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Sunday of the Healing of the Leper

9 March 2025



SUNDAY READINGS

EPISTLE - Romans 6:12-23

Therefore, sin must not reign over your mortal bodies so that you obey their desires. And do not present the parts of your bodies to sin as weapons for wickedness, but present yourselves to God as raised from the dead to life and the parts of your bodies to God as weapons for righteousness. For sin is not to have any power over you, since you are not under the law but under grace.

What then? Shall we sin because we are not under the law but under grace? Of course not! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that, although you were once slaves of sin, you have become obedient from the heart to the pattern of teaching to which you were entrusted. Freed from sin, you have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of the weakness of your nature. For just as you presented the parts of your bodies as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness for lawlessness, so now present them as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

For when you were slaves of sin, you were free from righteousness. But what profit did you get then from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit that you have leads to sanctification, and its end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

GOSPEL - Mark 1:35-45

Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed. Simon and those who were with him pursued him and on finding him said, "Everyone is looking for you." He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose, have I come." So he went into their synagogues, preaching and driving out demons throughout the whole of Galilee.

A leper came to him and, kneeling down, begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean. Then, warning him sternly, he dismissed him at once. Then he said to him, "See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them." The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly. He remained outside in deserted places, and people kept coming to him from everywhere.

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

Mystery of Crowning

Contact the pastor 6 months
in advance

Baptism and Chrismation

Make arrangements as soon
after birth as possible

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. Summer Hours: Sat 5:30 pm, Sun 10 am

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

Reminder! Daylight Savings Time begins on **9 March**, turn your clocks forward on Saturday.

Congratulations. We congratulate Victoria Oley, the wife of Anthony Oley, who was received into the Catholic Church and received First Communion on 1 March 2024. She and her two children, Charlotte and James, were chrismated. We assure the Oley Family of our loving prayers as they continue on their journey of faith as part of our Saint Anthony Family.

Festival Cooking This Week: Cooking for the 40th Annual Food Festival is on Tuesday this week at 9:30 am to 3 pm. Thursday cooking begins at 4 pm to 8 pm.

Stations and Benediction of the Cross. Join us each Friday of Lent at 6:30 pm. Confessions are available as well.

Parish Regional Retreat for the Maronite Youth Organization, 14-16 March. Mark your calendars for teens 13 to 18 to attend our annual retreat. We are hosting the Maronite youth in our region.

Summer Bible Camp. Over the past few years, the younger children have greatly benefited from and enjoyed the Summer Bible Camp, with attendance increasing each year. Amanda Shulleeta Walton has generously organized the program, but due to her family responsibilities, she now needs significantly more help. If parents want the Summer Bible Camp to continue, everyone must do their part. Please reach out to Amanda, Cathy George, or Father John if you are able to assist.

MYA Southern Retreat. Are you a young adult between the ages of 18 and 39? Are you looking to grow deeping in your faith and connect with other like-minded young adults from your culture and faith? Join our MYA family March 29th at St. Maron in Jacksonville, FL for an unforgettable experience. The theme will focus on "The Way of the Cross: Finding Strength in Surrender". The retreat will include meals, breakouts, adoration, confession, fellowship and more. To learn more or to register for the retreat visit myaeparchystmaron.org. Registration is now open!

MYA Hiking Trail. Hike with the MYA to the Rose River Falls on 14 April. See flier

2025 Pilgrimage. Please join the pilgrimage to the Marian Shrines in Portugal, Spain, and France from 14-23 September 2025. This promises to be a spiritually enriching journey as we visit some of the most beautiful and sacred sites dedicated to Our Blessed Mother.

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Sunday, 9 March at 9:30 am. MCF Preschool through Eighth, Catechumen Class

Sunday, 9 March at 9:30 am. Maronite Women's Fellowship "Bring a Friend" Breakfast

Tuesday, 11 March at 9:30 am. Festival Cooking

Thursday, 13 March at 4 pm. Festival Cooking

Friday, 14 March at 6:30 pm. Stations and Benediction of the Cross

Friday - Sunday, 14-16 March. MYO Parish Retreat

Sunday, 16 March at 9:30 am. MCF All Students

Friday, 21 March at 7 pm. Singo Bingo and Pizza after Stations of the Cross

Lenten Observances 2025

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 (3 March 2025) and all Fridays of Lent.

+ **Ash Monday and the Great Friday** of the Crucifixion (18 April 2025) 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.

LITURGY SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Sunday, 9 March Second Week of Lent, Healing of the Lepers, The Forty Martyrs

8:30 am

In memory of Diane Saady, requested by Melissa Roberts

In memory of Goldie Faris, requested by Danny and Theresa Shibley

11:00 am

In memory of Bob Hendricks, requested by Faith Hendricks

For the living and deceased members of the Saad Family

Monday, 10 March St. Auxentius

In memory of Gloria Schroder, requested by Rebecca Anthony

Tuesday, 11 March St. Sophronius

In memory of Goldie Faris, requested by Theresa and Danny Shibley

Wednesday, 12 March Pope St. Gregory the Great

In memory of Goldie Faris, requested by Msgr. James Root

Thursday, 13 March St. Theophanes the Chronicler

In memory of Gary Camp and Family, requested by Lisa Camp

Friday, 14 March St. Euphrasia

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

Saturday, 15 March St. Benedict

In memory of Mary Chavin, requested by Evelyn Fodill

Sunday, 16 March Third Week of Lent, Healing of the Hemorrhaging Woman, St. Papas

8:30 am

In memory of Eleanor Washburn (2 year passing), requested by Tom and Jamie Dailey

In memory of C. J. Walton, requested by Glenda and Michael Shulleeta

11:00 am

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

In memory of Barbara Joseph, requested by Teresa and John Nadder

USHERS SCHEDULE

Dates	8:30 Divine Liturgy	11:00 Divine Liturgy
9 Mar	Trey Shibley, Mason Shibley, Dave Howard, Joseph Fodill	Raymond Khoury, Milad Habboush, Charbel Chaoul
16 Mar	Andy Shulleeta, William Shulleeta, Frank Greco, Marshall Stephenson	Bill Maust, John Saad, Sam LaNeave, Diana Yaqoo

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

Dates	8:30 Divine Liturgy	11:00 Divine Liturgy
9 Mar	Asher and Braxton McIvor, George Oley, Arthur Oley	Vincent Carr, George ChouEIFati, Matthew Habboush
16 Mar	MYO	Eli Stephan and Ghady Karam

TRANSFER OF GIFTS

Dates	8:30 Divine Liturgy	11:00 Divine Liturgy
9 Mar	Stella McIvor, Rosie Boykin, Lili Boykin, Ivy Boykin	Alyssa Maust, Alexa Haddad, Ana Haddad
16 Mar	MYO	Maria Sakr, Kylie Stephan

LECTORS SCHEDULE

Dates	8:30 Divine Liturgy	11:00 Divine Liturgy
9 Mar	Cathy George	Sandra Joseph Brown
16 Mar	Jacqueline Gray	Lara Bouhaidar

STEWARDSHIP

2 March
 Collections: \$3020
 Contributions: \$2495
 Memorial Contribution (Barbara Joseph)
 St. Anthony Scholarship Fund: \$325

COLLECTION COUNTERS

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



WOMEN OF THE PARISH PLEASE JOIN US

"Bring a Friend Breakfast"

SUNDAY, MARCH 9TH AT 9:30AM



The Maronite Women's Fellowship community welcomes all women in the parish. We are eager to grow our community and invite new members to join us. For our upcoming March meeting, we encourage everyone to bring a guest along. Both you and your guest will receive a raffle ticket for a chance to win a prize!



Breakfast and coffee will be available, and each of you will have the opportunity to create an Easter candle to take home.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR

SINGO BINGO

FRIDAY, MARCH 21ST

Following Stations of the Cross

*Maronite Women's Fellowship will be hosting
Dinner and Bingo for the Parish.*

Singo Bingo is a musical spin on the classic bingo game. Instead of listening for a number, players are listening to their favorite music. Each player receives a free Singo card printed with the titles of popular songs.

BINGO SHEET \$2 DONATION

**50/50
RAFFLE**



2000S MIX TAPE				
NO ONE	HARDER TO BREATHE	PARTY IN THE U.S.A.	SUGAR, WE'RE GOIN' DOWN	DON'T STOP BELIEVIN'
DIRTTY	LIKE A VIRGIN	LOVE STORY	DIAL DRUNK	RIDE WIT ME
RUN IT	HIPS DON'T LIE	U CAN'T TOUCH THIS	BEFORE HE CHEATS	HOT IN HERRE
JENNY FROM THE BLOCK	BEAUTIFUL GIRLS	CAUGHT UP	ALL THE SMALL THINGS	TIK TOK
1, 2 STEP	SEE YOU AGAIN	RED SOLO CUP	COMBOY TAKE ME AWAY	I DON'T WANT TO MISS A THING

2000S MIX TAPE				
NO ONE	BUY U A DRANK	HOLLABACK GIRL	I LOVE THIS BAR	I DON'T WANT TO MISS A THING
SEXYBACK	HIPS DON'T LIE	ALL SUMMER LONG	DIAL DRUNK	DROP IT LIKE IT'S HOT
CRAZY IN LOVE	LOSE CONTROL	U CAN'T TOUCH THIS	COMBOY TAKE ME AWAY	DON'T STOP BELIEVIN'
JENNY FROM THE BLOCK	SEE YOU AGAIN	LONDON BRIDGE	CRUISE	SUPER BASS
BOOTYLICIOUS	CLOSER	I WANNA DANCE WITH SOMEBODY	ALL THE SMALL THINGS	RIDE WIT ME

\$5 PER PERSON

MENU:

*Pizza
Salad
Dessert*

**ALL PARISH MEMBERS ARE WELCOMED AND
ENCOURAGED TO JOIN IN THE FUN.**

MARONITE CHRISTIAN FORMATION SCHEDULE

MCF Schedule for Winter/Spring 2025			
Sunday	Jan. 5	All Students	9:30 a.m
Sunday	Jan. 12	PreS – 8th	9:30 am
Sunday	Jan. 19	PreS – 6th 7th-12th grades—LifeTeen	9:30 am 9:30 - 11 am
Sunday	Jan. 26	St. Anthony Feast Day Celebration All Students	9:30 am
Sunday	Feb. 2	All Students	9:30 am
Sunday	Feb. 9	PreS – 8th	9:30 am
Sunday	Feb. 16	PreS – 6th 7th-12th grades—LifeTeen	9:30 am 9:30 - 11 am
Sunday	Feb. 23	PreS – 8th Parent First Communion Class	9:30 am
Sunday	Mar. 2	All Students	9:30 am
Sunday	Mar. 9	PreS – 8th Parent First Communion Class	9:30 am
Sunday	Mar. 16	All Students MYO Parish Retreat	9:30 am
Sunday	Mar. 23	PreS – 8th	9:30 am
Sunday	Mar. 30	PreS – 6th 7th-12th grades—LifeTeen	9:30 am 9:30 - 11 am
Sunday	Apr. 6	All Students	9:30 am
Sunday	Apr. 13, Apr. 20	Palm Sunday Easter	No classes
Tuesday	Apr. 22	First Communion Practice	6:30 pm
Sunday	Apr. 27	First Communion Families arrive by 10:20	11:00 am

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