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March 12, 2023; Sunday of the Prodigal Son

Sunday, March 12, 2023 at 11:00 o'clock

■ Victoria Beasley Bailey

Friday, March 17, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.

Divine Liturgy and Benediction with the Holy Cross

Sunday, March 19, 2023 at 11:00 o'clock

■ Melhem Halim Nemr (40 Day Anniversary)

Wednesday, March 22, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.

■ Divine Liturgy in honor of Saint Sharbel

Thursday, March 23, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.

■ Feast of St. Rafqa. Divine Liturgy and Blessing with her relics

Friday, March 24, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.

■ Divine Liturgy and Benediction with the Holy Cross

Sunday, March 26, 2023 at 11:00 o'clock

■ Youssef El-Khouri and Toufic Aoun

Friday, March 31, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.

■ Divine Liturgy and Benediction with the Holy Cross

Saturday, April 1, 2023 at 12:30 p.m.

■ Elham Eljor (Claire Abou Chabke's sister) 40 Day Anniversary

Sunday, April 2, 2023 (Palm Sunday) at 11:00 o'clock

■ Divine Liturgy and Palm Sunday Procession with Palms and candles

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, March 12, 2023

Fawzi Abouchabke, Maroun Mezher, Tony ElKhouri and Mark Malkoun

Ushers for Sunday, March 19, 2023

Halim Younes, Victor Beasley, Rafah Elias and Salah Dagher

Altar Servers for Sunday, March 12, 2023

George Beasley and Jason Nasr

Thank you for your generosity

Summary of the Collection for Sunday, March 5, 2023

Regular collection	\$1367
Donation by mail	\$ 860
Bishop's Appeal	\$1050
Pledge	\$ 900
March 3, 2023	\$ 201
Coffee Hour/Friday meals	\$ 300
2 nd collection/Maintenance	\$ 453

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

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Lenten Services

Eery Friday of Lent we will have a Divine Liturgy and the Benediction with the Holy Cross. Following the Liturgy a simple lenten meal will be served in the hall.

Marriage Banns

The Marriage Banns are announced for the third time between **David Barrile and Rose Khattar**. Anyone knowing why they should not be joined in marriage is bound in conscience to make it known to the priest.

The Marriage Banns are announced for the first time between Matthew David Berglunde and Alexandria Aida BouHarb. Anyone knowing why they should not be joined in marriage is bound in conscience to make it known to the priest. Thank you.

Scripture Readings

Sunday, March 12, 2023, Parable of the Prodigal Son 2 Cor 13: 5-13; Lk 15:11-32 Sunday, March 19, 2023, Healing of the Paralytic 1 Tim 5:24-6:5; Mk 2:1-12 Sunday, March 26, 2023; Healing of the Blind Man 2 Cor 10: 1-7; Mk 10:46 -52

Bishop's Annual Lenten Appeal

The Bishop's **Annual Lenten Appeal for 2023** started on **Ash Monday, [February 20]**, and will last until Easter Sunday. Please send in your contribution, earmarked Bishop's Appeal 2023 before Easter Sunday.

Second Collection

On Palm Sunday, April 2, 2023, 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 April 2, 2023, Palm Sunday.

FYI

What did we learn from the temptations of Jesus in the desert?

The temptations of Jesus in the desert recapitulate the temptation of Adam in Paradise and the temptations of Israel in the desert. Satan tempts Jesus in regard to his obedience to the mission given him by the Father. Christ, the new Adam, resists and his victory proclaims that of his passion which is the supreme obedience of his filial love. The Church unites herself to this mystery in a special way in the liturgical season of Lent. (For further reading: Catechism of the Catholic Church 538-540, 566)



