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Cana Sunday Entrance into Lent

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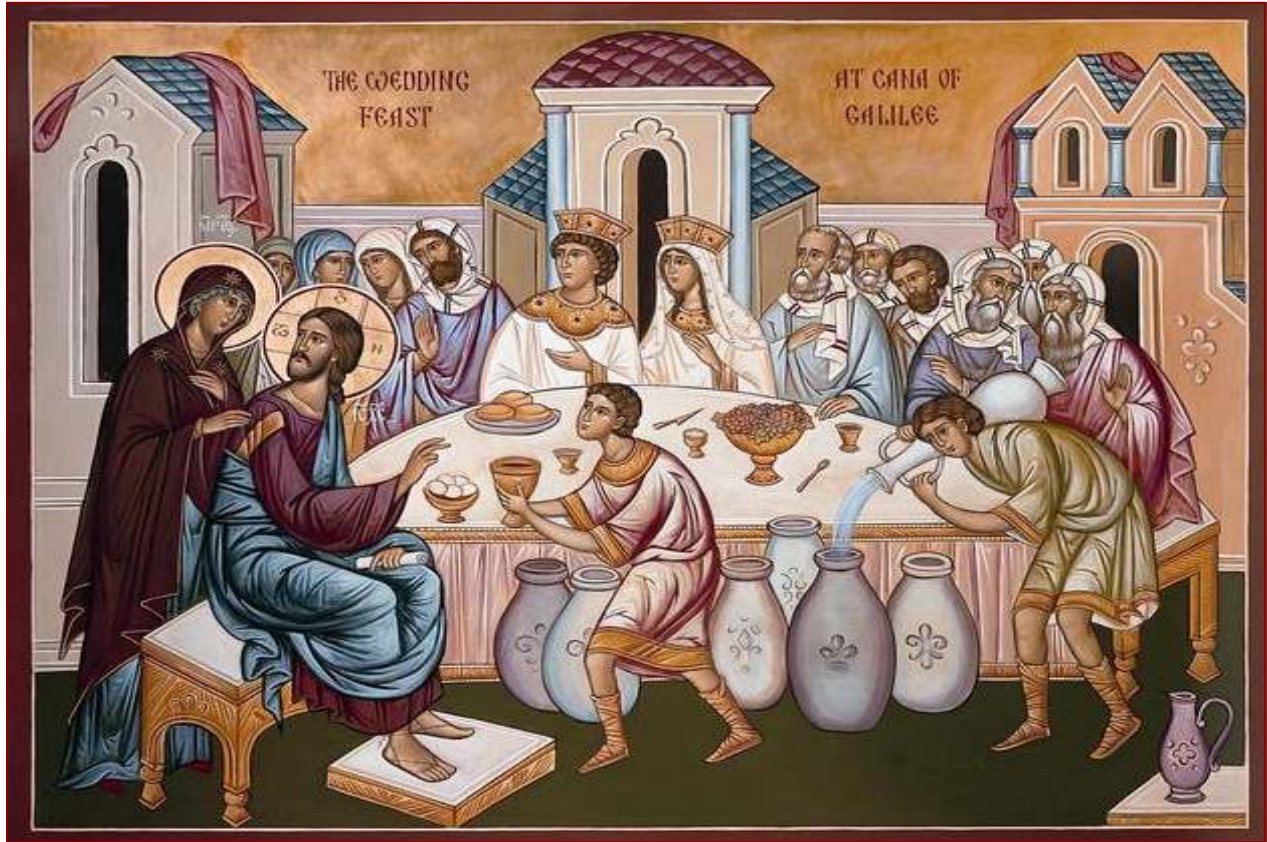
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'DO WHATEVER HE TELLS YOU.'

JOHN 2: 5

تعال بيننا، أقم عندنا، وخذ من قلوبنا لك مسكنا

هب لنا عيوننا ترنو إليك، واجعل حياتنا ملكا لديك، فنعرف طعم الهناء، ألا استجب منا الدعاء

نحن جياع أنت خبزنا، نحن عطاش أنت ماؤنا، فمك يطيّب الغذاء، ألا استجب منا الدعاء

أمح الضغينة من صدورنا، وازرع كلامك في ضميرنا، فنحصد حب العطاء، ألا استجب منا الدعاء



Sunday of the Entrance into Lent /Cana Sunday

Sat. Feb. 22 @ 4:00 PM Liturgy Celebrated for:

+Intention of the celebrant

Sun. Feb. 23 @ 10:30 AM Liturgy Celebrated for:

+Mary George Davin as requested by the family

ASH MONDAY Feb. 24

7:00PM +Service of the Holy Mysteries and Distribution of ASHES



Healing of the Leper

Sat. Feb. 29 @ 4:00 PM Liturgy Celebrated for:

+Intention of the celebrant

Sun. March 1 @ 10:30 AM Liturgy Celebrated for:

40 Day Memorial for +George Mikhael El Khoury and + Haikal Haikal as requested by the family



For the Month of February

Bread & wine for the Holy Gifts are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
+Paul and Trenetta Saba, son William
by *Maurice and Paula Daaboul*

Vigil candle for the Gospel Throne is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
+Peter Asiaf, Jr. and Leo and Alice Smith, son John and Cousin Peter Smith by *Maryanne Asiaf*

Sanctuary candle for the Tabernacle is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
+Abdallah and Richidi Ackil, son Faris
by *Dr. and Mrs. Albert Ackil*

Vigil candle for Shrine of St. Theresa is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
+Gordon Solomon, +Peter and Josephine Ackil George
by *Dr. and Mrs. Albert Ackil*



Lectors' Schedule

Saturday, Feb. 22, 2020

English: Gail

Sunday, Feb. 23, 2020

English: Gordon

Arabic: Alison

The Holy Mysteries are celebrated: Saturdays at 4:00 PM; Sundays at 10:30 AM; 7:00 PM Holydays

Holy Mystery of Reconciliation: **Please Note:** The sacrament of Reconciliation is available one hour before each Liturgy. And, is available any time on request.

Ministry to the Sick: If a parishioner is seriously ill at home or in the hospital, please call the church office to arrange for Communion or the Anointing of the Sick.

Holy Mysteries of Baptism and Chrismation: Please make arrangements with the pastor at least one month in advance. Sponsors must meet particular requirements of church law; parents must consult with the pastor before inviting someone to serve as a sponsor.

Holy Mystery of Crowning: Please consult with the pastor to make arrangements at least 6 months in advance of proposed date in order to avoid any difficulty in scheduling.



Reading: Romans 14: 14-23

I know and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself; but it is unclean for anyone who thinks it unclean. If your brother or sister is being injured by what you eat, you are no longer walking in love. Do not let what you eat cause the ruin of one for whom Christ died. So do not let your good be spoken of as evil. For the kingdom of God is not food and drink but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. The one who thus serves Christ is acceptable to God and has human approval. Let us then pursue what makes for peace and for mutual edification. Do not, for the sake of food, destroy the work of God. Everything is indeed clean, but it is wrong for you to make others fall by what you eat; it is good not to eat meat or drink wine or do anything that makes your brother or sister stumble. The faith that you have, have as your own conviction before God. Blessed are those who have no reason to condemn themselves because of what they approve. But those who have doubts are condemned if they eat, because they do not act from faith; for whatever does not proceed from faith is sin.

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الرسول إلى أهل روما

يا إخوتي، إنِّي عالمٌ وواثقٌ، في الربِّ يسوع، أن لا شيءَ نجسٍ في ذاته، إلا لمن يحسبُه نجسًا، فله يكون نجسًا. فإن كنت من أجل الطعام تُحزنُ أخاك، فلا تكون سالِّمًا في المحبة. فلا تهلك بطعامك ذلك الذي مات المسيح من أجله! إذا فلا تسمحوا بأن يصير الخير فيكم سببًا للتجديف. فليس ملكوت الله أكلًا وشربًا، بل برٌّ وسلامٌ وفرحٌ في الروح القدس. فمن يخدم المسيح هكذا فهو مرضيٌّ لدى الله، ومقبولٌ لدى الناس. فلنسع إذا إلى ما هو للسَّلام، وما هو لبنيانٍ بعضنا بعضًا. فلا تفض عملَ الله من أجل الطعام؛ لأن كل شيء طاهر، ولكنه ينقلب شرًا على الإنسان الذي يأكل ويكون سببَ عثرةٍ لأخيه. فخير لك أن لا تأكل لحمًا، ولا تشربَ خمرًا، ولا تتناول شيئًا يكون سببَ عثرةٍ لأخيك. واحفظ برأيك لنفسك أمام الله. وطوبى لمن لا يدين نفسه في ما يقرُّه! أمَّا المُرتابُ في قراره، فإن أكل يَدان، لأن عمله غير صادرٍ عن يقين وإيمان. وكل عمل لا يصدُر عن يقين وإيمان فهو خطيئة.

Gospel: John 2: 1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

من إنجيل ربنا يسوع المسيح للقديس يوحنا

في اليوم الثالث، كان عرسٌ في قانا الجليل، وكانت أم يسوع هناك. ودُعِيَ أيضًا يسوع وتلاميذه إلى العرس. ونفذ الخمر، فقالت لیسوع أمه: «ليس لديهم خمر». فقالت لها يسوع: «ما لي ولك، يا امرأة؟ لم تأتِ ساعتِ بعد!». فقالت أمه للخدم: «مهما يقل لكم فافعلوه!». وكان هناك ستة أجران من حجر، معدة لتطهير اليهود، يسع كل منها من ثمانين إلى مئة وعشرين ليترا، فقال يسوع للخدم: «املأوا الأجران ماء». فملأوها إلى فوق. قال لهم: «استشفوا الآن، وقدموا لربئيس الوليمة». فقدموا. وذاق الربئيس الماء، الذي صار خمرًا - وكان لا يعلم من أين هو، والخدم الذين استشفوا يعلمون - فدعا إليه العريس وقال له: «كل إنسان يقدم الخمر الجيد أولًا، حتى إذا سكر المدعوون، قدم الأقل جودة، أما أنت فقد أبقيت الخمر الجيد إلى الآن!». تلك كانت أولى آيات يسوع، صنعها في قانا الجليل، فأظهر مجده، وآمن به تلاميذه.

TIME, TALENT & TREASURE
STEWARDSHIP: A WAY OF LIFE

Parish Support : Offertory needed each week \$ 2,000.00. Our offertory is needed for the following: Parish Assessment, paid monthly from Feb. thru Nov: \$750.00. Parish Building Insurance, paid monthly from Jan. thru Nov: \$970.00. **Offertory received:** 2/16/20, \$1,078.00



Eucharistic Adoration: Please see Lenten Schedule attached. Doors are opened at 6:00 pm **each evening.**



Coffee Hour Volunteers: If you are able to lend a hand in sponsoring a Sunday morning Coffee Hour please see Abouna.



LENLEN REGULATIONS

The Most Reverend Bishops Gregory Mansour and A. Elias Zaidan have issued the following Lenten guidelines for the Maronites of the U.S.: All Maronites who are physically capable are to abstain from meat on Ash Monday (**Feb. 24, 2020**) and all Fridays of Lent. Ash Monday and the Great Friday of the Crucifixion are also days of **fasting**. Fasting in the Maronite Church involves eating and drinking nothing at all (except water and medicine) from midnight until noon. The rest of the day normal meals can be taken, but without meat. All Maronites who are physically capable are to fast on these two days.

Devotion of Lenten Fridays

All parish priests are to celebrate the Benediction with the Cross every Friday of Lent except for the Great Friday of the Crucifixion. This service may be preceded by other popular devotions such as Evening Prayer (*Ramsho*), Stations of the Cross or even the Divine Liturgy. Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament should not take place on Fridays of Lent.

2020 Eparchial Annual Bishop's Appeal

As we enter the Season of Lent, parishioners are once again asked to participate in the Annual Eparchial Bishop's Appeal; monies raised will help enrich many lives and programs entrusted to the mission of our Eparchy. *Within the next week, every household will receive a mailing regarding this appeal.* In the past, your collective generosity has helped Saint Theresa Church reach her quota of **\$3,500.00**. Our parish family is obligated to forward this amount to the Eparchy by **April 26, 2020**. When each household generously supports the *2020 Eparchial Bishop's Appeal*, the required amount can easily be raised without using funds from our general parish account. Like the power of the widow's mite, any donations will be greatly appreciated.

Maronite Servants of Christ the Light Young Adult Ladies Retreat Weekend

Thirsting For More... and need some time to get away, rest and pray? We invite young adult ladies [ages 18-35] to join us for a retreat weekend of rejuvenation, inspiring talks, nature walks, prayer and fellowship during the weekend of April 24-26, 2020. The suggested donation is \$100 to help with meals accommodations. Register by April 13, 2020. To register for the weekend or to find out more information please contact Sr. Therese Maria at srtherese2010@gmail.com. The retreat will be hosted by the Maronite Servant Sisters at their Mother of the Light Convent, 856 Tucker Road, Dartmouth, MA 02747.

Mom's Rejuvenation Retreat Day

Recharge Retreat for Moms

Come refresh, rejuvenate, and reflect on the example of the Mother of God.

Join us for a day of prayer, discussion, and fellowship...
Lunch will be served.

Saturday, May 2nd, 2020
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Mother of the Light Convent
856 Tucker Road, Dartmouth, MA 02747

To help offset expenses, a \$30 donation is suggested.
Please RSVP by Sunday, April 27th.

To register for the weekend or to obtain more information please contact:
Mother Maria Marie Lucac: mlucac@maroniteservants.org or call 202-213-7700.

Hosted by: Maronite Servants of Christ the Light www.maroniteservants.org

ST. THERESA CHURCH

LENTEN SCHEDULE 2020



- **Mondays:** Liturgy will be celebrated at 7:00 PM
- **Tuesdays:** Liturgy will be celebrated at 7:00 PM,
followed by a Spiritual Enlightening Film in the church hall.
- **Wednesdays:** Liturgy will be celebrated at 7:00 PM,
followed by Arabic Bible Study.
- **Thursdays:** Liturgy will be celebrated at 7:00 PM,
followed by Eucharistic Adoration.
- **Fridays:** Service of the Holy Cross at 7:00 PM
(Note: Liturgy will be celebrated in Arabic at 6:15 PM)
- **Saturdays:** Liturgy will be celebrated at 4:00 PM
Followed by English Bible Study
- **Sundays:** Liturgy will be celebrated at 10:30 AM

Note: The sacrament of Reconciliation is available one hour before each Liturgy.
And, is available any time on request.



† Pray as much as you can; this is a time of grace †