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*April 3, 2022, Healing of the Blind*

**Sunday, April 3, 2022 at 11:00 o'clock**

Youssef El Khouri

**Sunday, April 10, 2022 at 11:00 o'clock (Palm Sunday)**

Private intention

**Thursday, April 14, 2022 at 7:30 P.M. (Holy Thursday)**

Liturgy of the Washing of the Feet

**Friday, April 15, 2022 (Good Friday)**

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

**7:30 P.M.:** Service of the Burial of the Cross

**Saturday, April 16, 2022 (Saturday of the Light)**

**11:30 A.M.:** Prayer of Forgiveness

**6:00 p.m.:** Easter Vigil Divine Liturgy

**Sunday, April 17, 2022 (Easter Sunday) at 11:00 o'clock**

For the Parish

**Sunday, April 24, 2022 at 11:00 o'clock**

**Sunday, May 1, 2022 (Feast of Our Lady of Lebanon) at 11:00**

For the Parish

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

**Ushers for Sunday, April 10, 2022**

Halim Younes, Gebran Fatouche, Antoine Issa and Joseph Nasr

**Ushers for Sunday, April 17, 2022**

Fawzi Abouchabke, Maroun Mezher, Tony ElKhouri & Mark Malkoun

**Altar Servers for Sunday, April 10, 2022**

Mateo AbouJaoude and George Beasley

***Thank you for your generosity***

Summary of the Collection for **Sunday, March 27, 2022**

Regular Collection \$ 1362

Pledge \$ 650

Memorial Contribution \$ 200

Tuesday, March 22 \$ 135

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

***Second Collection***

**On Palm Sunday, April 10, 2022**, 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. This collection is requested by the Holy See to be taken on Good Friday in all the Catholic Churches, however, due to the solemnity of the Burial of the Lord, I've moved it to Palm Sunday.

**Bishop Gregory Mansour**, Bishop of the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn, has authorized a special collection on **Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022.**

**Scripture Readings**

**Sunday, April 3, 2022 at 11:00 o'clock**

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

**Sunday, April 10, 2022 (Palm Sunday)**

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

**Sunday, April 17, 2022 (Easter Sunday)**

1 Cor 15:12-26; Mk 16:1-8

***Easter Bake Sale***

An Easter bake sale will take place in the social hall following the Divine Liturgy. Items Knafeh and Maamoul (One dozen/ box: Dates, Walnuts, Pistachio or Mixed. For more information or to place your order, please contact Gebran Fattouch at 443-600-9484.

*Holy Week Events Holy Week Events Holy Week Events*

**Palm Sunday,**

**April 10, 2022**

Palm Sunday Liturgy and Procession with the Palms at 11:00 o'clock

**April 11 - 12, 2022: Monday - Tuesday**

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

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

**April 13, 2022: Wednesday**

**7:30 P.M.:** Rite of the Lamp, anointing with holy oil and Divine Liturgy

**Holy Thursday, April 14, 2022 (Thursday of the Mysteries)**

**7:30 P.M.:** Divine Liturgy with Washing of the Feet

**9:00 P.M.:** The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for private prayers and meditation

**Great Friday of Crucifixion (April 15, 2022)**

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

**7:00 - 7:20 P.M.:** Choir will sing Lenten Hymns

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

**Saturday of the Light (April 16, 2022)**

Prayer of Forgiveness at 11:30 A.M.

**Easter Vigil: Saturday, April 16, 2022, Divine Liturgy at 6:00 P.M.**

**(Please note there will be no midnight Liturgy)**

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

*(Easter Egg Hunt for children up to 12 years old will take place following the Divine Liturgy on Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022)*

## Reflection on the Sunday of the Healing of the Blind

*"They came to Jericho. And as Jesus was leaving Jericho . . ."*

He comes; he goes. Jesus had somewhere to be! In this Gospel, we see that Jesus is not sticking around very long in Jericho, that he is just passing through. That was, in fact, just the case, as Jericho was on the road to Jerusalem, where Jesus was going to be crucified. Jesus was not going to be there long, and Bartimaeus would not have had another chance. So, regardless of the opinions of others (which, as we see, are very fickle) he cries out to Jesus and asks to see, and being granted sight, follows him.

**"JESUS,  
SON OF DAVID,  
HAVE MERCY  
ON ME!"**

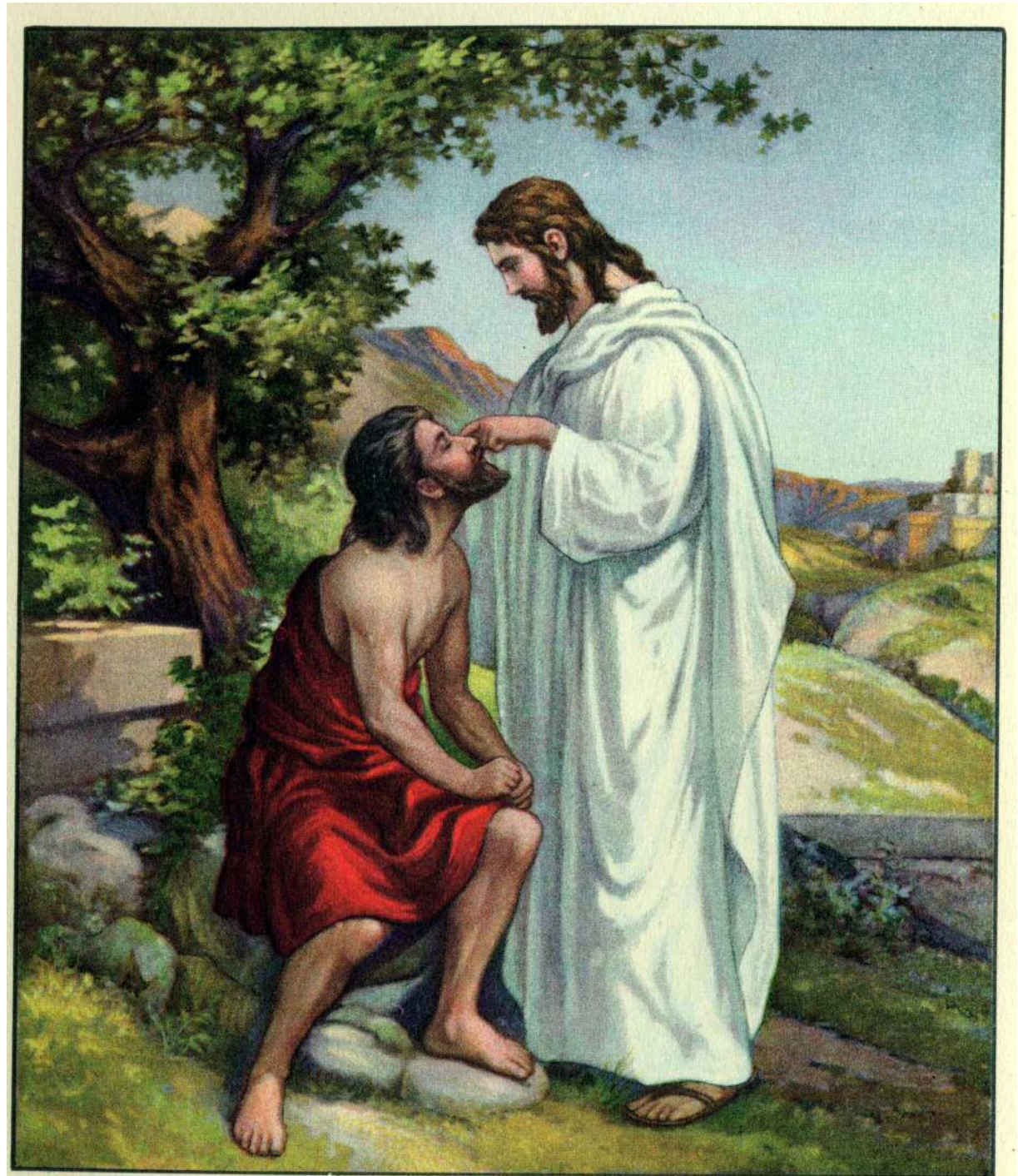


It is fitting that the tradition of the Church places this passage on the last Sunday of Lent before Passion Week. Indeed, we are almost at cross and resurrection, and we really do not have much time left. Great Lent, this special season of grace in which we are to deepen our lives with God through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving is almost over and with this Gospel the Church calls out to us: It is not too late to cry out to Jesus! If you had a good start to Lent but fell off into your normal habits, or hardly even begun at all, or wishing you had gone deeper, the Church tells us that the time has come, it is swiftly passing by, so cry out now!

But this reaches beyond Lent. When Jesus passes us in various times of our lives, presenting us with opportunities to grow into his likeness, if we do not act, those opportunities can pass us by. We do not have forever to make our choice to follow Jesus in a deeper way. While grace may prompt us, our wills must still act. Where this takes us we do not know. When Bartimaeus woke up that

morning, he might not have known that Jesus was coming, and when he came, he just asked for the obvious: sight. But with his physical sight, he also saw spiritually where God was calling him, and so he fixed his eyes on Jesus and, regardless of his own plans, followed him into Jerusalem. If God opens our eyes, so to speak, we too are called in turn to open our hearts, wherever that may take us, for that will be a greater honor and blessing than anything we could have originally asked for.

*Subdeacon Vincent Michael*



**JESUS AND A BLIND MAN**