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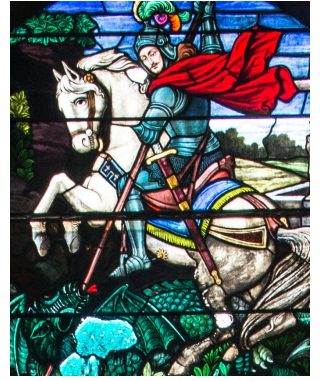
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October 22, 2023

Sixth Sunday after Holy Cross

Month of the Holy Rosary

Matthew 25:14-30

"It will be as when a man who was going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them. To one he gave five talents; to another, two; to a third, one--to each according to his ability. Then he went away. Immediately the one who received five talents went and traded with them, and made another five. Likewise, the one who received two made another two. But the man who received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and buried his master's money. After a long time the master of those servants came back and settled accounts with them. The one who had received five talents came forward bringing the additional five. He said, 'Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.' (Then) the one who had received two talents also came forward and said, 'Master, you gave me two talents. See, I have made two more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.' Then the one who had received the one talent came forward and said, 'Master, I knew you were a demanding person, harvesting where you did not plant and gathering where you did not scatter; so out of fear I went off and buried your talent in the ground. Here it is back.' His master said to him in reply, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I did not plant and gather where I did not scatter? Should you not then have put my money in the bank so that I could have got it back with interest on my return? Now then! Take the talent from him and give it to the one with ten. For to everyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And throw this useless servant into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.'

Meet Your Clergy

Rev. Tony Saab, Pastor

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Farid Zaarour, Deacon

Office Hours

Weds - Friday
from 9am-12pm

Liturgical Schedule

Wednesday 7:00pm,
Thursday and Friday
10:00am

Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 8:30 am (Latin
rite)
10:30 am

Exposition of the Holy
Eucharist
on Thursday 6:00pm

Weekly collections

Saturday 04:00pm
\$759.00

Sunday
08:30am
\$432.00
10:30am
\$517.00



Parish Committees and organizations

Finance Committee:

Bernie DiLullo, Chris Thomas, Saba Khoury,
Elias Ayoub, Joan Badway,
Nancy Pasquariello, Anthony Rebello

Building /Grounds: Semer Youssif,
Charbel Kosseifi

Pastoral Committee: Suzanne Cannon, Joseph
Checrallah JR., Derek Iacobucci,
Debra Thomas, Michael Saker, representative
members from the Sodality, MYO, Choir, and
Knights of Mary

Holy Rosary Sodality president: Patty Viti

MYO advisor: Jihane Ayoub

Knights of Mary advisor: Joelle Chalhoub

Religious Education: Geraldine Fiyod

200 Club, Choirs.



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Baptism & Confirmation: One month in
advance with the Pastor.

Suggested Donation: Church: \$200

Priest: Free Will

Matrimony: Arrangements should be made by
couples six months prior to the wedding date.
Suggested Donation: Church \$500. Priest: Free
Will

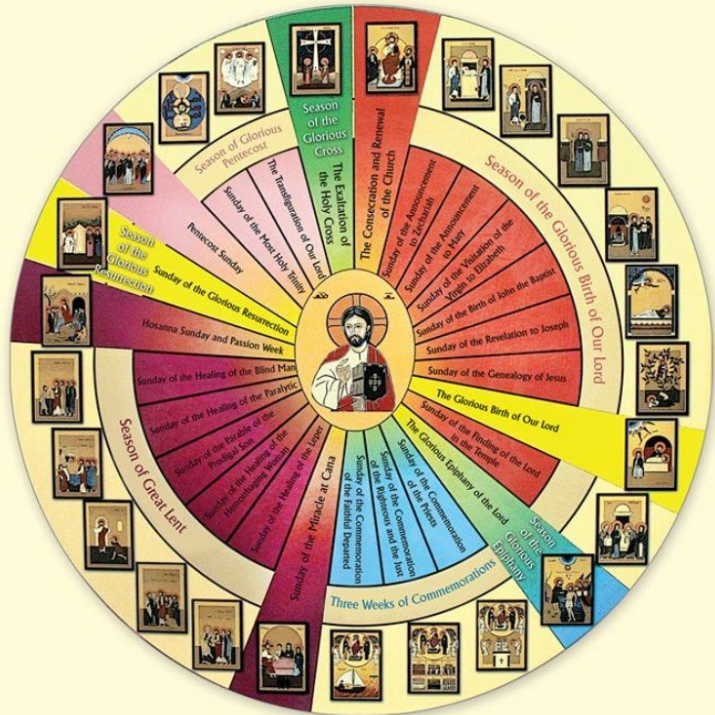
Reconciliation:

One hour before liturgies, or by appointment

Anointing of the Sick:

Please notify the Rectory if a member of your
family is ill, hospitalized, or homebound and
would like to receive communion at home.

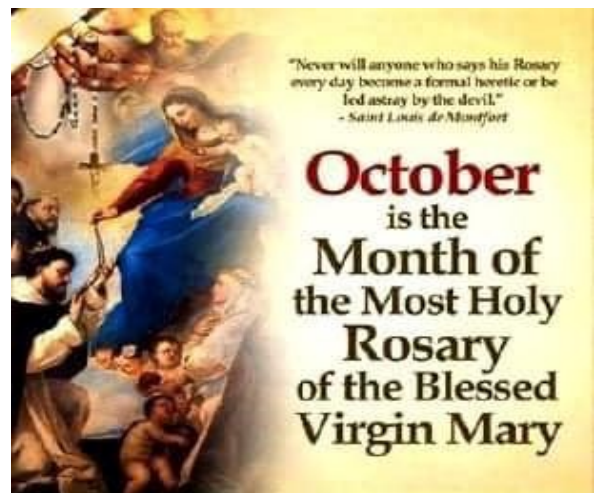
Liturgical Calendar Cycle



Feasts of the Maronite Saints :

Feast of Saint Maron - February 9
Feast of Saint John Maron - March 2
Feast of Saint Rafka - March 23
Feast of the Massabki Martyrs - July 10

Feast of Saint Sharbel - July 23
Feast of the 350 Maronite Martyrs - July 31
Feast of Saint Nemtallah - December 14



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Liturgical Intentions

10/21 4:00pm	40 Day liturgy for Gail Khoury , requested by her daughter Melissa and her loving family.
10/22 8:30am 10:30am	Memorial liturgy for Vasilios Giovanis Sr. , and the poor souls in purgatory , requested by his loving family.
10/28 4:00pm	Memorial liturgy for Denise Solomon , requested by the Holy Rosary Sodality.
10/29 8:30am 10:30am	Three year memorial mass for Jean Caouette , requested by his wife Carolyn and her children.
11/4 4:00pm	
11/5 8:30am 10:30am	Birthday remembrance for Robin Bingham , requested by Robert Bingham. Forty day liturgy for Mona Akkaoui , requested by her sons Richard and Romeo Akkaoui and their loving family, followed by a mercy meal.
11/11 4:00pm	
11/12 8:30am 10:30am	One year anniversary for Raymond Patrick Montaquila , requested by his loving family Forty day liturgy for John Dougherty , requested by his loving family and friends.
11/18 4:00pm	
11/19 8:30am 10:30am	⁸ Birthday remembrance for Patricia Bingham and Dorothy Mollica , requested by their loving families. Memorial liturgy for Rose Assaf , requested by her granddaughter Tracey and her husband Anthony Rouhana, followed by a by a brunch in her memory in the Church hall.
11/25 4:00pm	
11/26 8:30am 10:30am	Forty day liturgy for Ernest Mari , requested by his wife Louise and her loving family. Three year anniversary for Therese Mouwad Estephane , requested by her loving family

Reflection on the passage from Matthew 25:14-30

In this parable, Jesus illustrates a master who entrusts his servants with talents before embarking on a journey. The term "talent" in this context refers not only to money but symbolizes the gifts, abilities, and opportunities that God bestows upon each one of us. The talents are distributed in proportion to each servant's abilities, emphasizing God's just and perfect knowledge of us.

The master's expectations are clear—he expects the servants to invest and multiply the talents entrusted to them during his absence. This expectation mirrors God's desire for us to utilize our gifts and abilities for His glory and the benefit of others. God has uniquely gifted each of us, and He wants us to use those gifts wisely and productively.

The parable highlights the faithful servants—the ones who diligently invest and multiply the talents given to them. These servants demonstrate their faithfulness, responsibility, and commitment to the master's will. They embody the idea that faithfulness in small things leads to greater responsibilities. Contrastingly, there is one servant who acts out of fear and hides his talent, failing to invest it and multiply it. He is rebuked for his laziness and lack of faith. This servant represents those who squander the opportunities and gifts that God has provided, allowing fear and complacency to hinder growth and progress.

Lessons for Our Lives

1. Recognizing God's Gifts

We must first recognize and acknowledge the unique gifts and talents God has blessed us with. Each person is distinct, and God has bestowed specific abilities upon us to fulfill His divine purpose.

2. Responsibility and Stewardship

We are stewards of God's gifts. Just as the servants were entrusted with talents, we are entrusted with various gifts—our time, resources, skills, and relationships. It is our responsibility to use these gifts wisely, investing them for the benefit of God's kingdom.

3. Overcoming Fear and Complacency

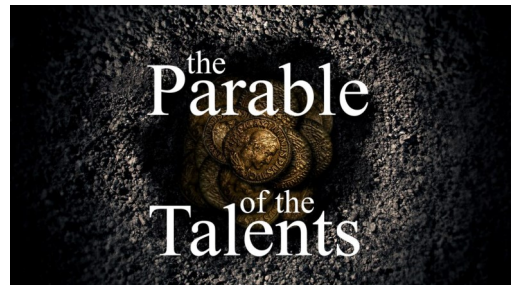
Fear often paralyzes us, hindering the potential growth and impact of our gifts. We must overcome this fear and complacency, stepping out in faith to use our talents for God's glory. Remember, God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power, love, and a sound mind (2 Timothy 1:7).

4. Accountability to God

We are accountable to God for how we use our talents. He expects us to be faithful stewards, investing our gifts and talents to bring forth a fruitful harvest. The question is not whether we have many talents, but whether we have been faithful with what we have been given.

Conclusion

In the Parable of the Talents, Jesus calls us to a life of purposeful stewardship and faithfulness. Let us recognize the richness of God's blessings in our lives and strive to multiply them for His glory. May we be like the faithful servants, investing our talents and abilities to build His kingdom and receive the Master's commendation: "Well done, good and faithful servant" (Matthew 25:21). Amen.



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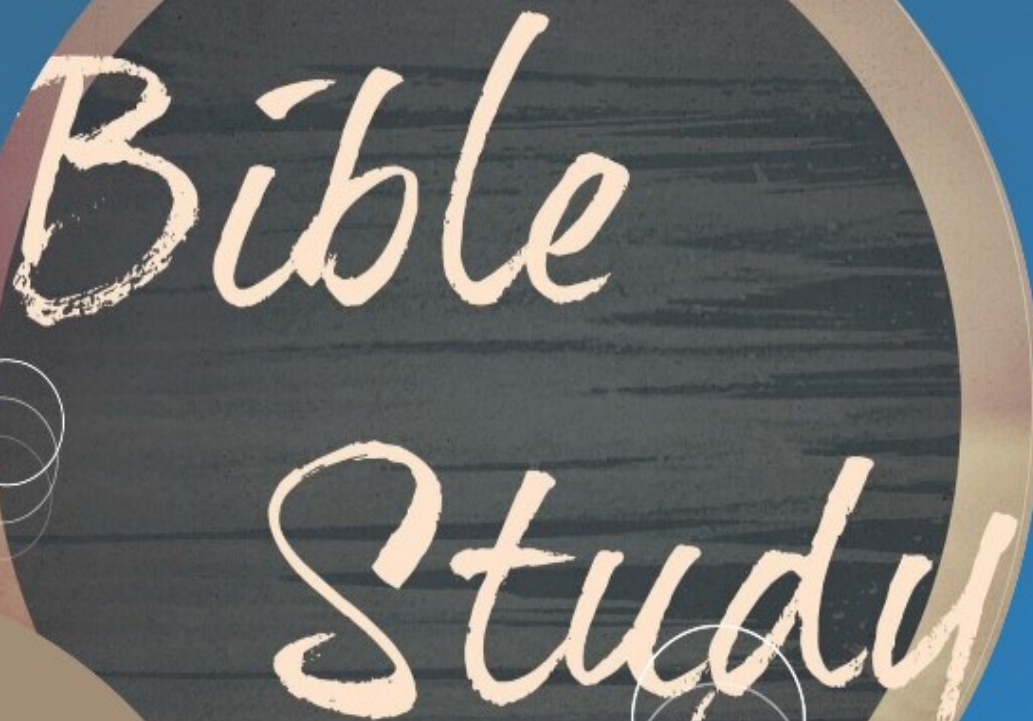
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