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### 12 March 2023

## 4th Sunday of Lent

## Sunday of the Prodigal Son

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## SUNDAY READINGS

### Epistle - 2 Corinthians 13:5-13

5 Examine yourselves to see whether you are living in faith. Test yourselves. Do you not realize that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless, of course, you fail the test. 6 I hope you will discover that we have not failed. 7 But we pray to God that you may not do evil, not that we may appear to have passed the test but that you may do what is right, even though we may seem to have failed. 8 For we cannot do anything against the truth, but only for the truth. 9 For we rejoice when we are weak but you are strong. What we pray for is your improvement.

10 I am writing this while I am away, so that when I come I may not have to be severe in virtue of the authority that the Lord has given me to build up and not to tear down.

11 Finally, brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you. 12 Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the holy ones greet you.

13 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the holy Spirit be with all of you.

### Gospel - Luke 15:11-32

11 Then he said, "A man had two sons, 12 and the younger son said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of your estate that should come to me.' So the father divided the property between them. 13 After a few days, the younger son collected all his belongings and set off to a distant country where he squandered his inheritance on a life of dissipation. 14 When he had freely spent everything, a severe famine struck that country, and he found himself in dire need. 15 So he hired himself out to one of the local citizens who sent him to his farm to tend the swine. 16 And he longed to eat his fill of the pods on which the swine fed, but nobody gave him any. 17 Coming to his senses he thought, 'How many of my father's hired workers have more than enough food to eat, but here am I, dying from hunger. 18 I shall get up and go to my father and I shall say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. 19 I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers.'" 20 So he got up and went back to his father. While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him. 21 His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' 22 But his father ordered his servants, 'Quickly bring the finest robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. 23 Take the fattened calf and slaughter it. Then let us celebrate with a feast, 24 because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and has been found.' Then the celebration began. 25 Now the older son had been out in the field and, on his way back, as he neared the house, he heard the sound of music and dancing. 26 He called one of the servants and asked what this might mean. 27 The servant said to him, 'Your brother has returned and your father has slaughtered the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.' 28 He became angry, and when he refused to enter the house, his father came out and pleaded with him. 29 He said to his father in reply, 'Look, all these years I served you and not once did I disobey your orders; yet you never gave me even a young goat to feast on with my friends. 30 But when your son returns who swallowed up your property with prostitutes, for him you slaughter the fattened calf.' 31 He said to him, 'My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. 32 But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.'"

## PARISH LIFE

**Safro (Morning Prayer)**

Monday—Friday - 7:30am

**Eucharistic Adoration**

Friday —9:30am - 10:30am

**Reconciliation**

**(Confession)**

Saturday 9:30am - 10:15am

and by appointment

**Baptism and Chrismation**

Make arrangements as soon after birth as possible

**Mystery of Crowning**

Contact the pastor 6 months

**Parish Calendar.** Please see [stanthonymaronitechurch.org](http://stanthonymaronitechurch.org) for the parish calendar.

**Liturgical Hours.** Monday through Saturday 9:00 am daily Divine Liturgy in the chapel

Sunday 8:30 am and 11am Divine Liturgies

**First Saturday of the Month.** Marian devotions at 9:30 am.

**St. Sharbel Devotions.** Third Sunday of the month at 11:00 am Divine Liturgy

## POINTS OF INTEREST

**Condolences.** We offer condolences to the family of Elham El Jor, whose funeral was on Saturday, 4 March. Our sympathy goes out to the family of Tawfiq Qaqish whose funeral was celebrated on Monday, 6 March. Lastly, we offer our sympathy to the family of Karina Simon Slaughter, whose funeral will be celebrated on Saturday, 11 March.

**Congratulations!** We congratulate Peter George who received the sacrament of Chrismation on Sunday, 12 March.

**Daylight Savings time begins.** Clocks should be set forward on **Sunday March 12.**

**Stations and Benediction of the Holy Cross will be at 6:30 pm,** on each Friday of Lent. Confessions will be available at that time as well.

**Cooking for the Festival.** We need volunteers on Tuesdays from 9:30 am to 3:30 and on Thursday evenings from 4:00 to 8:00 pm. Even an hour or two makes a difference!

**The MYA is having its first Spiritual Saturday** Discussion on 11 March at 4 pm in the hall. All young adults are welcome. See the flier for more information.

There will be no **9 am Divine Liturgies on Monday through Friday, 13 - 17 March,** due to the priests' annual retreat.

**Food Drive.** Commonwealth Catholic Charities is in desperate need of non-perishable goods for their food pantry. Please bring in items by 19 March and place them in the box in the vestibule.

**Sweets Sale.** Place your order for Lebanese sweets online or make a donation by 26 March. All proceeds go to Lebanon.

## MEETINGS AND EVENTS

**Saturday, 11 March at 4 pm.** MYA Spiritual Saturday

**Sunday, 12 March at 12 pm.** Maronite Women's Fellowship Meeting (Potluck and Catholic Trivia)

**Tuesday, 14, March at 9:30 am.** Festival Cooking

**Thursday, 16 March at 4 pm.** Festival Cooking

**Friday, 17 March at 6:30 pm.** Stations and Benediction of the Holy Cross

## LITURGY SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

**Sunday, 12 March Fourth Sunday of Great Lent, Parable of the Prodigal Son,  
Pope St. Gregory the Great**

**8:30 (Father Peter)**

For the intentions of all family members, requested by Harry Shaia, Jr.

In memory of Harry Shaia, Jr., requested by Eddie Shibley, Sr.

**11:00 (Father John)**

In memory of Rita Daccache (40 Day remembrance), requested by Noha Azzi

**Monday, 13 March St. Theophanes the Chronicler**

No Divine Liturgy

**Tuesday, 14 March St. Euphrasia**

No Divine Liturgy

**Wednesday, 15 March St. Benedict, Founder of Monastic Life in the West**

No Divine Liturgy

**Thursday, 16 March St. Papas**

No Divine Liturgy

**Friday, 17 March St. Patrick**

No Divine Liturgy

**Saturday 18 March St. Cyril of Jerusalem**

In memory of Evelyn Joyce Mazloom, requested by Evelyn Mazloom

**Sunday, 19 March Feast of St. Joseph, Fifth Week of Lent**

**8:30 (Father John)**

For the intentions of the Saad Family

In memory of Evelyn Joyce Mazloom, requested by Teresa and John Nadder

**11:00 (Father Peter)**

In memory of Gina Loehr, Joseph and Julia Shaar and deceased family members, requested by Regina Shaar Loehr

In memory of Harry Shaia, Jr. (40 day remembrance), requested by his family.

## MARONITE CHRISTIAN FORMATION

- 12 Mar** All Students  
**19 Mar** Preschool–Eight Grade  
**26 Mar** Preschool–Sixth Grades. Seventh through Twelfth in Regional Retreat (24-26 Mar)

## LECTORS SCHEDULE

Dates	8:30 Divine Liturgy	11:00 Divine Liturgy
<b>12 Mar</b>	Chip Shaia	Mary Shaia
<b>19 Mar</b>	John Saad	Denise Maurer
<b>26 Mar</b>	Hannah Roberts	Leo Maynes
<b>2 Apr</b>	Denise Maurer	Sam LaNeave

## ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

Dates	8:30 Divine Liturgy	11:00 Divine Liturgy
<b>12 Mar</b>	Braxton Mclvor, Asher Mclvor, Ross Craig, Henry Craig, Wilby Craig	Luke Salloum, Ghady Karam, Eli Stephan
<b>19 Mar</b>	Grayson Funk, Christian Funk, Patrick Savage, Thomas Shaia	Julian Chaoul, Joseph Chaoul, Sami Sakr, Matthew Habboush
<b>26 Mar</b>	Nicholas Edwards, Tobias Edwards, Stephen Shibley, Zachary Shulleeta	Wyatt Savage, Patrick Savage, Luke Salloum
<b>2 Apr</b>	Eli Walton, Jacob Walton, Ross Craig, Jack Craig, Wilby Craig	Julian Chaoul, Joseph Chaoul, Sami Sakr, Matthew Habboush

## COLLECTION COUNTERS SCHEDULE

March: John Zeheb & John Nadder  
April: David Walton & Paul Shibley  
May: Joe George & Anthony Shibley

## STEWARDSHIP

### 5 March 2023

Collections: \$2508                      Contribution to Lebanon: \$20,000  
Contributions: \$1105                      Hall Rental: \$350  
Easter Flowers: \$1980                      Fundraising: \$3145  
Memorials for Scholarship Fund - Harry and Margaret Shaia: \$850  
Candles: \$108

**Thank you for your generosity! Please, when you make a contribution to the parish, indicate your envelope number so that we can accurately give you credit.** You may want to donate through the parish website [StAnthonyMaroniteChurch.org](http://StAnthonyMaroniteChurch.org) which also provides for automatic giving. Make it easy on yourself.

## **Lenten Observances 2023**

**The Most Reverend Bishops Gregory J. Mansour and A. Elias Zaidan have issued the following Lenten guidelines for the Maronites of the United States.**

+ All Maronites who are physically capable are to abstain from meat on Ash Monday (19 February 2023) and all Fridays of Lent.

+ Ash Monday and the Great Friday of the Crucifixion (7 April 2023) are also days of fasting. Fasting in the Maronite Church involves eating and drinking nothing at all (except water and medicine) from midnight until noon. The rest of the day normal meals can be taken, but without meat. All Maronites who are physically capable should fast on these two days.

### **Distribution of Ashes**

All parish priests are to bless and distribute ashes on Ash Monday during the celebration of the Divine Liturgy as indicated in our liturgical books. This ceremony may not be celebrated on the vigil of Ash Monday (Cana Sunday). For the convenience of some faithful of the Latin Church who may come to Mass at a Maronite Church on their Ash Wednesday, ashes that were blessed on Monday may be given to them after the Mass. However, ashes are not to be blessed again on this day.

### **Lenten Services**

All parish priests are to celebrate the Benediction with the Cross every Friday of Lent except for the Great Friday of the Crucifixion. This service may be preceded by Evening Prayer (*Ramsho*), Stations of the Cross, or even the Divine Liturgy. Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament should not take place on the Fridays of Lent.

### **Traditional Fasting Discipline**

Clergy, religious and laity who wish to observe the more traditional Maronite practice of fasting and abstinence are encouraged to do so. That practice is summarized in the following, taken from the Synod of Mt. Lebanon (1736):

Every weekday of Lent (Monday through Friday) is a day of fasting and abstinence from meat and dairy products (eggs, butter, milk, etc.). Fasting involves eating and drinking nothing at all (except water and medicine) from midnight until noon. The rest of the day normal meals can be taken, but without meat or dairy products. Dairy products are excluded because they are animal byproducts. Saturdays and Sundays are exempt from fasting and abstaining, as are the following feast days: The 40 Martyrs - 9 March, St. Joseph - 19 March, and the Annunciation- 25 March.





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Dear Chorbishop Faris and Parishioners:

Thank you for your generous donation check #21832 in the amount of \$11,819.84 to support the good people of Lebanon in their great hour of need. I am sending \$2,000.00 to the Eparchy of Batroun, \$2,000.00 to the Eparchy of Antelias, \$3,000.00 to Eparchy of Saida, \$2,000 to the Eparchy of Tyre and \$2,819.84 to Deir Ahmar.

Thank you again for showing your love for the people of Lebanon. Your generosity is a ray of light amidst the darkness.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

+ *Gregory*  
+ Gregory John Mansour

*Thank you!*

GJM/cm

This letter serves as a receipt to the recipient named above for \$11,819.84.

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**SAINT ANTHONY**  
Saturday, 11 March at 4 pm. MA Spiritual Saturday

MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH  
Sunday, 12 March at 12 noon. Maronite Women's Fellowship Meeting



# PERSONAL SPIRITUALITY & THE CALL TO HOLINESS

Are you seeking to go deeper into your call to holiness and how to be a more effective catechist or youth advisor?

Join us for a group workshop & sharing

Tuesdays March 7, 14, 21, 28	Via ZOOM 8-9pm EST
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[CLICK HERE](#) FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER



**MARONITE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

*How well do you know your religion?*

put your knowledge to the test and join us for

*Catholic Trivia*

**SUNDAY, MARCH 12TH**  
**12:00PM**

Bring your favorite dish to share!



Put your  
thinking cap on  
and pick your  
team members  
wisely!



SAINT ANTHONY MARONITE YOUNG ADULTS  
PRESENTS

# WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE MARONITE?

Come join us for our first Spiritual Saturday discussion with guest speaker Chorbishop John Faris! All young adults 18-35 are welcome!

**MARCH 11, 2023 | 4 PM**  
**MEET IN THE HALL**

There will be snacks, but please bring an appetizer to share with the group.

## MARONITE FORMATION PROGRAM WINTER/SPRING 2023

Sunday	Mar. 5	Pre-S – 8 <sup>th</sup> <b>Parent First Communion Class</b>	9:30 am 9:30 am
Sunday	Mar. 12	ALL Students	9:30 am
Sunday	Mar. 19	Pre-S – 8 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am
Sunday	Mar. 26	Pre-S – 6 <sup>th</sup> 7th-12th grades—LifeTeen <b>Youth Regional Retreat</b>	9:30 am 9:30 - 11:30 am
Sunday	Apr. 2, 9	Palm Sunday, Easter <b>Easter Egg Party TBA</b>	
Sunday	Apr. 16	ALL Students	9:30 am
Sunday	April 23	Pre-S – 8 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am
Sunday	April 30	Pre-S – 6 <sup>th</sup> 7th-12th grades—LifeTeen <b>May Procession</b>	9:30 am 9:30 - 11:30 am <b>12 noon</b>
Tuesday	May 2	First Communion Practice	6:30 pm
Sunday	May 7	<b>First Communion</b>	<b>11:00 am</b>

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