### **FASTING & ABSTINENCE GUIDELINES**

**Fasting:** All the faithful who are physically capable are to fast everyday during Lent. - Fasting involves no eating and drinking at all, (except water and medicine) from 12 Midnight until 12 Noon. We urge those who are not physically capable to make an effort on Ash Monday and Good Friday. Exceptions are made for the following feast days: Saint John Maron (March 2), The Forty Martyrs (March 9), Saint Joseph (March 19) and The Annunciation (March 25). and every Saturday and Sunday, following the teachings of the Apostolic Constitutions (AD 380). For Saturday commemorates Creation and Sunday the Resurrection. The Constitutions make an exception for the Saturday of Light, because it is not appropriate to rejoice and celebrate on the day when the Creator is under the earth. for the Creator surpasses all his creatures in nature and honor.

**Abstinence** is refraining from eating meat and dairy products during Passion Week and every Friday of the year, except for the period between the feasts of Resurrection and Pentecost, and between Christmas and Epiphany, and on holy days of obligation, such as The Nativity, Epiphany, The Presentation of Christ in the Temple, Saint Maron, Saint Joseph, The Ascension, The Assumption, The Exaltation of the Cross, All Saints, The Immaculate Conception, and the feast day of the patron saint of a parish.

Abstinence is practiced according to the ancient, pious custom preserved in all Eastern Churches. Catholic and Orthodox alike. in preparation for the following feast days: The Nativity Fast, which we have limited to the period between December 16 and December 24, in order to make it easier for the faithful; The Fast of Saints Peter and Paul, which we have determined to be between June 21 and June 28; and The Fast of the Assumption, which we have limited to the period between August 7 and August 14.

The Eucharistic Fast is abstaining from eating food, starting at midnight, prior to communion, or at least an hour prior to communion.

#### BAPTISM

Preregistration for Baptism is required. Catholic sponsor certificates must by received by the parish before the Baptism is scheduled.

#### MARRIAGE

Please notify the pastor at least one year prior to date. Engaged couples need to register as parishioners and take required marriage classes.

#### **1ST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS**

October through April, Saturdays 3:45-4:45 Parents of children must be registered in parish.

### MASKS REQUIRED FOR ALL **CHURCH EVENTS**

Everyone who attends any church function will be required to wear a mask. This includes, but is not limited to Baptisms, weddings, Funerals and Liturgies.

We are taking this stance for the protection of all parishioners. We are not restricting your freedom to decide what is best for you, we are ensuring the safety of the majority who want to attend Mass and are willing to mask up!

We ask that you stay home if you do not agree with our position until we can all gather safely once this pandemic is over.

#### WEEKLY COLLECTION

Saturday, Feb 19	- \$315.00
Sunday, Feb 20	- \$413.00
<u>Mail-In</u>	- \$290.00
Total Collection	- \$1,018.00

### **PASTOR CONTACT**

In the case of any needed pastoral assistance, we ask that only the family contact Fr. Youssef on his cell phone at (412-583-5702).

#### CONFESSION

Saturday: 4:30- 4:50 PM, Sunday, 9:30 - 9:50 AM Also available by appointment

#### **ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

Please inform us of the sick and shut-ins at 412-583-5702

#### LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Letters will only be given to registered active parishioners.



# **Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church**

Week 9 - Week 11

Email: abouna@ololeaston.org

# **Healing of the Hemorrhaging Woman**



#### CLERGY

Fr. Youssef Keikati. Administrator **Deacon Anthony Koury** 

#### **PARISH OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday through Thursday 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

No office hours on Fridays

#### LITURGY:

Saturday: 5:00 PM Sunday: 10:00 AM Holy Days of Obligation: 7:00 PM

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When Jesus returned, the crowd welcomed him, for they were all waiting for him. Just then there came a man named Jairus, a leader of the synagogue. He fell at Jesus' feet and begged him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter, about twelve years old, who was dying. As he went, the crowds pressed in on him.

Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years; and though she had spent all she had on physicians, no one could cure her. She came up behind him and touched the fringe of his clothes, and immediately her hemorrhage stopped. Then Jesus asked, 'Who touched me?' When all denied it, Peter said, 'Master, the crowds surround you and press in on you.' But Jesus said, 'Someone touched me; for I noticed that power had gone out from me.'

When the woman saw that she could not remain hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before him, she declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed. He said to her, 'Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace.'

While he was still speaking, someone came from the leader's house to say, 'Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the teacher any longer.' When Jesus heard this, he replied, 'Do not fear. Only believe, and she will be saved.'

When he came to the house, he did not allow anyone to enter with him, except Peter, John, and James, and the child's father and mother. They were all weeping and wailing for her; but he said, 'Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping.' And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But he took her by the hand and called out, 'Child, get up!' Her spirit returned, and she got up at once. Then he directed them to give her something to eat. Her parents were astounded; but he ordered them to tell no one what had happened.

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Feb 27 - Mar 14, 2021

# The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke 8:40-56

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Saturday, Feb 27 - 5:00 PM		РМ	GEORGE BAURKOT by Judge Kimberly McFadden	
Sunday, Feb 2	8 - 10:00	АМ	HEALING MASS FOR AMIN NEHME	
Tuesday	Mar 2	9:00AM	ST. JOHN MARON FEAST DAY SPECIAL INTENTION by Steve Constantine & Family	
Wednesday	Mar 3	9:00 AM	PETER & LILLIAN KARAM AND JOSEPH & MARY BARAKAT by Mr. & Mrs. Tony Karam & Family	
Thursday	Mar 4	9:00 AM	NORA DANIEL by Sharon John & Family	
Friday	Mar 5	<u>9:00 AM</u> 7:00 PM	KATHRYN ISAAC by the Geosits FamilySTATIONS OF THE CROSS AND BENEDICTION	
Stations of the Cross will be live-streamed on Facebook				
***Parable of the Prodigal Son*** Saturday, Mar 6 - 5:00 PM JOSEPHINE MELHEM (Birthday Remembrance) by John J. Melhem & Family				

Sunday, Mar 7 - 10:00 AMHAMID CONSTANTINE El-KHOURY (Memorial Mass)by Mr. & Mrs. Boutros Khoury & Family				
Tuesday	Mar 9	9:00AM	THE FORTY MARTYRS / SISTER MARTE JARJOUI by Fr. Youssef	
Wednesday	Mar 10	9:00 AM	DAOUN BOULOS by Mr. & Mrs. Nick Giacomopolous	
Thursday	Mar 11	9:00 AM	MICHAEL JABBOUR by Claire Willard & Family	
Friday	Mar 12	<u>9:00 AM</u> 7:00 PM	GEORGE KOORIE by Brad, Suzanne & Patricia Superka STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND BENEDICTION	

\*\*\*Healing of the Paralytic\*\*\*

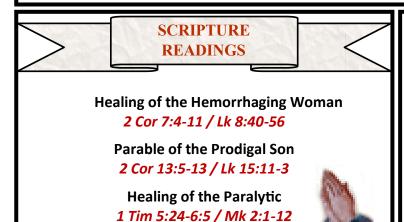
Saturday, Mar 13 - 5:00 PM -

Sunday, Mar 14 - 10:00 AM

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## **EPARCHIAL CHARITIES APPEAL - LENT - FEBRUARY 15 - APRIL 4, 2021**



### VIRTUAL ROSARY

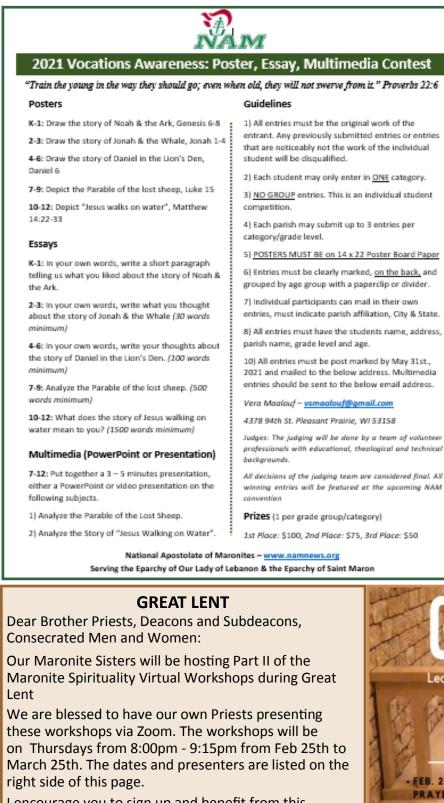
JOIN US AS WE PRAY THE ROSARY EVERY 2ND MONDAY OF THE MONTH AT 8:00 PM

MARCH 8 -LED BY CHORBISHOP MICHAEL THOMAS

APRIL 12 -LED BY BISHOP ELIAS ZAIDAN

ZOOM LINK: MEETING ID 883 4965 1080 PASSCODE: rosarv

https://tinyurl.com/OFSLROSARY



I encourage you to sign up and benefit from this excellent formation opportunity.

Register at https://www.maroniteservants.org.

If you have any questions, please reach out to the sisters via their website or email maroniteservants@gmail.com.

Thank you,

+ Gregory

## **Eparchial Charities** Appeal

The Annual Lenten Appeal for the Eparchy of St. Maron Brooklyn is now taking place. The Bishop relies upon you to help him serve our Maronite parishes, open new missions, train our future Maronite priests, and support our retired priests.

We have been asked to contribute \$6,500 as a parish. Every family is asked to participate in the Appeal at a level which is meaningful for them, and to be as generous as possible.

An envelope is included in your weekly offering packet for your convenience. The church will have to pay the balance in the event that adequate funds are not raised. Collection ends Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021

