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Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke 15: 11-32.

The Lord Jesus says: 'There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me." So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, "How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'" So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son." But the father said to his slaves, "Quickly, bring out a robe the best one and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!" And they began to celebrate. 'Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound." Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead

with him. But he answered his father, "Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!" Then the father said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found."

إنجيل القديس لوقا 32-11:15
 قَالَ الرَّبُّ يَسُوعَ: «كَانَ لِرَجُلٍ ابْنَانِ. فَقَالَ اصْغَرُهُمَا لِأَبِيهِ: يَا أَبِي، أَعْطِنِي حِصَّتِي مِنَ الْمِيرَاثِ. فَتَقَسَّمْ لَهُمَا تَرْوَتَهُ. وَبَعْدَ أَيَّامٍ قَلِيلَةٍ، جَمَعَ الْابْنُ الْأصْغَرُ كُلَّ حِصَّتِيهِ، وَسَافَرَ إِلَى بَلَدٍ بَعِيدٍ. وَهُنَاكَ بَدَأَ مَالَهُ فِي حَيَاةِ الطُّبَيْشِ. وَلَمَّا انْفَقَ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ، حَدَّثَتْ فِي ذَلِكَ الْبَلَدِ مَجَاعَةٌ شَدِيدَةٌ، فَبَدَأَ يُحِسُّ بِالْعُوزِ. فَذَهَبَ وَاجَأَ إِلَى وَاحِدٍ مِنْ أَهْلِ ذَلِكَ الْبَلَدِ، فَأَرْسَلَهُ إِلَيْهِ خُفُولَهُ لِيُرْعَى الْخَنَازِيرَ. وَكَانَ يَشْتَهِي أَنْ يَمْلَأَ جَوْفَهُ مِنَ الْحُرُوبِ الَّتِي كَانَتْ الْخَنَازِيرُ تَأْكُلُهُ، وَلَا يُعْطِيهِ مِنْهُ أَحَدٌ. فَرَجَعَ إِلَى نَفْسِهِ وَقَالَ: كَمْ مِنَ الْأَجْرَاءِ عِنْدَ أَبِي، يُفْضِلُ الْخُبْزَ عَنْهُمْ، وَأَنَا هَهُنَا أَهْلِكُ جُوعًا! أَقُومُ وَأَمْضِي إِلَى أَبِي وَأَقُولُ لَهُ: يَا أَبِي، خَطْبُنْتُ إِلَى السَّمَاءِ وَأَمَامِكَ. وَلَا أَسْتَحِقُّ بَعْدَ أَنْ أَدْعَى لَكَ ابْنًا. فَاجْعَلْنِي كَأَحَدِ أَجْرَائِكَ! فَقَامَ وَجَاءَ إِلَى أَبِيهِ. وَفِيمَا كَانَ لَا يَزَالُ بَعِيدًا، رَأَى أَبُوهُ، فَتَحَنَّنَ عَلَيْهِ، وَأَسْرَعَ فَأَلْقَى بِنَفْسِهِ عَلَى عُنُقِهِ وَقَبَّلَهُ طَوِيلًا. فَقَالَ لَهُ ابْنُهُ: يَا أَبِي، خَطْبُنْتُ إِلَى السَّمَاءِ وَأَمَامِكَ. وَلَا أَسْتَحِقُّ بَعْدَ أَنْ أَدْعَى لَكَ ابْنًا... فَقَالَ الْأَبُ لِعَبِيدِهِ: اسْرِعُوا وَأَخْرِجُوا الْخَلَّةَ الْفَاجِرَةَ وَالْبَيْسُوهُ، وَاجْعَلُوا فِي يَدَيْهِ خَاتَمًا، وَفِي رِجْلَيْهِ جَدَاءً، وَأَثُوا بِالْعِجْلِ الْمُسَمَّنِ وَأَذْبَحُوهُ، وَلِنَاكُلْ وَنَتَنَعَّمُ! لِأَنَّ ابْنِي هَذَا كَانَ مَيِّتًا فَعَاشَ، وَضَائِعًا فُوجِدَ. وَبَدَأُوا يَتَنَعَّمُونَ. وَكَانَ ابْنُهُ الْأَكْبَرُ فِي الْحَقْلِ. فَلَمَّا جَاءَ وَاقْتَرَبَ مِنَ الْبَيْتِ، سَمِعَ غِنَاءً وَرَفَقَصًا. فَذَاعَ وَاحِدًا مِنَ الْعِلْمَانَ وَسَأَلَهُ: مَا عَسَى أَنْ يَكُونَ هَذَا؟ فَقَالَ لَهُ: جَاءَ أَحْرُوكَ، فَذَبَحَ أَبُوكَ الْعِجْلَ الْمُسَمَّنَ، لِأَنَّهُ لَقِيَهُ سَالِمًا. فَغَضِبَ وَلَمْ يَرِدْ أَنْ يَدْخُلَ. فَخَرَجَ أَبُوهُ يَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْهِ. فَأَجَابَ وَقَالَ لِأَبِيهِ: هَا أَنَا أَخْذُمُكَ كُلَّ هَذِهِ السَّنِينَ، وَلَمْ أَخَالِفْ لَكَ يَوْمًا أَمْرًا، وَلَمْ تُعْطِنِي مَرَّةً جَدْبًا، لِأَنَّكَ مَعَ أَصْدِقَائِي. وَلَكِنْ لَمَّا جَاءَ ابْنُكَ هَذَا الَّذِي أَكَلَ تَرْوَتَكَ مَعَ الزَّوَانِي، ذَبَحْتَ لَهُ الْعِجْلَ الْمُسَمَّنَ! فَقَالَ لَهُ أَبُوهُ: يَا وَلَدِي، أَنْتَ مَعِيَ فِي كُلِّ جِينٍ، وَكُلُّ مَا هُوَ لِي هُوَ لَكَ. وَلَكِنْ كَانَ يَنْبَغِي أَنْ نَتَنَعَّمَ وَنَفْرَحَ، لِأَنَّ أَحَاكَ هَذَا كَانَ مَيِّتًا فَعَاشَ، وَضَائِعًا فُوجِدَ.»

*****The Prodigal Son*****
Saturday, March 23 - 5:00 PM-
In memory of Josephine Matar Faddoul and Faddoul family
 Req by Faddoul & Saliba families.
Sunday, March 24-11:00 AM-
In memory of Mounira Al haber-Abi Mansour
 Req by Mr. Rawad Abi Mansour

*****Healing of the Paralytic*****
Saturday, March 30 - 5:00 PM-
In memory of Chaker & Therese Chukrallah
 Req by the family
Sunday, March 31 -11:00 AM-
In memory of Joseph Raymon Ghanim
 Req by Edna Lemiska

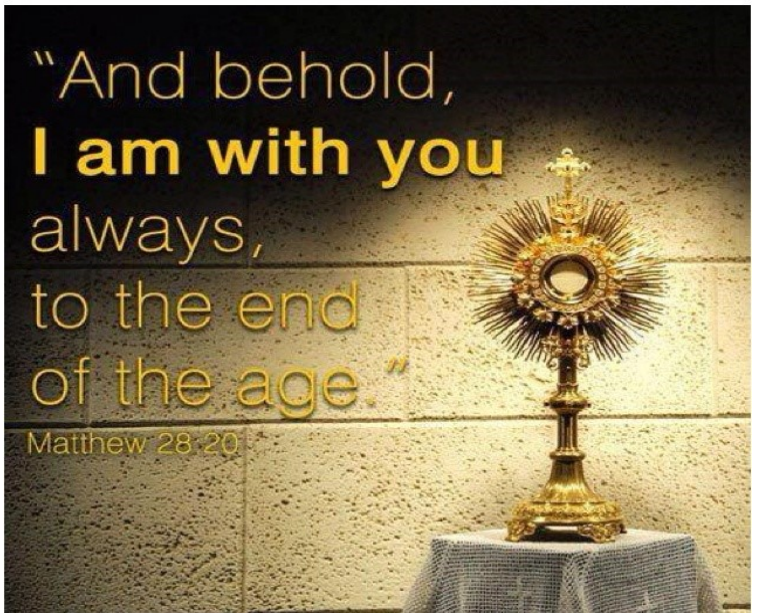
*****The Blind Man*****
Saturday, April 6 - 5:00 PM-
In memory of Josephine Chedid and Jamil & marcel Jasser
 Req by the Chedid family.
Sunday, April 7 -11:00 AM-
 Available

*****Hosanna Sunday*****
Saturday, April 13 - 5:00 PM-
 Available
Sunday, April 14 -9:00 AM-
 For all our children in the parish
Sunday, April 14 -11:00 AM-
 For all our children in the parish

*****Easter Sunday*****
Saturday, April 20 - 11:00 PM-
 For all parishioners living and deceased
Sunday, April 21 -11:00 AM-
 For all parishioners living and deceased

Weekly Collection: Saturday & Sunday
March 16-17, 2019 - 2,022.00
Total Weekly Collection and assessments of 2019
\$35,474

Donation In Memory of ...
 Candles, Hosts, and wine are donated in memory of Chukrallah Turki from Saliba & Faddoul families for the month of March, 2019.



Eucharistic adoration takes place in the Church every First Thursday for ONE HOUR from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Arabic Classes	Joumana/Samira
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Knights of Mary	Samia Sassine
Choir	Nassif Maroun
MYA	Rawad Abi Mansour


Fish Sale dinner
 A big Thanks for the Maroun Family who offered the fish dinner for the Bishop Appeal and all who participated helping and eating.
 The net income of the sale was **\$5,074**

Foul & Hommos Sale
 Knights of St Sharbel are having a Lebanese style dinner, foul, balila, hommos & Tawle tournament on
Saturday March 23 after Mass
Sunday March 24 after Mass

Talent show
 Pioneers of Mary are hosting a talent show for all parishioners including dinner on
Saturday March 30 at 6:30 PM

Save the dates
 April 6: **Egg Hunt** for children 12 and under at 3:00 PM
 April 12: **Family movie** at 8:00 PM in the hall
 April 14: **Hosanna Sunday** at 9:00 Am & 11:00 AM.
 April 15: **Reach to the Harbor** with Bishop Gregory Mansour at 7:00 PM
 April 16: **Evening prayer** at 7:00 PM
 April 17: **rite of the Lamp** at 7:00 PM
 April 18: **Washing of the feet** at 7:00 PM
 April 18: **Eucharistic adoration** from 8:15 PM -11:30 PM
 April 19: **The burial of Jesus** at 3:00 PM & 7:00 PM
 April 20: **Confessions** from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon
 April 20: **Vigil Easter Mass** at 8:00 PM
 April 21: **Easter Mass** at 11:00 AM
 April 27: **Last day of Arabic and religious education** followed by Mass at 5:00 PM
 May 4: **1st Communion Mass** at 1:00 PM
 May 18: **Discerning workshop** for 18⁺ at 6:00 PM
 June 7-8-9: **Lebanese festival.**
 June 15: **Brunch with Abouna** for seniors at 11:00 AM
 July 21: **Picnic for all parishioners (St Sharbel feast)**

Knights of Mary
Motto: Think of others
 All children Grade 3 to 7 are invited to meet
When: Saturday April 20, 2019 at 9:00 AM
Where: in the church hall.
 Knights of Mary organization will help your children to



- mature in human life through the interaction with others,
- develop their personalities;
- Help deepen their faith through living and sharing with others;
- Form them as disciples of Jesus Christ in their society by helping others.

MYO/Pioneers of Mary
All youths Grades 8-12 are invited to a meeting
When: Saturday April 27, 2019 at 6:00 PM
Where: in the Church Hall.

MYA Meeting
 All young adults between the ages 18 & 35 are invited to a meeting
When: Saturday April 6, 2019 at 8:00 PM
Where: in the church hall.

Immaculate Conception Meeting
 All ladies are invited to ladies sodality meeting
When: Friday April 26, 2019 at 5:00 PM
Where: in the church hall.
 All ladies are encouraged to attend to learn more about their faith and socialize.

Knights of Saint Sharbel Meeting
 All men are invited to a men's group meeting
When: Saturday April 6, 2019 at 5:00 PM
Where: in the church hall.
 All men are encouraged to attend to learn more about their faith and socialize.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Th Prodigal Son
2 Cor 13: 5-13/ Lk 15:11-32

Healing of the Paralytic
1 Tim 5: 24 -6:5/ Mk 2:1-12

Healing of the Blind Man
2 Cor 10: 1-7/ Mk 10:46-52

Hosanna Sunday
Phil 1: 1-13/ Jn 12:12-22

Easter Sunday
Phil 2: 1-11/ Mt 28:1-10

