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OUR LADY OF PEACE
MARONITE CATHOLIC PARISH OF CALGARY

SUNDAY OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8th, 2015

MASSES & CELEBRATIONS

Sundays – 11:30 a.m.

Daily Mass (Monday, Wednesday and Friday) at
6:30 p.m.

Blessed Sacrament Adoration

First Thursday of each month 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

CONFESSIONS

30 minutes before each mass

In case of emergency, contact the priest.

VISITING THE SICK

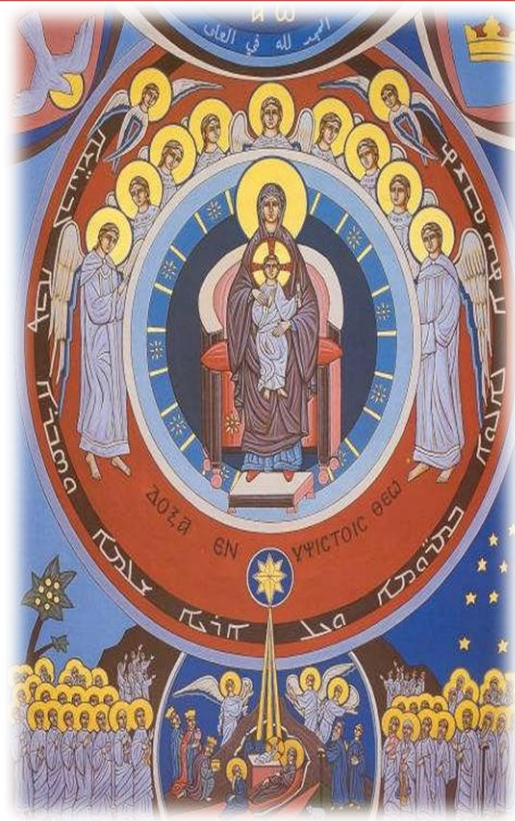
If you, or someone you know is ill, please
contact Fr. Michel and he will arrange to visit
the sick.

BAPTISMS

Please contact Fr. Michel at least *two weeks*
prior to the baptism date.

MARRIAGES

Please contact Fr. Michel a *minimum of four*
months in advance of the desired date of
marriage.



Sunday, February 15th, 2015

CANA OF GALILEE SUNDAY

Reading (Romans 14: 14 – 23)

Gospel (John 2: 1 – 11)

SUNDAY MASS READING & GOSPEL

A Reading from the First letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians. (1 Thessalonians 5: 1 – 11)

Brothers and Sisters, Concerning times and seasons, brothers, you have no need for anything to be written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief at night. When people are saying, "Peace and security," then sudden disaster comes upon them, like labour pains upon a pregnant woman. And they will not escape. But you brothers, are not in the darkness, for that day to overtake you like a thief. For all of you are children of the light and children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. Therefore, let us not sleep as the rest do, but let us stay alert and sober. Those who sleep go to sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we are of the day, let us be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love and the helmet that is hope for salvation. For God did not destine us for wrath, but to gain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live together with him. Therefore, encourage one another and build one another up, as indeed you do.

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (Luke 16: 19 – 31)

Jesus said, "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In hades, where he was tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, that he may warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

Bring Mary into your Home

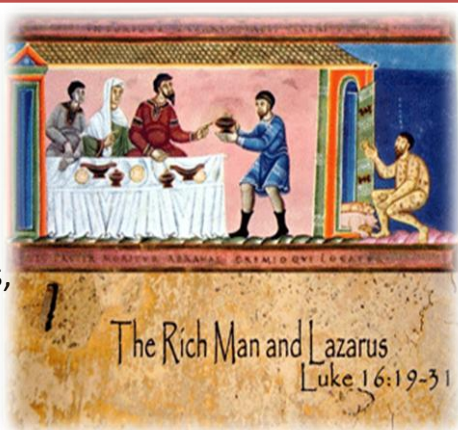
Would you like to have the statue of Mary in your home for one week, (Sunday to Sunday)? If so, please sign your name on the sign-up sheet. With the statue in your home you and your family can pray with her, ask her for her help, and share your responsibilities and problems with her.

SUNDAY REFLECTION

This Sunday the Church prays to Christ for all her children – the living and the departed – that we may all become *worthy of his Kingdom*:
“O True Hope who never fails,
grant the power of your resurrection to their bodies,
and the forgiveness of sins to their souls”
(Opening Prayer).

Even more fascinating,
this Sunday, is the Church’s selection of the Gospel passage for today:
it is the gospel parable of Lazarus.

Laazar in Hebrew and Aramaic means the poor and the wretched one. Here Lazarus is portrayed as that helpless one who is totally dependent on the charity of others and the mercy of God. When no one helps, God, compensates for his losses with heavenly rewards. But wow to the one – or the ones – at whose gates the poor man – a Lazarus – lay abandoned and suffering – and did not give a helping hand. We have been warned! *Compassion*, is the message of this parable-story told by Jesus, the wise Rabi-teacher of Israel, sent down to us to turn the hearts of *the Children* back to their *Compassionate Father*. Again and again in his parables, Jesus lets us know that It is by the measure of our compassion that we will be judged; or rather – it is by the measure of our deepest compassion – being in the image likeness of God – that our own hearts will judge us! The more compassionate we are, the nearest we should expect to be to God; while the less, the farthest from God. As we pray *the Our Father* let us ask our *Compassionate and Merciful Father* that his compassion and mercy may deepen and increase within us; that Christ the Lord may bestow upon us, and the faithful departed – through his kindness and mercy and in spite of our failings – the *Robe of his Glory*. As our mother the Church and her saints remind us: none of us is free from *the guilt against Lazarus!*



February 2015 Feast Days

Day 8: Zachariah the prophet, **Day 9:** St. Maron, 1600th jubilee
Day 10: Appoloni and Dorothy, Confessors, **Day 11:** Carlmbios, Confessor
Day 12: St. Malatios, Patriarch of Antioch, **Day 13:** Martinianos, the hermit

On Sunday, February 15th, 2015 Father Michel will be celebrating his
6TH ANNIVERSARY OF PRIESTHOOD.
Please remember him in your prayers.

Ashes

*Ashes will be distributed on Ash Monday,
February 16th, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.*

Procession (Stations) of the Cross

The Procession of the Cross and the Ziyah will be held every
Friday at 7:00 p.m.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SATURDAY, JUNE 6TH, 2015

Classes every Friday at 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

If you would like to join the Children's Choir, please print your name and phone number on the "sign up" sheet at the back of the church. The choir practices every Sunday after the Holy Mass. Parents – please encourage your children to join together in song to praise the Lord. The practice is in Arabic and English at the same time.

Parish News Please remember to read the weekly bulletin and to visit our website at www.maroniteparishcalgary.com to keep up-to-date on parish events, programs, future developments, and other related matters.

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DONATIONS SUMMARY
FEBRUARY 1ST, 2015
TOTAL COLLECTION: \$1,168.65



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YOUR WILL.**