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**Sixth Sunday of the Holy Cross, October 20, 2019**

**Sunday, October 20, 2019 at 11:00 o'clock**

**Tuesday, October 22, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.**

**Sunday, October 27, 2019 at 11:00 o'clock**  
Elene and Saad El-Haddad

**Tuesday, October 29, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.**

**Sunday, November 3, 2019 at 11:00 o'clock**  
George and Theresia Abou Chabki and Moussa ELJor

**Tuesday, November 5, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.**

**Sunday, November 10, 2019 at 11:00 o'clock**  
Fahd and Jamileh Nasr

**Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.**

**Sunday, November 17, 2019 at 11:00 o'clock**

**Tuesday, November 19, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.**

**Scripture Readings**

**Sunday, October 27, 2019**  
Rom 12:9-21; Mt 25: 31-46

**Let us Pray the Rosary**

Please join fellow parishioners as we pray the Holy Rosary every **Sunday at 10:15 a.m.** in preparation for the Divine Liturgy and in honor of our Blessed Mother, Mary.

**Ushers**

**Sunday, October 27, 2019**

Halim Younes, Mark Malkoun, Billy Haddad and Joseph Nasr

**Meeting**

**Sunday, October 27, 2019**, there will be a meeting for the Finance Committee at 12:30 p.m. in the office

**Second Collection**

**Sunday, October 20, 2019**, a second collection will be taken to benefit **World Mission Sunday**. As established by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), 91% of this collection goes to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, and 9% to the Catholic Near East Welfare Association [CNEWA]. All funds collected will be sent to our Chancery office for proper transfer. Thank you for your generosity and cooperation.

**On Sunday, November 10, 2019**, a second collection will be taken for Maronite Patriarchal Charities. This collection, taken at the request of Bishop Gregory Mansour, allows us, as an Eparchy, to strengthen our Patriarch's charitable giving. It is like the "Peter's Pence" collection for our Patriarch.

**Attention All Ladies of the Parish**

**On Saturday, November 9, 2019 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.** Chorbishop Seely Beggiani will conduct a mini retreat for all adult female parishioners. The theme is "Understanding Martha and Mary, and how to balance our roles in life!"

**Retreat Schedule**

10:00 - 10:30 a.m.	Retreat begins with a prayer in the main church.
10:45 - 11:15 a.m.	First Discussion, led by Chorbishop Beggiani
11:15 - 11:30 a.m.	Silent Meditation
11:30 - noon	2 <sup>nd</sup> Discussion, led by Chorbishop Beggiani
12:00 - 12:30 p.m.	Question and answer session

**Thank you For Your Generosity**

Summary of the Collection for **October 13, 2019**

Collection:	\$ 989
Donation by mail:	\$ 440
Tuesday Event	\$ 80

**Are You Interested?**

TeleLumiere/Noursat USA invites you to its fundraising event "Family Fun Day" on **Sunday, November 10, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.** at DAVE & BUSTERS, 9811 Washingtonian Boulevard. Suite H1 Gaithersburg, MD 20878. Lunch buffet will be served between 3 and 6 p.m. Cost is \$39 for adults; \$29 for children 6 to 12 years old; and children 5 years old and under go free. Additional donations and sponsors are welcomed. For more information or to make a reservation, please contact at 240-232-7826.

**FYI**

**What does the word Church mean?**

The word Church refers to the people whom God calls and gathers together from every part of the earth. They form the assembly of those who through faith and Baptism have become children of God, members of Christ, and temples of the Holy Spirit. (For further reading: Catechism of the Catholic Church # 751-752, 777, 804).

**God speaks  
in the silence of the heart.  
Listening  
is the beginning of prayer.**

—Mother Teresa

### ***Origin of the Rosary***

The Rosary has an ancient origin. Most likely it originated in the ancient East and not in the medieval West, perhaps in India. It was and still is a popular prayer device among the Muslims, who use the Arabic term *masbahat*, which means to give praise. Devout Muslims used the *masbahat* in repeating the attributes of God, just as it was used by the early Christian hermits. Following the Crusades the Rosary found its way to the West. The missionary who worked hardest to spread this devotion were Abed El-Ahad, Saint Dominic, and his Dominican companions.

The Rosary became a popular method of prayer and spread quickly in the West during the Middle Ages. For Christians it has always been "the Gospel strung on beads." It is a simple and easy prayer that can be employed for vocal prayer or silent contemplation by individuals, families, and communities.

### ***Papal Encouragement***

Since the 16<sup>th</sup> century the popes have frequently encouraged the faithful of East and West to pray the Rosary. The first was a Dominican pope, Saint Pius V, who wrote a papal letter about the Rosary in 1569 shortly after the Council of Trent, and instituted the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary.

In the late 19<sup>th</sup> century after the First Vatican Council Pope Leo XIII wrote more than ten encyclicals and instructions promoting the use of the Rosary.

To make pastoral applications of the Marian teachings of the Second Vatican Council Pope Paul VI in 1974 authored the apostolic exhortation Devotion to Mary (*Marialis Cultus*). Paul VI discussed the Rosary at some length as a summary of the Gospel comprised of prayers based on Gospel texts. He urged the faithful to pray the Rosary, and especially recommended the family Rosary.

In a pastoral letter about the 1987 Marian Year, Patriarch Nasrallah Peter Cardinal Sfeir, encouraged all Maronites to honor the Mother of God by praying the Rosary.

Pope John Paul II in 2002 issued a pastoral letter entitled The Rosary of the Virgin Mary, in which he put forth the Luminous Mysteries based on the public life of Jesus.

Pope Benedict XVI values the prayer of the Rosary as a means of contemplating Jesus with Mary's eyes.

### ***The Rosary Today***

Unlike some Eastern Christians who erroneously consider the Rosary foreign to Eastern spirituality, Maronites have emphasized the prayer of the Rosary for centuries. On a visit to Maronites in Lebanon in 1580, Jesuit Father Eliano recorded that he brought them "about one thousand rosaries."

Early on, the Rosary was a common method of prayer in the East among Christians and non-Christians. Even though it came to us through Western missionaries, it was and still is an easy and rich method of prayer to help the faithful fathom the mysteries of God along the journey of salvation. Praying the Rosary, particularly in the family, is an excellent method of bringing us together in the faith under the protection of Mary who always and everywhere intercedes for all people.

