

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

**Friday, March 19, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.**

Divine Liturgy in honor of Saint Joseph

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

Layla Nehme (mother of Houda Fattouche)

**Monday, March 22, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.**

Divine Liturgy in honor of Saint Sharbel

**Tuesday, March 23, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.**

Divine Liturgy in honor of Sainte Rafka on her feast day

**Thursday, March 25, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.**

Feast of the Annunciation (Liturgy and Benediction)

**Friday, March 26, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.**

Divine Liturgy and Benediction with the Holy Cross

**Sunday, March 28, 2021 (Palm Sunday) at 11:00 o'clock**

**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.

### Scripture Readings

**Sunday, March 21, 2021, Healing of the Blind**

2 Cor 10: 1-7; Mk 10:46-52

**Sunday, March 28, 2021, Palm Sunday**

Phil 1:1-13; Jn 12:12-22

### 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.

### Lenten Devotion

Every **Friday of Lent**, the Divine Liturgy followed by the Benediction of the Holy Cross will take **place at 7:30 p.m.**

### Second Collections

On **Palm Sunday, March 28, 2021**, a second collection will be taken for the Holy Land. The funds collected will be used for the preservation of Christianity in the Middle East and the holy places in Palestine. The Chancery Office will send a part of this collection through the USCCB to the Holy Land and another part is sent directly by our Chancery to the Maronite Eparchy of Haifa.

This collection is requested by the Holy See to be taken on Good Friday in all the Catholic Churches, however, I've moved it to **March 28, Palm Sunday**.

**Bishop Gregory Mansour**, Bishop of the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn, has authorized a special collection on **Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021**.

### Thank you for your generosity

Summary of the Collection for **Sunday, March 7, 2021**

Regular Sunday Collection	\$ 1065
Bishop's Appeal	\$ 4600
Pledges	\$ 2200
2 <sup>nd</sup> collection (maintenance)	\$ 129 (\$79 from the collection plate and \$50 by mail)

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

### MYO Virtual Easter Event

Under the theme: Rollin' Stones, the National Maronite Youth Organization will be hosting an **Easter Event on April 9, 2021 at 8 p.m.** This 2 hours event is open to all youth ages 12-18 in both eparchies.

The deadline for the required registration is **April 6, 2021**. Interested youth can register at [www.maroniteyouth.org](http://www.maroniteyouth.org). A ZOOM Link will be emailed out after registration, so please ensure that email addresses are included in the registration. You can direct any registration questions or issues to [office@maroniteyouth.org](mailto:office@maroniteyouth.org).

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### Palm Sunday,

**March 28, 2021: Palm Sunday Liturgy at 11:00 o'clock (there will be no outdoor procession)**

**March 29 - 30, 2021: Monday - Tuesday**

**9:00 A.M.:** Divine Liturgy

**7:30 P.M.:** Special Service of *Coming to the Harbor*

**March 31, 2021: Wednesday**

**7:30 P.M.:** Rite of the Lamp and Divine Liturgy

**Holy Thursday, April 1, 2021**

**7:30 P.M.** Divine Liturgy of Holy Thursday. Following the Liturgy the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for private prayers and meditation

**Great Friday of Crucifixion (April 2, 2021)**

**9:00 A.M.:** Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts

**7:30 P.M.:** Burial of the Lord

**Saturday of the Light (April 3, 2021)**

Prayer of Forgiveness at 11:30 A.M.

**Easter Sunday**

**11:00 A.M.:** Divine Liturgy

### Easter Flowers



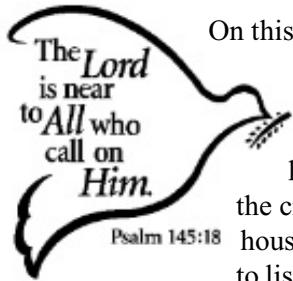
If you would like to donate for Easter flowers, please do so no later than **Sunday, March 28, 2021**. All donations will be acknowledged in Easter Sunday Bulletin. Donations could be in memory of loved ones or in thanksgiving to God for special favors granted or for whatever intentions you may have. **Easter lilies are \$20 each**. Please fill out the form below and return to Church Office with check (earmarked Ester Flowers):

Name of Donor:

Number of Lilies:

In Memory (or in honor) of:

## Sunday of the Paralytic



On this Sunday, the Maronite Church commemorates Jesus' healing the paralytic

We find that Jesus had returned from Capernaum, Since the news of his healing of the leper had become spread throughout the region, he had become very well known. For this reason, he probably went to Capernaum by night in order to avoid the crowds. The house he went to was probably that of Simon Peter. By morning the house was filled with people. The crowd was filled with simple believers who wanted to listen to the Master, but mingled in the crowd were members of the Sanhedrin. The

Sanhedrin had the function of guarding the orthodox teaching of the Jewish faith, The members of the Sanhedrin were not pleased with the teaching of this new master and were seeking a way to entrap him. In any case there were many there who came to profit from the presence of the Lord.

Many times, Jesus comes to us, visits us. He come to us with an idea, a word we hear, a person who is suffering or joyful. Jesus is present, However, many times we neglect to notice him. We do not take advantage of his presence and we simply let the moment pass. WE fail to be like the disciples on the road to Emmaus who invited Jesus to stay with them and eventually recognized him in the breaking of the bread.

One of the people who had heard about Jesus' presence in Capernaum was a paralytic. Since he was unable to go on his own, he sought the assistance of four friends who would carry him. The crowds were surrounding the house, so the men were forced to go on the roof and lower the paralytic through a hole. Such actions were proof of the faith of the paralytic and his friends.

Jesus looked at the man and said "Child, your sins are forgiven." This was not a cure, but a promise of a cure. For the Jews believed that the sickness of the man was caused by his sins. In the Jewish mind, there is a very strong connection between sin and suffering (see Job 4:7). However, the forgiveness of sins was the prerogative of God alone. For any man to claim to do that was an insult to God and blasphemy, punishable by death (see Leviticus 24:10).

The experts of the law who were present were afraid to confront Jesus publicly since the Master was too popular. But Jesus read their thoughts and questioned their doubts. Since no one could determine whether a man's sins had been forgiven or not, Jesus performed a physical cure; he told the man to get up and walk. In this incident, Jesus signed his own death warrant. From that moment, he was in opposition to the Jewish authorities who would eventually seek his life. Jesus was on his way to glory.

Like the paralytic, we must expand all our efforts to take advantage of the healing presence of the Lord. Let us seek the Lord with faith and humility, asking him to cleanse us.

*(Maronite Prayer of the Faithful)*

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***March 14, 2021, Sunday of the Paralytic***

