



# Saint Ann Maronite Catholic Church

*Sixth Sunday of Great Lent  
Healing of the Blind Man*

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## MARONITE HISTORY

### Patriarch George Bseb'el (1657-1670)

All the Maronite prelates lead a very regular and austere life; they live poorly and take only what the earth gives them by the work of their hands. They do not put on the display of the prelates of Europe. Their ecclesiastical regalia is also poor. They are adorned with virtues and not with rich clothes, embroidery, gold or silver. They have only crosses of wood, but they are bishops of gold. All the Christians have an infinite respect for them and a blind obedience to all their commands. They kiss the hands of archbishops, bishops and priests, and the feet of the Patriarch. They respect them as fathers and superiors, and their manner of living is a good example for them as for us who, feeling emancipated, try to live opposite to what we should.

The following day the Patriarch celebrated a pontifical Mass. He was assisted by four bishops, two on each side of the altar. He had a master of ceremonies, a deacon, a subdeacon, two acolytes, and many priests with different functions. . . . After the Mass ended, we received the blessing of the Patriarch, and we went to await him in the large room. He came after finishing his prayers. We thanked him and he responded with unimaginable goodness, inviting us to stay at Qannoubin as long as we wished, and to see what was in the country. We kissed his hand, and he gave us his blessing. He left for the security of his secret cave.

After a great dinner, we were taken by some of the venerable fathers to see the monastery and its environs. The church is beautiful and large, cut in the rock. In the sacristy there is a large tableau of King Louis XIV. At supper, the Patriarch spoke to us of him and assured us that they regarded the king as their most powerful and zealous protector, and that they offer special prayers for him every day at Mass and in their Office.

We went to the bottom of the Valley of Saints, where we saw an infinite number of caves, which are the residence of the holy anchorites whose lives would be a source of admiration for all generations to come. We passed a good part of the day in this frightful and very agreeable solitude, and then we left with some regret, and we went up to Qannoubin in the evening in the proper cave, where we found the mats and covers we had brought with us.

**BULLETIN MARCH 17 - 18 /2018**

Liturgical Schedule & Intentions				Readers & Greeter	Readings	Feast day
<b>Sat</b>	17 Mar	4:30 PM	<i>For the donors of Catholic Extension</i>		E: Col 3:23-4:7 G: Mk 7:31-37	<b>St. Patrick, C</b>
<b>Sun</b>	18 Mar	10:00 AM	<i>In loving memory of Wadad Frangie - 40 days mass - by the Daughters of St. Ann</i>	Greeter: P. Thornton En: Bob Stolar Ar: G. Hannoush	E: 2 Cor 10:1-7 G: Mk 10:46-52	St. Cyril of Jerusalem, C
<b>Thu</b>	22 Mar	12:00 PM	<i>No Liturgy</i>		E: Tit 2:1-8 G: Lk 18:31-34	
<b>Fri</b>	23 Mar	6:30 PM	<i>Veneration &amp; Stations of the Cross</i>		E: 2 Thes 3:6-18 G: Lk 4:1-13	St. Rafka, C

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

<b>FINANCIAL CORNER</b>	
<b>Mar 10 &amp; 11 / 2018</b>	968.00
<i>Easter Flowers</i>	161.00
<i>Bishop's Appeal</i>	40.00
<i>Pancake Breakfast</i>	165.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,334.00</b>

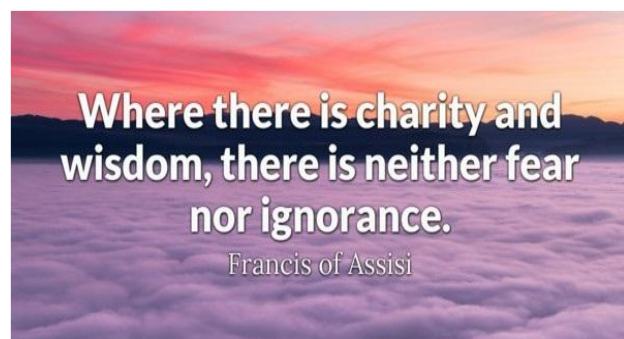
<b>UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS/ Save the Date</b>			
<b>Sun</b>	<b>18 Mar</b>	11:00 am	<b>Craft &amp; Candles Sale</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>25 Mar</b>	11:00 am	<b>Sweet Sale</b>
<b>Tue</b>	<b>3 Apr</b>	6:30 pm	<b>Financial Committee</b>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>11 Apr</b>	6:30 pm	<b>Parish Council</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>06 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>UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS</b>	
<b>18 Mar</b>	Fuel and Heat
<b>25 Mar</b>	Support for Bishop's Appeal
<b>01 Apr</b>	Easter Offering
<b>08 Apr</b>	Support for Assessment

<b>Hospitality</b>		
<b>Sun</b>	18 Mar	<i>Daughters of St. Ann</i>
<b>Sun</b>	25 Mar	<i>Sweet Sale</i>
<b>Sun</b>	01 Apr	<i>Easter</i>
<b>Sun</b>	08 Apr	<i>Available</i>

*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!*

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<b>MEMORIALS for the month of March</b>	
<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	
<b>Customary offering is \$60 per month.</b>	



*"Prayer is nothing else than being on terms of friendship with God.*

***St. Teresa of Avila***

## 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 Fr. Alaa 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.

### 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.***

**Maronite Sisters:** Our heartfelt gratitude to Sister Marla and the Maronite Servants of Christ the Light for enriching our spiritual lives through a Lenten retreat. Please remember them in your prayers. Congratulations to Sr. Natalie who will take her final vows on March 19. May our Lord continue to bless her on this journey.

**+ 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.

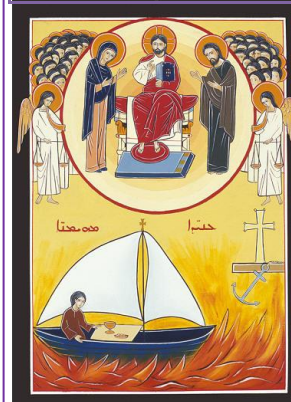
**+ HOSPITAL VISITS, SICK CALLS & SHUT-INS:** If someone is hospitalized, sick, in rest homes or unable to leave home, please let us know by calling Father Alaa Issa at (561) 273-5867.

**+ 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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