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**Sunday of the Faithful Departed, February 7, 2021**

**Sunday, February 7, 2021 at 11 o'clock**  
Charles Lteif

**Tuesday, February 9, 2021 (Feast of Saint Maron) at 7:30 p.m.**  
For the Parish

**Sunday, February 14, 2021 at 11 o'clock**

**Monday, February 15 (Ash Monday) at 7:30 p.m.**  
Divine Liturgy, Blessing and Distribution of Ashes

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

**Sunday, February 21, 2021 at 11 o'clock**

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

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

**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, January 31, 2021**

|                           |        |
|---------------------------|--------|
| Regular Sunday Collection | \$ 20  |
| Individual Donations      | \$ 400 |
| Donation by Mail          | \$ 800 |
| Pledges                   | \$ 650 |

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

### **Holy Day of Obligation**

**Tuesday, February 9, 2021, Feast of St. Maron**, Patron and Founder of the Maronite Church, is a Holy Day of Obligation. Liturgy will be **at 7:30 p.m.** A Holy Day of Obligation means that a Catholic person who has reached the age of reason is obligated under the penalty of mortal sin to participate in the divine liturgy on that day.



### **Lenten Observances 2021**

For us Maronites, Lent begins on **Ash Monday, February 15, 2021** and lasts until **Holy Saturday (April 3) at noon**. The following Lenten guidelines are observed in the Eparchy of Saint Maron.

- ★ All Maronites who are physically capable are to **abstain from meat** on Ash Monday (**February 15**) 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.

### **Ash Monday**

The Liturgy for **Ash Monday [February 15]** will be **at 7:30 p.m.** Blessing of Ashes will take place at the Liturgy.

**ASH Monday** Ash Monday is a day of complete fast and abstinence.

### **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 2019 will start on **Ash Monday, February 15, 2021**, and will last until **Easter Sunday**. Please send in your contribution, earmarked **Bishop's Appeal 2021**, before Easter Sunday. Thank you for your generosity. More information will be emailed to you all.

### **FYI**

The Office of Family and Sanctity of Life for the Eparchy of Saint Maron and the Office of Family Life Ministries for the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon will continue with the monthly series of online talks based on Saint Irenaeus' quote "The Glory of God is man fully alive." If you missed the January talk "Love Story: The Story of Man's Creation: (Gen 1: 26-28)", you can watch it at <https://www.familyandsanctityoflife.org/fully-alive-series.html>

**Tuesday, February 16, 2021:** Beloved Sons & Daughters of God (Mt 19: 13-15)

**Tuesday, March 16, 2021:** Removing the Obstacles to True Happiness (Lk 13: 6-9)

**Thursday, April 8, 2021:** Intimacy with Christ (Jn 15: 7 - 17)

**Tuesday, May 18, 2021:** The Love of Christ Impels Us (Jn 4: 4-54)

### **The Zoom link information:**

<https://tinyurl.com/manfullyalive>

Meeting ID: 829 6137 3446

Passcode: fullyalive

**All talks are at 7 p.m. EST**

Bishop Elias A. Elias Zaidan will offer an opening prayer on **Tuesday February 16 and March 16**. Bishop Gregory will offer the opening prayer on April 8. Q & A to follow Father Hopkins' talk.



## Sunday of the Faithful Departed

Today the Maronite Church commemorates all the faithful Christians who have departed this life in the faith. This feast is the Syriac Church's equivalent to the feast of All Souls in the Latin Church.

We ask our Lord Jesus Christ to welcome all our deceased brothers and sisters, who have been nourished with his body and blood, into his kingdom of light. Not knowing the state of perfection they have achieved in their lives, we commend them to the mercy of God with hope and expectation.



It is a Christian obligation for us to help our brothers and sisters through our prayers and the offering of the Divine Mysteries for their salvation. For though they have not yet reached the joy of the righteous and the just, they are called to ultimately enter the kingdom of light and peace. Our intercession can bring them nearer to the day of eternal happiness.

We should pray in a special way for those who have been near us, our relatives, friends and benefactors who have died. At the same time we should pray for the deceased members of our parish and for all the departed who have no one to pray for them.

We commend the faithful departed to the Lord that by His cross He may lead them into the eternal wedding feast, and as newly arrived in God's kingdom may they intercede before Him on our behalf.  
*(Maronite Prayer of the Faithful, Volume 1)*

### Scripture Readings

**Sunday, February 14, 2021, Cana Sunday**

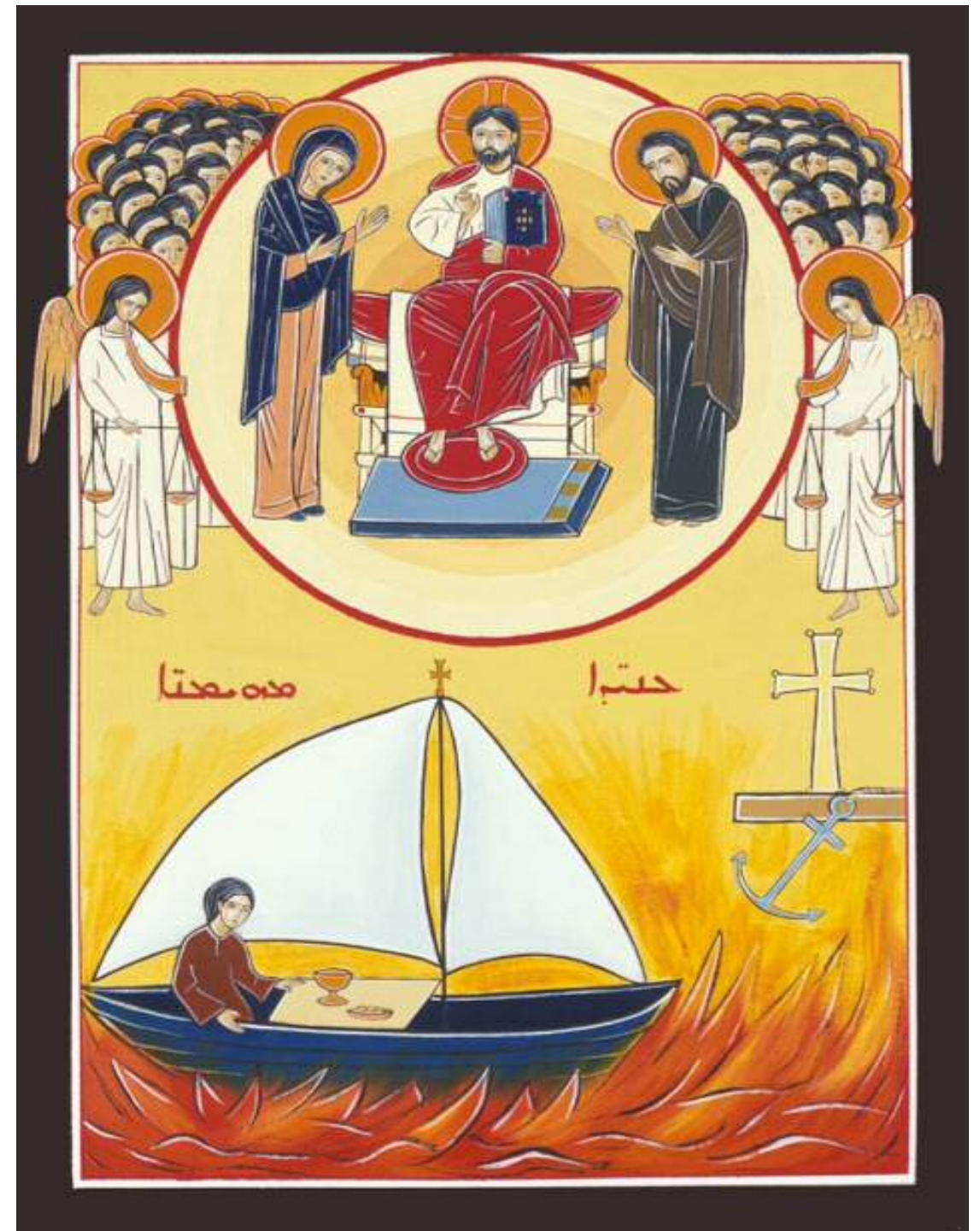
Rom 14:14-23; Jn 2:1-11

**Monday, February 15, 2021, Ash Monday**

2 Cor 5:20 - 6:7; Mt 6:16-21

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

Rom 6:14-23; Mark 1:35- 45





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Dear Brother Priests, Deacons and Subdeacons, Consecrated Men and Women, Lay Faithful:

In coordination with Caritas Lebanon, every Maronite Eparchy was asked to assist needy families in Lebanon. The sponsorship varies from \$50 to \$100 per month, depending on the size and the need of the family. Sponsorship will be for this year, 2021, and everyone is able to help.

I ask you to promote this project through your social media, bulletins, and other ways to connect with your parishioners. Father John Nahal, President of Caritas Lebanon, USA, is coordinating this effort and he will be happy to answer any questions you might have. You may reach him at (314) 621-0056 or [rector@straymondscathedral.com](mailto:rector@straymondscathedral.com).

The need is great. Thankfully we already have some families who have sponsored families in Lebanon, but we need more. Any support you can give in this regard is greatly appreciated. Please refer to the links below for additional information.

Links:

<http://www.caritaslebanon.org/>

[CaritasFamiliesLeb for sponsorship2021\(7\).pdf \(caritaslebanon.org\)](#)

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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