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"Mary, Shield of Our Maronite Faith"

SUNDAY OF THE HEALING OF THE PARALYTIC – MARCH 11, 2018

LITURGY	Divine Service of the Holy Mysteries (Mass) Sunday at 11:00 a.m.
CONFESSION	Before Liturgy and upon request.
COMMUNION CALLS	For hospitalized, shut-in, or suffering from a long illness. Call the Priest.
ANOINTING	Contact the Priest for Sacrament of the Sick.
BAPTISM/CHRISMATION	Formation for parents and Godparents begins three months prior. One parent must be a registered, active member of this parish. Contact the Priest.
CROWNING (Marriage)	Formation takes six months. Bride or groom must be a registered, active member of this parish. Call the Priest.
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	Jon Zischkau 202/966-2326 or Tony Rahi 202/360-2201

LITURGIES

This Week

Sunday, Mar. 11, 11:00 a.m. For Refaat Gebran, requested by the Fattouch family.

Next Sunday

Sunday, Mar. 18, 11:00 a.m. For Joseph Elhallal, requested by the family.

And For Selma Zouky, requested by Paul & Jean Korkemaz.

*ALTAR BREAD FOR MARCH 2018:

Offered in memory of Najib Khoueiry, Nadia Khoueiry, Isabelle Noujaim and Roger Ajaoudi, requested by the family.

*ALTAR WINE FOR MARCH 2018:

Offered in memory of Najib Khoueiry, Nadia Khoueiry, Isabelle Noujaim and Roger Ajaoudi, requested by the family.

*CANDLES, INCENSE AND CHARCOAL MARCH 2018:

Offered in memory of Najib Khoueiry, Nadia Khoueiry, Isabelle Noujaim and Roger Ajaoudi, requested by the family.

*ALTAR-BREAD, in memory of the Badway Family; ALTAR WINE, In memory of Joseph and Dolly Badway; CANDLES, INCENSE, AND CHARCOAL in memory of Tony, Zady & Louis Badway; One Sunday Bulletin Dedication, in memory of Tiny Badway all offered by the Badway Family FOR APRIL 2018.

*MAY, JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER, ARE AVAILABLE:

*ALTAR BREAD, ALTAR WINE, CANDLES, INCENSE, AND CHARCOAL FOR JUNE 2018:

In memory of Pierre and Victoria Mardini, requested by William and Carmen Ghazar.

*ALTAR BREAD, ALTAR WINE, CANDLES, INCENSE, AND CHARCOAL AND ONE SUNDAY

DEDICATION OF THE BULLETIN FOR OCTOBER 2018, in memory of Antoine Y. Fegali, Bernard Feghali, Sassine Aad and the deceased members of his family, requested by Mountaha, and Mark Feghali.

*ALTAR BREAD, ALTAR WINE, CANDLES, INCENSE, AND CHARCOAL AND SUNDAY BULLETIN DEDICATION FOR NOVEMBER 2018: In memory of the deceased members of the Helou and Wehbe families, requested by the Helou and Wehbe families.

*ALTAR BREAD, ALTAR WINE, CANDLES, INCENSE, AND CHARCOAL AND SUNDAY BULLETIN DEDICATION FOR DECEMBER 2018: In memory of the Soma, Joseph and Karam Families.

*ALTAR BREAD, ALTAR WINE, CANDLES, INCENSE, AND CHARCOAL AND SUNDAY BULLETIN DEDICATION FOR JANUARY 2019: In memory of the deceased members of the John & Richey Families.

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I wish to reserve the following:

1. The altar bread for the month of _____, in thanksgiving/memory of _____, requested by _____.
\$20.00 check enclosed.

2. The altar wine for the month of _____, in thanksgiving/memory of _____, requested by _____.
\$20.00 check enclosed

3. The candles, incense and charcoal for the month of _____, in thanksgiving/memory of _____, requested by _____,
\$20.00 check enclosed.

4. The bulletin dedication for the week (s) of _____, in thanksgiving/memory of _____, requested by _____
\$50 PER WEEK.

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DO YOU WISH TO BE PART OF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES?

ALTAR SERVER _____ MYO _____ MYA _____

NAME: _____ ADDRESS: _____

Telephone No. _____ e-mail _____

Your Signature _____ Date _____

Parents Signatures _____

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*SUNDAY OF THE HEALING OF THE PARALYTIC:

This 5th Sunday of Lent, "Sunday of the Healing of the Paralytic" is a reminder for all of us to remember and contemplate the marvelous mysteries of the Lord, and His mercy towards humanity represented by the Paralytic. May we ask the Lord to always strengthen our faith, our confidence and our love for Him and for each other!

*DAY OF RECOLLECTION:

On Saturday, March 24, 2018 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. our parish will have a Day of Recollection that will be directed by Monsignor Peter Azar – Rector of our Seminary - in preparation for the Holy Week and the Resurrection of the Lord. Please make an effort to attend.

*SERVICES DURING LENT:

In the previous years, during the Season of Lent, every evening – Monday through Friday – I celebrated the Divine Liturgy and *Ziyah al Salib* at 7:30 p.m. with hardly any attendance. So this year I have been celebrating the Divine Liturgy and *Ziyah al Salib* every Friday at 7:30 p.m. with the hope of better attendance.

*LENTEN REGULATION:

1. Ash Monday and Great Friday are days of Fast and Abstinence from meat.
2. Every Friday during Lent: Abstinence from meat also.

*AN IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT:

Please my Friends, when it comes to Special Liturgies, Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals check the schedule of the priest first. Your priest is not a saint who is capable of bilocation to have more than one service at the same time.

*ANOTHER IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT:

Please, in order to reserve a Liturgy Intention or an announcement, give it to me in writing to avoid any confusion or misunderstandings (i.e. "I told you this," "I did not tell you that...") Thank you!

***ANNUAL DIOCESAN CHARITIES APPEAL & ASSESSMENT:**

This year our Annual Diocesan Charities Appeal is like last year: (\$3,500.00), the Annual Assessment (\$10,500.00) and the contribution to the Priests Retirement Fund (\$7,200.00), a total of \$21,200.00.

As of this past Thursday, March 8, 2018 these are the names of the people who have donated:

Kevin & Hoda Pitzer	Mary Ackourey	John Hashim
Marcel & Rita Cherfan	Col George Noory	Chady & Corine Nasr
Khalil & Blanche Ibrahim	Jude & Stephany Miller	Philip & Lois Shadyac
Joseph & Dolly Gebeily	Nokes & Merchant	Joseph Jaja & Sharon Laskouski
Katherine & Charles Feghali	Antoun & Sabah Moussa	Kimberly Richey
Peter & Ann Tanous	Samir & Lucy Younes	George & Letty Tahan
Albert & Mona Younes	Charles & Amal Thomas	Terry & John King
Eduardo & Katia Abisellan	Tanios & Mireille Tabet	Roland & Maria Joun
Tony & Jacqueline Zahrah	Tony & Madys Kassab	Joe & Margaret Zogby
Joseph & Claude Nasr	Laurie Smith	Marie T Zenni
Mounir Abouzakhm	James Badway	Joseph & Beate Nassif
William J. Prather	Victor & Zina Beasley	Nabil & Kareen Bedewi
Richard & Mary-Ellen Hibey		

A total of \$18,190.00 was donated.

***RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES:**

Every Sunday is a Religious Education Day. Please, parents bring your children on time at 10:00 a.m. and let them stay next to you during the Liturgy. Please, parents give priority to the Religious Education of your children and remember that you are the primary and most important teachers. May God bless you!

***HOLY HOUR OF ADORATION AND PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS:**

Last Sunday of every month: A Holy Hour of Adoration and Prayer for Vocations will take place after the 11:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy.

***RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROJECT:**

In our Annual Maronite Calendar you find the names of the saints that our Church celebrates. Students from all grades could choose a Saint and write a short and attractive story, not only historical but also how this Saint affects our own life. A committee judges the articles and the first winner will receive \$10.00 and the second one \$5.00 and the best report will be published in the bulletin.

And when you ask for a certificate to be a Sponsor or a Witness that is what the Sponsor Certificate says: *"This is to certify that (NAME...) a member of the Parish, is a practical or practicing Catholic and is qualified to act as a Sponsor for the Sacrament of Baptism and Confirmation and as a Witness for the Sacrament of Matrimony*

Also, do not ask me to sign certificates or letters that are not truthful.

***MEMORIAL LITURGIES REMEMBERING LOVED ONES:**

Please, make your reservation early regarding memorial Liturgies and/or offering of Altar Bread, Altar Wine, Candles, Incense and Charcoal, and Bulletin Dedication in memory or in honor of your loved ones.

***PRAYER OF THE ROSARY:**

Please join the group of parishioners that meet every Sunday at 10:15 a.m. to pray the Rosary.

***PLEASE SHARE YOUR IDEAS:**

Please if you have any ideas or suggestions to improve or enrich our parish life, do not hesitate to share them. I know that all of you want the best for our Parish FAMILY.

***FINANCES:**

Sunday, March 4, 2018:

Sunday Collection _____	601.00
2 nd Collection (Maintenance) _____	363.00
Diocesan Bishops Appeal _____	2,100.00
\$15.00 Dues _____	240.00
Mail Donations _____	350.00
Tuesday Evening _____	40.00
Stipends _____	700.00

***ALTAR SERVERS:**

<u>MARCH 11</u>	<u>MARCH 18</u>	<u>MARCH 25</u>	<u>APRIL 1</u>
Peter Epperly	Peter Touma	Elias Moura	Jad Abi Saleh
Rey Abi Saleh	Roy Zailah	Chris Sabbagh	Jason Pitzer
Jimmy Maatook	Charbel Nasr	George Beasly	Alex Abi Aad
Anthony Kallab	Ryan Razzi	Shaadi Wanna	Ziad Wanna

***OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES:**

Please respect the Parish Rules when it comes to activities that are not initiated or sponsored by the parish such as selling books or promoting activities or calling parishioners for donations or tickets. Thank you.

***SANCTUARY AND SACRISTY:**

Please, when the Clergy are praying in the Sanctuary and after Liturgy, too, give them a chance for privacy unless you need to ask for confession or a blessing or something very important. Also after Liturgy let them process to the Sacristy and give them time to hang their vestments and to say a short thanksgiving prayer. The Sanctuary and Sacristy and the whole Church are not places to socialize. We have a beautiful Social Hall, please use it and take advantage of it. "My house is a house of prayer," says the Lord. Let us respond to His Will.

***BAPTISM:**

No Baptisms will be scheduled on Sunday morning. If you want to schedule a Baptism on Sunday, I am available Sunday afternoon after 1 pm. Remember your obligation to attend Sunday Divine Liturgy. Please, understand that it does not make sense to come baptize on Sunday but miss attending the Divine Liturgy. **Please do not be offended if Baptism will not be celebrated on Sunday if people do not attend the Divine Liturgy first, no matter how many people are invited. Also, do not schedule and impose a date for Baptism before asking the priest.**
Thank you.

***SCHEDULED LITURGIES:**

Sunday, Mar. 11 (11) For Refaat Gebran

Sunday, Mar. 18 (11) For Joseph Elhallal;

And for Selma Zouky.

Sunday, Apr. 22 (11) For Rev. Paul Korkemaz.

Sunday, June 3 (11) For Joe and Louise Cassidy.

Sunday, June 24 (11) For Del and Gloria Pemberton.

Sunday, July 15 (11) For Roy and Zona Roden

Sunday, July 29 (11) For Josephine Turner, Frances Hill and Gloria Quinn.

Sunday, Aug.12 (11) For Gary Lelli.

Sunday, Aug.26 (11) For Walt Reschke (Resh-key) and Bill Lloyd.

Sunday, Oct. 14 (11) For George and Theresia Abou Chabke and Moussa El Jor.

Sunday, Oct. 21 (11) For Tony Badway.

Sunday, Nov. 11 (11) For Rose Korkemaz.

Sunday, Dec. 2 (11) For the deceased members of the Soma, Joseph and Karam families.

Sunday, Dec. 9 (11) For The Helou and Wehbe families.

Sunday, Dec. 16 (11) **And** For Anthony Korkemas

***DATES TO REMEMBER:**

March 24: Day of Recollection

March 25: Hosanna Sunday Bake Sale

May 6: Feast of our Lady of Lebanon

General Parish Meeting

May 20: First Communion

May 27: Last Day of Religious Education Classes

June 2: ??? 5K Run/Walk and Parish Picnic

SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC Fifth Sunday of Lent

On this Sunday, the Maronite Church commemorates the miracle of Jesus' healing the paralytic.

We find that Jesus had returned to Capernaum. Since the news of his healing of the leper had become spread throughout the region, he had become very well-known. For this reason, he probably went to Capernaum by night in order to avoid the crowds. The house he went to was probably that of Simon Peter. By morning the house was filled with people. The crowd was filled with simple believers who wanted to listen to the Master, but mingled in the crowd were members of the Sanhedrin. The Sanhedrin had the function of guarding the orthodox teaching of the Jewish faith. The members of the Sanhedrin were not pleased with the teaching of this new master and were seeking a way to entrap him. In any case, there were many there who came to profit from the presence of the Lord.

Many times Jesus comes to us, visits us. He comes to us with an idea, a word we hear, a person who is suffering or joyful. Jesus is present. However, many times we neglect to notice him. We do not take advantage of his presence and we simply let the moment pass. We fail to be like the disciples on the road to Emmaus who invited Jesus to stay with them and eventually recognize him in the breaking of the bread.

One of the people who had heard about Jesus' presence in Capernaum was a paralytic. Since he was unable to go on his own, he sought the assistance of four friends who would carry him. The crowds were surrounding the house, so the men were forced to go on the roof and lower the paralytic through a hole. Such actions were proof of the faith of the paralytic and his friends.

Jesus looked at the man and said, "Child, your sins are forgiven." This was not a cure, but a promise of a cure. For the Jews believed that the sickness of the man was caused by his sins. In the Jewish mind, there is a very strong connection between sin and suffering (See Job 4:7). However, the forgiveness of sins was the prerogative of God alone. For any man to claim to do that was an insult to God and blasphemy, punishable by death (See Leviticus 24:10).

The experts of the law who were present were afraid to confront Jesus publicly since the Master was too popular. But Jesus read their thoughts and questioned their doubts. Since no one could determine whether a man's sins had been forgiven or not, Jesus performed a physical cure; he told the man to get up and walk. In this incident, Jesus signed his own death warrant. From that moment, he was in opposition to the Jewish authorities who would eventually seek his life. Jesus was on his way to glory.

Like the paralytic, we must expend all of our efforts to take advantage of the healing presence of the Lord. Let us seek the Lord with faith and humility, asking him to cleanse us.

===== BULLETIN DEDICATION =====

**NAJIB KHOUEIRY, NADIA KHOUEIRY, ISABELLE NOUJAIM
AND ROGER AJAUDI
REQUESTED BY THE FAMILY**