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Third Sunday of the Resurrection: Sunday, April 18, 2021

Sunday, April 18, 2021 at 11:00 o'clock

Joseph Fayad (Father of Micheline Maatouk) 40 Day anniversary

Thursday, April 22, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

Divine Liturgy in honor of Saint Sharbel

Sunday, April 25, 2021 at 11:00 o'clock

Michel Abi Najm

Joseph Elhallah

Saturday, May 1, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Nassif El-Haber (40 Day Anniversary)

Sunday, May 2, 2021 at 11:00 o'clock

For the Parish

Sunday, May 9, 2021 at 11:00 o'clock

First Communion

Sunday, May 16, 2021 at 11:00 o'clock

Youssef El-Khoury (40 Day Anniversary)

Sunday, May 23, 2021 at 11:00 o'clock

Joseph Sandroussi (40 Day Anniversary)

Reconciliation (Confession) is available every Sunday between 10:15 and 10:45 a.m. before the Divine Liturgy.

The last Sunday of every month, a Holy Hour of Adoration will take place after the 11:00 a.m. Liturgy.

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.

Thank you for your generosity

Summary of the Collection for **Sunday, April 11, 2021**

Regular Sunday Collection \$ 567

Contribution by mail \$ 560

Pledges \$ 1550

Memorial Contribution \$ 500

Contribution from individuals \$ 600

Charitable Contributions \$ 1500

Thank you for your generosity and may God bless you all.

Second Collections

Sunday, April 18, 2021, a second collection will be taken to benefit the **Catholic Home Missions Appeal**. This collection is used for Missions in the USA. Our Eparchy has received large grants from the USCCB from this collection for several years. All funds collected will be sent to the Chancery office for transfer to the USCCB.

Sunday, May 2, 2021, a second collection will be taken for The National Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon in North Jackson, Ohio. Thank you for your generosity and cooperation.

May 23, 2021 Catholic Communications Campaign: Following the norms established by the USCCB, 50% of this collection is sent to them for national Catholic television, radio and other media, and 50% is retained by our Eparchy for the Maronite Voice and any other communication needs the Eparchy may have.

Scripture Readings

Sunday, April 25, 2021, 4th Sunday of Easter

Heb 13:18-25; Jn 21:1-14

Sunday, May 2, 2021, 5th Sunday of Easter and Feast of Our Lady of Lebanon

Eph 2:1-10; Jn 21:15-19

Sunday, May 9, 2021, 6th Sunday of Easter

Rom 10:1-13; Lk 24:36-48

Marriage Banns

The Marriage Banns are announced for the first time between **Rami EL-Hasrouni** and **Patricia Georges Khoury**. Anyone knowing why they should not be joined in the Mystery of Holy Matrimony is bound in conscience to make it known to the priest. Thank you.

Attention All College Students

The National Apostolate of Maronites (NAM) is happy to announce its Annual Scholarship Program:

- ★ **John A. Solomon Memorial - MYO Scholarship;** (Two scholarships of \$2000 each, payable over 2 years, available for high school seniors who are active members of MYO)
- ★ **Massabki Brothers Scholarship;** (One scholarship of \$2000, payable over 2 years, available for high school seniors)
- ★ **Naomi & Paul Kassouf Scholarship;** (Two scholarships of \$2000 each, payable over 2 years, available for high school seniors)
- ★ **Bouna sharbel Scholarship;** (One scholarship of \$1000, available for high school seniors)
- ★ **Gilbert Chagoury Undergraduate Scholarship;** (One scholarship of \$2000, available for students already in college)
- ★ **Thomas and Jennie Ayoob Memorial Scholarship;** (One scholarship of \$2000, payable over 2 years, available for students already in college)
- ★ **Gilbert Chagoury Graduate Scholarship;** (One scholarship of \$2000, available for students already in masters or doctorate program)

The applications for all scholarships offered by NAM can be found online, through NAM's website: www.namnews.org. The details and eligibility requirements are explained in each application. **May 28, 2021**, is the hard deadline for all applications. No applications will be accepted after this date.

Requirements for Sponsors at Baptism:

The Law requires at least **ONE** sponsor for baptism, and provides criteria for being a good sponsor.

- ★ He or she must be a **practicing Catholic**. This may be attested to by a certificate from the sponsor's proper parish pastor;
- ★ He or she must have been fully initiated into the Church (have received all three initiation Mysteries: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist).
- ★ Must be living a good, Catholic life and be free of excommunication.
- ★ Not the father, mother or spouse (of the candidate), and be at least **18 years old**. It is the practice of the Maronite Church to administer the Mystery of Confirmation at the time of Baptism.

Crowning (Marriage): Please contact the **Pastor** at least six months prior to the wedding. Our eparchy requires "any marriages requiring dispensations or permissions from the Chancery must be received by the Chancery **3 months before the wedding** (Statue 69). Pre-marriage formation classes are required for both, bridegroom and bride. In case of a prior marriage no wedding date can be set until the eparchial marriage tribunal makes its final decision. Please note that in the Maronite Church, a deacon can neither baptize nor celebrate the mystery of marriage (he may assist but can not be the celebrant.)

FYI

Why is the Church called "Catholic"?

The Church is catholic, that is universal, insofar as Christ is present in her: "Where there is Christ Jesus, there is the Catholic Church" (Saint Ignatius of Antioch). The Church proclaims the fullness and the totality of the faith; she bears and administers the fullness of the means of salvation; she is sent out by Christ on a mission to the whole of the human race (For further reading: Catechism of Catholic Church [CCC] 830-831, 868).

Is the particular Church catholic?

Every particular Church (that is, a diocese or eparchy) is catholic. It is formed by a community of Christians who are in communion of faith and of the sacraments both with their Bishop, who is ordained in apostolic succession, and with the Church of Rome which "presides in charity" (Saint Ignatius of Antioch) (For further reading: CCC 832-835).

Who belongs to the Catholic Church?

All human beings in various ways belong to or are ordered to the Catholic unity of the people of God. Fully incorporated into the Catholic Church are those who, possessing the Spirit of Christ, are joined to the Church by the bonds of the profession of faith, the sacraments, ecclesiastical government and communion. The baptized who do not enjoy full Catholic unity are in a certain, although imperfect, communion with the Catholic Church (For further reading: CCC 836-838).

