

St. Michael the Archangel Maronite Catholic Church

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HEALING OF THE BLIND MAN



CLERGY

Fr. Paul Damien,
Pastor

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

LITURGY / MASS:

Tues - Fri: 9:00 am

Saturday: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 10:30 AM

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Bartimaeus the Blind Mark 10:46-52

On the road that leads to Jerusalem, Jesus walks ahead of His disciples. They follow Him with trepidation, blinder than ever. They are unable to understand that the Son of Man must suffer and die, although it would be enough to follow Him resolutely to discover, in the depths of His abasement, who He is: the Son of God.

Mark, in relating the episode of the healing of blind Bartimaeus, sees beyond the circle of the Twelve to the whole Christian community which is also called to follow Jesus on the way of the passion, but is reluctant to do so. Paradoxically the blindness of this beggar, seated at the side of the road, does not prevent him from perceiving who Jesus is much better than the crowd does. He expresses his conviction by his repeated cries, by the leap of faith that makes him reject every support and hurry towards the one who calls him and is going to heal him. A miracle of the keen discernment of faith: not only does it save, but it also involves a man in the dynamism of conversion. No sooner cured than Bartimaeus, image of the faithful community and type of the perfect disciple, gets ready to follow Jesus on the way. Symbol of "those who dwelt in the darkness and in the shadow of death" (Lk 1:79), Bartimaeus thus becomes the model of those who cry out, who pray to be delivered from their blindness, in order to be able to get up and walk "There is a deliverer for them; I will make them see" (Pascal). To see love coming under the sign of the cross. To see the gentle hands of God gathering up so many tears and incomprehensible deaths. To see the face of God rising, along with justice, over the horizon of the poor. To see the resurrection already at work in so many lives that have been renewed in the Church and in the world. Will we dare, with the help of the Son of David, to join the procession of believers, of prayers, of seers? "Rabbuni, let me see!"

our Maronite Church received joyful news. His Holiness Pope Francis has authorized the Dicastery for the Causes of Saints to promulgate the decree regarding the miracle attributed to the intercession of the Venerable Servant of God Estephan El Douaihy, Patriarch of Antioch of the Maronite Church (1670-1704). This decree will pave the way to his beatification which will be held in Lebanon some time in the upcoming months.



Through his intercession, may our loving God shower His choicest blessings upon our Maronite Church in Lebanon and the world.

"Healing of the Blind Man"

Saturday Mar 16-5:00 PM: (RIP) Thomas Nguyen BO by the Shermans

Sunday Mar 17- 10:30 AM: George Jabbour (birthday remembrance) by family

Tuesday	Mar 19	9:00 am	St. Joseph, the Spouse of Mary, C	- Joseph Joseph Sr. by Linda Joseph (Fr. Paul) - Answered prayers by MJ (Fr. Jack)
Wednesday	Mar 20	9:00 am	St. Photina the Samaritan Woman, C	Kim Ngan Nguyen intentions by Thanh & Han Vo
Thursday	Mar 21	9:00 am	St. Synesius, Bhishop of Ptolmais, C	For Maria My Huong (birthday) by the Shermans
Friday	Mar 22	9:00 Am	St. Sergius Paulus, C	Hai & Huy's birthday by Thanh & Han Vo

"Hosanna Sundsay (Palm Sunday)"

Saturday Mar 23-5:00 PM: for Homebound and those on our prayer chain by MJ

Sunday Mar 24- 10:30 AM: CHILDREN OF THE PARISH by Fr Paul

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Sign up today, at the church entrance for a Holy Hour!



CATHOLIC SOCIAL MINISTRIES

Place your donation of Peanut butter & jelly in the basket next to the Confessional.

FEB. Donations: 153 lbs.

READERS

3/16	Rick Criste	3/17	Meredith Blalock
3/23	MJ Hahn	3/24	Travis Blalock
3/30	Lynn Vaughan	3/31	Chris Cooper
4/6	Christian Lupo	4/7	Ray Miller

To be listed as Reader, please text Kim Phelan @ 352-317-8529 or email consecrated2021@gmail.com or the church office

SCRIPTURE

Healing of

the Blind Man

2 Cor 10:1-7/Mk 10:46-52

Hosanna Sunday (Palm Sunday)

Phil 1:1-13/Jn 12:12-22

The Glorious Resurrection

1 Cor 15:12-26/Mk 16:1-8



GIFTS OF THANKSGIVING

Offer the Incense, Candles and Wine for one month in memory/honor of someone for a \$25 donation.

March 2024
In remembrance of
SAM ZAHRAN

By Lucy Zahran

Thank You



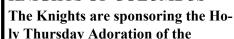
Collection	ТВА
candles	ТВА
Bishop's Appeal (to date)	ТВА
Easter Lilies	ТВА

ONLINE GIVING



PRAYER CHAIN Please contact Lucy Zahran or call church office to join the prayer chain or with **prayer** requests

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS **FUNDRAISER:** KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Blessed Sacrament. 28 March 2024-8:00 PM to 29 March 2024-7:00 AM. There is a sign-up cheet at the Church entrance or use the link below to register for one hour. A Knight will be present each hour throughout the night as Honor Guard to the **Blessed Sacrament.** https://

stmaroncouncil12640.weebly.com/holy-thursdayadoration.html

FROM THE LADIES GUILD

Our next meeting is on 14 April at Noon.

Our focus in March, other than spiritual preparation for Easter Liturgies, is sorting and pricing items for our Good Stuff Sale. Please contact MJ Hahn to assist.

The Apostolate is calling for five more willing to Pray for 1 hour, 1 day a week for Bishop Gregory. Contact sferry84@verizon.net for details.

2nd Collection:

Lent February 12-March 31: **Eparchial Charities Appeal** \$ 4500.00

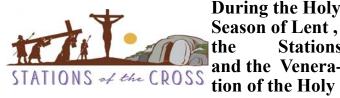
VOCATION CHALICE

3/16: Volunteer 3/17: **Betty Gurney** 3/23: Volunteer

3/24: **Chris Cooper**



If your family would like to volunteer to pray for Vocations to Religious Life, please text or email Kimberly P. @ (352)317-8529 or consecrated2021@gmail.com



During the Holy Season of Lent, **Stations** and the Venera-

Cross will take place on Fridays at 6:30 pm. The service will be followed by a meager meal in the social hall. Kindly use the signup sheet provided in the church vestibule in case you want to bring food with you for the meal.

> - Please do not read the bulletin in the church.

-No walking back and forth during Scripture & Gospel Readings, during the Consecration & Invocation of the Holy Spirit. Wait at the entrance until done then go back to your seat.

- crossing of legs is not allowed. This is not a prayerful position. Seated, standing and kneeling are the prayer positions.
- the Sign of Peace is not a kiss on the mouth . It comes from the Altar and is shared by closed hands among people. The kiss of Peace given on the cheeks is not recommended in our tradition.



We need to set a good example for our children and our guests. Thank You.

GRILLED GINGER

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