

## Jesus Saw Their Faith

Mark 2:1-12

“God weeps with us so that we may one day laugh with him.”

— Jurgen Moltmann

### PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

*You are welcomed and loved by St Anthony 's Community.*

*We are transformed through prayer, acts of love, forgiveness, service and stewardship.*

PARISH OFFICE: ... 978.685.7233 ... FAX: 978-688-4475... [rectory@stanthonylawrence.org](mailto:rectory@stanthonylawrence.org)

**DAILY LITURGIES** MON (*Arabic*) / TUE (*English*) / WED (*Arabic*) / THU (*English*) 9 am

**WEEKEND LITURGIES :**

**SAT** 4:00PM(*Eng.*) **SUN** 8:00AM (*Ara*) 9:00AM (*Eng.*) / 11:30AM (*Eng.& Arabic*)

**Holy days of obligation:** Vigil Liturgy @ 7:00 PM

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**OFFICE HOURS** M-TH 9:00 AM-4:00 PM / **FRI** 9:00 AM-2:00 PM / **SAT** By Appointment

**MEET OUR PRIEST:** Fr. Elie Mikhael ...305-807-9087... ..[pastor@stanthonylawrence.org](mailto:pastor@stanthonylawrence.org)  
Fr. Michael Charchaflian ...508-982-5130

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**MEET OUR DEACONS:**

Deacon Nadim B. Daou / Deacon David Leard  
Sub-Deacon James T. Demers / Sub-Deacon Antoine Nammour



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LITURGIES

Fifth Sunday/Week of Lent-Healing of the Paralytic  
الأحد \ الأسبوع الخامس من الصوم الكبير : أحد شفاء المخلع

WEEKDAY LITURGIES

HEALING OF THE PARALYTIC  
MAN

Saturday, March 26, 2022

4:00 pm For: +Thomas J. Solomon, *By his wife, Annette, his children & Family.*

Sunday, March 27, 2022

8:00 am Deceased Family Members of Elias Bijjani & Mariam Gebrara, *By Lili Bijjani & Family.*

9:00 am For the Good Health of Siham El Hachem, *By Eliane Kazzi.*

11:30 am For: +Afif Moussa, *By his wife, children, their spouses & families.*

HEALING OF THE BLIND MAN

Saturday, April 2, 2022

4:00 pm For: +Diane George, *By Paul & Nila Ellis*

Sunday, April 3, 2022

8:00 am For: +Deceased Members of Iskandar & Hilani Bijjani, *By Lili Bijjani & Family.*

9:00 am For: +Thomas A. Tarness, *By Sue Tarness, children & grandchildren.*

11:30 am For: +Mariam Abou Khalil, *By her children, Hanane Chahine, Claudine Singh, Kozhaya, Camil, & Joseph Abou Khallil & Family.*

Monday, March 28

9:00am For: +In Honor of Lola Abou Khalil & her Family.

Tuesday, March 29

9:00am For: Deceased Family members of the Goulart & Pereira Families, *By Dora Pereira*

Wednesday, March 30

9:00am For: +In Honor of Lola Abou Khalil & her Family.

Thursday, March 31

9:00am For: +Frances Cocozza, *By her sisters, Donna & Christine Kattar.*

10 am– 12 noon Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, April 1

7:00pm STATIONS OF THE CROSS

PLEASE NOTE:

40 Day Liturgies are considered a priority. When necessary, they will be scheduled with other previously reserved intentions.



Sanctuary Lamps

In Memory of Thomas J. Solomon,  
By his wife, Annette,  
his children & Family.

LITURGIES INTENTIONS



**Order Form**  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Pick-Up Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

- Maamoul**  
 ♦ Dates : 6 for \$10      x Qty: \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 ♦ Walnuts : 6 for \$10    x Qty: \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 ♦ Pistachio: 6 for \$10    x Qty: \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Kaak:**  
 Bag (6) for \$6            x Qty: \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Baklava**  
 (Cashew): 10 for \$12    x Qty: \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Sable:**  
 6 pieces for \$6            x Qty: \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 ( Linzer Cookies or Butter Cookies with Jam)

**Ghoraybah:**  
 6 pieces for \$6            x Qty: \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Macaroon:**  
 6 pieces for \$5            x Qty: \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Kanafe Box:** \$45 x Qty: \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Amount of Order:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**Method of Donation:**  
 Cash \_\_\_\_\_ or Check \_\_\_\_\_  
 Credit Card \_\_\_\_\_ Venmo \_\_\_\_\_

*Easter Lily Dedication*

In honor of Easter, the sanctuary will be decorated with lilies. You may dedicate one or more lily plant in memory or honor of those near and dear to your own heart for \$15 each.

I would like to dedicate \_\_\_\_\_ Lily(ies)  
 at \$15 Each

Please specify

*“In Memory of” or “In Honor of”*

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_



Given by:  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this completed form, along with your payment (Check, Cash or Venmo), to the Church office by **12 NOON, Monday, April 11**. You are welcome to place this form with your check in the offering plate as it is passed.

There will be an insert in the Parish Bulletin on April 17 & 24, suitable for presentation to acknowledge your dedications.

**UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS**

*Holy Land Collection -  
 Good Friday - April 15*

*Pastor’s Collection - Easter - April 17*

## ANNUAL RAFFLE 2022

To defray the costs of:

**Bishop's Appeal: \$7,500**

**Building Insurance: \$ 18,868.00**

**Eparchial Assessment: \$23,000.00**

**Total: \$49,368.00**

By now, many of you have received our Annual Raffle mailing. Our gratitude and appreciation for those of you who have return your donation and tickets. If you have not yet sent in your donation, please remit at your earliest convenience.

Total amount of donations received will be posted soon. Once again, we thank you for the support and dedication you show towards your spiritual home, St. Anthony.

## HOLY WEEK & EASTER

### HOLY WEEK

**Monday April 11** Coming to Harbor @ 7pm

**Wednesday April 13** Rite of the Lamp @ 7pm

*Followed by Anointing of Holy Oil*

**Thursday of Mysteries April 14**

- ◆ 7pm Washing of Feet
- ◆ 8pm -10pm Adoration

### GOOD FRIDAY April 15

4pm Adoration of the Cross (*English*)

5pm Stations of the Cross

7pm Adoration of the Cross

### EASTER April 16-17

Easter Vigil @ 4pm (*English*)

Easter Midnight (*Arabic & English*)

Easter Sunday

9am Easter Liturgy (*English*)

11:30am: Easter Liturgy (*Arabic -Church*)

11:30am: Easter Liturgy (*Arabic & English -Hall*)

## MASS INTENTIONS

Offering Liturgies for a special Intention is a long standing tradition in the Catholic Church. It is usually considered that special graces are obtained for whom the Liturgy is said. Liturgies are offered for many reasons: for the souls in purgatory, in remembrance for someone who is deceased, or in honor of a birthday or special anniversary, and more.

Liturgy stipend or offering given, signifies the sacrificial nature of giving of something of yourself to associate more intimately with Christ who offers himself in the Eucharist.

Our Parish Community is so fortunate to have many who remember and honor loved ones in this way. Please keep in mind, when scheduling an intention, our Liturgies, though many, fill up quickly. It is never too early to schedule one. If you would like to have a Liturgy said for someone, please contact the Parish Office by phone or email for help with available dates and times.

## KNIGHTS OF THE ALTAR

*Next Meeting- April 2nd, 11 am*

For the full Server Schedule visit:

[www.stanthonylawrence.org/calendar/](http://www.stanthonylawrence.org/calendar/)

## TITHES & OFFERINGS

**STEP UP YOUR WEEKLY / MONTHLY / ANNUAL GIVING COMMITMENT**

REGISTER FOR ONLINE DONATION:

**VENMO**



**ONLINE OFFERING**

**REGISTER ONLINE**



**Sign-Up Today**

[Stanthonylawrence.org/donate-now/](http://Stanthonylawrence.org/donate-now/)

## CONGRATULATIONS FATHER MICHEAL



Saint Anthony's Parish offers sincere and heartfelt wishes to the newly ordained, Father Michael Charchaflian. We rejoice with and Congratulate you on your new Ministry.

*"The Lord your God will bless you in all your work,  
and in everything you put your hand to."*

~Deuteronomy 15:10

## MUSIC GROUP

This group is intended to bring musicians together to have fun and share a common hobby, Playing Music! The group is open to all intermediate to advanced musicians. For more info, or to join, contact Patrick Tabet @ 978-821-8879.

## ANNUAL MAHRAJAN NEWS

The Mahrajan committee has begun its planning for our 50th Anniversary. We are seeking volunteers to lead the effort to honor that history during the Mahrajan.

As you are well aware, the Mahrajan's success is dependent on volunteers. The committee encourages individuals to sign up early.

If your are interested in volunteering, please let us know as early as possible by emailing us at: [mahrajan@stanthonylawrence.org](mailto:mahrajan@stanthonylawrence.org)

## Maronite Youth Organization-MYO

Sunday, March 27, 5-7PM

**Reconciliation & Eucharistic Adoration**

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Please reference your calendar for class schedule or check the St. Anthony calendar found on the website.

Susan and the Religious Ed Team  
[Lawrencereligious@gmail.com](mailto:Lawrencereligious@gmail.com)

### KNIGHTS OF MARY

**Regular Session: March 26, 5-7 PM**

**Regular Session: April 23, 5-7 PM**

**End of year BBQ: May 7, 5-7PM**

Mark your calendars!!! Starting Monday July 25th. Stay tuned for further details.



Children grades, Kindergarten Through Eight.



**Cost:** \$375

**Who:** Open to all youth ages 12-18 in the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles and the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn.

All youth, advisors, and pastors will be able to register at [www.maroniteyouth.org](http://www.maroniteyouth.org).

*If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to us at [office@maroniteyouth.org](mailto:office@maroniteyouth.org).*

We look forward to welcoming you to the 2022 National MYO Conference!



**Theme: CATHOLIC MASCULINITY-- Are We Being Blinded?**

**Place:** Here at St. Anthony's Maronite Catholic

**Brief Schedule:**

Friday, 4/1/22 6pm - 9pm--Video, Discussion and Evening Prayer (Dinner)

Saturday, 4/2/22 8am - 7pm--Video, Discussion, Meditations, (Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner)

Sunday, 4/3/22 9:00 am - Retreat Summary followed by Divine Liturgy (Breakfast)

*For more information or to sign up, please contact Deacon Michael*

**Donate a Stock**

**St Anthony Maronite Catholic Church, INC**  
**Fidelity account number: Z40-262821**  
**Type of Ownership: Corporation**  
**Fidelity's Depository Trust Company (DTC) number, which is 0226**

**Our name and address:**

**Fidelity Investments**  
**Attn: TOA Receives**  
**PO Box 770001**  
**Cincinnati, OH 45277-0036**



**ST ANTHONY'S BASKETBALL TEAMS**

Middle school aged children at St Anthony's Maronite Church in Lawrence, MA participated in the Merrimack Valley Catholic Basketball Association this 2021-2022 basketball season. Our parish was able to have two boys teams and one girls team register in the league. The basketball season ran for approximately ten weeks and included week day practices and weekend games. Although we are a basketball team, we represent our church and would emphasize saying a prayer prior to playing. Thirty five children of our parish had a blast and our parishioner coaches enjoyed their time being with the children. The Saint Anthony's basketball program had a liturgy and breakfast to follow with the intent to celebrate their success this winter. Since we played together, it was only right to pray together. This program will continue to emphasize team bonding and our faith throughout the year. Fun fact: our jersey color is maroon to symbolize Saint Maron and our Maronites faith. Let's go Saint Anthony's!

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

- Mar. 26:** Ryan Collins, Joumana Feghali, Gage Lanoue, Aiyah Saysouk, Temmer Zoueïn
- Mar. 27:** Jayden Georges, Alex Maroon, Patrick Tabet
- Mar. 28:** George Daher, Maryann C. Hatem, Marie Uliano
- Mar. 29:** Jason Azzi, Peter Bou Sanayeh, Pascal Daher, Crystal Jean, George Jobeily, Cal Kannan, Kylee Kattar, Allison Puglisi, Lindsey, John Thomas
- Mar. 30:** Maureen Abraham, Georges Moura, Karyn Ramey
- Mar. 31:** Joseph Akiki, Corey Caddell, Nicole Corey, Matteo Hashem, Christian Hbaiter, Jimmy Msaddi, Alexander Ramey, Henry Sader
- April 1:** Danielle Azzi, Lliana Bourouphael, Meray Crespo, Mary Francis, Aliana Garcia, Simon Kanaan, Gaby Maroun, Najla Purcell

*Let us pray, We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.*



## TREE OF LIFE

REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONES BY  
PUTTING THEIR NAMES ON TREE OF  
LIFE BRASS ALUMINUM PLAQUES SIZES:

1.5" X 3" = \$75 / 3"X 6"= \$150 /

4"X8"= \$250

Please submit your request either by

Phone: 978.685.7233 or by E-mail:

[rectory@stanthonylawrence.org](mailto:rectory@stanthonylawrence.org)

## DONATE A TREE IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE

Enhancing the beauty of Historic Saint Anthony Maronite Catholic Cemetery.

### Plant-A-Tree A—

For a donation of \$400.00 : memorial plaque will be displayed by the tree for a period of ten years.

### Plant-A-Tree B—

For a donation of \$250.00: memorial plaque will be displayed by the tree for the period of five years.

### Your Donation is Tax-Deductible

Your contribution is tax deductible. You will receive a written acknowledgement of your donation from the Saint Anthony Maronite Catholic Cemetery.

If you like to donate a tree, please call the office at 978.685.7233 or email us at:

[rectory@stanthonylawrence.org](mailto:rectory@stanthonylawrence.org)

Tree to be planted : Kousa Dogwood

## SACRAMENTS

**Baptism & Confirmation:** 1 month in advance with the Pastor,

**Donations:** Church: \$200 - Priest: Free Will

**Matrimony:** Arrangements should be made by couples six months prior to the wedding date

**Donations:** Church \$500—Priest: Free Will

**Reconciliation:** One hour Before Thursday & Saturday Liturgies, or by appointment

**Anointing of the Sick:** Please notify the Rectory if a member of your family is ill, hospitalized, or unable to come to Church and would like to receive communion at home

Please refer to our website for more Sacrament Celebrations Guidelines.

## CEMETERY LOT SALES AND AVAILABILITY

St Anthony Cemetery offers affordable payment plans to fit any family's budget.

For more information:

By Phone (During Office Hours) 978-685-7233

Email [rectory@stanthonylawrence.org](mailto:rectory@stanthonylawrence.org)

or Visit: [www.stanthonylawrence.org/lots-sales/](http://www.stanthonylawrence.org/lots-sales/)

## Looking for a Loved one buried at St Anthony's Cemetery?

1. Go to [www.stanthonylawrence.org](http://www.stanthonylawrence.org)
2. Scroll to the bottom and click on BURIAL ONLINE SEARCH.
3. Type in the last/first name or in some cases just last name and click search.

## St Anthony-Grave Purchase & Burial

### Grave Purchase—\*For Active Parishioners

- Grave Purchase—Double Depth: \$1900 (one time fee)
  - Perpetual Care: \$200 (one time fee)
- Total of Grave (Double Depth) Purchase: \$2100
- Memorial Stone Permit: \$75 (one time fee paid upon installation)

### Burial Costs (Itemized)

- Opening and Closing (Summer Fees): \$1000
- Opening and Closing (Winter Burial): \$1,200
- Church Stipend: \$250
- Church Stipend ( Wake in Church): \$450
- Soloist: \$150
- Organist: \$150
- Clergy Stipend: \$200 or left to the Family Discretion

### Total of Burial Costs:

- Burial (Summer Fees): \$1,750
- Burial (Summer Fees-Wake in Church): \$1,950
- Burial (Winter Fees): \$1,950
- Burial (Winter Fees-Wake in Church): \$2,150

Prices are subject to change.

\*Active Parishioners are considered those who have participated: Socially, spiritually and have contributed regularly in our database.

Please take the time to review the complete cemetery guidelines by visiting our website [www.stanthonylawrence.org/cemetery/](http://www.stanthonylawrence.org/cemetery/)

## الأحد الخامس من الصوم الكبير : أحد شفاء المخلع

رسالة القديس بولس الأولى إلى طيموتاوس 5:24-26:6.1-5

يا إخوتي، مِنَ النَّاسِ مَنْ تَكُونُ خَطَايَاهُمْ وَاضِحَةً قَبْلَ الْحُكْمِ فِيهَا، وَمِنْهُمْ مَنْ لَا تَكُونُ وَاضِحَةً إِلَّا بَعْدَهُ. كَذَلِكَ فَإِنَّ الْأَعْمَالَ الصَّالِحَةَ هِيَ أَيْضًا وَاضِحَةٌ، وَالَّتِي هِيَ غَيْرُ وَاضِحَةٍ فَلَا يُمَكِّنُ أَنْ تَبْقَى خَفِيَّةً. عَلَى جَمِيعِ الَّذِينَ تَحْتَ نِيرِ الْعُبُودِيَّةِ أَنْ يَحْسَبُوا أَسْيَادَهُمْ أَهْلًا لِكُلِّ كَرَامَةٍ، لِئَلَّا يُجَدَّفَ عَلَى أَسْمِ اللَّهِ وَتَعْلِيمِهِ. أَمَّا الَّذِينَ لَهُمْ أَسْيَادٌ مُؤْمِنُونَ فَلَا يَسْتَهَيِّبُوا بِهِمْ، لِأَنَّهُمْ إِخْوَةٌ، بَلْ بِالْأُخْرَى فَلْيَخُدُّوهُمْ، لِأَنَّ الْمُسْتَفِيدِينَ مِنْ خَدَمَتِهِمِ الطَّيِّبَةَ هُمْ مُؤْمِنُونَ وَأَحِبَّاءُ، ذَلِكَ مَا يَجِبُ أَنْ تُعَلِّمَهُ وَتَعْظَمَ بِهِ. فَإِنْ كَانَ أَحَدٌ يُعَلِّمُ تَعْلِيمًا مُخَالَفًا، وَلَا يَتَمَسَّكُ بِالْكَلَامِ الصَّحِيحِ، كَلَامِ رَبَّنَا يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ، وَبِالتَّعْلِيمِ الْمُوَافِقِ لِلتَّقْوَى، فَهُوَ إِنْسَانٌ أَعْمَنُ الْكِبْرِيَاءِ، لَا يَفْهَمُ شَيْئًا، بَلْ مُصَابٌ بِمَرَضِ الْمُجَادَلَاتِ وَالْمُمَاحَكَاتِ، الَّتِي يَنْشَأُ عَنْهَا الْحَسَدُ وَالْخِصَامُ وَالتَّجْدِيفُ وَسُوءُ الظَّنِّ، وَالْمُشَاجَرَاتُ بَيْنَ أَنْاسٍ فَاسِدِي الْعَقْلِ، زَائِفِينَ عَنِ الْحَقِّ، يَظُنُّونَ أَنَّ التَّقْوَى وَسِيلَةٌ لِلرَّبْحِ.

إنجيل القديس مرقس 2:1-12

عَادَ يَسُوعُ إِلَى كَفَرْنَاحُومَ. وَسَمِعَ النَّاسُ أَنَّهُ فِي الْبَيْتِ. فَتَجَمَّعَ عَدَدٌ كَبِيرٌ مِنْهُمْ حَتَّى غَصَّ بِهِمِ الْمَكَانُ، وَلَمْ يَبْقَ مَوْضِعٌ لِأَحَدٍ وَلَا عِنْدَ الْبَابِ. وَكَانَ يُخَاطِبُهُمْ بِكَلِمَةِ اللَّهِ. فَاتَّوَهَ بِمُخَلِّعٍ يَحْمِلُهُ أَرْبَعَةُ رِجَالٍ. وَبِسَبَبِ الْجَمْعِ لَمْ يَسْتَطِيعُوا الْوُصُولَ بِهِ إِلَى يَسُوعَ، فَكَشَفُوا السَّقْفَ فَوْقَ يَسُوعَ، وَنَبَشُوهُ، وَدَلَّوْا الْفِرَاشَ الَّذِي كَانَ الْمُخَلِّعُ مَطْرُوحًا عَلَيْهِ. وَرَأَى يَسُوعُ إِيمَانَهُمْ، فَقَالَ لِلْمُخَلِّعِ: «يَا ابْنِي، مَغْفُورَةٌ لَكَ خَطَايَاكَ!». «وَكَانَ بَعْضُ الْكُتَّابَةِ جَالِسِينَ هُنَاكَ يُفَكِّرُونَ فِي قُلُوبِهِمْ: لِمَاذَا يَتَكَلَّمُ هَذَا الرَّجُلُ هَكَذَا؟ إِنَّهُ يُجَدِّفُ! مَنْ يَقْدِرُ أَنْ يَغْفِرَ الْخَطَايَا إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ؟. وَفِي الْحَالِ عَرَفَ يَسُوعُ بِرُوحِهِ أَنَّهُمْ يُفَكِّرُونَ هَكَذَا فِي أَنْفُسِهِمْ فَقَالَ لَهُمْ: «لِمَاذَا تُفَكِّرُونَ بِهَذَا فِي قُلُوبِكُمْ؟ مَا هُوَ الْأَسْهَلُ؟ أَنْ يُقَالَ لِلْمُخَلِّعِ: مَغْفُورَةٌ لَكَ خَطَايَاكَ؟ أَمْ أَنْ يُقَالَ: قُمْ وَاحْمِلْ فِرَاشَكَ وَامْشِ؟ وَلَكِي تَعْلَمُوا أَنَّ لِابْنِ الْإِنْسَانِ سُلْطَانًا أَنْ يَغْفِرَ الْخَطَايَا عَلَى الْأَرْضِ»، قَالَ لِلْمُخَلِّعِ: لَكَ أَقُولُ: قُمْ، إِحْمِلْ فِرَاشَكَ، وَأَذْهَبْ إِلَى بَيْتِكَ!. فَقَامَ فِي الْحَالِ وَحَمَلَ فِرَاشَهُ، وَخَرَجَ أَمَامَ الْجَمِيعِ، حَتَّى دَهَشُوا كُلُّهُمْ وَمَجَّدُوا اللَّهَ قَائِلِينَ: «مَا رَأَيْنَا مِثْلَ هَذَا الْبَيْتَةِ!».»

### LECTORS SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 26- 4PM  
Lisa Abdallah

Sunday, March 27 -  
8 AM Mouna Hbaiter  
9AM David Brousseau  
11:30AM Eng: Anthony Merheb  
Ar: Gretta Merheb

Saturday, April 2- 4PM  
Lisa Abdallah

Sunday, April 3 -  
8 AM Huguette Sfeir  
9AM Angela Dahbour  
11:30AM Eng: Stephanie Sader  
Ar: Marie-Christine Daou



## Fifth Sunday of Great Lent: The Paralytic Man

*First Letter to Timothy 5,24-25.6,1-5.*

Brothers and Sisters, The sins of some people are conspicuous and precede them to judgement, while the sins of others follow them there. So also good works are conspicuous; and even when they are not, they cannot remain hidden. Let all who are under the yoke of slavery regard their masters as worthy of all honour, so that the name of God and the teaching may not be blasphemed. Those who have believing masters must not be disrespectful to them on the ground that they are members of the church; rather they must serve them all the more, since those who benefit by their service are believers and beloved. Teach and urge these duties. Whoever teaches otherwise and does not agree with the sound words of our Lord Jesus Christ and the teaching that is in accordance with godliness, is conceited, understanding nothing, and has a morbid craving for controversy and for disputes about words. From these come envy, dissension, slander, base suspicions, and wrangling among those who are depraved in mind and bereft of the truth, imagining that godliness is a means of gain.

*Mark 2,1-12.*

When Jesus returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door; and he was speaking the word to them. Then some people came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, 'Son, your sins are forgiven.' Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, 'Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?' At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were discussing these questions among themselves; and he said to them, 'Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, "Your sins are forgiven", or to say, "Stand up and take your mat and walk"? But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins' he said to the paralytic 'I say to you, stand up, take your mat and go to your home.' And he stood up, and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, 'We have never seen anything like this!'

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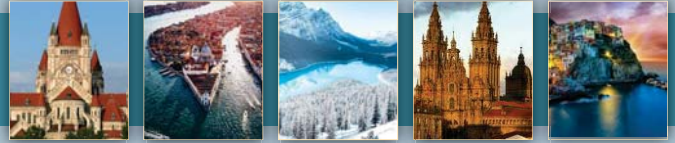
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