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The greatest is he that can save his soul



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This Sunday:

15th Sunday of Pentecost

The readings for this week:

Mic 7:7-9, 18-20

1 Thes 1:1-10

Lk 7:36-50

Mass Schedule

- Mass is every Sunday 10:30 AM
- Confession available before and after Mass
- **Mass Intentions:** Available

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Reflection

This week reflection on St. Paul's Teaching on the Bishops.

Last, there are bishops, like the high priests of the Old Testament. Paul writes to Timothy and Titus as bishops, and because of this his letters to them are called Pastoral Letters. Being a bishop means having the “fullness of priestly and apostolic authority to ordain others, as well (1 Tim 5:22)”. Because of their authority, the qualifications of bishops are important to consider. Not all bishops are actually as holy as they should be, but they are called by God and accountable to Him to fulfill their call and be holy at the head of the Church. Saint Paul writes about the qualifications of bishops: “If anyone aspires to the office of bishop, he desires a noble task. Now a bishop must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, temperate, sensible, dignified, hospitable, an apt teacher, no drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, and no lover of money.” (1 Tim 3:1-3)

These requirements are also for priests, who today in the Eastern churches can be married, but in the Western church this has not been allowed since the tenth century and monasticism. Eastern monks are also celibate, not married, but the tradition of the Eastern churches from the apostles is to allow priests, but not bishops, to be married. This shows how there is a development in the early Church and to today. Marriage and Holy Orders are two separate states, and Saint Paul sees this, for example in 1 Corinthians 5-7. Holy Orders makes a man into a spiritual father through a special gift to be united to Christ and guide the Church. So, it is necessary for the bishops to not be married, but fully dedicated to God, and from among the monks as well.

Special to the bishops is the power to ordain other ministers, deacons, priests and even bishops. Saint Paul says this when he writes to Titus, “appoint presbyters in every town” (Tit 1:5, translation Dr. John Bergsma). Titus has been given the authority to appoint priests. This shows an example of apostolic succession, from Paul to Titus, through the ordaining of these priests. This shows that Titus has been made a bishop.

Dr. Bergsma makes an important comment about being careful to ordain the right men to become priests. This is what Paul warns Timothy: “Do not be hasty in the laying on of hands, nor participate in another man's sins; keep yourself pure” (1 Tim 5:22). Dr. Bergsma comments, “Here Paul says that it is important to be careful about who is ordained, and not to ordain an unworthy man”.

Reflection

There is a story about Pope Leo the Great, that at the end of his life, he was repenting for all his sins at the tomb of St. Peter, asking for God's mercy. After a little while, an angel appeared to him to tell him that his sins are forgiven. Only, there was one sin that was not forgiven, he had to do more penance and ask for mercy. This was the sin of ordaining men to the priesthood and episcopacy who were unworthy. This story shows how important choosing and ordaining the right men to fulfill the ministry of priesthood is to God.

Conclusion

Deacons, priests and bishops are different degrees of Holy Orders. This shows through Paul, but not everywhere the difference between priests and bishops shows. Bishops like Titus and Timothy can ordain presbyters to take care of the individual churches. Priests share the ministry, and like the bishops, direct people, teach and sanctify the people.

There are five qualities that Paul says priests should have: pure behavior, being an example as a good family man, having an upright character, charity in hospitality, and a good understanding of the gospel with the true teaching of Christ, "instruction in sound doctrine and also able to confute those who contradict it" (Tit 1:9). Bishops need to be able to be faithful and to teach others in the faith. Priests are teachers, but bishops are teachers of teachers, who appoint fathers and teachers to lead others in Christian faith.

These qualities are necessary for deacons, and even more especially for priests and bishops, because they are called to a holy responsibility. This is from the grace of God and His call. The qualifications have to be present for a man to be ordained worthily, but God's mercy shows even through sinful priests who can still forgive sins and celebrate the Eucharist, giving people the Body and Blood of Christ.

Mass & Event Schedule 2026

Saint Hardini - Maronite Mass Schedules

Sunday's Mass 10:30 AM

January 1st	11:00 AM	New Year
January 6th	7:00 PM	Epiphany
January 22nd	7:00 pm	St. Sharbel
February 6th	12:00pm	First Friday
February 9th	7:00 PM	St. Maron
February 16th	7:00pm	Ash Monday
February 20th	7:00 pm	Station of the Cross
February 27th	7:00 PM	Station of the Cross
March 6th	12:00 PM	First Friday
March 6th	7:00 PM	Station of the Cross
March 13th	7:00 PM	Station of the Cross
March 20th	7:00 PM	Station of the Cross
March 27th	7:00 PM	Station of the Cross
March 30th	7:00 PM	Holy Week
March 31st	7:00 PM	Holy Week
April 1st	7:00 PM	Holy Week
April 2nd	7:00 PM	Holy Thursday
April 3rd	7:00 PM	Great Friday
April 4th	6:00 PM	Easter Vigil Mass
April 22nd	7:00 PM	St. Sharbel
May 1st	12:00pm	First Friday
May 14th	7:00 PM	The Ascension
May 22nd	7:00PM	St. Sharbel
June 5th	12:00 PM	First Friday
June 22nd	7:00 PM	St. Sharbel
July 3rd	12:00 PM	First Friday
July 23rd	7:00pm	St. Sharbel
August 7th	12:00 PM	First Friday
September 4th	12:00 PM	First Friday
September 22nd	7:00 PM	St. Sharbel
October 3rd	12:00 PM	First Friday
October 22nd	7:00 PM	St. Sharbel
November 6th	12:00 PM	First Friday
December 4th	12:00 PM	First Friday
December 8th	7:00 PM	The Immaculate Conception
December 14th	7:00 PM	St. Naamtallah
December 24th	4:00 PM	Vigil of the Glorious Birth
December 25th	10:30 AM	Christmas

ST. NAAMTALLAH HARDINI EVENT CALENDAR

14-21 SAT-SAT Maamoul Orders
MARCH

29 SUN Palm Sunday Breakfast / Egg Hunt
MARCH

12 SUN First Holy Communion
APRIL

9 SAT Mother's Day Banquet
MAY

21 SUN Father's Day Picnic
JUNE

30 SUN Summer Food Festival
AUGUST

12 SAT St. Hardini Feast Day Party
DECEMBER

20 SUN Breakfast with Santa
DECEMBER

Saint Naamtallah Prayer



Saint Naamtallah, man of God, monk, priest, teacher, worker, servant, and Prior who lived heroically according to the evangelical counsels of obedience, chastity, and poverty. You made the mystery of the Eucharist the center of your daily life and taught your disciples and brothers the theological virtues of faith, hope, and charity. You managed with responsibility and humility the ministries entrusted to you by the Church, and you worked silently and diligently. You served people and souls with joy and selflessness.

We implore you to intercede for us with the Holy Trinity, that He may grant us to be guided by your example, to follow in your footsteps, and to strive as you did, and to attain the same holiness and union with our Lord Jesus Christ. May we listen, like you, to the inspirations of the Holy Spirit, and love, as you did, the Virgin Mary, the Mother of God and our Mother, and glorify with you God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit forever. Amen.

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https://youtu.be/IR6P3F_e28C?si=XeP1rh4rD7DE34P

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