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# CLEANSING OF THE LEPER SUNDAY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015



## MASSES & CELEBRATIONS

**Sundays – 11:30 a.m.**

Daily Mass (Monday, Wednesday and Friday) at  
7:00 p.m.

Blessed Sacrament Adoration

First Thursday of each month 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

## CONFESSIONS

30 minutes before each mass

In case of emergency, contact the priest.

## VISITING THE SICK

If you, or someone you know is ill, please  
contact Fr. Michel and he will arrange to visit  
the sick.

## BAPTISMS

Please contact Fr. Michel at least *two weeks*  
prior to the baptism date.

## MARRIAGES

Please contact Fr. Michel a *minimum of four*  
*months* in advance of the desired date of  
marriage.

Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015

## **HEMORRHAGING WOMAN SUNDAY**

Reading (2 Cor 7: 4 – 11)

Gospel (Luke 8: 40 – 56)

# SUNDAY MASS READING & GOSPEL

## A Reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans. (Romans 6: 12 – 23)

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 the 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, 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.

## A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark (Mark 1: 40 – 45)

A leper came to Jesus 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, saying to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, as a testimony to them." But he went out and began to proclaim it freely, and to spread the word, so that Jesus could no longer go into a town openly, but stayed out in the country; and people came to him from every quarter.

# SUNDAY REFLECTION

**Observing Lent** Lent, or “As-Sawm” in Arabic, is the period of 40 days (some churches count Sundays, others do not) before the Easter Feast. Traditionally, Lent is a period of fasting, prayer and penitence that culminates in Holy Week with the commemoration of Jesus Christ’s arrest, trial, crucifixion, burial and resurrection. The 40 days are symbolic of the time that Jesus spent in the desert when he was tested by the Devil. Lent is a time for “reconsidering discipleship and examining life and obedience to God.”

Despite their concurrence, the Great Lent of the Maronite Church is not the same as the Lent of the Roman Catholic Church, a fact that reflects the unique historical position of this community of Catholics in the East. The Church, which is western by virtue of its longstanding communion with Rome, is also eastern in that it uses an eastern rite and Syriac liturgy, in addition to observing a more or less orthodox Lent. Maronites, unlike Roman Catholics, do count the Sundays in Lent as part of the 40 days, which means that the liturgical season begins two days earlier and ends a full week earlier, marking off Holy Week as a separate liturgical period. Fasting, however, lasts through Holy Week to Easter, adding up to a total of eight weeks.

## PSALM 108:1-6

My heart is steadfast, God; my heart is steadfast. I will sing and chant praise.

Awake, my soul; awake, lyre and harp!

I will wake the dawn.

I will praise you among the peoples, Lord;

I will chant your praise among the nations.

For your love towers to the heavens;  
your faithfulness to the skies.

Appear on high over the heavens, God;  
may your glory appear above all the earth.

Help with your right hand and answer us  
that your loved ones may escape.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and  
to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

## FEBRUARY 2010 FEAST DAYS

**Day 22:** St. Peter foundation in Antioch

**Day 23:** Polycrobus , Martyr

**Day 24:** Margareta, Confessor

**Day 25:** Phelix II, pope of Rome

**Day 26:** Broforyous, Confessor

**Day 27:** St. Telalalous, disciple of St. Maron

## CHILDREN’S CHOIR

If you would like to join the Children’s Choir, please print your name and phone number on the “sign up” sheet at the back of the church. The choir practices every Sunday after the Holy Mass. Parents – please encourage your children to join together in song to praise the Lord. The practice is in Arabic and English at the same time.

## PROCESSION (STATIONS) OF THE CROSS

The Procession of the Cross and the Ziyah will be held every **Friday**  
at **7:00 p.m.**

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SATURDAY, JUNE 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2015

Classes every Friday at 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm



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# ANNUAL FESTIVAL



from Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015 till Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015

**FAMILY NIGHT** will continue on Fridays from 7:00 p.m. till 11:00 p.m.  
(Holy Mass, Bible Discussion, Food and Fun) Join us every Friday!

### **Bring Mary into your Home**

Would you like to have the statue of Mary in your home for one week, (Sunday to Sunday)? If so, please sign your name on the sign-up sheet. With the statue in your home you and your family can pray with her, ask her for her help, and share your responsibilities and problems with her.

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### **DONATIONS SUMMARY**

**FEBRUARY 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**TOTAL COLLECTION: \$ 1333.25**



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### **Parish News**

Please remember to read the weekly bulletin and to visit our website at [www.maroniteparishcalgary.com](http://www.maroniteparishcalgary.com) to keep up-to-date on parish events, programs, future developments, and other related matters.

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YOUR WILL.**