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Weekly Newsletter

February 18, 2018

SPIRITUAL MESSAGE "The Healing of the Leper"

This Icon of the Healing of the Leper, like the following icons of healing, is drawn on a luminous background that highlights the Holy City and its walls. The Lord with some of the Apostles, among them Peter, blesses the leper, who is kneeling in front of him, and heals and purifies him. This icon is similar to those inspired from healings and miracles in Vaticanus Syriacus 559 and British Library 7170.



MASSES & CELEBRATIONS

Sundays – 11:00 a.m. Daily Mass (Monday, Wednesday and Friday) at 6:30 p.m.

> BLESSED SACRAMENT ADORATION EVERY THIRD FRIDAY 7:00 – 8:00 P.M.

CONFESSIONS

45 minutes before each mass In case of emergency, contact the priest.

VISITING THE SICK

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

BAPTISMS

Please contact the Parish Priest at least *two weeks* prior to the baptism date.

MARRIAGES

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

Hemorrhaging Woman Sunday, February 25th, 2018 Reading (2 Corinthians 7:4-11) \ Gospel (Luke 8:40-56) **OUR LADY OF PEACE** MARONITE CATHOLIC PARISH OF CALGARY



DONATIONS SUMMARY (FEBRUARY 11TH, 2018) SUNDAY OF CANA OF GALILEE MIRACLE COLLECTION: \$1532.75

Cooking with Children in Sunday School

Support your child by registering them in our new Cooking classes, hosted by Gabriella Khourieh and Sandra Khourieh, STARTING FEBRUARY 17TH, 2018.

AND every other Saturday, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

First Holy Communion Classes will start on Friday, February 16th, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. All candidates on the "sign up" sheet at the back of the church will receive a SMS message or a call.

ARABIC SCHOOL

Every **SATURDAY** from 2:30 p.m. till 4:30 p.m.; Encourage your children from 5 years to 12 to learn our native language.

WELCOME!

Our Lady of Peace pastor and parishioners welcome all visitors and families who are new to the parish family.

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR LADY OF PEACE MARONITE CATHOLIC PARISH OF CALGARY IN YOUR WILL

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE

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PROCESSION (STATIONS) OF THE CROSS

The Procession of the Cross and the Ziyah will be held every FRIDAY AT 6:30 P.M.

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

Observing Lent: Lent, or "*As-Sawm*" in Arabic, is the period of 40 days (some churches count Sundays, others do not) before the Easter Feast. Traditionally, Lent is a period of fasting, prayer and penitence that culminates in Holy Week with the commemoration of Jesus Christ's arrest, trial, crucifixion, burial and resurrection. The 40 days are symbolic of the time that Jesus spent in the desert when he was tested by the Devil. Lent is a time for "reconsidering discipleship and examining life and obedience to God."

Despite their concurrence, the Great Lent of the Maronite Church is not the same as the Lent of the Roman Catholic Church, a fact that reflects the unique historical position of this community of Catholics in the East. The Church, which is western by virtue of its longstanding communion with Rome, is also eastern in that it uses an eastern rite and Syriac liturgy, in addition to observing a more or less orthodox Lent. Maronites, unlike Roman Catholics, do count the Sundays in Lent as part of the 40 days, which means that the liturgical season begins two days earlier and ends a full week earlier, marking off Holy Week as a separate liturgical period. Fasting, however, lasts through Holy Week to Easter, adding up to a total of eight weeks.

FEBRUARY FEASTS

Day 19: The memorial of the 500 Martyrs of Tyre. Day 20: Saint Jacob the hermit, disciple of our father Maron Day 21: Saint Ostatios, patriarch of Antioch Day 22: The establishment of the chair of Saint Peter in Antioch Day 23: Saint Policarp, bishop of Smyrna. Day 24: Saint Margarita the penitent. Day 25: Saint Felix the 2nd.