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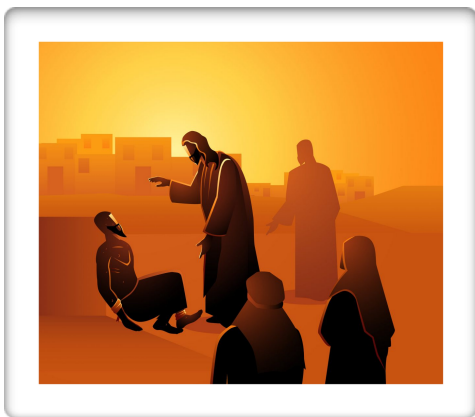
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February 18, 2024

Healing of the Leper



Next Sunday

Healing of the Hemorrhaging Woman

2 Cor 7:4-11 (Call to Holiness/Paul's Joy in Macedonia)

Lk 8:40-56 (Jairus's Daughter and the Woman with a Hemorrhage)

Your Gifts To God

Offering Report for February 4th - 10th

Online.....	\$720.20
Collection.....	\$824.00
Weekly Total.....	\$1,544.20
YTD Total.....	\$7093.40
YTD Goal.....	\$13,848.00
YTD Difference.....	-\$6,754.60

Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, February 18th, 11:00am

David Myers

Monday, February 19th

Available

Tuesday, February 20th

Available

Wednesday, February 21st

Available

Thursday, February 22nd

Available

Friday, February 23rd

Available

Saturday, February 24th

Available

Sunday, February 25th

Available

Adoration/Exposition every Sunday at 10:00 am before the morning Liturgy.

Confession every Sunday 10:35-10:50am before the morning Liturgy.

Also join us to pray the Rosary on Sundays at 10:30 am before the Liturgy begins.

Altar Sponsorship

Sunday, February 18th

Redmond Family

Sunday, February 25th

Available

Parish Council

Chair: Lydia Massaad

Charlie Ashou

Eva Bekahi

Ben El Hajj

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+Claude Karam

Michael Layoun

+Doug Raab

+Thaddeus Rask

Nadia Redmond

Peter Rizk

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Gibran Zogbi

+Finance Committee

H O L Y W E E K

March 24: Palm Sunday

Hosanna Sunday (Shaneene) — 11:00am

Procession to follow with the distribution of Palms.

*Confessions will be heard **before** Mass only*

Breakfast and Egg Hunt after Mass

March 28: Holy Thursday

Institution of the Eucharist (Mass/Qurbono) — 7pm

Washing of the Apostles Feet

Confessions will be heard before/after the Holy Mysteries

March 29: Great Friday

Signing of the Chalice — Pre-Sanctified Liturgy — 11am

Confessions available before of after by request

Burial Procession (Zeeyah) — No Eucharist — 7pm

Commemoration of the Burial of our Lord

No confessions available in the evening

March 30: Saturday of Holy Week

Morning Service — 11am

Rite of Forgiveness (General Absolution)

No individual confessions available

Night of Vigil Easter

Glorious Resurrection of Our Lord (Mass/Qurbono) — 9pm

Followed by Rite of Peace and Procession

No individual confessions available

March 31: Easter Sunday

Sunday of the Glorious Resurrection of Our Lord — 11am

No Procession, Mass



*The National Apostolate of Maronites (NAM)
Presents*

The 32nd Annual Spring Raffle - 2022

Only 450 Tickets are printed

Donation: \$100 per ticket

This just may be the year your lucky number is chosen!!!!

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1st \$10,000.00

2nd \$3,000.00

3rd \$2,000.00

4th \$1,500.00

5th \$1,000.00

This year's drawing will be held on **April 14, 2024** at Our Lady of Lebanon Church, Washington, D.C.;

Thank you for your support in previous years for this raffle fund-raiser, as it is an important part of the NAM annual budget. We are counting on your generosity once again, to support our community projects.

To purchase a personal ticket(s), your parish NAM Delegates have 4 tickets to sell, please contact Nadia Redmond at 503-671-0440 or email: n.redmond@comcast.net

All requests and payments must be received by **March 17, 2024**.

www.namnews.org

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays During Lent

@7:00PM

Questions to Gibran or Ben

THANK YOU For Your Support! MYO Retreat Testimonials

"I had an amazing time at the MYO Northwest 2024 Regional Retreat. From the talks to the people, to the food, and music, everything was incredible!. Abouna Chris and Abouna Edmons spoke beautifully about the Bible and really helped me understand more about God speaking to his people. I thought the breakout groups were a really smart way to get the youth to talk about and really understand on a deeper level what they just heard in the talks. Adoration and Mass was beautiful and it was so amazing to pray with so many people my age. Thank you to everyone who helped make this trip possible...we are very grateful."
-Terese Allam

"I loved how all of the kids that I spoke with really wanted to be there and are active in there parishes. I also learned so much more about my faith and my roots. I enjoyed being around so many people from Lebanon and Syria. The talks, adoration and mass have really helped deepen my Maronite Faith. I can't wait to go again."
-Anthony Allam

"MYO was a life-changing experience for us, we cannot sugarcoat it. It's ability to spread hope is the forefront of this priceless event. Before the first talk, Abouna mentioned his first goal was for it to be fun, and he was right! We were met with icebreakers and socialized with Maronite Lebanese and Syrians our age. We spoke Arabic together, laughed together, and set up our own Dabke's more than once. But MYO did more than this. They used fun as a gateway to Faith with the most powerful Adoration/Confession experience that we could hope to attend. We never enjoyed reading the Bible. But after this event, we read it at least twice a day and love it. A packed schedule kept us busy and excited, and we would immediately recommend this trip to anyone. So thank you to all who supported this spiritually and financially. We cannot express our gratitude enough for the strength, Faith, and friends that it granted."
-Rita and Maria Zogbi

Parish Programs

Wanted ONE Holy Hour per Week!



Contact Nadia Redmond
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More info at:

<https://sevensistersapostolate.org/>

MYO EVENTS

Friday, February 16th

Friday, March 8th

@5:45pm

MYO Meeting in the basement for meatless meal, games, and Praise and Worship music before Stations of the Cross.

All Youth ages 13-18 are welcome!

PRAY THE ROSARY



EVERY SUNDAY BEFORE MASS WE PRAY THE ROSARY AT 10:30AM.

PLEASE JOIN US IN PERSON OR WITHIN YOUR OWN FAMILY TO PRAY THE ROSARY TOGETHER.

SUNDAYS 10:30AM

SAINT SHARBEL

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YOUTH AGES 12-17

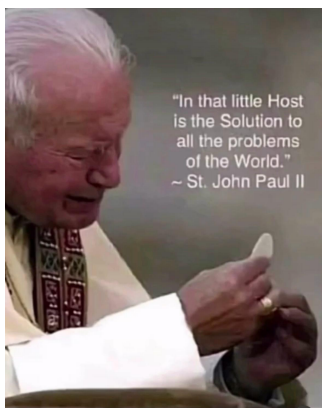
FEBRUARY 18
MARCH 10
APRIL 14
MAY 5

"CEDARS OF SAINT SHARBEL"
Youth Catechesis



Maronite Young Adults (MYA)

MYA is a local chapter of a national Maronite organization for single and married men and women ages 19+



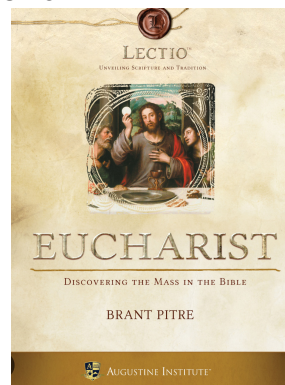
NEXT MEETING:

February 25

Watch the first video in the series and be prepared to discuss at the meeting



For more info on the MYA, contact Claude@trazzafoods.com



Religious Education

To ALL Families with children between Ages 6-11

For Information about family catechesis and sacrament preparation

Contact Nadia Redmond, Coordinator of Religious Education, n.redmond@comcast.net

Please continue to pray for our parish and ministries.



Reflection

Going to the doctor's office can always be a bit nerve wrecking whether because of the scrutiny of being examined, the possibility of getting injections or, worse, the need to have surgery. Sometimes a physician must even perform very painful procedures, like pull teeth or remove an organ. But, ultimately, we go to the physician, not for the pain, but in spite of it because we place our hope in him to make us better – even if that means feeling worse in the short run. These next few weeks of Lent we commemorate the different healing miracles of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Divine Physician. In the entrance to Lent, Cana Sunday, we witnessed that Jesus is truly the Creator of all things, demonstrated by His power to command even water to become wine, and so He can likewise easily make the sick well.

So often in the Syriac tradition do we hear Christ called a physician, such as in one of the *Hoosoye* for this Sunday of the Leper: "Heavenly Physician Who meekly appeared in the land of beings below to heal the sicknesses and blemishes of earthly men..." Christ is the Physician who has come down from heaven, lower Himself to be mistaken for a lowly servant even though He is God, to heal us from our wounds. But those who have faith in God see Him by the light of faith – that is why the leper in today's gospel boldly calls out to Him to heal him with confidence, saying, "If you are willing, you can make me clean" (Mark 1:40). Christ responds to the man, being moved to mercy, simply with "I will. Be clean!" (Mark 1:41).

How rich the man's faith to call out to Christ with such boldness, but how can he now repay Christ? Who could possibly pay a physician of such skill? The answer is we cannot and we need not for Christ's medicine and motivation are one in the same. As our office beautifully puts it, He is "the Heavenly Physician Whose mercy sent Him to those lost in sin to heal their illnesses by the medicine of His compassion..." It is His love for humanity that moves Him to come to us, reveal His divinity and heal us – not due to our merits, but due to His incomprehensible goodness. Over the next few weeks, we will see again and again the sick call out and our Lord heal them – whether they are leprous, blind, paralytic, hemorrhaging, possessed or even dead. But Christ is not only the Creator and Physician of the body but also the soul. He revealed to us that He is the Physician to our souls by the healing of bodies as an outward sign. Indeed, the lesson we should learn from each of those healed in the Gospel is that someone calls out to Christ to hear them and have mercy. Just as in today's gospel, it says Jesus "*etraham 'alaw*" or "had mercy upon him," that is the leper. The leper called and the Lord heard him. Each Sunday before the readings during the *Qadishat* we call out *etraham alain* – have mercy on us! When we call out to Christ, Who is God, almighty and immortal, let us cry out "have mercy on us" in the same faith of the leper who called and was healed of all his illness. The leper knew he called to the almighty and immortal God Whom he could not repay, but instead had absolute trust in His love of humanity. When we call out "have mercy on us," let it not be by sheer memorization of words but with the conviction of the leper who called out with faith and was saved from his sickness that decayed his body. We can have ever the more trust because, unlike the leper, we have the example of all these previous healings in the Gospel as proof that Christ is truly the Divine Physician Who has come to take away the illness that has taken root in us – worst of all, sin. Let us implore our Lord Jesus Christ, the Divine Physician, Who heals in the abundance of His goodness to have mercy on us and heal us now for the sake of His love of humanity:

O Good and Kind Lord, in Your goodness You healed the leper who approached You. In Your compassion and Your abundant mercy heal our bodies and souls, we who are sinners and Your servants who have become leprous with sin and by the abundance of our transgressions. Purify us in Your mercy and with Your hyssop wash Your worshippers, now and at all times, forever. Amen.

(Trans. from the Evening Prayer of the Sunday of the Leper)

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