

Mary, Mother of the Light is a Mission of the Catholic Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn, serving the Faithful of the Antiochene Syriac Maronite Church in the Palm Beaches.



Healing of the Blind Man | Sunday, 07 April 2019

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Dear Friends,

This week we reflect upon sight – in one respect we reflect upon natural sight and our relation to the created world around us. We are called to praise God along with all of the created order – and we join that realm of creation through our senses. When we see the majesty of the mountains or the vastness of the sea we approach the mystery of the magnitude of God. When we smell the fragrance of flowers and hear the calls of songbirds we approach the mystery of the beauty of God, etc. When our senses are impaired our participation in the created order is limited. By Christ restoring the sight of Bartimaeus, he restores to him a participation in the worship of God offered by all of creation.

The second respect of sight is of course an internal one – the “eye of the mind” and the “eye of the heart” spoken of so often by our Syriac Fathers. It is through our spiritual sightedness or our spiritual blindness that we either see or fail to see God, ourselves, and our own sinfulness. This blindness, however, is often self-inflicted and it requires effort on our part to open these internal eyes to gaze upon the Mystery of God once again.

Abouna Aaron



LITURGICAL CALENDAR

FRI	05 APR	7:00PM	Confessions Lenten Devotions Benediction of the Cross	
SAT	06 APR	4PM	Sunday of the Healing of the Blind Man	Intentions of Parishioners
SUN	07 APR	11AM	Sunday of the Healing of the Blind Man	Intentions of Parishioners
WED	10 APR	7:00PM	The Miracle of the Icon of Christ in Beirut	Intentions of Benefactors
FRI	12 APR	7:00PM	Lenten Devotions Benediction of the Cross	
SAT	13 APR	4PM	Hosanna Sunday	Intentions of Parishioners
SUN	14 APR	11AM	Hosanna Sunday Blessing of Palms & Procession	Intentions of Parishioners
MON	15 APR	7:00PM	Rite of the Coming to the Harbor	
TUE	16 APR	7:00PM	Liturgy	Intentions of Benefactors
WED	17 APR	7:00PM	Rite of the Lamp	
THU	18 APR	7:00PM	Liturgy and Washing of the Feet	Intentions of Parishioners
FRI	19 APR	9:00AM	Anaphora of the Signing of the Chalice	
FRI	19 APR	7:00PM	Rite of Adoration of the Cross & Burial Service	
SAT	20 APR	11AM	Rite of Forgiveness	

PARISH CALENDAR

WED	10 APR	7:00PM	Liturgy and Lecture on Syriac Theology
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SUNDAY READINGS

SUN	07 APR	EPISTLE 2 COR 10:1-7	GOSPEL MARK 10:46-52
SUN	14 APR	EPISTLE PHIL 1:1-13	GOSPEL JOHN 12:12-22



Liturgy Times

Saturday | 4pm | English
Sunday | 11am | English & Arabic
Wednesday | 7:00pm | Weekday Liturgy

Bulletin Deadline

If you would like anything published in the parish bulletin, you must submit it no later than 5 PM Monday, 5 days before publication via email at mmolchurch@gmail.com.
Thank you!

Passion Week Schedule

- Sunday, 14 April | Hosanna Sunday
11am | Liturgy and Procession
- Monday, 15 April | Great Monday
7pm | Rite of the Coming to the Harbor
- Tuesday, 16 April | Great Tuesday
7pm | Liturgy
- Wednesday, 17 April | Great Wednesday
7pm | Rite of the Lamp
- Thursday, 18 April | Thursday of the Mysteries
7pm | Liturgy and Washing of the Feet
- Friday, 19 April | Great Friday of the Crucifixion
9am | Anaphora of the Signing of the Chalice
7pm | Rite of the Adoration of the Cross
- Saturday, 20 April | Great Saturday of the Light
11am | Rite of Forgiveness
- Sunday, 21 April | The Glorious Resurrection of our Lord
11am | Liturgy and Rite of Peace
- Monday, 22 April | White Week | Easter Monday
7pm | Liturgy

Parish Events and Points of Interest

Sunday Hospitality. We extend a warm welcome to all parishioners and visitors with us at liturgy. Please join us for refreshments and fellowship following the liturgy.

Bishop's Appeal. We have raised **\$766.00** towards our **\$2000** goal for the Annual Lenten Bishop's Appeal. Thank you for your generosity so far!

Lecture & Discussion. Fr. Aaron will be concluding a monthly seven-part **study series** as an introduction to **Syriac theology** with the final session **this Wednesday, 10 April**. This is an excellent way to understand our own tradition and to share the treasures of Syriac Christianity with our friends. Please plan to attend!

Lenten Devotions. On **Fridays of Lent at 7:00pm** we will gather to celebrate **Stations of the Cross** and **Benediction of the Cross**. **Confessions** will be heard from **6:30-7:30pm**.

Passion Week. Please see the **Passion Week schedule** attached to the bulletin and on the Parish Website.

Shaneene Luncheon. We will have our traditional **Lamb Luncheon** following Liturgy on **Palm Sunday**. Please see Mireille about what dishes are needed.

Hospitality Signups. There is a signup sheet by the serving window of the kitchen in the Parish Hall. If you would like to sponsor Hospitality for a given Sunday please use this sheet so we know if that Sunday is covered. Thank you all for sharing of your culinary talents to enrich our fellowship and waistlines!

Bulletin Advertising. We have space available in our Bulletin and eBulletin for **parishioner business advertising**. If you would like your business to be represented in our bulletin please see Fr. Aaron or Subdeacon Dennis or Elias.

Memorial of the Miracle of the Icon of Christ in Beirut | 10 April

At the fourth session of the 7th Ecumenical Council (787) St. Peter, Bishop of Nicomedia, in evidence of the necessity of icon-veneration, presented an account of St. Athanasius, Bishop of Beirut, and a miracle which occurred in the city: In Beirut lived a Christian near the Jewish synagogue. Having moved out and went to another house, he left behind at the house an icon of the Lord. The Jew, who moved into the house, paid no attention to the icon. One day, one of his friends took notice of the image on the wall. He went and reported this transgression of the Jewish Law to the rabbi. The owner was cast out of the synagogue, and the icon was taken and disfigured. While mocking the icon one of the Jews pulled out a sword and thrust with it the side of the Lord in the icon. Suddenly, blood and water gushed forth from the wound in the icon. The rabbi, seeing the miracle, decided: "The followers of Jesus affirm that He could heal the sick. We shall take this blood and water into the synagogue and we shall anoint those afflicted with infirmities. And we shall see, whether this be truly spoken of him." A vessel of the blood was put in the synagogue. Many came and many were healed of their ailments. All the rabbis and the Jewish people believed in Christ. They went to the bishop of Beirut and told him about the miracle and their transgression and conversion. The bishop, seeing their sincere repentance, accepted them, catechized them and then baptized them. He then consecrated, at their request, the synagogue as a Church in AD763.



Memorials

Memorials of Bread, Wine, Candles, and Flowers for the month of April are available.

Parish Stewardship

Stewardship for the Week of 31 March 2019

1 st Collection	\$314.00
2 nd Collection	\$155.00
E-Giving	\$375.00

Candles	\$70.00
Hospitality	\$48.00
Donations	\$2626

Received	\$3,588.00
Budget	\$2,230.00
Difference	\$1,358.00

Second Collection (7 Apr) Annual Lenten Bishop's Appeal

Lenten Bishop's Appeal

Received	\$155.00
Goal	\$2,000.00
Balance	-\$1,234.00

Stewardship Year to Date

Received	\$31,753.00
Budget	\$28,993.00
Difference	\$2,760.00

Electronic Giving

For instructions on how to set up electronic giving please see the parish website at:

www.marymotherofthelight.com/donate

Sacramental & Pastoral Care

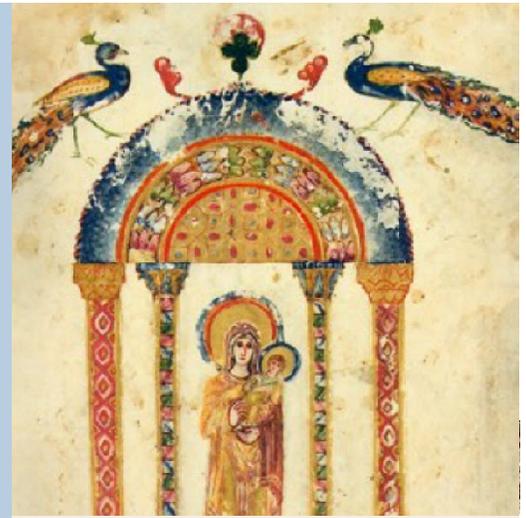
MYSTERIES OF BAPTISM AND CHRISMATION | Sacramental Preparation is required before a baptism can be scheduled. We encourage this to happen before the birth of a child.

MYSTERY OF CROWNING | Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance. Marriage Preparation is required as part of the process.

PASTORAL CARE FOR THE SICK | If a loved one is hospitalized, ill, or homebound, please call the Parish Office. For emergencies please call Father Aaron directly at 315.790.0059.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION | Faith Formation for both Children and Adults will be available during the academic year.

CONFESSIONS | Confessions are held on Saturday from 3:00-3:30pm or by appointment.



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