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HEALING OF THE HEMORRHAGING WOMAN

CLERGY

Fr. Paul Damien, Pastor

Fr. Jack Morrison (retired)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday , Thursday, Friday

10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

LITURGY / Mass :

Saturday: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 10:30 AM

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SEEKING JESUS WITH FAITH

Similar to the leper in last week's Gospel, the hemorrhaging woman represents a marginal figure, restricted from going out in public, attending temple or public events.

She had suffered hemorrhages for twelve years. She is nameless and yet she has courage and audacity. She is the one who shows the greatest understanding of who Jesus really is and what it means to have faith.

When she hears about Jesus she goes to find him and when she does, touches the tassel of his garment.

What happens next defies the expectations of all those around her. When Jesus notices that he has been touched, he does not chastise her. Instead, he lets her know that she is known to him. She is good. She is loved.

We are about to begin the third week in our Lenten journey and it is precisely this encounter with Jesus we seek. This, in fact, reminds us and convinces us of our identity as sons and daughters of a loving God who gave his whole self to us and is calling us to want more.

In many ways we are like the hemorrhaging woman: as individuals, as a community and as a church. We bleed and suffer because of our sins, our selfishness, our division and our mistakes. We bleed because we do not always live up to our calling as true witnesses to the love of Christ, to his mercy and his compassion.

This Lent we are called to look into Jesus's face as the woman with the hemorrhage does.

Let us do so when we pray, when we come to adore him, when we deny ourselves, when we give of our time and our resources, when we read scripture, when we participate in Mass or the stations of the cross, when we choose not to complain or to love when we could have been resentful.

If we seek him with the faith of that woman, he offers us much more than just the hem of his garment. When we accept to be "touched" by his living word and his body and blood in the Eucharist we can be transformed. We can also be healed.

This Gospel passage is a call to know and to love Jesus more. It is a call to hope, despite the stressful or desperate times we may find ourselves in sometimes. So let us stretch out our hands with the faith of the hemorrhaging woman knowing we will feel warmth, know healing, and be restored.

Lord Jesus, help us to remain trustful, no matter the difficulty. Amen.

PRAYER CHAIN

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

****HEALING OF THE LEPER****

Saturday, March 4- 5:00 PM: —**Marjorie Barry** by Ronnie & Kathy Criminger
Sunday, March 5- 10:30 AM: — **Eva Hoadley** by MJ & Warren Hahn

Tuesday	**Mar 7**	**9:00 am**	**The 7 Young Men of Ephesus, M**	**All souls in Purgatory** by Thanh and Han Vo
Wednesday	**Mar 8**	**9:00 am**	**St Frances of Rome, C**	**For the intentions of KIM Ngan Nguyen**
Thursday	**Mar 9**	**9:00 am**	**The Forty Martyrs, M**	**Everyone on the prayer list** by MJ & Warren Hahn
Friday	**Mar 10**	**9:00 am**	**St Auxentius, C**	**Tien An Vo birthday** by Thanh and Han Vo

"PARABLE OF THE PRODIGAL SON"

Saturday, March 11- 5:00 PM: — **Eva Hoadley** by Fr. Chuck & Marie VanHeusen
Sunday, March 12- 10:30 AM: — **Tien An Vo birthday** by Thanh and Han Vo

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Sign up today, at the church entrance for a holy hour!

Every Thursday
9:30 am - 2:00pm
Rosary for Peace @ 9:30 am

CATHOLIC SOCIAL MINISTRIES

Kindly Place your donation of (jelly - Peanut butter) donations in the basket next to the Confessional.

Feb. Donations 91 lbs.

READERS

3/4	**MJ Hahn**	**3/5**	**Volunteer**
3/11	**Bert Andres**	**3/12**	**Ed Baez**
3/18	**Nicole Andres**	**3/19**	**Kimberly Phelan**
3/25	**Darlene Darling**	**3/26**	**Ray Miller**

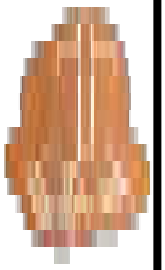
We encourage those who wish to participate in The Divine Liturgy by Reading please see Kim Phelan

SCRIPTURE

Healing of the Hemorrhaging Woman
2 Cor. 7: 4-11/ Lk 8: 40-56

Parable of the Prodigal Son
2 Cor. 13: 5-13/ Lk 15: 11-32

St Joseph the Virgin, the Spouse of Mary, C
Eph. 3: 1-13/ Mt 1: 18-25



GIFTS OF THANKSGIVING

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

FEBRUARY GIFT OF THANKSGIVING

In Thanksgiving
By The Andres Family

REMINDER: 2nd Collection for Lent Eparchial Charities Appeal Feb 20-April 9

Tithes & Offerings	$ 1146.00
Candles	$ 43 .00
Bishop's Appeal	$ 260.00
Funeral donation	$ 1000.00

Congratulations to St. Michael Archangel Ladies Guild, established in 2013, celebrating 10 years of service. Committed to "promoting the work of the Church & building a spiritual community of faith within the Parish." add by: MJ

REMINDER:

A 2nd Collection for the BISHOP'S APPEAL will take place weekly From Feb 20 to April 9

ONLINE GIVING

Please go to our website for more info on how to donate online

RELIGIOUS GIFT SHOP:

Please make sure to visit the Gift Shop in the church hall. We have new items available for you to enjoy.

VOCATION CHALICE

3/4: Volunteer
3/5: Kimberly Phelan
3/11: Volunteer
3/12: Ray Miller

If your family would like to volunteer to Pray for Vocations to Religious Life , Please see Kimberly P.

"Hand Made Rosaries"

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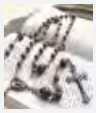


Premade Rosaries, as well as a complete list of all available styles, are in the social hall by the Ladies Guild gift counter!

All proceeds go to the Parish!

HOSPITALITY/ Coffee Hour

The Host individual/family will provide 4 dozen donuts of choice, sets out napkins and prepares coffee. Following the "Fellowship Hour" coffee maker is washed out and trash removed to the dumpster. All items except donuts are provided . To sign up please contact Anne Marie @ 770-519-4019.

KNIGHTS CORNER

The Knights will be selling raffle tickets for the State KOA after Liturgy on Saturday and Sunday in the Social Hall. Half of our sales will go towards the Knights of Columbus here at St Michael's.

FROM THE LADIES GUILD

What is the Ladies Guild up to now?!

1. **Collecting items to send to our seminarians this Easter. Please check the bulletin board for ideas.**
2. **We will be focusing more attention on our homebound parishioners & others in need with phone calls as well as get well cards to the sick. Please let us know of a parishioner in need.**
3. **50th Anniversary —only 6 months away! Please share your ideas for fun & memorable celebration! Suggestion box is in the Social Hall or tell a Guild member.**
4. **FIGHT FOR CHRIST presentation Saturday 3-11-23 from 10am-12:00 pm**

As we reach our 50 years of existence as Saint Michael Maronite parish in the Fayetteville area, we are looking to commemorate this important occasion with special events like the (Bishop's visit) and a commemorative / Add book that will feature business adds, personal messages and tribute that honors loved ones. This book will serve as a meaningful symbol of our rich Maronite catholic heritage and strong conservative community of faith.

We are asking for your help and support by volunteering and joining the 50th anniversary committee. God bless you all.

LOOK THIS PENCIL AND YOURSELF

The Pencil Maker took the pencil aside, just before putting him into the box. There are 5 things you need to know, he told the pencil, before I send you out into the world.
Always remember them and never forget:

1- You will be able to do many great things, but only if you allow yourself to be held in someone's hand.
2 - You will experience a painful sharpening from time to time, but you'll need it to become a better pencil.
3 - You will be able to correct mistakes you will make.
4 - The most important part of you will always be what's inside.
5 - You must leave your mark. No matter what the condition, you must continue to write.

1- Allow Yourself to Be Held

You can do amazing things if you allow yourself to be held in God's hand but in the wrong hands, you become useless or worse, used for the wrong things. We are like the pencil; we have the ability and the capacity to do some pretty awesome things as long as we are in the right hands. In the hand of God, your possibilities are endless. Allow yourself to be placed in the God's hand and see the amazing things you can do.

2- Get Sharpened

Like a pencil has to be sharpened to become better, you can be sharpened by going through various problems and trials, but it will indeed make you a stronger person.

3-Correct Mistakes

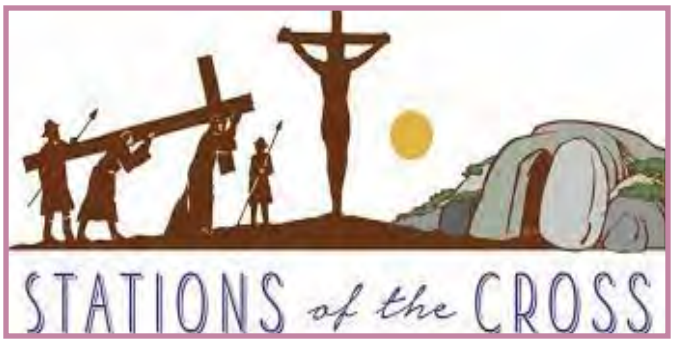
Like a pencil has an eraser to be able to correct mistakes, you, through the grace of God, can correct mistakes and grow through them. Paul writes to Timothy and says that Scripture can be used to correct our mistakes. We have to read some chapters everyday.

5- Beautiful Inside

Just like a pencil's most important part is inside because the Lord said, "the Lord looks at the heart." (Samuel 16:7)Your heart is the most important part. Your heart is who you are, It's your heart that's going to move you forward, It's your heart that's going to help you succeed.

6- Leave your mark

Like a pencil's you can leave the mark. No matter where you go, you can make a difference. No matter what the situation, you must continue to serve God in everything.



The Stations of the Cross

Will be celebrated on all Fridays of Lent at 6: 30 pm. The Service will be followed as the custom in our parish with a Lenten meal (meager—no sweets) prepared by parishioners. A sign-up sheet is available at the church main entrance for those who would like to help with food : salad, bread and soup are the main items required.

The 58th National Maronite Convention

sponsored by NAM will be hosted this year by St Anthony of the Desert Maronite church in Fall River, MA. From **July 5 to July 9.** the event will take place at the OMNI Hotel in Providence, RI. Room rate is $ 189 per night plus tax. Fliers and more details will be published later .

Convention theme:

" Eucharistic Amazement - the Maronite Way"

Don't miss the 20th annual Ignited By Truth Catholic conference!

Meet friends, learn about your Faith, experience the sacraments, be moved in Adoration, and venerate relics.

Don't miss this unforgettable day!

April 28-29, 2023 at NC State's Reynolds Coliseum in Raleigh.

NEW this year: Steubenville Night of Worship Friday evening with Deacon Ralph Poyo, Dana Catherine, Kris Frank, and Fr. Ian Van Heusen.

Saturday's speakers include Fr. Chris Alar, MIC, Matthew Leonard, Kris Frank, Dr. Jennifer Roback Morse, and Jackie Angel, plus Morning Mass with Bishop Zarama.

Adult admission for both days is just $25, Students age 10-college are FREE with food provided for both days.

Who will you invite?

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