

# Sunday of the Prodigal Son



## Psalm 51:1-7

By the rivers of Babylon we sat mourning and weeping when we remembered Zion. On the poplars of that land we hung up our harps. There our captors asked us for the words of a song; Our tormentors, for a joyful song: "Sing for us a song of Zion!" But how could we sing a song of the LORD in a foreign land? If I forget you, Jerusalem, may my right hand wither. May my tongue stick to my palate if I do not remember you, If I do not exalt Jerusalem beyond all my delights.

Remember, LORD, against Edom that day at Jerusalem. They said: "Level it, level it down to its foundations!" Fair Babylon, you destroyer, happy those who pay you back the evil you have done us! Happy those who seize your children and smash them against a rock.

## 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: Annoucement to Mary



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# SUNDAY MASS READING & GOSPEL

A Reading from the Second letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians. **(2 Corinthians 13:5-13)**

Examine yourselves to see whether you are living in faith. Test yourselves. Do you not realize that Jesus Christ is in you?--unless, of course, you fail the test. I hope you will discover that we have not failed. But we pray to God that you may not do evil, not that we may appear to have passed the test but that you may do what is right, even though we may seem to have failed. For we cannot do anything against the truth, but only for the truth. For we rejoice when we are weak but you are strong. What we pray for is your improvement. I am writing this while I am away, so that when I come I may not have to be severe in virtue of the authority that the Lord has given me to build up and not to tear down. Finally, brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the holy ones greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the holy Spirit be with all of you. **Praise be to God always.**

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke **(Luke 15:11-32)** Then he said, "A man had two sons, and the younger son said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of your estate that should come to me.' So the father divided the property between them. After a few days, the younger son collected all his belongings and set off to a distant country where he squandered his inheritance on a life of dissipation. When he had freely spent everything, a severe famine struck that country, and he found himself in dire need. So he hired himself out to one of the local citizens who sent him to his farm to tend the swine. And he longed to eat his fill of the pods on which the swine fed, but nobody gave him any. Coming to his senses he thought, 'How many of my father's hired workers have more than enough food to eat, but here am I, dying from hunger. I shall get up and go to my father and I shall say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers.'" So he got up and went back to his father. While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him. His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'Quickly bring the finest robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Take the fattened calf and slaughter it. Then let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and has been found.' Then the celebration began. Now the older son had been out in the field and, on his way back, as he neared the house, he heard the sound of music and dancing. He called one of the servants and asked what this might mean. The servant said to him, 'Your brother has returned and your father has slaughtered the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.' He became angry, and when he refused to enter the house, his father came out and pleaded with him. He said to his father in reply, 'Look, all these years I served you and not once did I disobey your orders; yet you never gave me even a young goat to feast on with my friends. But when your son returns who swallowed up your property with prostitutes, for him you slaughter the fattened calf.' He said to him, 'My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.'" **This is the truth, peace be with you.**

# صلاة اليوبيل



اليوبيل المئوي  
لهفة القديسة  
رفقا ١٩١٤-٢٠١٤

باسم الآب والابن والروح القدس، الإله الواحد. آمين  
مُجِّدَت، أَيُّهَا الثالوثُ الأَقْدَسُ، الآبُ الخالق، والإبْنُ  
الفادي، والروحُ المُلهم، في خادِمَتِكَ الرَّاهِبَةِ رَفَقَا القَدِيسَةِ.  
لقد أبدَعَتها على صورتِكَ شُعلةً محبَّةً، فَبَدَّلْتَ ذاتها، عَبَّرَ  
سُبُلَ الألم، وَبَلَّغْتَ بهجة القيامةِ وفرح الخَلاص، فصارت  
في دُنْيَا النَّاسِ بشارَةً حيَّةً بالفادي المسيح.

أَيُّهَا القَدِيسَةُ مريم؛ يا من احتضنتِ بحنانِكَ رَفَقَا  
الطفلةَ، يوم قَسَّت عليها ظروفُ الحياة، فنشأت في فيءِ  
حِمايَتِكَ؛ وإذ امتلأت من «تَبوُّع الحياة»، إِبْنِكَ يسوع،  
رَوَّت بِمَآئِهِ الحَيِّ تُرابَ أرضنا. إِبْقِي لشبِيبَتِنا الحائرة،  
أُمًّا وهدايةً وجميًّا.

أَيُّهَا القَدِيسُ يوسف، شفيعَ العيالِ وشفيعَ عائلةٍ رَفَقَا  
الديرية؛ يا من تحتَ نَظَرِكَ الغائِصِ في سِرِّ الطِّفْلِ الذي  
رَعَيْت، نَمَت زَهْرَةُ القَداسَةِ، أَحْتَنَّا رَفَقَا. إحمِ عيالنا  
وأبقها مُنِيتِ دَعَواتِ للقداسة، على مِثالِ رَفَقَا القَدِيسَةِ.

وأنتِ، يا رَفَقَا الحَبِيبَةِ، أَحْتَنَّا وابنةً أرضنا، رَجَوناكِ،  
ونحنُ في غَمْرَةِ أفراحِ هذا العيد، يُوبيلِكَ، إِبْقِي مَعَنَا  
فَيْضَ نورٍ مِنْ عَيْنِكَ يَهْدِينا السَّبِيلَ نَحْوَ مَنْ وَقَفْتَ لَهُ  
حِياتِكَ، الفادي المسيح، وبَلُورَةَ تَعكِّسُ في عالَمِنا أنوارَ  
وَجْهِهِ القَدُوسِ؛ أنتِ إيقونَةُ الرَّبِّ المسيح. آمين.



## 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.

**PROCESSION OF THE CROSS EVERY FRIDAY AT 6:30 PM**

## **EASTER PARTY**

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

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

### **SUNDAY SERVICE:**

**Traditional Service: 11:30 AM**

### **WEEKDAY SERVICES:**

**Monday, Wednesday, Friday at 7 pm**

**Youth Meeting biweekly on Fridays from 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm come and join us Friday April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

## **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**

**EVERY 1<sup>st</sup> THURSDAY OF THE MONTH**

**EUCARIST ADORATION AT 7:00 PM**

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SATURDAY, JUNE 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2014**

### **PARISH NEWS**

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