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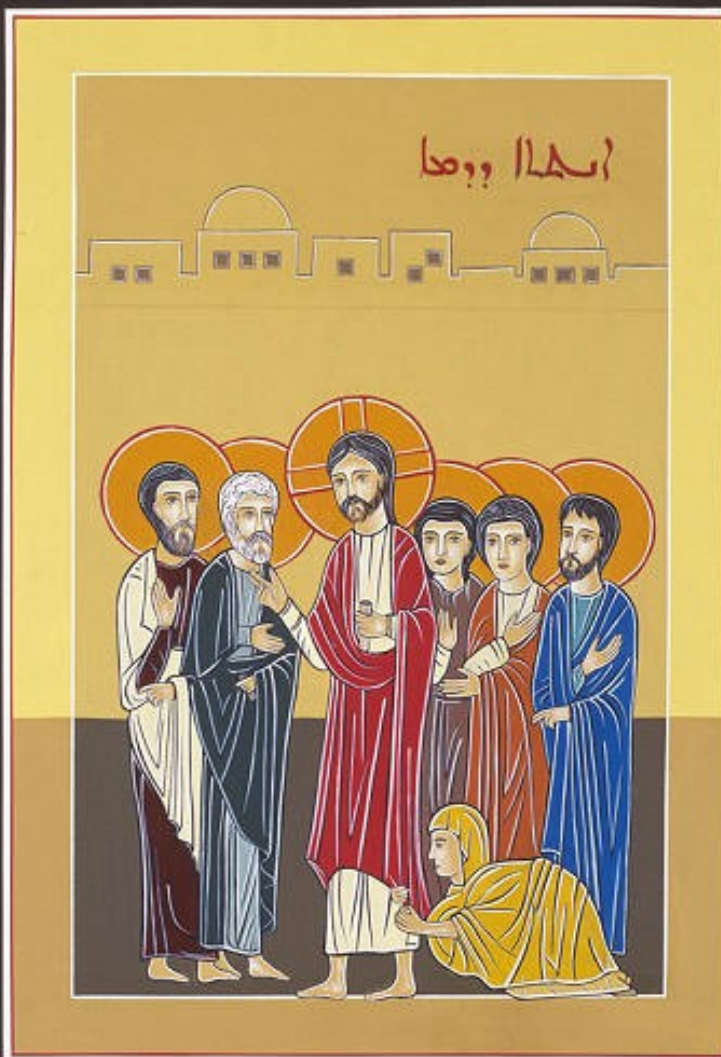
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HEALING OF THE HEMORRHAGING WOMAN



St. Theresa, inflamed with the love of God, Pray for us.



MASS INTENTIONS

HEALING OF THE HEMORRHAGING WOMAN

Sat 4:00pm	2/27	Marie Hudson by Simon Daywood
		Jacqueline Johnson by Frank & Maryann Nockley
Sun 10:00am	2/28	Ann Shehwen by Stanley & Cheryl Shehwen-Shina
		David Kishbaugh by Maureen Kishbaugh

DAILY MASS

Tue 9:00am	3/2	Marie Hoinski by Lena Michael
Wed 9:00 am	3/3	Maroun Khoury by Joe & Marilyn Daywood
Thur 9:00 am	3/4	Jacqueline Johnson by Subdeacon Crosby & Jackie Sparks
Fri 9:00 am	3/5	Marie Hudson by Cynthia & Greg Collins

PARABLE OF THE PRODIGAL SON

Sat. 4:00pm	3/6	Ada & Charles Rood & Daughters Harriett & Georgia by Mimi Bereznak & Jean Decker
		Marie Hudson by Mark & Maryann Spagnuolo
Sun 10:00am	3/7	Nick Punko Jr. by Maureen McGovern
		Elias Damien by The Altar & Rosary Society

Healing of the Hemorrhaging

Woman Readings:

2 Cor 7: 4-11

Lk 8: 40-56

Parable of the Prodigal Son Readings:

2 Cor 13: 5-13

Lk 15: 11-32



Collection	Candles	Building Fund	Bishop Appeal
\$ 2103	\$118	\$100	\$100

Lebanon Needs Our Help!

In the back of the church, you will find a donation box for Lebanon.

Lebanon is in desperate need of help to ensure the people are fed and taken care of. Please consider making a life saving donation today. Any and all donations are appreciated.

Checks can be made payable to the church.

**Sanctuary Offerings for the Week of
March 6 & 7**

Bread- Ann Ellis by Cynthia & Greg
Collins

-Peter Bedwick by Mr. & Mrs. William
Bedwick

Wine- Ann Ellis by Cynthia & Greg
Collins

- Peter Bedwick by Mr. & Mrs. William
Bedwick

Candle- Ann Ellis by Cynthia &
Greg Collins

-Peter Bedwick by Mr. & Mrs. William
Bedwick

*To request an Offering please call Joyce
570-814-1415*

Lent Reminders

***Confessions will be heard all throughout
Lent 1/2 hour before Mass begins and after
Mass.**

***Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Every Thursday Evening
6:00pm to 7:00pm**

***Join Us on Fridays for Stations of the
Cross and Benediction
6:00pm**

***Mass on Fridays will continue to be at
9:00am**

The Altar & Rosary Society

Grape Leaves Sale

Preorder your trays now for Easter!

Small Tray (32 pieces) \$20.00

Large Tray (65 pieces) \$40.00

Kindly call Cynthia to order: 570-406-3661

Easter Flower Sale

**Easter Flowers will be available for purchase on
March 5 & 6 and March 12 & 13**

\$7.00 each

Purchases may be made at the beginning or
ending of each Liturgy or you can mail
payments/intentions to:

St. Anthony + St. George Church

P.O. Box 1367

Wilkes-Barre, Pa 18702

**The Altar & Rosary
Society will have a
meeting on Saturday
March 6 at 11:00 am.**

**Second Collection
Feb. 15th– April 4th,
2021
Eparchial Charities**

**Please continue to send any correspondence or
donations to our Current Mailing Address:**

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Our Rectory/Office has moved:

323 Park Avenue Wilkes-Barre, Pa 18702

A COMMUNITY OF PRAYER, LOVE & TRADITION. COME & SEE!

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Healing the Hemorrhaging Woman

On this third Sunday of lent we hear about the healing of two women. While on his way to heal the daughter of the synagogue official, Jairus, Jesus stops and heals the haemorrhaging woman.

Addressing herself, she says: "If my illness has not kept the law of nature and gone away, I for my part will not go along with the Law of Moses which holds me to be unclean. Here is someone who cleanses the unclean, so I will disclose my state to the Lord of Moses in an unobtrusive way and steal up to touch the edge of his garment".

She presses forward, hiding her face and prays in secret. Christ hears her prayer and slows down so that she can catch him. When she is close he discretely holds out the end of his garment for her to touch. The flow of blood disappears and she is healed.

Of course Jesus knew who touched him. The question forces the woman out and allows Christ to publicly acknowledge that it is the woman's faith that has led to her healing

We also must have faith and put our trust in the Lord. We should ask ourselves. What is in me that needs healing? What it is that has been draining me of energy? How my condition has made me feel unclean, isolated, and alone?

Christ did not only heal these women, he left us all the gift of healing and we can find it each Sunday at Mass in the Eucharist. We need to approach the Eucharist in faith and we too can experience healing. The Physician has left his medicine for all to take and the only thing required in return is faith.

The Importance of Confession During Lent

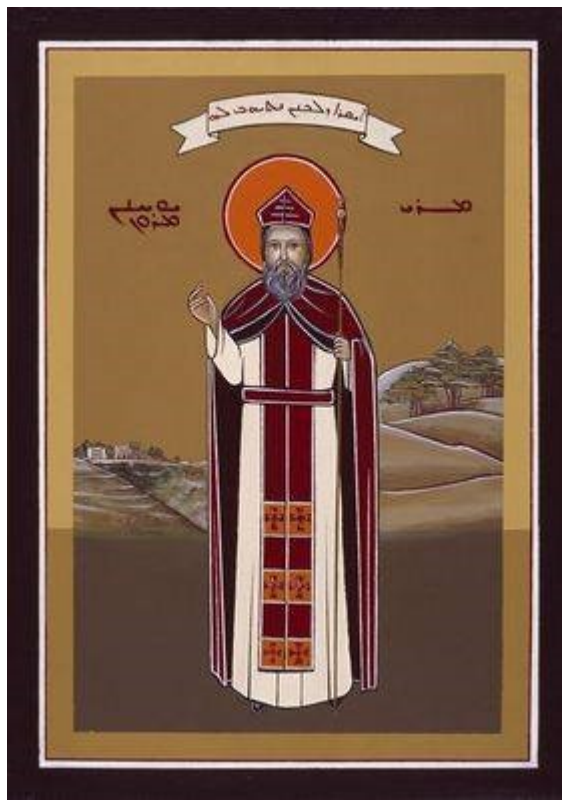
Here are a few quotes from St. John Vianney that highlight the beauty of the Sacrament of Confession and offers encouragement to the weary soul.

"It is a beautiful thought, my children, that we have a Sacrament which heals the wounds of our soul! My children, we cannot comprehend the goodness of God towards us in instituting this great Sacrament of Penance. If we had had a favor to ask of Our Lord, we should never have thought of asking Him that. But He foresaw our frailty and our inconstancy in well-doing, and His love induced Him to do what we should not have dared to ask. My Children, if [a person has] a serious illness, if it is a dangerous wound, he must have the doctor; after the doctor come the remedies. In the same way, when we have fallen into any grievous sin, we must have recourse to the doctor, that is the priest; and to the remedy, that is confession. God makes a greater speed to pardon a penitent sinner than a mother to snatch her child out of the fire. When you go to confession, you must understand what you are about to do; you are about to un-nail our Lord."



St. Theresa, filled with love of neighbor, Pray for us.





St. John Maron

Feast Day March 2

John Maroun, (Youhanna Maroun) was elected the first Maronite Patriarch of Antioch, by the bishops and the people of Mount Lebanon. John Maroun led the people who came to be known as the Maronites after Saint Maroun.

John Maroun was born in 628 in Sirmaniyah or Sarum, a village in modern day Syria. He was from a noble family, his father governed Sarum. John was well educated in Antioch and then in the Monastery of Saint Maroun where he later became a monk at the monastery. He became a very influential person in his time, and being well educated began to write on diverse topics such as the sacraments, managing the Church property, liturgy and more. He composed the Eucharistic Prayer which is still used in the Maronite mass today.

John Maroun was a preacher and a teacher, he taught and explained the doctrine of the Council of Chalcedon which related to the nature of Jesus as both Divine and Human. John Maroun would also go on to write a series of letters against Monothelism. He brought people to the faith through his zeal and true faith.

John Maroun was ordained a bishop in 676 and assigned a cathedral in Batroun in the mountains of Lebanon. He became the first Maronite Patriarch of Antioch in 685. Today we pray for the Maronite Church who like the strong roots of the Cedar of Lebanon, has spread throughout the world. We pray for our present Patriarch, Bechara Boutros El-Rai and all the Maronite Bishops. May they lead us in love and hope on the road to salvation.

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Mother Teresa once said, “Every act of love is a work of peace, no matter how small,” and also, “If you can’t feed a hundred people, then feed just one.” During these difficult days, many people throughout the world are struggling and in need of great acts of charity!

As many of you may know, our brothers and sisters in Lebanon are still facing incredibly challenging times. Over this past year, they have been struggling with many crisis. In addition to Covid-19 and the explosion in Beirut on August 4th, they are facing now a massive economic collapse.

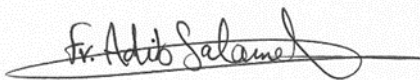
The situation over there is terrible and the majority are in great need!

During this great Season of Lent, I am coming to you asking for your help so that we can provide direct support to aid families in need in Lebanon.

While I ask everyone to keep Lebanon in their prayers, I am also requesting for those who can, to make a donation to be sent to those in the greatest need - people I know personally who are on the verge of being evicted from their homes, need life-saving surgeries, need to buy food, medication, etc. Any kind of help would be greatly appreciated.

Please ensure any donation made to the Church is clearly indicated to provide “Aid to Lebanon”, and consider making this a part of your regular tithes so that we can continue this effort in the coming months.

May God bless and reward you for your generosity!

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Fr. Adib Salameh". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

In Christ,

Father Adib Salameh