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Healing of the Leper

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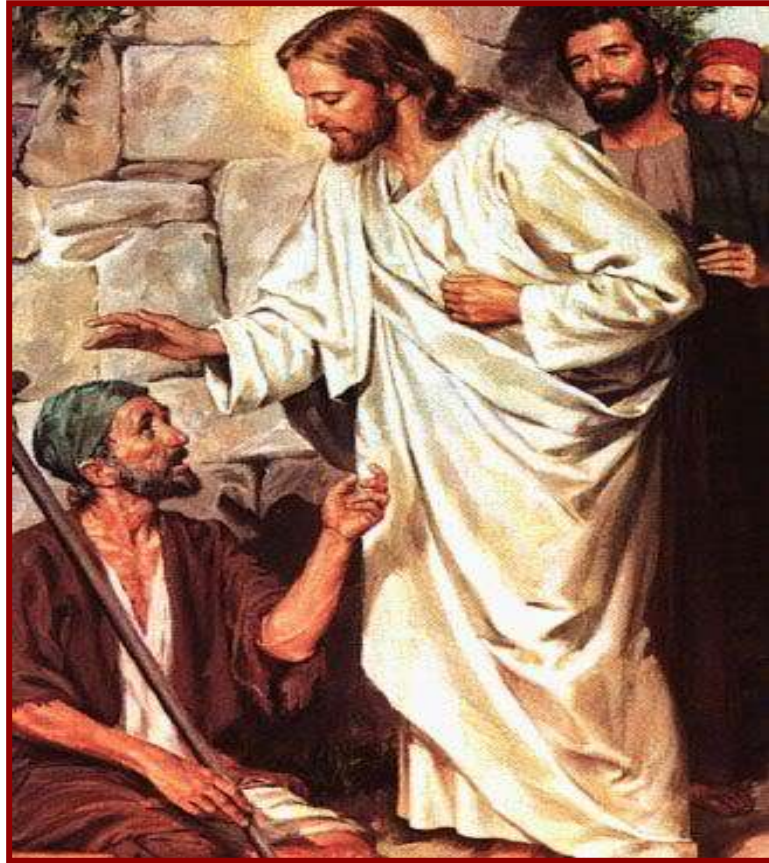
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JESUS STRETCHED OUT HIS HAND AND TOUCHED HIM, AND SAID TO HIM, 'I DO CHOOSE. BE MADE CLEAN!'

MARK 1:41

توبوا إلى الرب إن الملكوت قريب، عودوا إلى الحب فالخارج عنه غريب

من عمق أنامي دعوت، أنصت إلى صوت دعائي، أنا غير وجهك ما رجوت ملقاه مأدبة رجائي

هَب من حنانك قطرةً يتحوّل القفرُ وعود، أو أعطي عيني دمعاً في حوضها طفلاً أعود

وإذا استبدّ بي الخجل أو أبكم العار فمي، نبضات حبك فلتنزل حتى النهاية في دمي

Sunday of the Healing of the Leper

Sat. Feb. 17 @ 4:00 PM Liturgy Celebrated for:

+Peter G. Asiaf, Jr. as requested by Maryann Asiaf

Sun. Feb. 18 @ 10:30 AM Liturgy Celebrated for:

+John and Amanda Nessralla as requested by the family



Healing of the Hemorrhaging Woman

Sat. Feb. 24 @ 4:00 PM Liturgy Celebrated for:

+Leo and Alice Smith, son John and Cousin Peter Smith, as requested by Maryann Asiaf

Sun. Feb. 25 @ 10:30 AM Liturgy Celebrated for:

+Mary George Davin 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

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice 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 *MaryAnn Asiaf*

Sanctuary candle for the Tabernacle is given to the

glory of God and in loving memory of

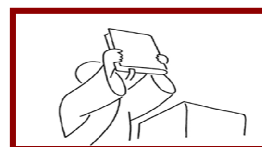
+*Mr. and Mrs. Fred George, Sr. and family* by

Mrs. Maryann Nessralla and family

Vigil candle for Shrine of St. Theresa is given to the

glory of God and in loving memory of

+*Special Intention*



Lectors' Schedule

Saturday, Feb. 17, 2018

Cauna

Sunday, Feb. 11, 2018

English: Mary Anne

Arabic: Sola

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.



Welcome New Parishioners: If you are new to our parish, please fill out a registration form, which may be found on the table in the lobby of the church, and return it to us, so you may be added to our mailing and email list. We extend a warm welcome to you and your family to our parish family.



Reading: Romans 6:12-23

Therefore, 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 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, having once been slaves of sin, have 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.

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل رومة

يا إخوتي، لا تملكَنَّ الخَطِيئَةُ بعدُ في جَسَدِكُمْ المَائِتِ، فَتَطْبِعُوا شَهَوَاتِهِ. وَلَا تَجْعَلُوا أَعْضَاءَكُمْ سِلَاحَ ظَلَمٍ لِلخَطِيئَةِ، بَلْ قَرَّبُوا أَنْفُسَكُمْ لِلَّهِ كَأَحْيَاءٍ قَامُوا مِنْ بَيْنِ الأَمَوَاتِ، وَأَجْعَلُوا أَعْضَاءَكُمْ سِلَاحَ بَرٍّ لِلَّهِ. فَلَا تَتَسَلَّطْ عَلَيْكُمْ الخَطِيئَةُ، لِأَنَّكُمْ لَسْتُمْ فِي حُكْمِ الشَّرِيعَةِ بَلْ فِي حُكْمِ النِّعْمَةِ. فَمَاذَا إِذَا؟ هَلْ نَخْطَأُ لِأَنَّنا لَسْنَا فِي حُكْمِ الشَّرِيعَةِ، بَلْ فِي حُكْمِ النِّعْمَةِ؟ حَاشَا! أَلَا تَعْلَمُونَ أَنَّكُمْ عِنْدَمَا تَجْعَلُونَ أَنْفُسَكُمْ عِبِيدًا لِأَحَدٍ فَتَطْبِعُونَهُ، تَكُونُونَ عِبِيدًا لِلَّذِي تُطْبِعُونَهُ: إِمَّا عِبِيدًا لِلخَطِيئَةِ الَّتِي تَوَلُّوهُ إِلَى المَوْتِ، وَإِمَّا لِلطَّاعَةِ الَّتِي تَوَلُّوهُ إِلَى البَرِّ. فَشَكَرًا لِلَّهِ لِأَنَّكُمْ بعدَ مَا كُنْتُمْ عِبِيدًا لِلخَطِيئَةِ، أَطَعْتُمْ مِنْ كُلِّ قَلْبِكُمْ مِثَالَ النِّعَالِ الَّذِي سَلَّمْتُمْ إِلَيْهِ. وَبَعْدَ أَنْ حَرَزْتُمْ مِنَ الخَطِيئَةِ، صِرْتُمْ عِبِيدًا لِلبَرِّ. وَأَقُولُ قَوْلًا بَشَرِيًّا مِرَاعَاةً لِضِعْفِكُمْ: فَكَمَا جَعَلْتُمْ أَعْضَاءَكُمْ عِبِيدًا لِلنَّجَاسَةِ وَالإِثْمِ فِي سَبِيلِ الإِثْمِ، كَذَلِكَ أَجْعَلُوا الآنَ أَعْضَاءَكُمْ عِبِيدًا لِلبَرِّ فِي سَبِيلِ القُدَّاسَةِ. فَلَمَّا كُنْتُمْ عِبِيدًا لِلخَطِيئَةِ، كُنْتُمْ أَحْرَارًا مِنَ البَرِّ. فَأَيُّ نَمْرٍ جَنَيْتُمْ حِينَئِذٍ مِنْ تِلْكَ الأُمُورِ الَّتِي تَسْتَحُونَ مِنْهَا الآنَ؟ فَإِنَّ عَاقِبَتَهَا المَوْتُ. أَمَّا الآنَ، وَقَدْ صِرْتُمْ أَحْرَارًا مِنَ الخَطِيئَةِ وَعِبِيدًا لِلَّهِ، فَإِنَّكُمْ تَجْتَنُونَ ثَمَرًا لِلقُدَّاسَةِ، وَعَاقِبَتُهَا الحَيَاةُ الأَبَدِيَّةُ. لِأَنَّ أَجْرَةَ الخَطِيئَةِ هِيَ المَوْتُ. أَمَّا مَوْهَبَةُ اللَّهِ فَهِيَ الحَيَاةُ الأَبَدِيَّةُ فِي المَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ رَبَّنَا.

Gospel: Mark 1:35-45


In the morning, while it was still very dark, Jesus got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, 'Everyone is searching for you.' He answered, 'Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do.' And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons. A leper came to him 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.

مِنَ إنجِيلِ القديس مرقس


قَامَ يَسُوعُ قَبْلَ طُلُوعِ الفَجْرِ، فَخَرَجَ وَذَهَبَ إِلَى مَكَانٍ قَفْرٍ، وَأَخَذَ يُصَلِّي هُنَاكَ. وَلَحِقَ بِهِ سَمْعَانُ وَالَّذِينَ مَعَهُ، وَوَجَدُوهُ فَقَالُوا لَهُ: أَلْجَمِيعِ يَطْلُبُونَكَ. فَقَالَ لَهُمْ: لِيَذْهَبَ إِلَى مَكَانٍ آخَرَ، إِلَى القُرَى المُجَاوِرَةِ، لِأُبَشِّرَ هُنَاكَ أَيْضًا، فَإِنِّي لِهَذَا خَرَجْتُ. وَسَارَ فِي كُلِّ الجَلِيلِ، وَهُوَ يَكْرُرُ فِي مَجَامِعِهِمْ وَيَطْرُدُ الشَّيَاطِينَ. وَأَتَاهُ أَبْرَصٌ يَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْهِ، فَجَنَّا وَقَالَ لَهُ: إِنَّ شَيْئًا فَأَنْتَ قَادِرٌ أَنْ تُطَهِّرَنِي. فَتَحَنَّنَ يَسُوعُ وَمَدَّ يَدَهُ وَلَمَسَهُ وَقَالَ لَهُ: قَدْ شِئْتُ، فَاطْهَرِ. وَفِي الحَالِ زَالَ عَنْهُ البَرَصُ، فَطَهَّرَ. فَأَنْتَهَرَهُ يَسُوعُ وَصَرَفَهُ خَالًا، وَقَالَ لَهُ: أَنْظِرْ، لَا تُخْبِرَ أَحَدًا بِشَيْءٍ، بَلِ اذْهَبْ وَأَرِّ نَفْسَكَ لِلكَاهِنِ، وَقَدِّمْ عَن طَهْرِكَ مَا أَمَرَ بِهِ مُوسَى، شَهَادَةً لَهُمْ. أَمَّا هُوَ فَخَرَجَ وَبَدَأَ يُنَادِي بِأَعْلَى صَوْتِهِ وَيُذِيعُ الخَبْرَ، حَتَّى إِنَّ يَسُوعَ لَمْ يَعُدْ قَادِرًا أَنْ يَدْخُلَ إِلَى مَدِينَةٍ عَلَانِيَةً، بَلْ كَانَ يَفِيحُ فِي الخَارِجِ، فِي أَمَاكِنَ مُفْجِرَةٍ، وَكَانَ النَّاسُ يَأْتُونَ إِلَيْهِ مِنْ كُلِّ مَكَانٍ.

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:** 2/11/18 \$964.00, St. Maron Holy Day 2/9/18 \$149.00, Feast of St. Maron Hafli \$21,312.76 , Ash Monday 2/12/18 \$500.00

 **Please Note:** Eucharistic Adoration will take place on **Thursdays during Lent.** And, every Tuesday The Sodality of the Heart of Jesus will pray the **Rosary at 6:30 PM.** Liturgy will take place at 7:00 PM . Doors are opened at 6:00 pm.

Coffee Hour Volunteers: If you are able to lend a hand in sponsoring a Sunday morning Coffee Hour please see Abouna. We **NEED** your Help! Thank you.

 **Religious Education Calendar**
Saturday, Feb. 17, 2018
Class 6 from 9:00AM-12:00 Noon



**CEMETERY PALM
CROSSES**
Cost: \$25.00 each
Order Must Be Received By
March 11, 2018

Name: _____

Tel. Number: _____

Number of Palm Crosses Ordered: _____

Total Payment Enclosed: _____

Please make checks payable to:
St. Theresa Church
Please Note: We can not fill orders placed
after March 11, 2018. Thank you.
Crosses will be distributed on Sha'NeeNee
(Hosanna Sunday) Weekend.
March 24 and March 25, 2018.

2018 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 few weeks, 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 **March 30, 2018.** When each household generously supports the *2018 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.



**Eparchy of Saint Maron of
Brooklyn, New York
Announces Two
Discernment Weekends**

How is God calling me to serve through my gifts and talents? What is my mission in the Life of the Church? Am I being called to lay down my life as a Religious to serve God's people? We invite our young and adult men and women between the ages 18-35 to prayerfully consider joining us for the following retreats being offered.

Discernment Weekend: A Discernment Retreat will take place during the weekend of **April 6-8th, 2018** at Mother of the Light Convent in Dartmouth, MA. Share the word with other women who may be interested in learning more about their vocation and calling in life. Please contact Sr. Marla Marie at 202-213-7700, if you have further questions or are interested in attending the retreat.

Discernment Weekend: Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Seminary will be holding a discernment weekend from **Friday, April 13-to Sunday, April 15, 2018** in Washington, DC. If you know anyone discerning a vocation to the priesthood, or would like to know more, please call Father Dominique Hanna at 404-525-2505.