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Dear Brother Priests, Deacons and Subdeacons, Consecrated Men and Women, Lay Faithful:

In coordination with Caritas Lebanon, every Maronite Eparchy was asked to assist needy families in Lebanon. The sponsorship varies from \$50 to \$100 per month, depending on the size and the need of the family. Sponsorship will be for this year, 2021, and everyone is able to help.

I ask you to promote this project through your social media, bulletins, and other ways to connect with your parishioners. Father John Nahal, President of Caritas Lebanon, USA, is coordinating this effort and he will be happy to answer any questions you might have. You may reach him at (314) 621-0056 or rector@straymondscathedral.com.

The need is great. Thankfully we already have some families who have sponsored families in Lebanon, but we need more. Any support you can give in this regard is greatly appreciated. Please refer to the links below for additional information.

Links:

<http://www.caritaslebanon.org/>

[CaritasFamiliesLeb for sponsorship2021\(7\).pdf \(caritaslebanon.org\)](#)

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Gregory

+ Gregory John Mansour

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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).

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Saturday, Feb 13	-	\$247.00
Sunday, Feb 14	-	\$405.00
Mail-In	-	\$585.00
St. Maron Feb 9	-	\$231.00
Ash Monday Feb 15	-	\$353.00
Total Collection	-	\$1,821.00

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.



Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

54 South 4th Street
Easton, PA 18042
610-252-5275



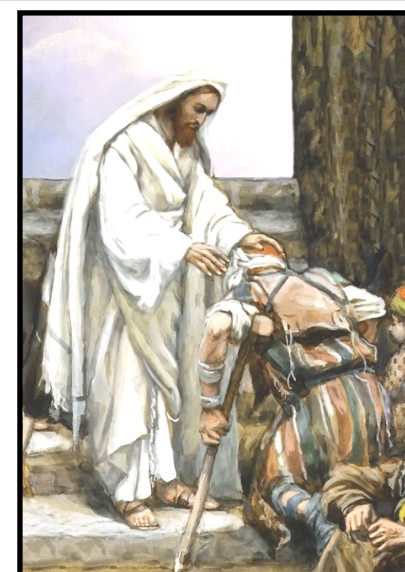
Week 8 - Week 10

Email: abouna@ololeaston.org

website: ololeaston.org

Feb 20 - Mar 7, 2021

Healing of the Leper



The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint Mark 1:35-45

In the morning, while it was still very dark, Jesus got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, 'Everyone is searching for you.' He answered, 'Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do.' And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

A leper came to him begging him, and kneeling he said to him, 'If you choose, you can make me clean.' Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him, 'I do choose. Be made clean!' Immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean.

After sternly warning him he sent him away at once, saying to him, 'See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.' But he went out and began to proclaim it freely, and to spread the word, so that Jesus could no longer go into a town openly, but stayed out in the country; and people came to him from every quarter.

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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LENTEN 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.

Abstinence of meat is encouraged on Ash Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays during Lent and everyday during Holy Week.

BAPTISM

Preregistration for Baptism is required. Catholic sponsor certificates must be 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.

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.

Healing of the Leper			
Saturday, Feb 20- 5:00 PM	GEORGETTE CIAMBRONE (8th Anniversary) by the Family		
Sunday, Feb 21 - 10:00 AM	FRANCES KOURY by Patty Mosellie		

Tuesday	Feb 23	9:00AM	SISTER LILLIAN ISKANDAR by Fr. Youssef
Wednesday	Feb 24	9:00 AM	HELEN JABOR by the Baurkot Family
Thursday	Feb 25	9:00 AM	FRANCES MELHEM by Marlene Bedway
Friday	Feb 26	9:00 AM 7:00 PM	NAOMI SHINER by the Family of Jennie Melhem STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND BENEDICTION

Stations of the Cross will be live streamed on Facebook

Healing of the Hemorrhaging Woman			
Saturday, Feb 27 - 5:00 PM	GEORGE BAURKOT by Judge Kimberly McFadden		
Sunday, Feb 28 - 10:00 AM	HEALING MASS FOR AMIN NEHME		

Tuesday	Mar 2	9:00AM	SISTER BLANCHE MATTA by Fr. Youssef
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	9:00 AM 7:00 PM	KATHRYN ISAAC by the Geosits Family STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND BENEDICTION

Parable of the Prodigal Son			
Saturday, Mar 6- 5:00 PM	Available		
Sunday, Mar 7 - 10:00 AM	Available		

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Healing of the Leper
Rom 6:12-23 / Mk 1:35-45

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



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: rosary

<https://tinyurl.com/OFSLROSARY>



2021 Vocations Awareness: Poster, Essay, Multimedia Contest

"Train the young in the way they should go; even when old, they will not swerve from it." Proverbs 22:6

Posters

- K-1: Draw the story of Noah & the Ark, Genesis 6-8
- 2-3: Draw the story of Jonah & the Whale, Jonah 1-4
- 4-6: Draw the story of Daniel in the Lion's Den, Daniel 6
- 7-9: Depict the Parable of the lost sheep, Luke 15
- 10-12: Depict "Jesus walks on water", Matthew 14:22-33

Essays

- K-1: In your own words, write a short paragraph telling us what you liked about the story of Noah & the Ark.
- 2-3: In your own words, write what you thought about the story of Jonah & the Whale (30 words minimum)
- 4-6: In your own words, write your thoughts about the story of Daniel in the Lion's Den. (100 words minimum)
- 7-9: Analyze the Parable of the lost sheep. (500 words minimum)
- 10-12: What does the story of Jesus walking on water mean to you? (1500 words minimum)

Multimedia (PowerPoint or Presentation)

- 7-12: Put together a 3 - 5 minutes presentation, either a PowerPoint or video presentation on the following subjects.
- 1) Analyze the Parable of the Lost Sheep.
- 2) Analyze the Story of "Jesus Walking on Water".

Guidelines

- 1) All entries must be the original work of the entrant. Any previously submitted entries or entries that are noticeably not the work of the individual student will be disqualified.
- 2) Each student may only enter in ONE category.
- 3) NO GROUP entries. This is an individual student competition.
- 4) Each parish may submit up to 3 entries per category/grade level.
- 5) POSTERS MUST BE ON 14 x 22 Poster Board Paper
- 6) Entries must be clearly marked, on the back, and grouped by age group with a paperclip or divider.
- 7) Individual participants can mail in their own entries, must indicate parish affiliation, City & State.
- 8) All entries must have the students name, address, parish name, grade level and age.
- 10) All entries must be post marked by May 31st., 2021 and mailed to the below address. Multimedia entries should be sent to the below email address.

Vera Maalouf - vsmaalouf@gmail.com
4378 94th St. Pleasant Prairie, WI 53158

Judges: The judging will be done by a team of volunteer professionals with educational, theological and technical backgrounds.

All decisions of the judging team are considered final. All winning entries will be featured at the upcoming NAM convention

Prizes (1 per grade group/category)

1st Place: \$100, 2nd Place: \$75, 3rd Place: \$50

National Apostolate of Maronites - www.namnews.org
Serving the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon & the Eparchy of Saint Maron

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



GREAT LENT

Dear Brother Priests, Deacons and Subdeacons, Consecrated Men and Women:

Our Maronite Sisters will be hosting Part II of the Maronite Spirituality Virtual Workshops during Great Lent

We are blessed to have our own Priests presenting these workshops via Zoom. The workshops will be on Thursdays from 8:00pm - 9:15pm from Feb 25th to March 25th. The dates and presenters are listed on the right side of this page.

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

GREAT LENT

Learn more about the Maronite Faith and Traditions.

VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS

- FEB. 25: GREAT LENT: FASTING, PRAYER, & ALMSGIVING
FR. RUDY WAKIM
- MAR. 4: OVERVIEW OF THE MARONITE LITURGICAL YEAR
FR. NAJI KIWAN
- MAR. 11: MARONITE RITUALS FOR GREAT LENT
MSGR. JIM ROOT

- MAR. 18: SYRIAC THEMES IN PASSION WEEK
FR. AARON SANDBOTHE
- MAR. 25: MARY IN OUR MARONITE TRADITION
FR. KEVIN BEATON

Via Zoom on Thursdays 8:00-9:15PM
[Register Here](#)

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