of the Maronite Servants of Christ the Light
<b>Sat</b>	10 Mar	9:30 am – 3:00 pm	Children retreat with the Sisters of the Maronite Servants of Christ the Light
<b>Sun</b>	11 Mar	10:00 am	Liturgy followed by breakfast with the Maronite Sisters
<b>Sun</b>	<b>18 Mar</b>	11:00 am	<b>Craft &amp; Candles Sale</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>25 Mar</b>	11:00 am	<b>Sweet Sale</b>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>11 Apr</b>	6:30 pm	<b>Parish Council</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>06 May</b>	10:00 am	<b>Diaconate Ordination &amp; St. Charbel Dedication</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>21 May</b>	10:00 am	<b>First holy Communion</b>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>16 June</b>		<b>Lebanese Food festival</b>

UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS	
<b>04 Mar</b>	Support for Assessment
<b>11 Mar</b>	Easter Flowers
<b>18 Mar</b>	Fuel and Heat
<b>25 Mar</b>	Support for Bishop's Appeal

Hospitality		
<b>Sun</b>	04 Mar	Available
<b>Sun</b>	11 Mar	Breakfast with the Maronite Sisters
<b>Sun</b>	18 Mar	Available
<b>Sun</b>	25 Mar	Available

If unable to show up on the day assigned, it is your responsibility to switch with someone else.

**It is your responsibility to clean up and remove the garbage**



*Thank you for your Donation!*



MEMORIALS for the month of March	
<b>Altar Bread, Wine &amp; Sanctuary Lamp</b>	
In memory of the deceased members of the Hannoush & Rahal Families by Elias & Georgette Hannoush & Family	
<b>Incense, Charcoal, &amp; Candles</b>	
In loving memory of Joseph Semaan by Elias & Georgette Hannoush & Family	
Customary offering is \$60 per month.	



*“ When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will realize that I AM.”*

**St. Athanasius**

## Points of Interest

**Religious Education:** As our children prepare for their First Communion, they are learning about the Sacraments. Reflecting on their Baptism & Chrismation, they realized that without a priest, there would be no Church. No priest, no Penance; no priest, no Eucharist and no First Communion. Throughout Lent, they will be praying for our 4 seminarians and raising awareness of their needs through small monetary sacrifices. At Easter they will send a check to Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Seminary, along with personal, hand written notes. Please see Carolyn Lalli if you would like to join the children in this effort of support. "No man is born a priest" - Pope Benedict XVI. Any gift you make will have a positive effect.

**Discernment Weekend:** Hearing God's call in a world where there is so much noise is never easy. Nonetheless, we know there are men in our parishes called to the priesthood. The Office of Vocations of the Eparchies of Our Lady of Lebanon and Saint Maron, will be holding a discernment weekend from **Friday April 13 to Sunday April 15 at the Maronite Seminary, in Washington DC.** If you know of someone who is interested, please contact Fr. Alaa.

**Bulletin Ads:** Thank you for supporting our bulletin ads and spreading the word of God. Annual renewal of these ads is from now until the end of February. For those who already have an ad / memorial, it's time to renew. And for those who are interested in placing a memorial, please contact Betty Karrat.

### Veneration & Stations of the Cross:

Please Join us every Friday at 6:30 pm, throughout Lent as we prayerfully reflect on the passion of Christ.

### Please clean the Hall before leaving:

**If you would like to offer coffee hour on a Sunday please keep in mind that *It is your responsibility to clean up and remove the garbage. We deeply thank you for your generosity and cooperation.***

+ **BAPTISM & CHRISMATION:** Preparation is required. We encourage this to begin at least one month before the Baptism.

+ **MARRIAGES:** Arrangements six (6) months in advance.

+ **NEW PARISHIONERS:** Welcome to our parish family. May you find spiritual nourishment among our community. Please be sure to register with our parish by calling the Parish House.

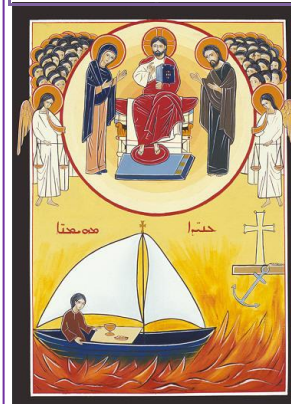
+ **HOSPITAL VISITS, SICK CALLS & SHUT-INS:** If someone is hospitalized, sick, in rest homes or unable to leave home, please let us know by calling Father Alaa Issa at (561) 273-5867.

+ **CONFESSIONS:** By appointment.

+ **DEVOTIONS:** Rosary on every Sunday at 9:00 AM before the Divine Liturgy.

## In Loving Memory of Abraham & Mary (Joseph) NACKLEY & daughters Mary, Catherine, Rose, Lena & Edith

In Memory of the deceased members of The RICE & HEALY Families	In Memory of Michael-David HANNOUSH by his grandparents, Elias & Georgette
In Memory of the deceased members of the REZEY & NACKLEY, SEE & CLOUGH Families	In Loving Memory of Our parents Claramae & Joseph KARAM requested by the KARAM Family
In Loving Memory of Rose, Fr. Paul, Mike, Joe & Peter KORKEMAZ	In Memory of the deceased members of The TALARICO & DEEP Families
In Loving Memory of Dominic & Edith FARINA requested by their Family	In Memory of the deceased members of the TAMER & THORNTON Families
In Loving Memory of Joseph & Helen YAMIN JABOUR requested by Joe & Kathy JABOUR	In Loving Memory of James TRAA Requested by his wife Beverly Traa and the Family
In Loving Memory of Walter & Mary GOLDEN & the deceased members of the VOLKOMER & GOLDEN Families	<b>Pray for an End to ABORTION</b>



O God, May the dead who rest in your hope enter into the happiness of your saints. With them may we rejoice eternally in your sight and give you glory and honor, now and forever.

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