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March 27, 2022, Healing of the Paralytic

Sunday, March 27, 2022 at 11:00 o'clock

George Salwan (40 Day Anniversary)

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

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 3, 2022

Roger Abou Jaoude, Elie Malkoun, Kevin Pitzer and George Choueiry

Ushers for Sunday, April 10, 2022

Halim Younes, Gebran Fatouche, Antoine Issa and Joseph Nasr

Altar Servers for Sunday, April 3, 2022

Jason Pitzer and Peter ElKhoueiry

Thank you for your generosity

Summary of the Collection for **Sunday, March 20, 2022**

Regular Collection \$ 3301

Pledge \$ 1000

Contribution by mail \$ 800

Bishop's Appeal \$ 450

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

Lenten Services



Every Friday of Lent, we will have a Divine Liturgy followed by the Benediction with the Holy Cross. Following the Liturgy a simple lenten meal will be served in the social hall.

Bishop's Annual Appeal

The Bishop's Annual Appeal for 2022 started on **Ash Monday, February 28, 2022** and will last until **Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022**. Please send in your contribution, earmarked **Bishop's Appeal**, before Easter Sunday. We depend on your generosity and cooperation to

Scripture Readings

Sunday, March 27, 2022, Healing of the Paralytic

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

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

2 Cor 10:1-7; K 1046-52

Sunday, April 10, 2022 (Palm Sunday)

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

fulfil our obligation to the eparchy. You may send your contribution by mail or online at www.ololdc.org.

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.

Meeting

Friday, April 1, 2022, following the Divine Liturgy and Benediction with the Holy Cross, there will be a meeting for the Parish Council.

Save the Dates

Join us for a Zoom session on **Wednesday, March 30, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.** on Church Governance by Chorbishop John D. Faris. Msgr. Faris teaches Canon Law at CUA and is the Pastor of Saint Anthony Church in Richmond, Virginia. To join the Zoom meeting cut and past the following link in your browser:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6361089902?pwd=cFhweG13d2hYS3JxR0RCQldMK0dVZz09>

The meeting ID: 636 108 9902 and the Passcode: 102020.

Easter Bake Sale

An Easter bake sale will take place in the social hall following the Divine Liturgy **Sunday, March 27 - Sunday April 10, 2022**. Items **available this Sunday**: Knafeh (6 pieces/box includes bread and simple syrup). **Available next Sunday**: Knafeh and Maamoul (1.5 dozen/ box: Dates, Walnuts, Pistachio or Mixed (6 of each type). For more information or to place your order, please contact Gebran Fattouch at 443-600-9484.

Our Lady of Lebanon Annual Food Festival

The Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Church Annual Food Festival will take place on **Saturday, September 17, 2022** starting at 12 noon. Please save the date and we appreciate your cooperation and giving us a helping hand to make it a success.

A Reflection on the Sunday of the Paralytic

Brothers and sisters in Christ, this week we celebrate the healing of the Paralytic Man. The Evangelist relates to us that Our Lord is preaching in a house, surrounded by such a crowd that there was no room to spare. In this congested congregation, a group of individuals bring the Paralytic Man through the roof of the house and place him at Our Lord's Feet. The Evangelist does not specify who carried the Paralytic, preferring to simply use the Greek word "ἔρχονται" (which translates as "they came"). Perhaps these individuals were close friends of the Paralytic, longing for him to be made whole again. Or perhaps these men were even family members of the Paralytic, no strangers to the suffering that he endured every day. However, brothers and sisters, I offer this reading: I think that these men were originally gathered at the house and heard Jesus preaching to them. Upon hearing Him, they took action and brought the Paralytic Man to Him to be healed.



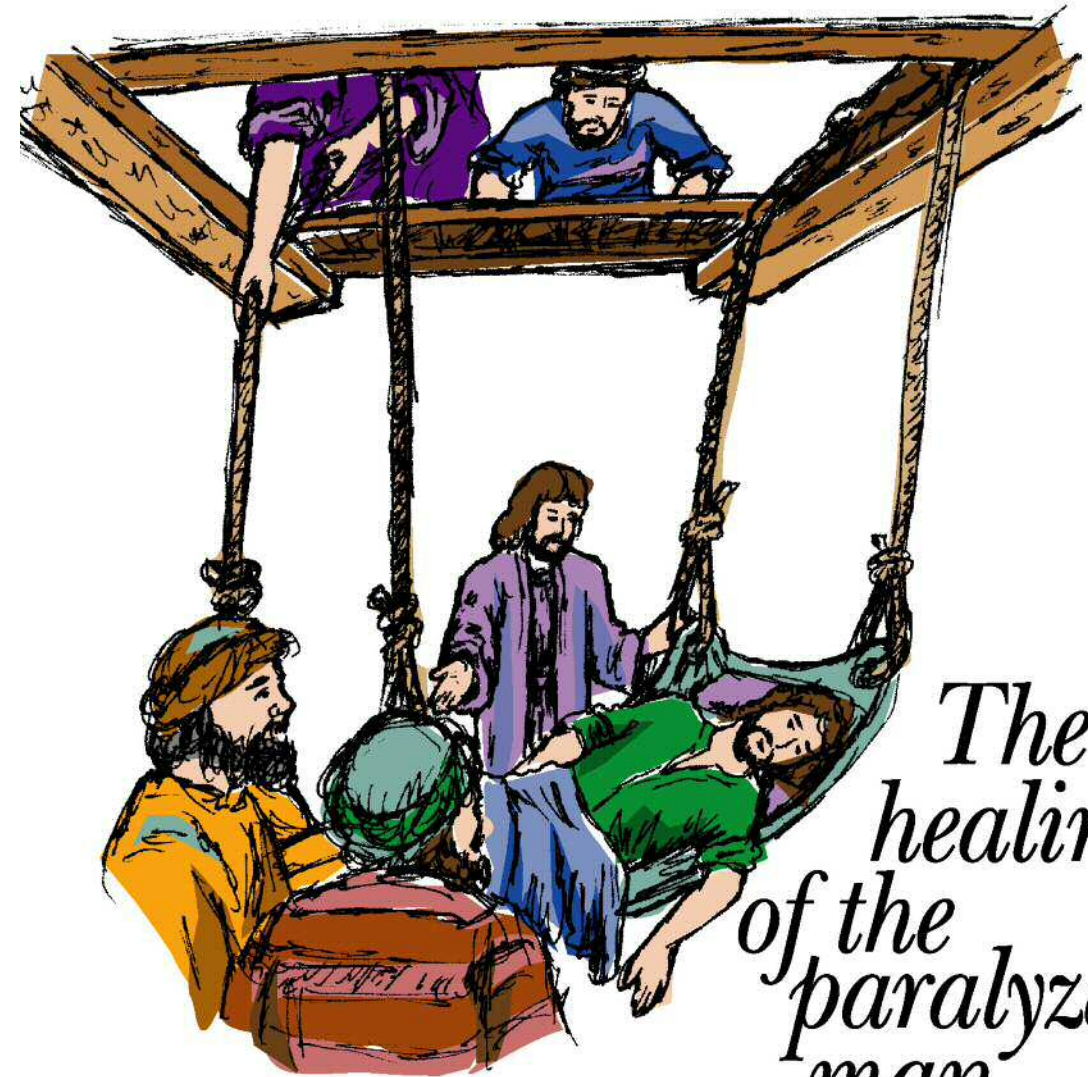
Faith is the assurance of things
hoped for, the conviction
of things not seen.

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The Evangelist only gives us one detail concerning these individuals: their faith. The faith of these people was so great, they did not become dismayed upon seeing that there was no entry into the doorway of the house. Their faith was so great that they instead climbed the roof with the Paralytic (no easy feat in those days), removed the roof and then placed the Paralytic Man at the Feet of Our Blessed Lord. All of this, because of their faith. And it is precisely because of their faith that Our Lord forgives the sins of the Paralytic. The Evangelist writes "τὴν πίστιν αὐτῶν" (which is translated as "the faith of them") and it is upon seeing this faith that Jesus heals the Paralytic.

Brothers and sisters, in this week of Lent, let us reflect upon the faith "of them." How are we living our faith in relation to one another? Would we remove the roof and bring others to a radical encounter with God? Or do we turn away when we see the crowded doorway and the difficulties of our lives? I urge you, my brothers and sisters, to strive to be like those individuals in the Gospel today, living out our faith in the service of others, bringing them to an encounter with Christ. May God Bless you abundantly this Lent and let us all pray for the dignity of human life from conception to natural death.

Christopher J. Khattar, Seminarian



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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)