



Saint Ann Maronite Catholic Church

Fifth Sunday of Great Lent Healing of the Paralytic

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MARONITE HISTORY

Patriarch George Bseb'el (1657-1670)

Patriarch George Bseb'el was learned in many oriental languages and canon law. During his reign, the Maronites underwent incessant trials. The situation was so dire that many Maronites left the mountain, and the Patriarch himself was often reduced to hiding in grottos. The Patriarch reported the situation to King Louis XIV of France, who sent the Patriarch a gift of 500 ecus and had his ambassador in Constantinople seek to protect the rights of the Christians of Lebanon. In 1660 the Chevalier of Arvieux visited the Maronite territory and wrote lengthy descriptions of his travels. Of special interest is his narrative of his visit to Qannoubin and we cite it here at length for the insights it provides regarding Maronite life at this time. Qannoubin or Coenobium or monastery in Latin, is the patriarchal monastery where the Patriarch resides . . . We were received by the bishops and religious. . . [who] led us into a large room, gave us refreshments, and helped our valets discharge their duties and fed them. Other brothers went to announce our arrival to the Patriarch. He was hidden in a grotto far away, very secret, of difficult access and well covered, where he does not go out during the day but only at night. This is because the inhabitants of these mountains were at war with the pacha of Tripoli, who had asked for a large sum of money which they had judged was not proper to give him. The pacha would often send the Turks to take the Patriarch and lead him to him, not doubting that when he would have him in his hands, all the Maronites would sell everything to ransom him from prison.

The Patriarch arrived a half hour after he was informed. We kissed his hand in respect, he embraced us with tenderness and was very complimentary. I spoke for the whole troop and did so in Arabic which pleased him very much. After these ceremonies, he led us to the church where the Hail Mary was chanted followed by litanies to the Blessed Virgin in Syriac sung in the same tone as is sung in Latin in our churches.

Leaving the church, the Patriarch took us to a large room where supper had been prepared. The Patriarch, bishops and priests did not cease to encourage us to eat and drink well. . . . [they] did not show us example; on the contrary they were very sober. Some drank only water. This grand meal was only to extend us hospitality. Their life was ordinarily extremely frugal. They fast often and very austere; they work very hard and rise at night to chant the Office with excellent melodies and perfect harmony. After giving thanks, the Patriarch had me sit with him and spend nearly two hours in conversation. We were struck by the vivacity and force of his spirit, as well as that of the bishops and priests. Afterwards, we were taken each to his proper cave, where we found the mats and covers we had brought with us.

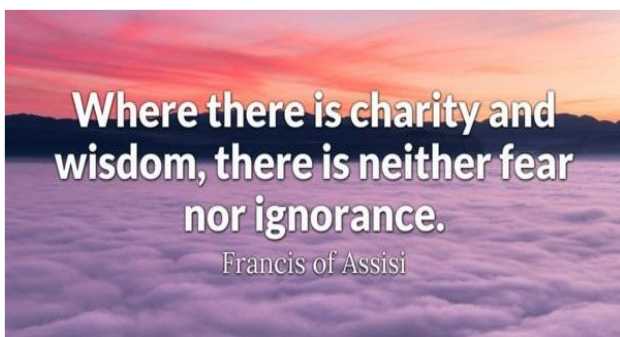


Liturgical Schedule & Intentions				Readers & Greeter	Readings	Feast day
Sat	10 Mar	4:30 PM	For the donors of Catholic Extension		E: 2 Tim 4:9-19 G: Mk 3:1-12	
Sun	11 Mar	10:00 AM	For Religious Vocations	Greeter: Carolyn Lalli En: George Boutros Ar: Mirvatte Hannoush	E: 1 Tim 5:24-6:5 G: Mk 2: 1-12	
Thu	15 Mar	12:00 PM	No Liturgy		E: 2 Tim 1:6-14 G: Mk 4:33-41	
Fri	16 Mar	6:30 PM	Veneration & Stations of the Cross		E: Phil 2:12-19 G: Lk 4:31-44	1 st Council of Constantinople (381)

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

FINANCIAL CORNER	
Mar 3 & 4 / 2018	1496.00
Assessment	161.00
Easter Flowers	40.00
Bulletin Income	150.00
Bishop's Appeal	65.00
Holy Land	10.00
Candle Box	126.00
Funeral	325.00
TOTAL	\$2,373.00

UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS	
11 Mar	Easter Flowers
18 Mar	Fuel and Heat
25 Mar	Support for Bishop's Appeal
01 Apr	Easter Offering



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"God loves each of us as if there were only one of us."

St. Augustine

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

Hospitality		
Sun	11 Mar	Breakfast with the Maronite Sisters
Sun	18 Mar	Available
Sun	25 Mar	Sweet Sale
Sun	01 Apr	Easter

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

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



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.*

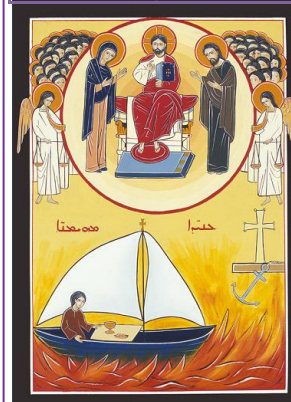


help Lebanon maintain demographic and cultural diversity. Contact one of Project Roots' representatives today and begin your registration process. You can even begin the process on the following webpage: www.projectroots.net/requests.html or on the Mobile APP (www.clf-us.org). If you are already registered, **please refer another family to register...** and help spread the word about this free service. You will be making a difference!

- + **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	Pray for an End to ABORTION



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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