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3rd Week of Lent

Healing of the Hemorrhaging Woman

25 February 2024

Feast of Pope Saint Felix II



Jesus healing a bleeding woman -- Catacombs of Marcellinus and Peter

SUNDAY READINGS

Epistle - Corinthians 7:4-11

4 I have great confidence in you, I have great pride in you; I am filled with encouragement, I am overflowing with joy all the more because of all our affliction.

5 For even when we came into Macedonia, our flesh had no rest, but we were afflicted in every way—external conflicts, internal fears. 6 But God, who encourages the downcast, encouraged us by the arrival of Titus, 7 and not only by his arrival but also by the encouragement with which he was encouraged in regard to you, as he told us of your yearning, your lament, your zeal for me, so that I rejoiced even more. 8 For even if I saddened you by my letter, I do not regret it; and if I did regret it ([for] I see that that letter saddened you, if only for a while), 9 I rejoice now, not because you were saddened, but because you were saddened into repentance; for you were saddened in a godly way, so that you did not suffer loss in anything because of us. 10 For godly sorrow produces a salutary repentance without regret, but worldly sorrow produces death. 11 For behold what earnestness this godly sorrow has produced for you, as well as readiness for a defense, and indignation, and fear, and yearning, and zeal, and punishment. In every way you have shown yourselves to be innocent in the matter.

Gospel - Luke 8:40-56

40 When Jesus returned, the crowd welcomed him, for they were all waiting for him. 41 And a man named Jairus, an official of the synagogue, came forward. He fell at the feet of Jesus and begged him to come to his house, 42 because he had an only daughter, about twelve years old, and she was dying. As he went, the crowds almost crushed him. 43 And a woman afflicted with hemorrhages for twelve years, who [had spent her whole livelihood on doctors and] was unable to be cured by anyone, 44 came up behind him and touched the tassel on his cloak. Immediately her bleeding stopped. 45 Jesus then asked, "Who touched me?" While all were denying it, Peter said, "Master, the crowds are pushing and pressing in upon you." 46 But Jesus said, "Someone has touched me; for I know that power has gone out from me." 47 When the woman realized that she had not escaped notice, she came forward trembling. Falling down before him, she explained in the presence of all the people why she had touched him and how she had been healed immediately. 48 He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has saved you; go in peace."

49 While he was still speaking, someone from the synagogue official's house arrived and said, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the teacher any longer." 50 On hearing this, Jesus answered him, "Do not be afraid; just have faith and she will be saved." 51 When he arrived at the house he allowed no one to enter with him except Peter and John and James, and the child's father and mother. 52 All were weeping and mourning for her, when he said, "Do not weep any longer, for she is not dead, but sleeping." 53 And they ridiculed him, because they knew that she was dead. 54 But he took her by the hand and called to her, "Child, arise!" 55 Her breath returned and she immediately arose. He then directed that she should be given something to eat. 56 Her parents were astounded, and he instructed them to tell no one what had happened.

PARISH LIFE

Safro (Morning Prayer)
Monday—Friday - 7:30am

Reconciliation (Confession)
Saturday 9:30am - 10:15am
and by appointment

Baptism and Chrismation
Make arrangements as soon
after birth as possible

Eucharistic Adoration
Friday —9:30am - 10:30am

Mystery of Crowning
Contact the pastor 6 months
in advance

Parish Calendar. Please see stanthonymaronitechurch.org for the parish calendar.

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

Sunday 8:30am and 11am Divine Liturgies

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

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

POINTS OF INTEREST

Cooking for the Food Festival. Volunteers are needed to cook on Tuesdays from 10 am to 3 pm and on Thursdays after 4 pm beginning 6 February.

Congratulations to Nikki and Art Nesbitt and family of Evie Nesbitt who was baptized and chrismated on Saturday, 17 February. May her journey of faith and life be filled with blessings and grace.

Stations and Benediction of the Cross. Each Friday during Lent at 6:30 pm. Confessions are available during the service.

MYA Elections. MYA members (between the ages of 18 and 34) may nominate new officers by 28 February. Elections will take place the weekend of 2 March. Use the form in Flocknote to nominate yourself or someone else or email Kelly Edwards at kmgeorge102@gmail.com

St. Anthony Scholarship applications are available now for high school seniors. Please contact Cathy George for more information. Scholarship applications are due on 1 April.

Parish Regional Retreat for the Maronite Youth Organization, 15 - 17 March. Mark your calendars for teens 13 to 18 to attend our annual retreat. Sign up with Cathy George now.

Pilgrimage. Saint Anthony Church will host a pilgrimage to Rome -Assisi - Florence from 22 Sep - 1 Oct. See the Website for details. - <https://www.206tours.com/cms/chorbishop>

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Sunday, 25 February MCF at 9:30 am. All Students, Breakfast and Activities

Sunday, 25 February at 9:30. First Communion Parent Class in the chapel

Tuesday, 27 February from 10 am to 3 pm. Food Festival Cooking

Thursday, 29 February after 4 pm. Food Festival Cooking

Friday, 1 March at 6:30. Stations and Benediction of the Cross

Sunday, 3 March MCF at 9:30 am. All Students

LITURGY SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

**Sunday, 25 February Third Week of Lent, Healing of the Hemorrhaging Woman,
Pope St. Felix**

8:30 am (Father Peter)

In memory of Jackie Shibley, and for her family's intentions, requested by Kelly and Nick Edwards

In memory of Harry Shaia, Jr., requested by Harry and Melissa Shaia

11:00 am (Father John)

In memory of Elham El Jor (anniversary of her passing), requested by Noha El Jor

In memory of Harry, Margaret, and Christopher Shaia, requested by Harry and Melissa Shaia

Monday, 26 February St. Alexander, Patriarch of Alexandria

Tuesday, 27 February St. Thalaleus, Disciple of St. Maron

Wednesday, 28 February Sts. Koura and Marana, Disciples of St. Maron

For the intention of Anh Mai Tran on her birthday, requested by Anh Mai Tran

Thursday, 29 February Pope St. Leo the Great

In memory of Najieb and Sadie Sanyour and Theresa Sharmen, requested by Bobby and Adel Cumber and John Sanyour

Friday, 1 March St. Domnina, Disciple of St. Maron, St. Eudokia (Afdokia) of Baalbek

Saturday, 2 March St. John Maron

In memory of Harry, Margaret and Christopher Shaia, requested by Harry and Melissa Shaia

Sunday, 3 March Fourth Week of Lent, The Parable of the Prodigal Son, St. Thomas Aquinas

8:30 am (Father John)

In memory of Rita and Charles Oley, their son, Paul, and deceased parents and siblings, requested by Theresa Hanzel

In memory of Harry Shaia, Jr., requested by Harry and Melissa Shaia

In memory of Connie Yesbeck, requested by George Yesbeck, Sr.

11:00 am (Father Peter)

In memory of Karina Simon Slaughter (one year anniversary), requested by the Simon Family

In memory of Bob Hendricks (10 year anniversary), requested by Faith Hendricks

USHERS SCHEDULE

Dates 8:30 Divine Liturgy

25 Feb	Tom Dailey, Ed Yesbeck, Jr., John Zeheb, Harry Mclvor
3 Mar	Trey Shibley, Ed Shibley, Jr., Dave Howard, Joseph Fodill
10 Mar	Andy Shulleeta, William Shulleeta, Frank Greco, Marshall Stephenson

11:00 Divine Liturgy

John Nadder, Jr., Justin Shulleeta, Anthony Shulleeta, Clarke Sawyer
Raymond Khoury, Milad Habboush, Freddy Fakher, Charbel Chaoul
Bill Maust, John Saad, Alex Fabiato, Diana Yaqoo

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

Dates 8:30 Divine Liturgy

25 Feb	Mark and Malek El-Oukaili, Braxton and Asher Mclvor, Arthur Oley, Nolan Roberts
3 Mar	Ross Craig, Jack Craig, Jacob Walton, Eli Walton, Lucas BouAbsi
10 Mar	George Oley, Henry and Wilby Craig, Nolan Roberts

11:00 Divine Liturgy

Stephen Shibley, Zachary Shulleeta, Matthew Habboush, Luke Salloum
Elie Stephan, Sami Sakr, George ChouEIFati, Luke Salloum
Matthew Habboush, Ghady Karam, Vincent Carr

TRANSFER OF GIFTS

Dates 8:30 Divine Liturgy

25 Feb	Madison Shibley, Anna Grace Shaia, Amina Howard, Rosie Boykin
3 Mar	Coco Aboutanos, Hannah Roberts, Cooper Sheriff, Emily Carr, Stella Mclvor

11:00 Divine Liturgy

Jenna Chaoul, Leeanne Siefke, Kylie Stephan, Romi Rustom
Ashley Maust, Alyssa Maust, Magdalena ChouEIFati, Alexa Haddad

LECTORS SCHEDULE

Dates 8:30 Divine Liturgy

25 Feb	John Saad
3 Mar	Denise Maurer
10 Mar	Margaret Gray

11:00 Divine Liturgy

Lara Bouhaidar
Mary Habboush
Leo Maynes

STEWARDSHIP

18 Feb 2024

Collections: \$2183
Contributions: \$3085
Spaghetti Dinner: \$1234

COLLECTION COUNTERS SCHEDULE

February: George Yesbeck
March: John Zehab
April: David Walton and Paul Shibley

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 which also provides for automatic giving. Make it easy on yourself.

LENTEN OBSERVANCES 2024

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** (12 February 2024) and all **Fridays of Lent**.
- ✠ **Ash Monday** and the **Great Friday of the Crucifixion** (29 March 2024) 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.

MARONITE CHRISTIAN FORMATION SCHEDULE

Sunday	Jan. 28	Pre-S - 8 th	9:30 am
Sunday	Feb. 4	ALL Students	9:30 am
Sunday	Feb. 11	Pre-S - 8 th	9:30 am
Sunday	Feb. 18	Pre-S - 8 th	9 :30 am 9:30 - 11:30 am
Sunday	Feb. 25	All Students (Breakfast & Activities) Parent First Communion Class	9:30 am
Sunday	Mar. 3	All Students	9:30 am
Sunday	Mar.10	Pre-S - 8 th Parent First Communion Class	9:30 am
Sunday	Mar. 17	Pre-S - 6 th 7th-12th grades at the Youth Regional Retreat 15th - 17th	9:30 am 9:30 - 11:30 am
Sunday	Mar. 24 Palm Sunday, Mar. 31 Easter	Palm Sunday, Easter Easter Egg Party TBA	
Sunday	Apr. 7	PreS - 8 th	9:30 am
Sunday	Apr. 14	PreS - 6 th 7th-12th grades–LifeTeen	9:30 am 9:30 - 11:30 am
Sunday	April 21	ALL Students	9:30 am
Tuesday	April 23	First Communion Practice	6:30 pm
Sunday	April 28	First Communion	9:30 am

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