



# SAINT SHARBEL PARISH

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February 25, 2024

## PARISH SCHEDULE

**SUNDAY LITURGY | at 11:00 AM**

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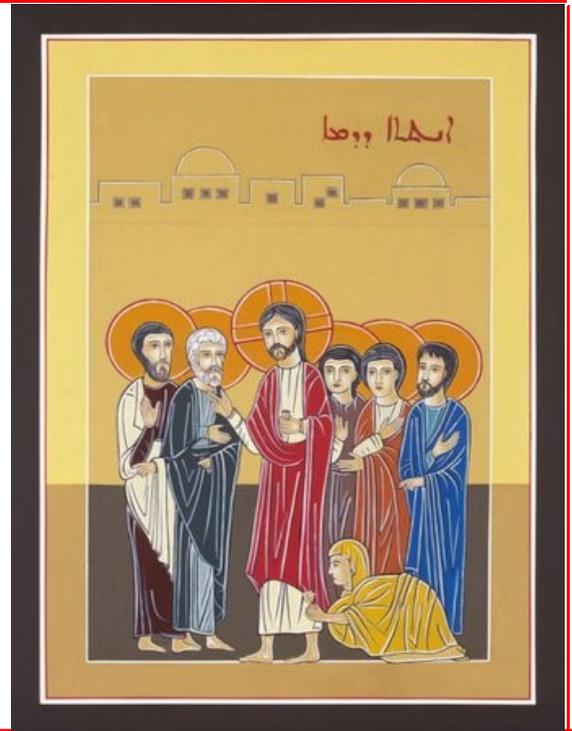
**Pastor:** Rev. Robert Youssef Farah

**Sunday Liturgy:** 11:00 AM

**Saturday Liturgy:** 5:00 PM

**Wednesday & Friday Liturgy:** 6:30 PM

**Thursday: Eucharistic Adoration:** 6:30 PM



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# READINGS

## February-March 2024

<b>February 25</b>	<b>Healing of the Hemorrhaging Woman</b>	
	<b>Epistle</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
	2 Cor 7:4-11	Lk 8:40-56
<b>March 3</b>	<b>Parable of the Prodigal Son</b>	
	<b>Epistle</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
	2 Cor 13:5-13	Lk 15:11-32



**\* LITURGY INTENTIONS \* FROM**

**Remember your loved ones with Mass Intentions**

Feb. 25	11:00 AM	Remember Me In Your Kingdom	By: The Priest
March 3	11:00 AM	Naameh Fayad Nicolas	By: The Family
March 10	11:00 AM	Available	

### HOSPITALITY - COFFEE HOUR / 2023

February 25	Rita & John Jajo
March 3	The Nicolas Family
March 10	Dalya & Munqith Balwan



*To sponsor a coffee hour pls contact Gloria Salim-Brown: 919.345.3483, [gsalim@aol.com](mailto:gsalim@aol.com).  
Donation for coffee hour is appreciated*

<b>PARISH OFFERING</b>	
<b>February 18, 2024</b>	
Weekly offering	\$1,712.00
Coffee Hour	\$24.00
Bishop's Appeal	\$229.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$1,965.00</b>



### Important Messages

**Daily Readings**

Monday: 1 Tim 4:9-16; Jn 8:21-27  
 Tuesday: 2 Cor 8:1-9; Mt 23:1-12  
 Wednesday: Gal 2:1-7; Mt 17:10-13  
 Thursday: Gal 1:1-10; Lk 17:20-37  
 Friday: Rom 3:1-7; Lk 12:16-21  
 Saturday: Phil 1:21-30; Mt 5:13-17

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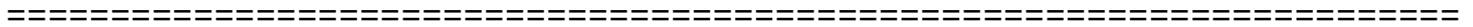
## **THE SANCTUARY LAMP**

Is a vigil light burning 24/7 and kept near the Blessed Sacrament. The light indicates the unfathomable mystery of the Eucharistic presence of Jesus. It reminds us of the reverence due to the Sacrament. The burning light is a pious custom as a way of prolonging our adoration and prayer to honor His presence.

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- By Mail at: 600 Mount Vernon Church Rd., Raleigh NC 27614
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## **Upcoming Second Collection**

February 12-March 28: Eparchial Charities Appeal

March 28: Holy Land Collection

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS - 2023**

March 2: Feast of St. John Maron

March 5: St. Sharbel Ladies Guild Meeting

March 9: Meaning of the Crucifixion & Searching the Garden of Eden

**Every Friday during Lent: Stations & Benediction of the Cross at 6:30 PM**

# Healing of the Hemorrhaging Woman

Qurbono P. 207; Creed P. 748; Anaphora of the Twelve Apostles p. 754

## Healing of the Hemorrhaging Woman (Luke 8:40-56)

This Sunday the Church reminds us of the healing of the hemorrhaging woman and teaches us that faith is the entrance into Christian life. Because of her true faith in Jesus, she, who was bleeding for twelve years, was healed just when she touched the hem of his clothing, and his miraculous power brought her back energy and life. Thus she became the example of the faithful who is sure of salvation.

The choice of the healing of the hemorrhaging woman immediately after the healing of the leper is based on the fact that leprosy of the flesh and the flow of blood, are both considered in the eyes of the law, physical and spiritual sickness. They are contagious and forbid patients from mingling with people. Thus, they both symbolize sinful humanity that is facing death and destruction. The combination of the two healings proves that Jesus alone has the authority and power to heal both flesh and blood, regardless of the sickness! Healing was complete when Jesus simply touched the leper and when the hemorrhaging woman touched the clothing of Jesus: This is an indication that the nature of the Sacred Mysteries has a concrete and tangible touch and a hidden spiritual power which cleanses and sanctifies.

The flow of blood for twelve years depleted the woman from everything she possessed, cut her off from life, and stripped her dignity and energy. Since her flow of blood was construed as sinfulness, she was forbidden from the worship of God and the fellowship of her friends. That was why she came to Jesus as a last resort: "If I could touch the tassel of his cloak," she thought, "I will be cured." In spite of the pressing crowds she managed to get close enough to touch Him. Jesus seized the opportunity to reveal the woman's faith to everyone. He also wanted to teach his followers and the crowds compassion and respect to one another, regardless of who they may be. He cared for the least important and accepted the unwanted. This woman was poor, unimportant sufferer, who had a problem that rendered her unclean and sinful. Therefore, to that one degraded and unwanted person Jesus gave all of himself.

Jesus is addressing us today to do something in order to heal ourselves. The reason why the hemorrhaging woman was cured is because of her strong faith and because she came to Jesus with an ardent desire and a desperate plea to be healed. To her social surrounding, this woman appeared unimportant and sinful, but Jesus wanted to show those who thought ill of her that she has something that they do not have and that is her unwavering, genuine and true faith. She did not ask him to administer to her a healing ritual. She believed that if she can get close enough to touch the hem of his cloak, she will be healed.

The continuous loss of blood drained the woman's energy, just as the repeated sins deplete our soul. Thus, we need to seek heavenly intervention. It also tells us of the relief granted through confession. For the hemorrhaging woman it was so humiliating to come forward and admit her sickness (sinfulness) publicly. But when she made her confession she found Him very kind. Once she had told the whole truth to Jesus her fear and trembling were gone and a wave of relief flooded her heart and soul. His love and compassion to the lowly, the poor, the sick and the homeless are boundless.

*Lord, we come to You, as the hemorrhaging woman did, to admit our failures and to confess our sins. We implore You to cleanse us and restore health to our weakened souls. Help us accept our fellow human beings for what they are and for who they are, and like you try to assist those who are in most need. Lord, grant us the genuine and strong faith of the hemorrhaging woman, knowing that miracles can happen through You. Amen.*