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### **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Great Lent: The Hemorrhaging Woman February 21, 2016**

#### **Lenten Psalm Psalm 32**

Blessed is the one whose fault is removed,  
Whose sin is forgiven.

Blessed is the man to whom the LORD imputes no guilt,  
In whose spirit is no deceit.

Because I kept silent, my bones wasted away;  
I groaned all day long.

For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;  
My strength withered as in dry summer heat.

Then I declared my sin to you; my guilt I did not hide.  
I said, "I confess my transgression to the LORD,"  
And you took away the guilt of my sin.

Every person should pray to you in time of distress.  
Though flood waters threaten, they will never reach him.  
You are my shelter; you guard me from distress;  
With joyful shouts of deliverance you surround me.

Many are the sorrows of the wicked one,  
But mercy surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.  
Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, you righteous;  
Exult, all you upright of heart.

## إنجيل القديس لوقا 8

وَكَانَتْ أُمْرَأَةٌ مُصَابَةٌ بِنَزْفٍ دِمٍ مُنْذُ اثْنَتَيْ عَشْرَةَ سَنَةً، وَلَمْ يَقْدِرْ أَحَدٌ أَنْ يَشْفِيَهَا. دَنَتْ مِنْ وَرَاءِ يَسُوعَ، وَلَمَسَتْ طَرَفَ رِدَائِهِ، وَفَجَاءَ وَقَفَ نَزْفُ دِمِهَا. فَقَالَ يَسُوعُ: «مَنْ لَمَسَنِي؟». وَأَنْكَرَ الْجَمِيعُ. فَقَالَ بُطْرُسُ وَمَنْ مَعَهُ: «يَا مُعَلِّمُ، إِنَّ الْجُمُوعَ يَرْحَمُونَكَ وَيُضَايِقُونَكَ!». فَقَالَ يَسُوعُ: «إِنَّ وَاحِدًا قَدْ لَمَسَنِي! فَإِنِّي عَرَفْتُ أَنَّ قُوَّةً قَدْ خَرَجَتْ مِنِّي!». وَرَأَتْ الْأُمْرَأَةُ أَنَّ أَمْرَهَا لَمْ يَخْفَ عَلَيْهِ، فَدَنَتْ مُرْتَعِدَةً وَأَرْتَمَتْ عَلَى قَدَمَيْهِ... فَقَالَ لَهَا يَسُوعُ: «يَا ابْنَتِي، إِيمَانُكَ خَلَّصَكَ! اذْهَبِي بِسَلَامٍ!».

### Gospel according to Luke 8:40-56

And a woman afflicted with hemorrhages for twelve years, who was unable to be cured by anyone, came up behind him and touched the tassel on his cloak. Immediately her bleeding stopped. Jesus then asked, "Who touched me?" While all were denying it, Peter said, "Master, the crowds are pushing and pressing in upon you." But Jesus said, "Someone has touched me; for I know that power has gone out from me." When the woman realized that she had not escaped notice, she came forward trembling and knelt down before him. Jesus said to her, "Daughter, your faith has saved you; go in peace."

### The Touch of faith and the healing of Mercy

On this Third Sunday of Lent, the necessity of faith in the power and compassion of Jesus shines forth. This poor woman who was lost in the crowd thought that no one would notice her—not even the Master himself. Yet Jesus stopped everyone in order to speak to the woman.

According to the Jewish Law, she was "unclean", not even worthy to speak to the Lord. All devout Jews wore robes with fringes on them (Numbers 15: 37-41). Attached to the fringes were four tassels of white thread with blue thread woven through them. These fringes and tassels served to remind the Jew that he was a man of God and required to observe God's law.

The hemorrhaging woman spent all of her money on medicine and doctors, but was never cured. 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. Upon touching one of the tassels, she was healed instantly. Jesus, not desiring to embarrass her but to exalt her faith said, "Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

It is only our faith in the Lord and our willingness to be cleansed and to walk in the peace of the Lord that brings us true health.

The sick woman was an unimportant member of the crowd following Jesus, but she was important to Jesus. To Jesus, each of us is important and worthy of all of his attention. It is encouraging to know that we—unimportant in the eyes of the world—are most valuable in the eyes of almighty God.

Everyday our lives touch not only the tassels of the Lord, but his most sacred Body and precious Blood. After the celebration of the Divine Mysteries, the priest recites or sings:

**"I have consumed your holy body. Let me see your abundant mercy.**

**I have shared in your holy Mysteries. Let me join you in your heavenly abode."**

## **REMEMBER IT**

**“Daughter, your faith has saved you; go in peace.”**

**Luke 8:48**

## **Deacon's Corner**

Last week, we begun another Season of Lent, and we are now on our way to Passion Week after five Sundays beginning last Sunday.

I believe that Jesus chose to heal all of these, plus many more, in order to show the power that was given to Him by God, our Father. Remember, Jesus only had a limited time on earth (about three years) to show all who He was and what His purpose was here on earth.

Lent was always a time to give up something. Perhaps you gave up chocolate, drinking Coke, going to the movies or you may have even set upon a period of fasting from certain foods. And while I believe this is all well and good, I want to propose something different to try this Lenten Season.

I propose that you make a change in your life. Lent is not only giving up something but adding something as well to your life that will benefit us spiritually, and keeping it going on forever, not just for the 40 days of Lent.

Do something that will help you to grow spiritually and continue to do it well past Lent. It doesn't have to be something dramatic. It could be something as simple as just adding a daily prayer, going to Mass more than once a week, and keeping a smile on your face even in the midst of strangers. And I am sure each of us can think of some small act that will benefit each of us on a daily basis.

## **Mass Intentions for Next Sunday February 28, 2016**

**11:30 Mass:** 40 days Memorial for Michael Kassis (Req. by the Kassis Family)

# OUR LADY OF LEBANON CHURCH

## 2015 Financial Report

### **Revenue:**

Sunday Collections	\$	102,008
Other Collections *		29,850
Parish Fundraising Events **		90,932
Rental Income		4,550
Interest Income		1,504
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>228,844</b>

### **Expenses:**

Salaries/Fringes/Administrative	\$	82,848
Services ***		17,591
Office & Liturgical Supplies		16,707
MYO		5,480
Insurance		13,113
Utilities		26,943
Diocesan Assessment		27,000
Hall Supplies		10,844
Other Operating Expenses		6,583
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>207,109</b>

<b>Surplus</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>21,735</b>
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\* Christmas, Easter and Misc.

\*\* Lebanese Festival, St. Marons, New Year's, St. Sharbel, Bake Sales

\*\*\* Landscaping, Snow Removal, Transportation, Advertising, Alarm, Bank Fees

### **Balances as of Dec 31, 2015**

Bank of America	\$	131,395
Catholic Community Foundation (CD's)	\$	400,000
Mission Diocese Fund, LL (CD's)	\$	100,000
Investment in Waterhouse	\$	27,152
<b>Total Funds on Deposit</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>658,547</b>

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# ***Soup Supper***

**Friday, February 26**

Following Stations of the Cross at **8 p.m.**

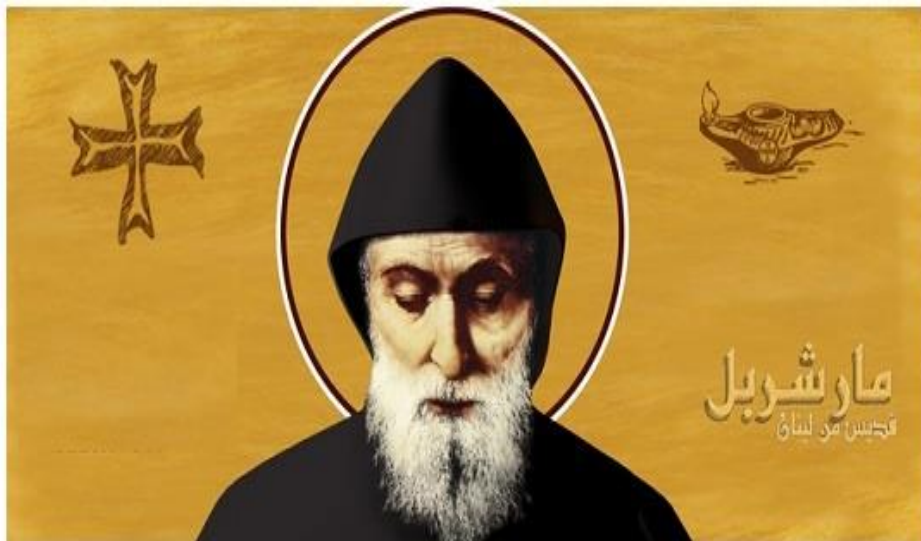
Come enjoy a variety of homemade soups, salads,  
mjadra, pizza and fruit. Unlimited Refills!

**\$10/adult**

**\$5/children 12 and younger**



**Sponsored by the MYO**



**Saint Sharbel Mission of Milwaukee**  
**3126 - 95<sup>th</sup>. Street – Sturtevant, WI.**

**Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup>. 2016 from 1:00 -4:00 p.m.**

**\$12.00 for Adult Ticket - \$6.00 for Children**  
**12 years or under**

**Brunch will be followed by**  
**Mass at 5:00 p.m.**



## Mass Celebration



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**Anaphora of Saint Peter: 774**

## Sunday Readings



**Reading:** 2 Corinthians 7: 4-11 (*Struggle and Joy*)  
**Holy Gospel:** Luke 8: 40-56 (*Healing of Hemorrhaging Woman*)

## Mass Intentions



### 9:30 AM

**John Budz** (Req. by Sara Guttas)

**The Deceased of the Antoon and Abbood families**

(Req. by George and Vera Antoon)

**A speedy recovery of father Doctor William Najm**

### 11:30 AM

**Josephine and Georgette Kalache** (Req by Milad & Enas Kalache)

**Farid Mikhael Ziadé** (Req. by Tony Ziadé)

**A speedy recovery of Mary Ann Kirkish**

Schedules	9:30 A.M. Mass	11:30 A.M. Mass
Altar Servers	Joseph and George Estephan, Andres Ballines, Leila Nehra	Estifan Azzo, Cassandra Chahoud, Yasmina Mulcahey, Ramez Sayegh
Readers	Margret Budz	Gisele Mulcahey (Arabic) Richard Allen (English)
Ushers	Nabil Zahra Frank Kermend	Maroun Lebbos, Naji Abyiad, Sam Sweillem, Marc Cortbawi,

## Announcements

✳ **Next Sunday February 28**, we celebrate a children Mass at 11:30 P.M.

✳ **Stations of the Cross:** All Fridays of Great Lent, Mass is celebrated at 7 P.M. and Stations of the Cross at 7:30 P.M., followed by a potluck.

### ✳ **BAKE SALE**

Our annual Easter Bake sale fundraising event is on Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup>. To pre-order go to our website ([ollchicago.org](http://ollchicago.org)) or pick up a pre-order flyer. All pre-Orders need to be submitted no later than March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016. We appreciate your generosity, your donations and your support. For more info please call **Mrs. Ferial Massud (630) 841-3896**.

In the coming two weeks, Monday through Thursday at 10 A.M., the ladies in our community are called upon to come together, and prepare the Easter Bake sale food. A sign-up Sheet is available in the church Narthex for anyone who is willing to help.

### ✳ **Soup Supper**

Next Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, after the station of the Cross is the youth Lenten Soup Supper at 8 p.m. in our Shaker Hall. Support our MYO as they serve us a variety of homemade soups, salads, mjadra, pizza, and fruit. Admission is \$10 per person - children 12 and younger are \$5.

### ✳ **Parish Lenten Retreat**

Pope Francis has declared this Holy Year of Mercy, and he called all Catholic parishes to dedicate March 5<sup>th</sup> as a day of prayer, and confession. Our parish will host a Lenten retreat for all our parishioners on March 5, 2016 from 10 AM – 2 AM. The theme of our Spiritual Retreat is “**Remembering God’s Mercy**.” Sig-up Sheets are available in the Narthex.

### ✳ **Christian Formation Study and Discussion**

St John the Baptist Church invites you to a Christian formation study and discussion on Tuesday February 23<sup>rd</sup>. This Theme of the discussion is “The Power of Forgiveness.”

## Let us remember

and pray for our Beloved Ones who died during the month of February

✠ Anton Kattany	✠ Leila Saadeh Sweilem	✠ Angelina Lombardo	✠ George Albert
✠ Jorge Ruiz	✠ Eva Wintergeast	✠ Jacob P. Schuck	✠ Libby Hajje
✠ David Gage	✠ Abraham Rayyan	✠ Monroe Bouzide	✠ Sarah Thomas
✠ Elsie Be-Hannesey	✠ Margaret Tamer	✠ John S. Nemeh	✠ George Owen
✠ Eleanor Haddad	✠ Antoine Khoury	✠ Ralph J. Lutfy	

## **COLLECTION**

**Sunday February 14, 2016: \$ 1,330.00**

Lent is a Time of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving!