

# HEALING OF THE LEPER

## ST. MARON MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH

March 5, 2017



We have here the story of Christ's cleansing a leper. It teaches us:

1. *How to apply ourselves to Christ; come as this leper did, (1.) With great humility; this leper came beseeching him, and kneeling down to him; whether giving divine honor to him as God, or rather a less degree of respect as a great Prophet, it teaches us that those who would receive grace and mercy from Christ, must ascribe honor and glory to Christ, and approach him with humility and reverence. (2.) With a firm belief of his power; You can make me clean. The leper had this faith in Christ's power, which implies his belief that he was sent of God. Note, what we believe of the power of Christ we must bring home to our particular case; you can do this for me. (3.) With submission to the will of Christ; Lord, if you will. Not as if he had any doubt of Christ's readiness in general to help the distressed, but, with the modesty that became a poor petitioner, he refers his own particular case to him.*

2. *What to expect from Christ; that according to our faith it shall be to us. His address is not in the form of prayer, yet Christ answered it as a request. Note, Affectionate professions of faith in Christ, and resignations to him, are the most prevailing petitions for mercy from him, and shall speed accordingly. (1.) Christ was moved with compassion. This is added here, in Mark, to show that Christ's power is employed by his pity for the relief of poor souls; that his reasons are fetched from within himself, and we have nothing in us to recommend us to his favor, but our misery makes us the objects of his mercy. And what he does for us he does with all possible tenderness. (2.) He said, I will, be made clean. Christ's power was put forth in and by a word, to signify in what way Christ would ordinarily work spiritual cures; He sends his word and heals. The poor leper put an if upon the will of Christ; If you will; but that doubt is soon put out of doubt; I will. Christ most readily wills favors to those that most readily refer themselves to his will. He was confident of Christ's power; You can make me clean; and Christ will show how much his power is drawn out into act by the faith of his people, and therefore speaks the word as one having authority, Be made clean. And power accompanied this word, and the cure was perfect in an instant; Immediately his leprosy vanished, and there remained no more sign of it, Mark 1:42.*

3. *What to do when we have received mercy from Christ. We must with his favors receive his commands. When Christ had cured him, he strictly charged him; the word here is very significant, prohibiting with threats. I am apt to think that this refers not to the directions he gave him to conceal it (Mark 1:44), for those are mentioned by themselves; but that this was such a charge as he gave to the impotent man whom he cured, John 5:14; Sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto you; for the leprosy was ordinarily the punishment of some particular sinners; now, when Christ healed him, he warned him, he threatened him with the fatal consequence of it if he should return to sin again. He also appointed him, (1.) To show himself to the priest, that the priest by his own judgment of this leper might be a witness for Christ, that he was the Messiah. (2.) Till he had done that, not to say any thing of it to any man: this is an instance of the humility of Christ and his self-denial, that he did not seek his own honor. And it is an example to us, not to seek our own glory. He must not proclaim it, because that would much increase the crowd that followed Christ, which he thought was too great already; not as if he were unwilling to do good to all, to as many as came; but he would do it with as little noise as might be, would have no offence given to the Jewish and Roman authorities, no disturbance of the public peace, not any thing done that looked like ostentation, or an affecting of popular applause.*

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Liturgy Schedule</b></p> <p><b>WEEKDAYS: Chapel</b> <b>10:00 am</b> <b>SUNDAY: DOWNTOWN</b> <b>9:30 am - English</b> <b>11:00am - English &amp; Arabic</b> <b>SATURDAY: CHAPEL:</b> <b>7800 BROOKSIDE RD,</b> <b>INDEPENDENCE</b> <b>5:00 pm</b> <b>HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION</b> <b>7pm</b></p>
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## Liturgy Intentions

### Sat. March 4: Healing of the Leper

**5:00 pm Chapel: Mem. Lit for Joseph Watson**  
(Mitzie & John Michael)

**5:00 pm Chapel: Mem. Lit for Youssef & Georgette Sayegh**  
(Their children)

### Sun. March 5: Healing of the Leper

**9:30 am: Parishioners Intentions**

**11:00 am: Mem. Lit for Fadi Sarkis & Hanneh Moussa Sarkis**  
(His wife Amal and children Nashwa and Somar and brothers and sisters)

**11:00 am: Mem. Lit for Elias Antoon Sr.**  
(Mary Jo Antoon & Eli Jr., Gregory & Anthony Antoon & families.)

## Next Week

### Sat. March 11: Healing of the Hemorrhaging Woman

**5:00 pm Chapel: Mem. Lit for Camilla Sakalini (Azouri)**  
**Sister of Michel Maroun**  
(Sr. Anita Maroun & Michael & Richard Maroun)

### Sun. March 12: Healing of the Hemorrhaging Woman

**9:30 am: Liturgy for the deceased and living members of the Elie & Georgette Estephan family**  
(Elie & Georgette Estephan and family)

**11:00 am: Forty Day Liturgy for Naeema Azar Makhoul**  
(George Almalas & family)

**11:00 am: Mem. Lit for Madeline Maroun, Nouhad Asmar, Mona Sifani and Mary Maroun**  
(Fariz Maroun and family)

## Rest in Peace

Condolences to the family of **Hanneh Moussa Sarkis**, mother of George, Janfiat, Martha, Laila, Ghassan, and Fady (deceased), who passed away in Syria.

Family will be accepting condolences on Saturday and Sunday (March 4 & 5) beginning at 3:00pm at the home of George Sarkis  
1289 Warren Rd  
Lakewood, Oh 44107

*May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the Mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen*



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Daylight saving time 2017 in Ohio will start at 2:00 AM on Sunday March 12th

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**In Memory of: OR In Thanksgiving**

**Donated By:**

From the letter of St. Paul to the Romans,

6:12-23

رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل رومة

يا إِخْوَتِي،  
 لَا تَمْلِكَنَّ الْخَطِيئَةُ بَعْدَ فِي جَسَدِكُمْ الْمَائِتِ، فَتَطْبِعُوا شَهْوَاتِهِ.  
 وَلَا تَجْعَلُوا أَعْضَاءَكُمْ سِلَاحَ ظَلَمٍ لِلْخَطِيئَةِ، بَلْ قَرَّبُوا أَنْفُسَكُمْ لِلَّهِ كَأَحْيَاءٍ قَامُوا مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، وَأَجْعَلُوا أَعْضَاءَكُمْ سِلَاحَ بَرٍّ لِلَّهِ.  
 فَلَا تَسَلِّطْ عَلَيْكُمْ الْخَطِيئَةُ، لِأَنَّكُمْ لَسْتُمْ فِي حُكْمِ الشَّرِيعَةِ بَلْ فِي حُكْمِ النِّعْمَةِ.  
 فَمَاذَا إِذَا؟ هَلْ نَخْطَأُ لِأَنَّنا لَسْنَا فِي حُكْمِ الشَّرِيعَةِ، بَلْ فِي حُكْمِ النِّعْمَةِ؟ حَاشَا!  
 أَلَا تَعْلَمُونَ أَنَّكُمْ عِنْدَمَا تَجْعَلُونَ أَنْفُسَكُمْ عِبِيدًا لِأَحَدٍ فَتَطْبِعُونَهُ، تَكُونُونَ عِبِيدًا لِلَّذِي تُطْبِعُونَهُ: إِمَّا عِبِيدًا لِلْخَطِيئَةِ الَّتِي تُؤْوِلُ إِلَى الْمَوْتِ، وَإِمَّا لِلطَّاعَةِ الَّتِي تُؤْوِلُ إِلَى الْبِرِّ.  
 فَشُكْرًا لِلَّهِ لِأَنَّكُمْ بَعْدَمَا كُنْتُمْ عِبِيدَ الْخَطِيئَةِ، أَطَعْتُمْ مِنْ كُلِّ قَلْبِكُمْ مِثَالَ التَّعْلِيمِ الَّذِي سَلَّمْتُمْ إِلَيْهِ.  
 وَبَعْدَ أَنْ حَرَّرْتُمْ مِنَ الْخَطِيئَةِ، صِرْتُمْ عِبِيدًا لِلْبِرِّ.  
 وَأَقُولُ قَوْلًا بِشَرِيًّا مُرَاعَاةً لِضَعْفِكُمْ: فَكَمَا جَعَلْتُمْ أَعْضَاءَكُمْ عِبِيدًا لِلنَّجَاسَةِ وَالْإِثْمِ فِي سَبِيلِ الْإِثْمِ، كَذَلِكَ اجْعَلُوا الْآنَ أَعْضَاءَكُمْ عِبِيدًا لِلْبِرِّ فِي سَبِيلِ الْقِدَاسَةِ.  
 فَلَمَّا كُنْتُمْ عِبِيدَ الْخَطِيئَةِ، كُنْتُمْ أَحْرَارًا مِنَ الْبِرِّ.  
 فَأَيُّ ثَمَرٍ جَنَيْتُمْ حِينَئِذٍ مِنْ تِلْكَ الْأُمُورِ الَّتِي تَسْتَحُونَ مِنْهَا الْآنَ؟ فَإِنَّ عَاقِبَتَهَا الْمَوْتُ.  
 أَمَّا الْآنَ، وَقَدْ صِرْتُمْ أَحْرَارًا مِنَ الْخَطِيئَةِ وَعِبِيدًا لِلَّهِ، فَإِنَّكُمْ تَجْنُونَ ثَمَرًا لِلْقِدَاسَةِ، وَعَاقِبَتُهَا الْحَيَاةُ الْأَبَدِيَّةُ.  
 لِأَنَّ أَجْرَةَ الْخَطِيئَةِ هِيَ الْمَوْتُ. أَمَّا مَوْهَبَةُ اللَّهِ فَهِيَ الْحَيَاةُ الْأَبَدِيَّةُ فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ رَبَّنَا..

والتسبيحُ لله دائماً.

**Brothers and sisters,**

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Praise be to God always!**

From the Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark

1:35-45

إنجيل القديس مرقس

قال مرقس التبشير:  
 قَامَ يَسُوعُ قَبْلَ طُلُوعِ الْفَجْرِ، فَخَرَجَ وَدَهَبَ إِلَى مَكَانٍ قَفْرٍ، وَأَخَذَ يُصَلِّي هُنَاكَ.  
 وَلِحَقِّ بِهِ سَمْعَانُ وَالَّذِينَ مَعَهُ،  
 «الْجَمِيعُ يَطْلُبُونَكَ» وَوَجَدُوهُ فَقَالُوا لَهُ:  
 «لِنَذْهَبَ إِلَى مَكَانٍ آخَرَ، إِلَى الْقَرْيِ الْمَجَاوِرَةِ، لِأُبَشِّرَ هُنَاكَ أَيْضًا، فَإِنِّي لِهَذَا خَرَجْتُ» فَقَالَ لَهُمْ:  
 وَسَارَ فِي كُلِّ الْجَلِيلِ، وَهُوَ يَكْرُرُ فِي مَجَامِعِهِمْ وَيَطْرُدُ الشَّيَاطِينَ.  
 «إِنْ شِئْتَ قَائِدٌ أَنْ تُطَهِّرَنِي!» وَأَتَاهُ أَبْرَصٌ يَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْهِ، فَجَنَّا وَقَالَ لَهُ:  
 «فَدِّ شَيْئًا، فَاطْهَرِ!» فَتَحَنَّنَ يَسُوعُ وَمَدَّ يَدَهُ وَلَمَسَهُ وَقَالَ لَهُ:  
 وَفِي الْحَالِ زَالَ عَنْهُ الْبَرَصُ، فَطَهَرَ.  
 فَاتَّبَعَهُ يَسُوعُ وَصَرَفَهُ حَالًا،  
 «أَنْظُرْ، لَا تُخْبِرْ أَحَدًا بِشَيْءٍ، بَلِ اذْهَبْ وَأَرِ نَفْسَكَ لِلنَّاسِ، وَقَدِّمْ عَن طَهْرِكَ مَا أَمَرَ بِهِ مُوسَى، شَهَادَةً لَهُمْ» وَقَالَ لَهُ:  
 أَمَّا هُوَ فَخَرَجَ وَبَدَأَ يُبَادِي بِأَعْلَى صَوْتِهِ وَيُبَدِّعُ الْخَبْرَ، حَتَّى إِنَّ يَسُوعَ لَمْ يَعْذُ قَائِدًا أَنْ يَدْخُلَ إِلَى مَدِينَةِ عِلَانِيَّةٍ، بَلْ كَانَ يُقِيمُ فِي الْخَارِجِ، فِي أَمَاكِنَ مُقْفَرَةٍ، وَكَانَ النَّاسُ يَأْتُونَ إِلَيْهِ مِنْ كُلِّ مَكَانٍ.

حقاً والأمان لجميعكم

**The evangelist writes,**

In the morning, while it was still very dark, he 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. **This is the truth! Peace be with you.**

## St. Maron's Church Organizations

### **Parish Council**

President: Najib Rached: rolanano@hotmail.com  
3rd Wed. of the month at 7:00 pm

### **Immaculate Conception Sodality (ICS)**

President: Bernadette Faddoul: gbjmlf@aol.com  
1st Mon. of every month at 7:00pm

### **Sons of Mary (Men's Club)**

President: Joey Faddoul: joeyfaddoul@gmail.com  
1st Mon. of every month at 7:00 pm

### **Maronite Christian Formation Program (MCFP)**

Director Maroun Kattar: marounkattar@yahoo.com  
Sundays (except Holy Days) 10:45 am to 12:15 pm

### **Maronite Young Children (MYC)**

President: Rita Kanaan: Ritamurr@hotmail.com

### **Maronite Youth Organization (MYO)**

Coordinator: George Shamatta: gshamatta@gmail.com  
1st and 3rd Saturday : 5pm with Liturgy/Meeting

### **Maronite Young Adults (MYA)**

President: Sami Shaia: sshaia13@gmail.com  
Meeting & Bible Study 1st Thurs. of each month at 7:30 pm

### **Arabic School**

Coordinator: Jihad Kawkabani: jihad.kawkabani@gmail.com  
Classes Sat. Oct-April (except Holy Days) 10 am to 12 noon

### **50+ Social Club**

Mary Ann Watson: mapw47@yahoo.com  
1st Friday of each month. Liturgy: 10:00 am

### **Book & Cine Club**

Katia Abboud: katiaabboud315@gmail.com



## ICS NEWS

Monthly Meeting: Monday March 6th  
Downtown  
Security Provided

## Sons of Mary News

Monthly Meeting: Monday March 6th  
Downtown  
All men of the parish are invited.

## Book & Cine Club

We are going to the Museum!!!!  
**Thursday, March 9th at 8:00 pm**  
(Lecture length one hour) FREE

### Natural History Museum

1 Wade Oval Dr, Cleveland, Oh 44106

## *Our Future Off-Earth*

### Dr. Christopher Impey

Dr. Impey will review the history and landmarks of the international space program, give a snapshot of the current dynamic situation and plot the trajectory of the future of space travel.

RSVP: Katia Abboud:  
katiaabboud315@gmail.com

## **Stations & Benediction of the Holy Cross**

Every Friday of Lent  
6:30 pm Downtown

Followed by a Potluck  
(Bring a dish to share)  
Parking Lot security provided.

## **LENTEN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SERIES**

During this Great Season of Lent, Msgr. Peter Karam will be offering two public lectures on the topic of **“Christianity and Secular Culture: In Defense of the Christian Faith.”**

*These lectures are open to the general public: parishioners and non-parishioners. Although the lectures are intended for individuals of all ages, they should be of particular interest to youths and young adults.*

### Date & Times

Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7:00 pm

Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm

### Location

Saint Maron Church \* 1245 Carnegie Ave. \* Cleveland, Ohio  
**Parking lot security will be provided.**

## **Mystery of Crowning** (Sacrament of Matrimony)

**MANDATORY** you contact and meet with Msgr. Peter **at least 8 months** in advance of your desired date. Couples are required to participate in our Pre-Cana classes .

**Until a couple has met with Msgr. Peter their date will not be secured.**

*Call the office to schedule an appointment.*  
**216.520.5081**





SAINT MARON'S - DOWNTOWN  
SAINT MARON'S MYO  
**SPAGHETTI DINNER  
FOR LUNCH!!!!**

SUNDAY, MARCH 12TH  
AFTER 11 O' CLOCK MASS  
INCLUDES...  
SPAGHETTI, GARLIC BREAD, AND  
SALAD

**\$10**



**Maronite Young Children  
(MYC)**

**EASTER PARTY**

**Saturday, April 8: 12-2pm**

**Parish Center:  
INDEPENDENCE**

**Children 4yrs to 12yrs**

**Come and See ~ Bible Study proclaims the Lordship of Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit for the glory of God the Father**

*Led by Msgr. Peter Karam and Father Alex Harb*

**Saturday Mornings 10am-12 noon**  
**(Downtown)**

***March 4, March 11,  
March 18, April 1***

**Thursday Evenings 7:00 pm**  
**(Parish Center Independence)**

***March 9, March 16,***

## Gift of the Altar: March 2017

### BREAD

### In Memory of:

**Arlene Sekerak (nee Richards)**  
Edward & Ella Richards & families

**Youseff Tobia**  
Takla Tobia & family

**Hanna & Evelyn Ina & deceased member of their family**  
Their children

### WINE

### In Memory Of:

**Arlene Sekerak (nee Richards)**  
Edward & Ella Richards & families

**Mouhiba Khalil Sahlani**  
Naji & Elizabeth Sahlani & family

**Youseff Tobia**  
Takla Tobia & family

**Hanna & Evelyn Ina & deceased member of their family**  
Their children

**William & Genevieve Bishilany**  
Bill & Denise Bishilany & family

### CANDLES

### In Memory Of:

**Arlene Sekerak (nee Richards)**  
Edward & Ella Richards & families

**George & Mary "Roma" Sessin**  
Their children & their families

**Jacob & Juliette Saad & the deceased members  
of the Saad & Elzeer families:**  
Thomas Saad & family

**Hanna & Evelyn Ina & deceased member of their family**  
Their children

**Zine, Wadee & Jeanette Sabe**  
Tom & Theresa Thomas

### **BAPTISM -**

Call the office at least 2 months in advance.

### **MARRIAGE -**

Call at least 8 months in advance for Pre-Cana Appt.

### **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

By appointment

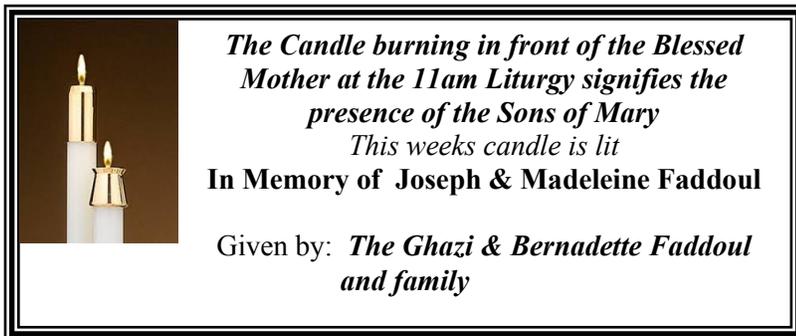
### **SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING/SICK**

Call the Parish Office immediately. 216.520.5081 or  
216.333.0760

**HOSPITALS DO NOT CALL US.**

## **Collection: February 26, 2017**

<b>GENERAL DEPOSIT</b>	\$	<b>39,479.00</b>
<b>Sunday Collection</b>	\$	<b>3,245.00</b>
<b>Mass Intentions</b>	\$	<b>100.00</b>
<b>Parking Garage-Monthly</b>	\$	<b>755.00</b>
<b>St. Maron Hafli</b>	\$	<b>35,379.00</b>



*The Candle burning in front of the Blessed  
Mother at the 11am Liturgy signifies the  
presence of the Sons of Mary  
This weeks candle is lit*

**In Memory of Joseph & Madeleine Faddoul**

Given by: **The Ghazi & Bernadette Faddoul  
and family**

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO ASSIST SYRIAN REFUGEES**

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