SAINT MARON CHURCH

February 18, 2024 Pg. 196 <u>Second Week of Lent</u> Healing of the Leper

Leprosy and the Sin

We are truly blessed that we are a generation who has experienced Jesus Christ in their life, who came to our world and made it a better place to live. A world where we can prepare ourselves for the eternal life.

In the Gospel of Mark, we encounter a loving and a merciful God. We see Jesus's human nature when He was moved with pity (Mark 1:41) when the Leper asked him to make him clean. We see the divine nature of Jesus as well when he healed the leper and sent him clean. (Mark 1: 42)

Leprosy at the time of Jesus was an incurable disease. It was related to spiritual thoughts. People who were affected by Leprosy were considered sinners and they were rejected by the society. To be healed from it, there was a must for a divine intervention.

The leper is someone who is rejected by the society. Whoever touches him would be considered impure as well.

Here comes the purest of the pure. The real God. That the impurity of leprosy could not stop him from touching the leper to make him clean.

If we take the story of Jesus and the leper to a spiritual level we see that it is the same story of Jesus and us as sinners.

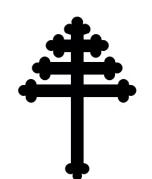
This Gospel reminds us that we are imperfect, and we need Jesus in our life to change us. The sin is an incurable thing when it comes to human efforts, but it fades away when it comes to God. All what it takes is to be humble in the presence of God and to ask him, as the Leper did, to free us from the sin that stops us from moving forward toward the path of God.

During this blessed time of the Great Lent, let us open our hearts and lives for Jesus to change us and to take us to a deeper level in our faith. Let us follow the steps of Jesus and reach out to those who are rejected by our societies. To those that nobody wants to be around. This is how the world knows that we are the disciples of Jesus Christ who came to our world to serve and love!

Clergy

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Liturgy Schedule

Tues, Wed & Thurs: Chapel 6:00 p.m.: English/Arabic Saturday: Chapel 5:00 p.m.: English Sunday: Downtown 9:30 a.m.: English 11:00 a.m.: Arabic-English

Church: 1245 Carnegie Ave Cleveland, Ohio 44115

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Church Organizations

Parish Council President-Jèan Yaacoub 2ndWed. of the month at 7:00 pm **Finance Council** President- Rick Ganim: 3rd Wed of the month at 7:00 pm Immaculate Conception Sodality (ICS) President-Claire Naoum 1st Mon. of every month at 7:00pm Maronite Christian Formation Program (MCFP) Director-Elias Kanaan: Sundays (except Holy Days) 12:00-1:00 pm MaronKnights Dabke Group Tanya Elasmar: Maronite Youth Organization (MYO) Coordinator– Peter Harb: Maronite Young Adults (MYA) President- Anessa Kleem Follow MYA page for updates Maronite Mothers Club (MMC) Coordinator- Tina Chamoun Arabic School: Coordinator: Jihad Kawkabani Classes Sat. Oct-April (except Holy Days) 10 am -12noon 50+ Social Club Mary Ann Watson 1st Friday of each month. Liturgy: 10:00 am Book & Cine Club Katia Abboud Rosary Prayer Group Daad Chamoun Social Committee Souheil Farah, Rita Lattouf, Claire Naoum St. Maron Health Committee Dr. Paul Farah Social Media Coordinator Jessica Khoury Order of Saint Sharbel Samir Farah and Daad Chamoun



NAM Mid-West Lenten Retreat: Saturday, March 16, 2024 At Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon, North Jackson, OH Retreat Master: Fr. Chris Nahra Retreat Theme: LENT: Time to Prepare, Mission to Share Registration: \$60.00 (\$70) all meals inclusive – NAM members 55.00 (\$65)

Registration deadline: March 6, 2024 Online registration: www.namnews.org

For further information and by phone registration, contact parishioner Diane Maroun at 216-337-1547

Liturgy Intentions

Healing of the Leper

Saturday February 17

5:00 pm: Mem Lit for Boutros Chalhoub & Lydia Chalhoub (Their families)

<u>Sunday February 18</u>

9:30 am: Mem Lit for Anton & Anna Sessin (Their grandchildren & their families)

11:00 am: Parishioners Intentions

Next Week

Saturday February 24

5:00 pm: Mem Lit for Maron & Violette Saluan and their great granddaughter Savannah Rose Adamczyk (Michael & Rowena Ina & family)

Sunday February 25

9:30 am: Parishioners Intentions

11:00 am: Mem Lit for Joseph Saloum Roufaeil, Badra Semaan, Mona Roufaeil, and Issam Roufaeil (Ziad Roufaeil & family)

Congratulations to Souheil & Darlin Farah who were given The Silver Massabki award at the St. Maron Feast Day Banquet.

Congratulations to Peter Harb and Anessa Kleem who each received the Faith of the Mountain award at the banquet as well.

Our MaronKnights Dabke Group was outstanding. Over 30 young dancers, under the leadership of Tanya Elasmar worked so hard and practiced multiple times each week. Thank you for your dedication and commitment.

We thank everyone who attended the sold-out banquet, and a special thank you to Rita Lattouf, Claire Naoum, and Souheil Farah for all their hard work.

Saint Sharbel Liturgy

CHAPEL Thursday February 22nd

Rosary 6:30 pm Liturgy 7:00 pm Procession

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نُمْلِكَنُّ الخَطِينَةُ بَعْدُ في جَسَدِكُمُ المَائِتِ، فَتُطيعُوا شَهَوَ اتِهِ. تَجْعَلُوا أَعْضَاءَكُم سِلاحَ ظُلُم للمَشُم في حُمُ الشَّرِيعَةِ بَلْ في حُمُ الَبِعْمَةِ. ذَا اذًا؟ هَلْ نَخْطَأُ لأَنَّنَا لسُنًا في حُمُ الشَّرِيعَةِ بَلْ في حُمُ النَّعْمَةِ. تَعْلَمُونَ أَنَّكُم عِنْدَمَا تَجْعُلُونَ أَنْفُسَكُم عَبِدًا لأَحَدٍ فَتُطيعُونَهُ، تَكُونُونَ عَبِيدًا للَذي تُطيعُونَهِ. إِمَّا تَلْقَى تُعْمَةِ الْ	مُونَه: إمَّا عَبيدًا لِلخَطِيئَةِ الَّتي تَؤُولُ إلى المَوت، وإمَّا لِلطَّاعَةِ الَّتي مُ إِلَيْه. بِيلِ الإِثْم، كَذلِكَ آجْعَلُوا الآنَ أَعْضَاءَكُم عَبيدًا لَلبِرّ في سَبيلِ القَدَاسَ قِبَتُهَا الحَيَاةُ الأَبَدِيَّة. رَبِّنَا	حُكُم النَّعْمَة. فَمَةً؟ حَاشًا! ونُونَ عَبِيدًا للَّذي تُطيعُونَه: إمَّا عَد نَّالَ النَّعْلِيم الَّذي سُلِّمْتُمْ إِلَيْه. النَّ حَاقِبَتَهَا المَوْت. نَ مََرَا إِلَقَدَاسَتَه، وحَاقِبَتُهَا الحَيَاةُ	يَّة، بَلْ قَرَبُوا أَنْفُسَكُم للَّهِ في حُكْم الشَّرِيعَةِ بَلْ في عَبِدًا لأَحَدٍ فَتُطيعُونَهُ، تَ نَهَ أَطَعْتُم مِنْ كُلِّ قَلْبِكُم عَبِيدًا للبِرَ. مَا جَعَلْتُم أَعْضَاءَكُم عَبِيدً نِيَ البِرَ. بِيَةٍ و عَبِيدًا لله، فإِنَّكُم تَجُ	نَّ الْحَطِينَةُ بَعْدُ في جَسَدِكُمُ الْمَارَ عَلُوا أَعْضَاءَكُم سِلَاحَ ظُلُّم لِلحَطِيرَ أَطْ عَلَيْكُمُ الْحَطِينَةَ، لأَتَّكُم لَسْتُم فَ الَّهُ هَلْ نَخْطَأُ لأَنَّنَا لَسْنَا في حُكْم ا نُونَ أَتَّكُم عِنْدَمَا تَجْعَلُونَ أَنْفُسَكُم مَنْ لأَنَّكُم عِندَمَا تَنْعَلَقَ لِضُعْفَكُم: فَكَمَ قَوْلاً بَسَرِيًّا مُرَاعَاةً لِضُعْفَكُم: فَكَمَ مَ عَبِيدَ الْحَطِيئَةِ، كُنَّمُ أَجْرَارًا مِ مَ جَنَيْتُمُ حِينَيْذٍ مِنْ تِلْكَ الأُمُورِ الَّهُ	وَلا تَجْ فَلَا تَتَسَ فَمَاذَا إِذَا الِّي البِرَ وَوَبَعْدَ أَزَّ اَمًا الإِن أَمًا الإِن		

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!

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From the Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark	1:35-45	إنجيل القدّيس مرقس				
		قالَ مر قس البشير :				
قَامَ يَسُوعُ قَبْلُ طُلُوعٍ الفَجْر، فخَرَجَ وذَهَبَ إلى مَكَانٍ قَفْر، وأَخَذَ يُصَلِّي هُنَاك.						
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ۅڵؙڿۣ۪ۊۜ بِهِ سِمْعِانُ وَالْذَين مَعَهُ،						
	,	. «أَلْجَمِيعُ يَطْلُبُونَكَ»، ووَجَدُوهُ فَقَالُوا لَهُ:				
خَرَجْتُ»فَالَ لَهُم:	رُ هُنَاكَ أَيْضًا، فَإَنِّي لِهِذَا .	. ‹‹لِنَذْهُبُ إِلَى مَكَانٍ آخَرٌ، إِلَى القُرَى المُجَاوِرَة، لأُبَشِرَ				
	أُ الشَّبَاطين إ	وسَارَ في كُلِّ الجَلِيَّل، وَهُوَ يَكْرِزُ في مَجَامِعُهُم وَيَطْرُدُ				
		. «إِنْ شِئْتَ فَأَنْتَ تَقَادِرٌ أَنْ تُظَهِّرُنِي!» وِإِنَّاهُ أَبْرِحُ يَتَوَ				
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	ال له:	. «قَدْ شِئْتُ، فَٱطْهُرْ !»فتَحَنَّنَ يَسُوغُ ومَدَّ يَدَهُ ولَمَسَهُ وقَ				
		وفي الحَالِ زَالَ عَنْهُ البَرَصْ، فَطَهْرَ.				
		فَأَنْبَّهَرَهُ يَسُوعُ وصَرَفَهُ حَالاً،				
مَا أَمَرَ بِهِ مُوسِدٍ، شَمَادَةً لَهُدِيهِ قَالَ لَهُ:	كَاهِن، وَقَدَّهْ عَنْ طُعْر إِنَّ رَ	ِ رَأُنْظُرْ ﴾ لا تُخْبِرْ أَجَدًا بِشَهِ ع، بَانِ ٱذْهَبْ وَ أَرِ نَفْسَكَ لِلْا				
مَا أَمَرَ بِهِ مُوسَى، شَهَادَةً لَهُم»وقالَ لَهُ: بِرًا أَنْ يَدُخُلُ إِلَى مَدِينَةٍ عَلانِيَة، بَلُ كانَ يُقِيمُ في الخَارِج، في أَمَاكِنَ مُقْفِرَة، وكانَ	ے میں او سے م عس مسہر ۔ . رَبُّنَ انْ رَبُّهُ مَا أَنْ رَبُّهُ مَا	الأسرية في تعسير المسلم بسبي والبي المنب والريسي بسب ب				
بر أ أن يدخل إلى مدِينةٍ علامِتِيه، بن حان يويم في الحارِج، في أمادِن مفقَّره، وحان	حلي إن يسوع لم يعد قار	أما هو فكرج وبدا يتادي بإعلى صوية ويديع الكبر،				
		النَّاسُ يَأْتُونَ إِلَيْهِ مِنْ كُلَّ مَكَان.				
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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.



Sacrament of Baptism and Confirmation

If you are a new parent and wish to have your child baptized at Saint Maron Church or Chapel you must call the office at least two months in advance. We try very hard to have only one baptism per Saturday and Sunday. Times are after the 5pm Saturday liturgy (Chapel) or following the 11am Sunday liturgy (Church).



Mystery of Crowning (Sacrament of Matrimony)

MANDATORY you contact and meet with Fr. Elias **at least 8 months** in advance of your desired date.

Couples are required to participate in our pre-Cana classes. Once a couple has met with Father Elias their date will be secured. Call the office to schedule an appointment.: 216.520.5081



House Blessing

Please call the office if you would like your home blessed 216-520-5081



Communion and Anointing of the Sick

Clergy is available to administer Communion or for anointing of the sick to those homebound or hospitalized. Call the office if you or a family member is in need.

For emergency only call: 612-501-6383

FREEDOM TO MARRY LETTER

Regardless of the situation, all necessary forms for couples living in the United States or abroad MUST be done. This may take weeks or months so call to schedule an appointment with Fr. Elias as soon as possible. 216-520-5081



Confession is available prior to all liturgies. Please let the priest know you are interested.

A Reading from the Second Book of Kings. 2 Kings 5:1-14

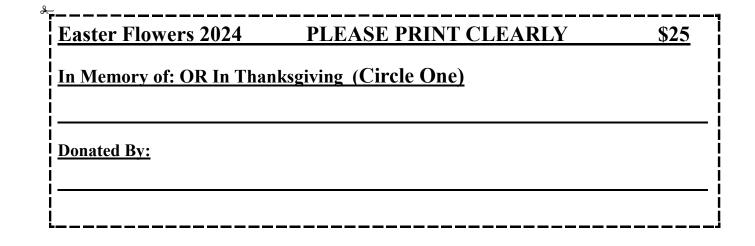
Naaman, the army commander of the king of Aram, was highly esteemed and respected by his master, for through him the LORD had brought victory to Aram. But valiant as he was, the man was a leper. Now the Arameans had captured from the land of Israel in a raid a little girl, who became the servant of Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my master would present himself to the prophet in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." Naaman went and told his master, "This is what the girl from the land of Israel said." The king of Aram said, "Go. I will send along a letter to the king of Israel." So Naaman set out, taking along ten silver talents, six thousand gold pieces, and ten festal garments. He brought the king of Israel the letter, which read: "With this letter I am sending my servant Naaman to you, that you may cure him of his leprosy." When he read the letter, the king of Israel tore his garments and exclaimed: "Am I a god with power over life and death, that this man should send someone for me to cure him of leprosy? Take note! You can see he is only looking for a quarrel with me!" When Elisha, the man of God, heard that the king of Israel had torn his garments, he sent word to the king: "Why have you torn your garments? Let him come to me and find out that there is a prophet in Israel." Naaman came with his horses and chariot and stopped at the door of Elisha's house. Elisha sent him the message: "Go and wash seven times in the Jordan, and your flesh will heal, and you will be clean." But Naaman went away angry, saying, "I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand there to call on the name of the LORD his God, and would move his hand over the place, 31 and thus cure the leprous spot. Are not the rivers of Damascus, the Abana and the Pharpar, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be cleansed?" With this, he turned about in anger and left. But his servants came up and reasoned with him: "My father, if the prophet told you to do something extraordinary, would you not do it? All the more since he told you, 'Wash, and be clean'?" So Naaman went down and plunged into the Jordan seven times, according to the word of the man of God. His flesh became again like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean. Praise be to God always.



<u>BENEDICTION AND</u> STATIONS OF THE CROSS

6:30 pm <u>DOWNTOWN</u> February 16, 23 March 1, 8, 15, 22 Followed by meatless pot-luck Security Provided

The Lebanese Syrian American Junior League Scholarship application period is currently open to high school seniors or undergraduate college students of Lebanese and/or Syrian descent residing in the greater Cleveland area. Please obtain applications through your high school's college guidance department or by emailing: <u>LSAJLscholarship@gmail.com</u>. All applications MUST be received by March 31, 2024.



Gifts of the Altar: February 2024

BREAD in Memory of: Deceased members of the Richards & Nofel families (Edward P. Richards, Jr.)

WINE in Memory of:

Deceased members of the Richards & Nofel families (Edward P. Richards, Jr.)

Mary "Roma" Sessin (Judith & Katherine Gordon"

Mr. Simon Zarife (Thomas Saad & family)

Mrs. Florence Chbeir (Thomas Saad & family)

Louis F. Peters (John & Lorrie Peters)

CANDLES in Memory of:

Deceased members of the Richards & Nofel families (Edward P. Richards, Jr.)

George & Roma Sessin (Their children & their families)

Jacob & Juliette Saad & the deceased members of the Saad and Elzeer families (Thomas Saad & family)

Pete & Lydia Chalhoub (William & Denise Bishilany & family)

50+ SOCIAL CLUB

Join us for 10:00 Liturgy on Friday, March 1. We will then venture to Akron for lunch at Farmer Boy Restaurant on our way to tour the Bethlehem Cave & Nativity Museum. Before leaving the Parish Center \$5 per person for the tour will be collected.

RSVP to Mary Ann NO LATER than Feb. 26.

Call or email the office if you are in need of a contribution statement for 2023. 216-520-5081 or saintmaroncleveland@gmail.com

February 12, 2024

General Deposit:	\$ 3,408.00
Saturday 5:00 pm	\$ 43600
Sunday 9:30 am	\$ 462.00
Sunday 11:00 am	\$ 2,016.00
Saint Maron Feast	\$ 424.00
Online	\$ 70.00

Immaculate Conception Sodality

The Sodality invites you to attend the Rosary Prayers and "Ziyah Al Adra" on Monday, March 4th at 7:00 pm at the Chapel in Independence. Following will be meeting and a Pot Luck dinner at the Parish Center. (IND)

Hope to see you there.

Theme: St Patrick/St. Joseph



New members are always welcome.



Our parking lot is a public parking lot for all events not associated with the church (Mass, weddings, baptism)

Please DO NOT tell the parking attendants that you are a parishioner who parks for free.

Everyone is invited to park in our lot for the amount that is being charged. This includes baseball games, concerts, Cavs games, etc.)

Thank you.



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