

Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

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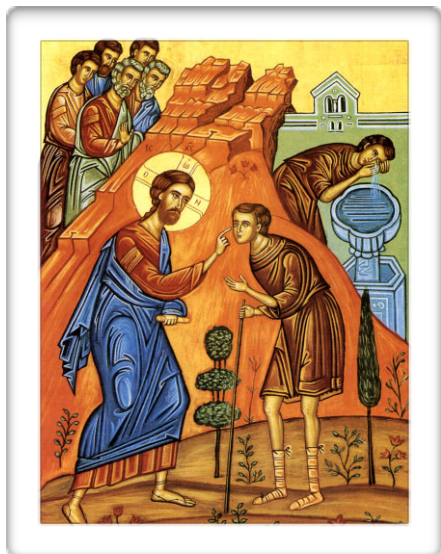
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April 2, 2017

Healing of the Blind Man



Next Sunday is Hosanna Sunday

Phil 1:1-13 (Greeting/Thanksgiving)

Jn 12:12-22 (The Entry into Jerusalem/The Coming of Jesus' Hour)

Your Gifts To God

Offering Report for March 19th-26th

Online.....\$855.00
Collection.....\$ 1,005.00
Weekly Total.....\$1,860.00

YTD Total.....\$20,785.00

YTD Goal.....\$23,998.00

YTD Difference.....-\$3,213.00

Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, April 2nd, 10:30 am

Available Intention

Monday, April 3rd

Available Intention

Tuesday, April 4th

Available Intention

Wednesday, April 5th

Available Intention

Thursday, April 6th

Available Intention

Friday, April 7th

Available Intention

Saturday, April 8th

Available Intention

Sunday, April 9th

Available Intention

Adoration/Exposition every Sunday at 9:00 am before the morning Liturgy.

Confession every Sunday at 9:15 am before the morning Liturgy.

Also join us to pray the Rosary on Sundays at 10:00 am before the Liturgy begins.

Altar Sponsorship

Sunday, April 2nd

Available

Sunday, April 9th

Available

Parish Events

LENTEN

Stations of the Cross (Lead by the Deacons) —
7pm with communion service presided by the
Deacons

Fridays During Lent:

March: 31

April: 7

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY (MYA)

Ages 18-35

APRIL:

8th: Basketball Night — Teaming up w/Crossroads and
Maronteens Youth at THPRD Athletic Center 5-6pm and
dinner at Sweet Tomatoes afterwards* (**MUST RSVP**)

9th: Service on Palm Sunday (Shaneeni) — Serve brunch at
St. Sharbel 8:30-2pm (Must stay until cleanup is
complete)...followed by a round of the murder mystery
board game Clue in the church basement.

22nd: Taco Night At Claude and Gennifer's home and
discussion of *Answering the Questions of Jesus* chapters
8-9*

MAY:

6th: Dinner at Bethany Public House and game night at
Bethany Starbuck's across the street* (**MUST RSVP**)

27th: BBQ and discussion of *Answering the Questions of
Jesus* Chapters 10-11*, followed by late night basketball
at Claude and Gennifer's.

JUNE:

10th: Day hiking trip TBA and discussion of final chapter of
*Answering the Questions of Jesus** (**MUST RSVP**)

*Contact Claude or Gennifer Karam at **971-205-8076** or
jmjkaram3@gmail.com to **RSVP**, get location, get PDF of
chapters emailed to you, or learn about the MYA.

**JOIN US FOR
SPIRITUAL, SOCIAL, AND SERVICE EVENTS**

Holy Week

April 9

Palm Sunday

Hosanna Sunday (Shaneenee) — 10:30am
Procession to follow with distribution of Palms.
Confessions will be heard before Mass only
****Breakfast and Egg Hunt after Mass.****

April 12

Wednesday

Rite of the Lamp, (Mass.Qurbono) — 7pm
*Confessions will be heard before/after the Holy
Mysteries*

April 13

Holy Thursday

Institution of Eucharist (Mass Qurbono) — 7pm
Washing of the Apostles Feet
*Confessions will be heard before/after the
Holy Mysteries*

April 14

Great Friday

**Signing of the Chalice — Pre-Sanctified
Liturgy — 10:30am**
Confessions available before or after by request

Burial Procession (Zeeyah) — No Eucharist — 7pm
Commemoration of the Burial of our Lord
No Confessions available in the evening

April 15

Saturday of Holy Week

Morning Service 10:30am
Rite of Forgiveness (General Absolution)
No individual Confessions available

Night Vigil of Easter:
**Glorious Resurrection of Our Lord (Mass/
Qurbono) — 9pm**
Followed by Rite of Peace and Procession
No individual Confessions available

April 16

Easter Sunday

**Sunday of the Glorious Resurrection of
Our Lord — 10:30am**
No Procession, Mass only.

ABOUNA'S CORNER

Healing of the Blind Man

In Mark's Gospel, which we have this Sunday, we encounter Jesus as the one who restores our vision and grants us his new light and opens our eyes. But the Church reminds her children that to receive this light of Christ we need to boldly and in faith ask for it – as we see in the example of Bartimaeus the Blind Man. Like the woman who touched Jesus' tassel in faith and with courage, and was healed, so is the blind man, this Sunday, healed from his blindness. He then follows Jesus on his way.

Clearly the theme of coming into the Light here is symbolic for understanding who is Jesus; what he is about, and how to follow him. Thus, the image of the Light comes to symbolize for us Christ Jesus himself. As in a mosaic it is combined with other Christ-centered spiritual themes from the New Testament fused together: knowing Jesus as the Christ; accepting his message (the Good News); entering the life of the Kingdom; living in the light of Christ's resurrection. Alongside these Gospel themes other spiritual themes are emphasized by the various gospels: The courage to ask so that we may receive (as in Mark's Gospel); The humility to accept one's blindness so that one may come to ask to be healed (as in John's Gospel, Ch. 9); Conversion by the Light (as in the conversion of St. Paul in Luke-Acts 9:3).

All these are graces that we need to ask for ourselves – and for each other – in prayer during this passage of Lent: that we too may come to know Christ Jesus better; that we may follow him more dearly in humility and with true conversion of heart; and that we may come to enter into the glorious light of his resurrection: the light of Easter.

Note about upcoming liturgies:

Great Lent is flying past us and we are in the homestretch. On Monday, the daily liturgy cycle begins Hosanna Week and next Sunday we celebrate Shaneenee Sunday. Glorious Easter will be upon us before we know it!

The Holy Week Schedule is presented here in the bulletin and I urge you to join us for the various rites of Holy Week. The Maronite Church is blessed to have such beautiful and unique liturgies to mark these holy days. It is such a privilege to be able to celebrate these liturgies with you all.

Please know you are in my prayers and liturgies as we continue our Lenten journey.
Have a great weekend!

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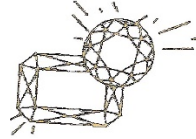
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