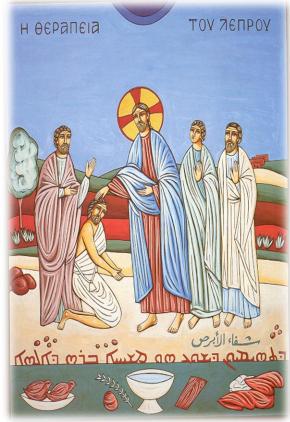
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### OUR LADY OF PEACE NARONITE CATHOLIC PARISH OF CALGARY

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### **NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2016 HEMORRHAGING WOMAN SUNDAY**

**READING (2 Cor 7:4-11)** GOSPEL (*Luke 8:40-56*)

### NASSES & CELEBRATIONS

Sundays – 11:30 a.m.

Daily Mass (Monday, Wednesday and Friday)

at 6:30 p.m. BLESSED SACRAMENT ADORATION **EVERY FRIDAY 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

#### BAPTISNIS

the sick.

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 MASS READING & GOSPEL

### A Reading from the letter of Saint 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 enslaves 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

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

Christ Jesus our Lord.

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.

#### Day 18: Saint Leo the Great, pope of Rome Day 19: The memorial of the 500 Martyrs of Tyre Day 20: Saint Jacob the hermit, disciple of our father Maron Day 21: Saint Ostatios, patriarch of Antioch **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. SUNDAY REFLECTION Observing Lent: Lent, or "As-Sawm" in Arabic, is the period of 40 days (some churches

FEBRYUARY 2016 FEAST DAYS Day 15: Faustino's the priest and Yotinas (Justin) the deacon, martyrs Day 16: Saint Tazoius of Tyron Day 17: Saint Agapitos, bishop of Sinada in Ferijia & Saint Konardos

#### 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. WELCOME!

We welcome all parishioners back for another year of cooperation and prosperity in our Lord, Jesus Christ. Our Lady of Peace pastor and parishioners would like to welcome all visitors and families who are new to the parish family.

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SUNDAY OF CANA OF GALILLEE WEDDING

DONATIONS SUMMARY (FEBRUARY 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2016)

SUNDAY COLLECTION: \$ 782.50



### PROCESSION (STATIONS) OF THE CROSS

The Procession of the Cross and the Ziyah will be held every FRIDAY AT 6:30 P.M.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SATURDAY, MAY 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2016 CLASSES EVERY FRIDAY AT 7:00 PM TO 8:00 PM

### **FAMILY NIGHT**

will continue on Fridays from 6:30 p.m. till 11:30 p.m. (Holy Mass, Bible Discussion, Food and Fun) Join us every Friday!

### MEET THE POLICE OF CALGARY

(YOU AND THE LAW PRESENTATION) SATURDAY, MARCH 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2016

From 4:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Main Target to the new comers from Syria & Iraq
Everyone is welcome to attend

16 years and up

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE www.maroniteparishcalgary.com