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Sunday of the Healing of the Leper, February 21, 2021

Sunday, February 21, 2021 at 11 o'clock
Riyad Diab Chit Dirani (40 Day Anniversary)

Monday, February 22, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.
Divine Liturgy in honor of Saint Sharbel

Friday, February 26, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.
Divine Liturgy and Benediction with the Holy Cross

Sunday, February 28, 2021 at 11 o'clock
Antoine Touma

Sunday, March 7, 2021 at 11:00 o'clock

Friday, March 12, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.
Divine Liturgy and Benediction with the Holy Cross

Sunday, March 14, 2021 at 11:00 o'clock

Friday, March 19, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.
Divine Liturgy and Benediction with the Holy Cross

Sunday, March 21, 2021 at 11:00 o'clock
Lea Nehme

Reconciliation (Confession) is available every Sunday between 10:15 and 10:45 a.m. before the Divine Liturgy.

The **last Sunday of every month**, a Holy Hour of Adoration will take place after the 11:00 a.m. Liturgy.

Let us Pray the Rosary

Please join fellow parishioners as we pray the Holy Rosary every **Sunday at 10:15 a.m.** in preparation for the Divine Liturgy and in honor of our Blessed Mother, Mary.

Thank you for your generosity

Summary of the Collection for **Sunday, February 14, 2021**

Regular Sunday Collection	\$ 507
Donation by Mail	\$ 625
Pledges	\$ 1150
Online Donation	\$ 51.50

Thank you for your generosity and may God bless you all.

Lenten Devotion

Starting on **Friday, February 19, 2021** and every Friday of Lent, the Divine Liturgy followed by the Benediction of the Holy Cross will take **place at 7:30 p.m.**

Bishop's Annual Appeal

The Bishop's Annual Appeal for 2021 started on **Ash Monday, February 15, 2021**, and will last until **Easter Sunday** (more information were emailed to you.) Please send in your contribution, earmarked **Bishop's Appeal 2021**, before Easter Sunday. Thank you for your generosity.

Online Donation

Now you have the opportunity to use online donation to support your church if you wish to use E-Giving. Using Vanco Online is easy.

- 1) Log on to: <https://secure.myvanco.com/YHC6>
- 2) Or visit the Parish's website: www.Ololdc.org and look for online donation to the right side of the screen
- 3) Select your funds and amount and click the "donate" button. From there, you can choose a donation amount and frequency, then proceed to payment
- 4) Enter Payment Method (credit card, debit card, etc.) Since Vanco charges 4% processing fee, you will be asked if you want to add the fee to your donation. You can even save your payment information for future donations
- 4) Review and submit your gift by clicking "submit"

- 5) The Online Donation **does not replace** the collection basket on Sunday or the donation by mail (pledge or contribution). It is only a convenient way for those who prefer to use it.

FYI

On Monday, March 8, 2021, at 8 p.m. Chorbishop Michael Thomas, Vicar General of the Eparchy of Saint Maron, will lead the eparchial rosary for the intentions of good health, peace and stability of our world. Here are the **Zoom link** information:

<https://tinyurl.com/OFSLROSARY>

Meeting ID: 883 4965 1080

PASSCODE: rosary

Online Maronite Enrichment Days

On April 15, 22, and 29, 2021, at 11:00 a.m., Rev. Rodrigue Constantin, Ph.D., will present online lecture on *Passions, Virtue, and Moral Growth* in John of Apamea's Dialogues on the Soul.

April 15: The Diseases of the Soul

April 22: Psychology, Therapy, and Moral Growth

April 29: The Three Levels of Moral Growth

Registration is required. To register please visit:

<https://thehiddenpearl.org/maronite-enrichment-days>

Scripture Readings

Sunday, February 28, 2021, Healing of the Hemorrhaging Woman

2 Cor 7:4 -11; Lk 8:40-56

Sunday, March 7, 2021, Parable of the Prodigal Son

2 Cor 13: 5-13; Lk 15:11- 32

Sunday, March 14, 2021, Healing of the Paralytic

1 Tim 5:24 - 6:5; Mk 2:1-12

Food For Thought

In this Lenten Season, accepting and living the truth revealed in Christ means, first of all, opening our hearts to God's word, which the Church passes on from generation to generation.

Pope Francis, February 20, 2021

Lent

ASH Monday

Just as the four seasons annually usher in the birth, life, ripening and death cycles of nature so also the Syriac-Maronite Church's remembrance of the significant moments of Christ's birth, baptism, ministry, death, resurrection and glorification usher in the time of salvation for the New Testament people. The Maronite Church adopted a yearly calendar, divided into various stages or seasons. Each season, numbering six in the Maronite calendar, are called the Temporal cycle, and focus on these saving events.

Lent, the 3rd season of the Maronite calendar serves as a preparation for Resurrection, and consists of fifty days. This period, longer than the traditional forty days, reflects the monastic penitential emphasis on conversion, spiritual awakening and personal renewal. Every Sunday is counted in the fifty day cycle of Great Lent unlike others Churches. These fifty days spiritually prepare the Church for the Glorious Resurrection and then the fifty days after it, give birth to the Church at Pentecost. Therefore, Lent for Maronites begins on Cana Sunday leaving the whole question of Ash Wednesday, a Latin para-liturgical event, late as a symbolic call of the Church to repentance. When the Maronite Church adopted this Latinization, namely Ashes some 500 hundred years ago, it decided to place it closest to the beginning of Lent – hence Ash Monday.

Great Lent is composed of two cycles: a liturgy of the Sundays of Lent numbering 7: Cana, the Leper, the Hemorrhaging Woman, the Prodigal Son, the Paralytic, Bartimaeus the Blind and Hosanna Sunday and an weekday cycle composed of 6 weeks divided into 3 stages initiating the pattern of Christ's public life: the Week of Lent, Miracles and Hosanna Week. This weekday cycle reflects our estrangement from God and our need for conversion. The Lenten readings and prayers exhort worshipers to take courage and to turn back by imitating Christ through prayer, fasting, and penance. Lent commemorates the penitential aspect of the Lord's forty day fasting. The Syriac Fathers have traditionally described this movement toward God as a nautical journey whose destination is the Harbor of Life. "Bless our fasting...Make it a journey which will lead us to the harbor of salvation." The Sunday Lenten liturgies call to mind the power of God and his mystery over creation, hence the miracle accounts designated for the Sundays before Easter.

(Maronite Prayer of the Faithful)

