

# Sunday of the Man with Leprosy



**PROCESSION OF THE CROSS EVERY FRIDAY AT 7:00 PM**  
**STARTING FROM FRIDAY, MARCH, 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2014**

**EVERY FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH**  
**EUCCHARIST ADORATION AT 7:00 PM**

## EASTER PARTY

**ON APRIL 20<sup>TH</sup> 2014 AT CROATION CULTURAL CENTER**

### March 2014 Feast Days

Day 2: Saint John Maron (1<sup>st</sup> Patriarch)

Day 3: Ash Monday

Day 9: 40 Martyrs

Day 19: Saint Joseph

Day 23: 100 years of the death of Saint Rafqa

Day 25: Announcement to Mary

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# 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. **The word of the 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. **This is the truth, peace be with you.**

**First Holy Communion (Saturday May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014)**

# 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.

## 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 located at the front table where Mary’s statue rests. 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.

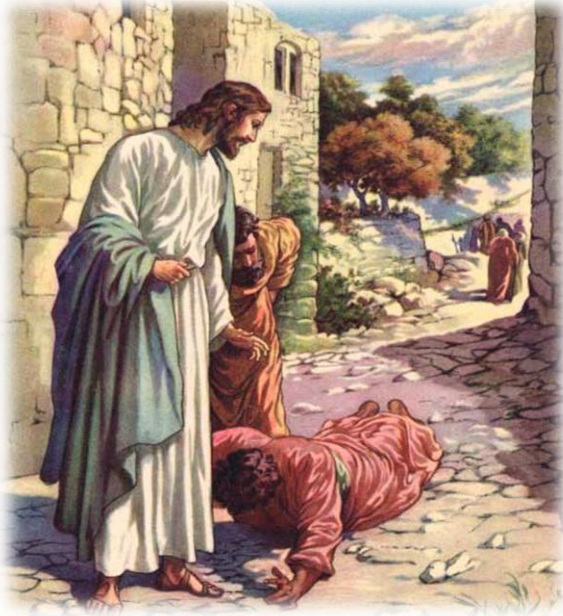
**Youth Meeting biweekly on Fridays from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm come and join us this Friday March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

**Family Night biweekly on Fridays (Mass, Bible Study, Snack and more...) come Join us and bring your friends**

## 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.



## On the frontlines of the Syrian refugee crisis



**Dr. Rita Rhayem, is on the frontlines of the Syrian crisis.**

As head of the health department at Caritas Lebanon, she is organizing care relief services to respond to growing needs.

Come hear her speak about the realities on the ground and how Canadian support is making a difference.

**Lebanon has absorbed one million Syrians who have fled the ongoing conflict in their country.**

Still fragile from its own history of conflict, Lebanon is trying to cope with this influx of refugees. Caritas Lebanon with support from DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE is providing health care services to this vulnerable group, all while helping the local population cope as well.

**Date & Time:** Sunday 9 March 2014  
11:30 a.m.—Holy Mass  
12:45 p.m.—Presentation by Mrs. Rhayem  
Followed by Lunch and Discussion in Parish Hall  
**Place:** Our Lady of Peace Maronite Catholic Church  
(504 30th Avenue NW)  
**Contact info:** Sara Farid sfarid@devp.org (587) 224 9017



# CHURCH FESTIVAL

**Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014 & Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014**

**BBQ, MUSIC, GAMES, SURPRISES & More...**

**Waiting you ! Come with friends and Join us**

**Membership update:** If you are new to our parish, or have not yet been registered in our Parish, please submit the completed information below. Please print clearly.

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Children's Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address with Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Work and/or Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

How would you like to help your parish grow? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to serve on one of our committees? Please indicate your preference.