

Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church Las Vegas

Sunday of the Healing of the Hemorrhaging Woman Feast of Saint John Maron

March 2026

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Reflection

Jesus continued to show us his miracles and powers as a healer and Savior. The woman was considered by the Jews as unclean because of her illness (Lev 15: 19). And she would also make "unclean" anyone who touched her. For this reason, she was prohibited by the law from mingling with others, but she dared to enter the crowd, and touch Jesus' cloak.

Jesus was her only hope, she felt that if she could get close to Him and touch only the tassels of His robe, she would be healed. Then Jesus felt a power going out of him. He wanted to extol the faith of the one who touched Him, for this reason He asked: "who touched my clothes?" Jesus wanted to speak with the woman, then she came and knelt before Him. He had no desire to embarrass her, but to exult in her faith and said, "Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace."

Finally, this woman had seen how much God loved and cared about her. The sick woman was not an unimportant member of the crowd following Jesus, she was important to Jesus. Each one of us is important in the eyes of Jesus, and worthy of all His attention.



Let us ponder:

Jesus will never ignore you, and everyday of our lives touch not only the tassels of the Lord, but Himself through His precious Body and Blood. Only Jesus can cure today's world of its sickness, suffering, hunger, war, and poverty. Your faith in Jesus will heal you. Will you come touch and receive the healing power of the Lord?



Pastor: Fr. Nadim Abou Zeid

Our Services

DAILY: Monday–Friday 8:00 AM English

SATURDAY VIGIL: 4:30 PM English

SUNDAY: 9:30 AM English

& 11:30 AM Arabic/Aramaic/English

1st Sunday: 4:30 PM

Rosario y la Misa en Español

2nd Sunday: 4:30 PM

Tagalog Mass

Tuesday @ 6 pm Rosary

Anointing of the Sick every 1st Tuesday

READINGS:



† **Numbers**

15:37-41

† **2 Corinthians**

7:4-11

GOSPEL:

† **Luke 8:40-56**

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Let us pray:

O Lord accept our prayers and praise and have mercy on us, as You had mercy on the woman whom You cured. Cure us, and console the sorrowful. We give You thanks, O Lord, for who You are and what You have done for us. Amen.

OUR HOLY FATHER POPE LEO XIV: PEACE IS URGENTLY NEEDED, REQUIRING RESPONSIBLE DECISIONS

After the Angelus prayer, the Pope strongly renewed his appeal for the silencing of arms and the cessation of bombings. "Let an immediate ceasefire be reached, and let dialogue be strengthened to pave the way toward peace," said the Pope, marking four years since the start of the war against Ukraine. Peace cannot be postponed, he emphasized: "Every war is truly a wound inflicted upon the entire human family; it leaves in its wake death, devastation and a trail of pain that marks generations."

"Let the weapons fall silent, let the bombings cease, let an immediate ceasefire be reached, and let dialogue be strengthened to pave the way toward peace."

Four years after the start of the war against Ukraine, the Pope's heart went out to the people living through such suffering devastation, which Pope Leo recalled following the Angelus prayer from the Apostolic Palace window, a war that is "unfolding before the eyes of the whole world."

"So many victims, so many lives and families shattered, such immense destruction, such unspeakable suffering! Every war is truly a wound inflicted upon the entire human family; it leaves in its wake death, devastation and a trail of pain that marks generations. Peace cannot be postponed. It is an urgent necessity that must find a home in our hearts and be translated into responsible decisions."

United in prayer

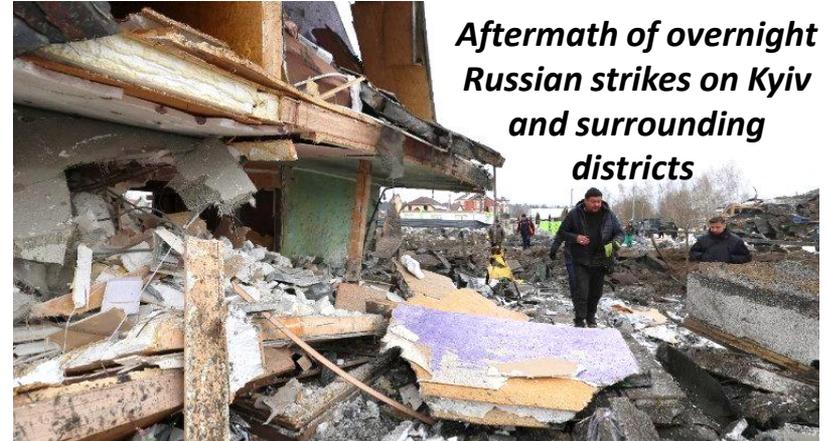
The Pope strongly encouraged everyone to "join in prayer for the embattled people of Ukraine and for all those who suffer due to this war and every conflict in the world, that the long-awaited gift of peace may shine upon our days."

Repeated appeals for peace

Today's appeal, on the fourth anniversary of the start of Russia's large-scale invasion of Ukraine, carries a bitter aftertaste, but nonetheless continues to keep hope alive. This has been the case since the poignant pleas of Pope Francis for peace in the heart of Europe were consistently raised, accompanied by his great concern for the martyred Ukrainian people. This expression has become familiar to many. The pleas were reiterated by Leone XIV right after his election when he called the war "senseless" and emphasized the urgency of reaching "an authentic, just, and lasting peace as soon as possible."

**TO ALL OF YOU, BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF ROME,
OF ITALY, OF THE WHOLE WORLD, WE WANT TO BE
A SYNODAL CHURCH, A CHURCH THAT WALKS, A
CHURCH THAT ALWAYS SEEKS PEACE, THAT
ALWAYS SEEKS CHARITY, WHICH ALWAYS SEEKS
TO BE CLOSE ESPECIALLY TO THOSE WHO SUFFER.**

- POPE LEO XIV -



**Aftermath of overnight
Russian strikes on Kyiv
and surrounding
districts**

The release of all prisoners and the return of children to their families have been recurring themes in the Pope's prayers. Now, the intense cold of winter, which exacerbates the damage caused by the bombings, particularly concerns him. "May the clamor of weapons cease, and may the parties involved, with the support and commitment of the international community, find the courage to engage in sincere, direct and respectful dialogue" he stated in his Christmas Urbi et Orbi message.

Heartfelt solidarity with the victims of war

Continuing the solidarity shown by his predecessor for the Ukrainian population, Pope Leo has sent repeated humanitarian assistance from the Papal Almoner to Ukraine. He also spoke by phone with Russian President Vladimir Putin, received associations working closely with war victims, mothers and wives of Ukrainian soldiers at the front, children and young people deprived of opportunities. He has also met with beneficiaries of emergency refuge, and met with Ukrainian pilgrims, praising the faith of a land rich with "the testimony of many saints" and "the blood of many martyrs."

During an audience with Ukrainian President Zelensky last December, he reiterated the Holy See's willingness to host negotiations. He has even contemplated a visit to Kyiv, though he acknowledged the necessity of prudent realism. In the face of the escalation of an increasingly hybrid conflict, with significant damage to civilians and infrastructure, upon returning from his first international trip, he emphasized the importance of European and Italian involvement. "Serious commitment to dialogue," he hoped for at the end of August, while, for the anniversary of Ukraine's national holiday, he expressed "with a heart wounded by violence" his condolences to the families of the fallen and to the displaced people.

U.S. BISHOPS JOIN INTERNATIONAL DELEGATION IN WEST BANK, CALL FOR 2-STATE SOLUTION

Representatives of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops joined an international delegation to the West Bank, where they said conditions remain “catastrophic.”

Bishop Abdallah Zaidan of the Maronite Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon and Bishop Joseph Kopacz of Jackson, Mississippi, joined an international delegation of bishops to the West Bank earlier this month, after which the delegation released a communiqué calling for peace, security, and a two-state solution.

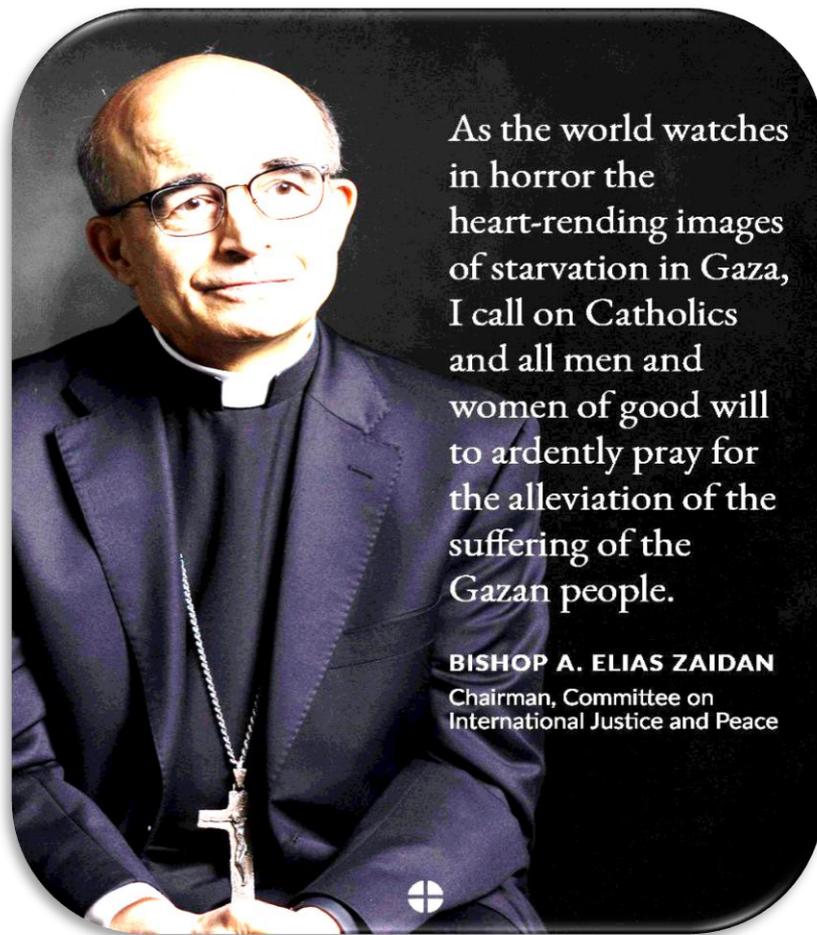
The group included bishops from England and Wales, Italy, Germany, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, Ireland, France, Scotland, Spain, and Canada, according to the communiqué released by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).

The visit comes nearly four months after the ceasefire in Gaza on Oct. 10, 2025, officially ending the war between Israel and Hamas.

“Our pilgrimage was to a land where people are suffering trauma,” the communiqué said, recounting hardships endured by Bedouin communities living in the margins of the occupied West Bank, including continued “violence and intimidation, theft of livestock, and demolition of property” by Israeli settlers.

In Taybeh, the only Christian town in Palestine, the group said in the communiqué it heard similar stories of attacks from “extremist settlers” who carry out continuous attacks.

“Gaza remains a catastrophic humanitarian crisis,” the communiqué said.



As the world watches in horror the heart-rending images of starvation in Gaza, I call on Catholics and all men and women of good will to ardently pray for the alleviation of the suffering of the Gazan people.

BISHOP A. ELIAS ZAIDAN
Chairman, Committee on International Justice and Peace

The group also paid a visit to Father Gabriel Romanelli, pastor of Gaza’s only Catholic church, according to Christian Daily.

Neither Zaidan, the USCCB’s chair of the Committee on International Justice and Peace, nor Kopacz could be immediately reached for comment.

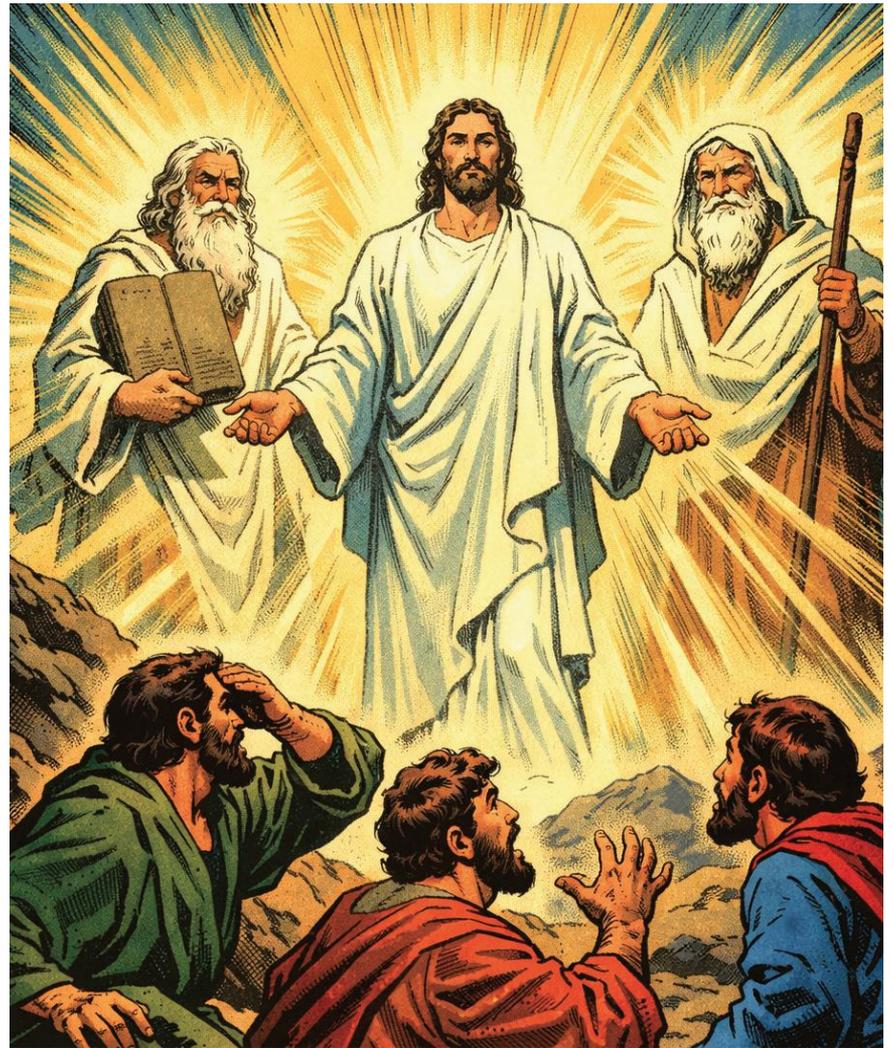
While emphasizing belief in Israel’s right to exist and its people to live in peace and security, the bishops called for “these same rights to be upheld for all those rooted in this land.”

The bishops praised “the courage” of both Israeli and Palestinians who have, “despite immense challenges and their own trauma,” continued to call for “justice, dialogue, and reconciliation.”

“We hope that efforts for peace will prevail over violence and that there will be no more acts of terrorism and war,” the bishops said. “We also urge our governments to exert pressure on Israel to uphold the rules-based international order and to revive meaningful negotiations toward a two-state solution for the benefit and security of all.”

2nd Sunday of Lent Year A**OUR LENTEN JOURNEY IN THE LIGHT OF THE TRANSFIGURED CHRIST**

On this Second Sunday of Lent, we rejoice in God's call to Abraham, our father in faith, chosen to begin a people from whom the Messiah would come. Weak and wounded, we are invited to fix our eyes on the transfigured Christ, who strengthens us to continue our Lenten journey toward God's promises. May we share in the joy of Peter, James, and John on Mount Tabor. May we be filled with courage to seek the values of God's Kingdom and live in the light of holiness, even amid a sinful world.



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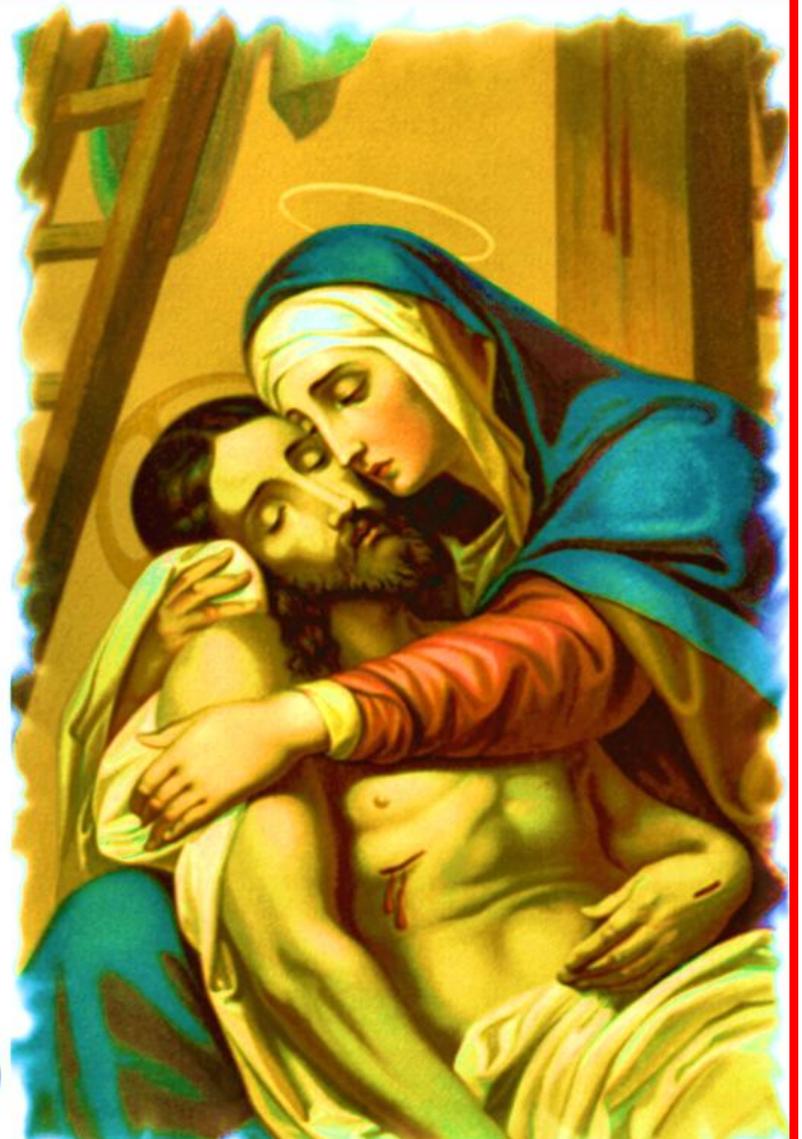
Every Friday

(February 20 – March 27)

***Station of
the Cross***

5:30 pm (Arabic)

6:30 pm (English)



THE WORLD'S OLDEST LIVING OLIVE TREES ARE LEBANESE

Noah, are the 16 oldest olive trees in the world found in the community of Bechealeh, Lebanon. Some 6,000 years old, folklorists say these have Biblical origins.

Tucked away in the sleepy village of Bechealeh, Lebanon, 16 olive trees have witnessed 6000 years of political unrest, plagues, diseases, varying climatic conditions and changing civilizations. In fact these "trees of Noah" are considered by locals to be a living miracle because nature, as we all know, is often silent and passive in the face of hardship, greed and violence so the fact that these arcane olive trees have managed to skirt 6000 years of climatic shifts, hacking axes and diseases makes me believe that, as improbable as this may sound, that there has been some mystical or divine providence watching over and protecting those trees for Bechealeh, for Lebanon and – who knows – maybe even for all the rest of us.

More endangered than Bengal tigers or wild pandas, "the Sisters" olive trees, as locals call them, should be regarded as a precious national asset, and although the ministry of tourism and culture have recognized the sister olive trees as a site of national importance and the olive trees have earned a spot on Lebanese stamps, and are on their way to be commemorated on the currency notes of the Lebanese Lira; governmental support to actively protect the trees and the heritage of Bechealeh has been shy at best.

Lenten Question

Q: Why are the forty days called Lent?

A: They are called Lent because that is the Old English word for spring, the season of the year during which they fall. This is something unique to English. In almost all other languages its name is a derivative of the Latin term, or "the forty days."

Lenten Action.

Think of a person with whom you have a strained relationship and make some gesture toward improving that relationship.



Local populations have worked very hard together to maintain the trees and historical structures, yet financial support is greatly needed to ensure that the sites are being preserved fully and correctly and to valorize the area through different projects such as; creating a wildlife preserve, enforcing hunting bans, connecting the historical sites with the modern trails, christening the olive oil open air museum mill as well as creating Bechealeh's first cultural and library center. "The Sisters" olive trees of Noah is a non-profit organization, which has been set up in Bechaleh in order to safeguard its rare ecological and historic gift for generations to come. Currently the organization is producing and selling top of the line olive oil from its ancient trees to ensure a sustainable source of revenue for the community owned groves and to establish a stable financial inflow to develop the above-mentioned projects. When interviewing George Billing, CEO of The Sisters Olive Trees of Noah, he described to me an olive oil that has been lovingly produced through cold crushing, 4 hours after picking the olives. The result is unfiltered liquid gold with very low acidity of 0.18°-0.24°, very high in polyphenols and a unique taste which include notes of pepper, Herbes de Provence and almonds: the goal for the organization is to produce the best olive oil in the Mediterranean Basin. "The Sisters" olive trees remain one of the great unresolved and virtually unexplored pre-Biblical mysteries; common folklore and a few Biblical Scholars believe that these are the trees from which the dove took the branch back to Noah when the deluge subsided.

This is a plausible theory if you consider that during that great flood when the whole of the Middle East was underwater, "The Sisters" perched at 1300 meters in altitude made them the de facto highest ever planted olive trees from antiquity till our modern-day era.

Prayer

Direct our actions, Lord, by your holy inspiration
and carry them forward by your gracious help,
that all our works may begin in you and by you be happily ended.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
your Son, who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever.

Amen.



ST. RAFQA: The Maronite Lebanese Nun, Patron of Sufferers & Incurable Cancer

Sister Rafqa (Rebecca) EI-Choboq EI Rayes, a Maronite Catholic Lebanese nun, was beatified as Blessed Rafqa in 1985 and canonised as Saint Rafqa on 10 June 2001, in both instances by His Holiness Pope John Paul II.

In 1885, at the age of 53, Sr Rafqa's wish and repeated prayers had finally been answered the desire to participate in the sufferings of Christ. She began to suffer numerous and extreme violent pains for the remaining 29 years of her life. She is a striking example for us of how suffering can be lived with joy but only through total submission to God. She is "The Little Flower of Lebanon" for hope and intercession to God for divine assistance. The miracles which are now recorded and verified by the Vatican are a testament to her help.

Saint Rafqa was born on 29 June 1832 in Himlaya, a Maronite village in the Lebanese mountains near Bikfaya. Her baptismal name was Boutrosiya (pronounced in Arabic as the feminine of Peter) having been born on the feast day of St Peter. She was an only child of her father Mrad EIRayes and her mother Rafqa Gemayel. Her mother died when she was 7 years old and her father later re-married. Civil war in the 1840's in Lebanon caused economic hardship. To help her father, Boutrosiya became a maid for three years in the home of Assad and Helena EI-Badaui, both in Baabda, Lebanon, and Damascus, Syria. According to the EI Badaui family she was a "model of purity". She was devoted to the Most Holy Virgin and prayed morning and night having learnt the devotion from the sweetheart of her maternal mother. On her 21st birthday she entered the convent of the Mariamite Sisters in Bikfaya. Shortly thereafter her father and stepmother attempted to take her back home, but she refused. Her father never saw her again. After one year of postulancy, Boutrosiya became a novice on St Maroun's feast day, 9 February 1855. She pronounced her religious vows in 1856 in Ghazir. For 7 years she performed kitchen work during the day and studied Arabic, calligraphy and mathematics at night. For the next 11 years she taught schoolgirls in Deir-EI-Qamar, Jbeil (Byblos) and Ma'ad. During the time of the massacres of the Christians in the Chouf Mountains she saved a young boy by hiding him in her gown (habit) and later herself hid with other Sisters in a stable. Sr Boutrosiya was deeply affected by the massacres. In 1871 at the age of 39 she went to the monastery of St Simon in the village of Aitu near Ehden to become a cloistered nun rather than a teaching nun. It was at that time she adopted her name in religion as the name of her mother Rafqa.

At the age of 41 after 2 years' novitiate, Sr Rafqa made her solemn vows in 1873 dedicating her remaining years on earth to a life of asceticism and contemplation. On the first Sunday of October in 1885 at the age of 53, on the feast of the Holy Rosary, Sr Rafqa made the following prayer to God: "O my God, why are you distant from me and have

You don't visit me with sickness. Have you perhaps abandoned me?" She desired to share in the sufferings of Christ and His crucifixion. That same night she felt a violent pain to her head which spread to her eyes. No doctor could alleviate her sufferings. One American doctor removed her eye without anaesthetic. She calmly said to the doctor: "I am in communion with the Passion of Christ. May God preserve your hands, Doctor. May God repay you." Enduring immense suffering, she became totally blind shortly thereafter.

In 1897, at the age of 65, Sr Rafqa and five other nuns transferred to a new convent of Mar Youssef of Jrapta (St Joseph) in the Batrun region. Her requests for suffering continued.

Gradually she lost weight and paralysis spread to her whole body with complete dysfunction to all joints. The whole time she never complained and thanked God for the pains and His holy will. In a 1981 medical report based on the evidence presented in the Canonical Process, three specialists diagnosed the most likely cause as tuberculosis with ocular localisation and multiple bony excrescences. This disease causes the most unbearable pain. Many of the details outlined above come from the fact that Sr Rafqa under obedience to her superior Sr Doumit told her life story which she previously refused because she was so humble. After asking for absolution and the plenary indulgence, Sr Rafqa died on 23 March 1914 at the age of 82. She suffered intolerable pain for 29 years. On one occasion Mother Superior asked Sr Rafqa whether she wished she could see. Rafqa stated that she would like to have vision just for an hour to see Mother Superior. At that moment Rafqa saw, and because of her Superior's doubt Rafqa miraculously described in detail the items and colours in the room. On another occasion, on the feast of Corpus Christi, Sr Rafqa, blind and paralysed, left the bed and dragged herself alone to the chapel to join the other nuns for the adoration, much to their disbelief. The same phenomenon happened over Rafqa's tomb as happened over that of St Charbel immediately following his burial in 1898.

A number of persons from neighbouring villages witnessed a splendid bright light coming from the tomb. Also, four days after Rafqa's death, Mother Superior, Sr Doumit, was instantly cured of a large cyst in her throat which for 8 years had even made it difficult for her to drink any fluid. Whilst asleep Mother Superior heard a knock on the door and a voice say, "Take dirt from the grave of Rafqa and put it on your throat."

*May her prayers be with us.
Amen.*



The next morning Sr Doumit proceeded to the grave of Rafqa and took a handful of dirt, mixed it with water and placed it on the cyst. She then felt her throat and instantly found no trace of the cyst. Since then, numerous persons who have eaten the dirt from around her grave have been miraculously cured. Between 1926 and 1952, the number of miracles and graces obtained through the intercession of Rafqa numbered 2,689 and are recorded in detail with medical evidence in six volumes kept at the convent in Jrapta. Sr Rafqa's beatification took place in 1985, and her canonisation in Rome by the Holy Father John Paul II in 2001. The feast day of St Rafqa is celebrated on 23 March. On this day especially every year the Maronite Catholic Church honours her and seeks her intercession in our lives.

Born: 29 June 1832 at Himlaya, Lebanon as Boutrossieh Ar-Rayes

Died: 23 March 1914 at the Convent of Saint Joseph, Grabta, Lebanon of natural causes

Venerated: 11 February 1982 by Pope John Paul II

Beatified: 17 November 1985 by Pope John Paul II

Canonized: 10 June 2001 by Pope John Paul II

Feast Day: March 23

Visit www.strafqa.org

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- Check the hours that are available on the picture frame on the table or in the white binder
- If you have already sign up, it is your responsibility to make sure you show up or call someone to cover your hour. Names and telephone numbers are in the white binder.

Questions: Contact the Parish Office or Mylynn Lim at 702 769-2382

NUESTRO NOTICIAS DE LA COMUNIDAD ESPAÑOLA

El Grupo Guadalupano de la Iglesia
de San Charbel

Te invita a que asistas a la Misa y El
Rosario que se celebran el primer
domingo cada mes comenzado,



*Ruega
por
nosotros*

DIA:

Domingo 1 de Marzo del 2026

HORA:

Rosario 4:30 pm Misa 5 pm

DONDE:

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y bocadillos con todos los
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***St. Sharbel Church
Black Nazarene
Statue***

We are bringing back the grace and blessing of our Black Nazarene“ Poon Jesus Nazareno”, a House-to-House visit to be with you and your family for seven (7) days, Sunday to Sunday. A Novena prayer for your family's petition is available when you pick up the Black Nazarene Statue at St. Sharbel Church, after our Holy Mass on Sunday at 9:30 am. And, for courtesy, please return our Black Nazarene Statue the next Sunday before the 9:30 am Holy Mass, so it will be available for the next family on schedule. Your kind donation (Love Offering) to our Poon Jesus Nazareno intention will be greatly appreciated.

For registration and scheduling, please call the following members of the Black Nazarene Group to assist you:
Teresa Lacape 702-524-1086



MIRACLES OF SAINT SHARBEL: Hanna Jabbour

Hanna Jabbour is a 17-year-old boy from Venezuela, South America. One day Hanna noticed many red spots on his leg, so he decided to visit the doctor to get tested to see what the red spots were. The doctor examined and carried out a blood test to determine what the red spots were on Hanna's leg. Once the doctor finished the blood test he said to Hanna to go home and come in the next morning to get the results. The next day Hanna came back to the doctor to get the results of the blood test and the doctor said to Hanna to immediately go to the specialist because he might have cancer in the blood.

Hanna immediately went to see the specialist, and he told Hanna that he had to go into the intensive care unit of hospital for more tests and examinations because his doctor's report indicated his blood was very bad and weak. So, Hanna arrived at the intensive care unit and the doctors carried out many tests and examinations to determine what was wrong with Hanna. Once the tests and examinations were complete, the results indicated that Hanna had blood cancer and he would not survive more than six months. His parents could not believe the results and were very sad. Hanna's mother gave him the rosary to pray every night and put photos of Jesus and Mother Mary next to his hospital bed to assist him in his operation and chemotherapy sessions.

Hanna was in hospital for 20 days when his uncle came to visit him and he gave Hanna a photo of St Charbel. Hanna's uncle said that that this photo is from St Peter and St Paul Hermitage in Annaya, Mount Lebanon where St Charbel used to pray, meditate, Labour and sleep. Hanna rely appreciated the photo from his uncle and put it under his pillow. Every night once Hanna's visitors left the hospital at 9pm, He prayed the rosary and prayed to St Charbel for his healing from blood cancer.

One night Hanna's dad slept in the same hospital room as Hanna to give him moral support and guidance. During the night Hanna woke up from his sleep, and he felt something very cold on his back and woke his dad up from his sleep to see what it was. So, Hanna's dad got up out of his bed and lifted Hanna's shirt up to see what was cold on his back. Hanna's dad noticed the photo of St Charbel stuck on his back with fresh blood on it. Hanna's dad could not believe what he saw and pulled the St Charbel photo off his back to see if Hanna was bleeding but to his surprise Hanna's back was clear from any cuts or bruises.

Hanna's dad called his Priest straight away and told him what just happened. The Priest arrived at the hospital within one hour and he saw the St Charbel photo with fresh blood on it and he could not believe what he was seeing. The Priest advised Hanna's dad not to show the photo to anyone just yet but to call the doctors to carry out urgent tests on Hanna to see if he still has blood cancer.

Hanna's dad spoke to the doctors in the morning and said he wanted to carry out new tests on Hanna to see if he still had blood cancer in his body. The doctor's agreed and carried out the tests and examinations on Hanna. After two days the doctors came into Hanna's room with his results and said with great surprise that the blood cancer in Hanna had disappeared from his body.

After the results were announced and Hanna was cancer free, Hanna told all his family and friends about the blood on his St Charbel's photo and how St Charbel healed him from his blood cancer. The news surprised all his family and friends, and they all started to take their religion more seriously and prayed to God and St Charbel on a regular basis. The news of St Charbel miracle on Hanna spread throughout Venezuela and the world and many people visited Hanna to witness the St Charbel photo with the blood on it.

SAINT JOHN MARON – FIRST MARONITE PATRIARCH

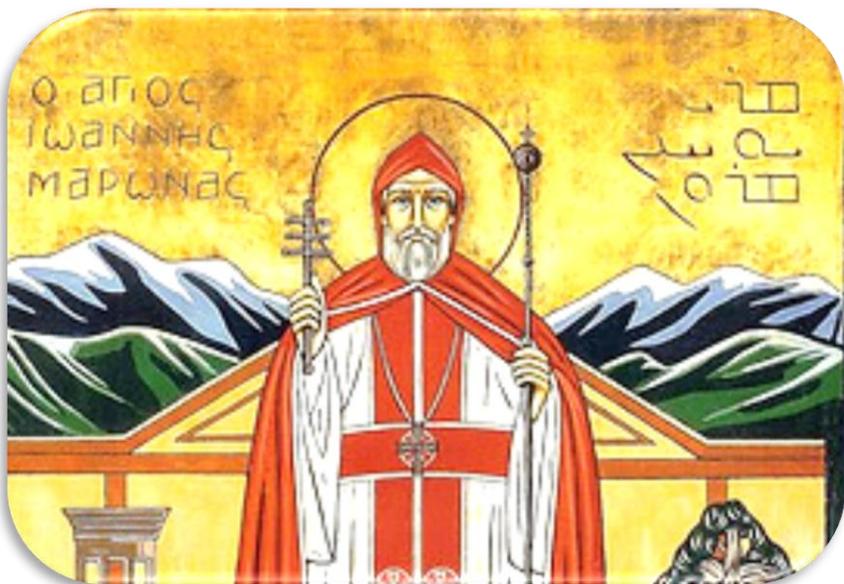
The name “Maronite” comes from St. Maron who died in the year 410 AD. His mission in the region was carried by his disciples. First Abraham the hermit, the apostle of Lebanon, converted the Phoenician inhabitants of the mountains of Lebanon. Jebbet Bsharre and Mnyatra adopted Christianity. The Phoenician pagans became Maronite Catholic Christians.

Today our Maronite Church throughout the world celebrates the memorial of its first Patriarch of Antioch, John Maron from 609-745 AD. The See of Antioch was vacant until the Maronites lawfully elected a patriarch from the monastery of Saint Maron on the Orante river. Later recognized by several Roman Pontiffs John Maron was a spiritual leader and patriot defending his people and accompanying them to Lebanon during persecutions. Tradition says that he died and was buried at Kefar-Hay (Batroun) in the Sanctuary consecrated to him. Previously our Church celebrated his feast on March 9. Patriarch Joseph Estephan transferred his memorial to March 2, 1778.



The Maronites are Christians who gathered around a monastery called Beit Moron or the House of Maron built in 452 on the Orontes River, after the Council of Chalcedon and at the request of Pope Leo. This is the doctrine that is held today. Those Christians who defended their faith in Jesus Christ, human and divine, were called Maronites after a hermit priest, St. Maron, who was a great saint in that region of Syria.

Today we have many liturgical and theological writings that are attributed to him.



OUR FILIPINO COMMUNITY NEWS

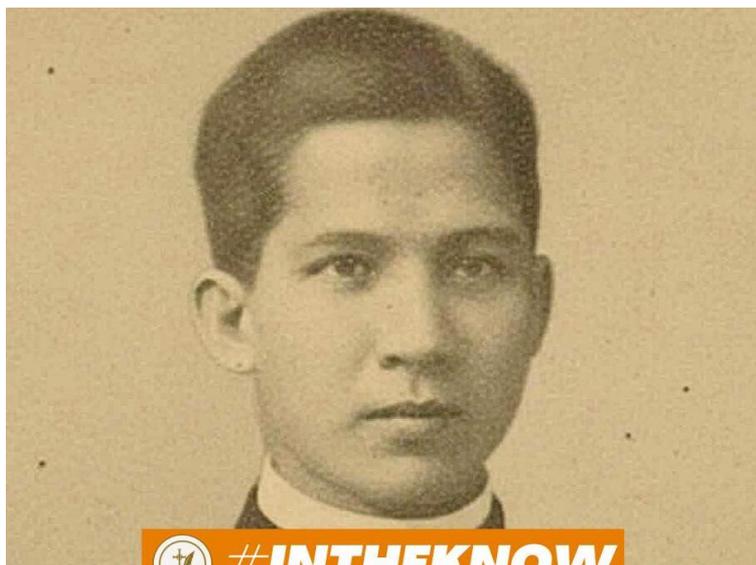
VATICAN OPENS SAINTHOOD CAUSE FOR DEVOTED SHEPHERD SERVANT OF GOD BISHOP CESAR MA. GUERRERO

His Holy See has officially authorized the cause for the beatification of Servant of God Cesar Maria Guerrero y Rodriguez, the first Bishop of Lingayen, a milestone that arrives as the archdiocese prepares for its 2028 Centennial Jubilee. A brilliant scholar who earned a law degree before pursuing his vocation in Rome, Bishop Guerrero was consecrated in 1929 and became the foundational architect of the Church in Northern Luzon. His early ministry was defined by a deep commitment to clerical reform and the establishment of the Mary Help of Christians Seminary, ensuring a legacy of spiritual and moral excellence that continues to shape the region today.

Beyond his leadership in Lingayen, Bishop Guerrero's most enduring legacy was forged as the first Bishop of San Fernando, Pampanga, where he established the "Crusade of Charity and Penance" in 1952.



By propagating the devotion to the Virgen de los Remedios, he sought to heal a province then torn by social unrest and godless ideologies, uniting the Kapampangans through prayer and service. Despite the trials of the post-war era, he remained a model of profound humility, eventually retiring to a life of voluntary poverty at the Hospicio de San Jose. Known as "sabio y santo" (wise and holy), he died on Holy Monday in 1961, leaving behind a reputation for sanctity that the Church now formally investigates for the honors of the altar.



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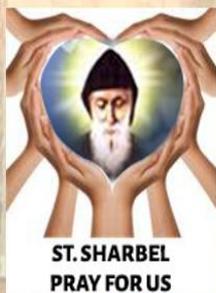


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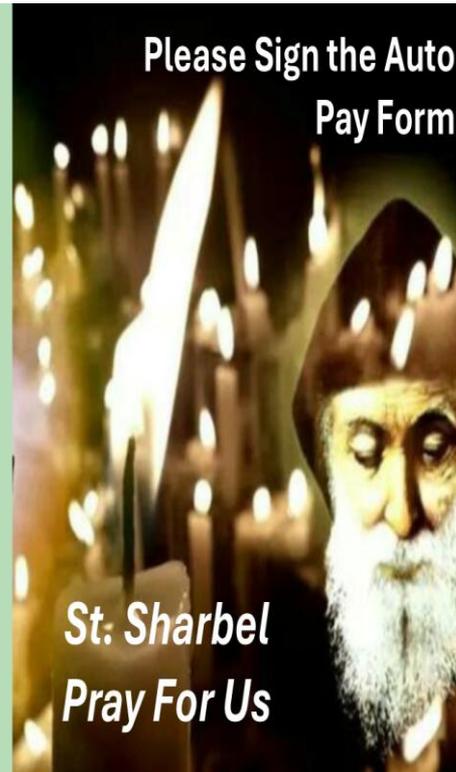
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WEEKEND

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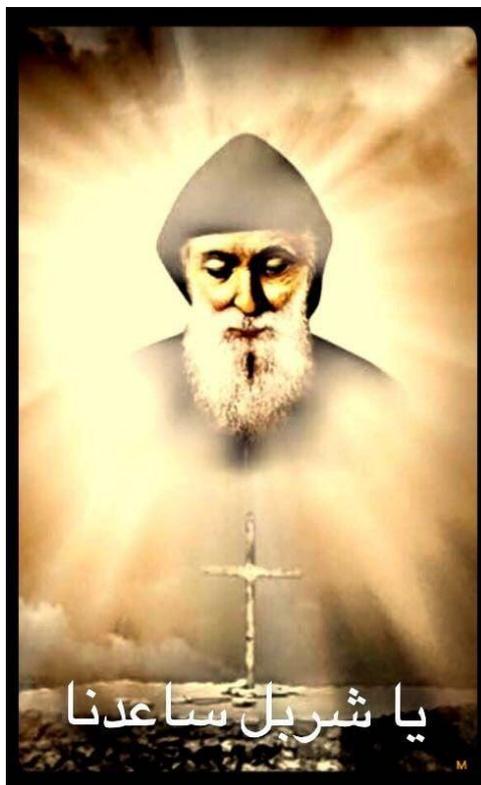
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Healing-Atieh Dilanji
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MONDAY Mar 2

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TUESDAY Mar 3

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THURSDAY Mar 5

Faithful Departed
+*Delores Clinton

FRIDAY Mar 6

+Clarence Gilyard

**SAINT SHARBEL COMMUNITY
LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. TUESDAY: 5:30 p.m. Rosary and anointing of the sick.

2. SECOND COLLECTION / LENTEN APPEAL

is currently underway. A letter from Bishop A. Elias Zaidan regarding the Appeal will be sent to every family, and copies are also accessible online at www.eparchy.org. The Eparchy counts on your support to uphold our Maronite parishes, to train our future Maronite priests, and to continue charitable efforts at home and abroad. We encourage every family to take part in the Appeal and to give generously. Donations can be made via check, cash or credit card. Please consider supporting your Eparchy. Thank you !

3. GOD OUR FATHER DEVOTION: Sunday, March 1st following the 9:30 AM Mass in the chapel.

4. SPANISH MASS: Sunday, March 1st at 4:30 PM Rosary and 5:00 PM Mass.

5. TAX DONATIONS 2025 – Call the Office during the week from 9 AM to 3 PM and provide us with your email and we will send it to you.

6. PARKING IN THE RED ZONE – To avoid your car being towed, please do not park in the red zone in front of the church. It is designated for emergency vehicles or dropping off handicap parishioners.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

February 21 & 22, 2026

***Weekend Masses**

Sat. 4:30 pm	\$ 937
Sun. 9:30 am	\$1,880
Sun. 11:30 am	\$ 918
Total	\$3,735

*General	\$2,364
*Building Fund	\$2,645
*Helping Hand	\$ 894
* 2 nd Collection	\$1,069



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