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Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021

Sunday, April 4, 2021 (Easter Sunday) at 11:00 o'clock
Members of Our Lady of Lebanon, both living and deceased

Sunday, April 11, 2021 at 11:00 o'clock
Kozhia Gerges Choueiry

Sunday, April 18, 2021 at 11:00 o'clock
Joseph Fayad (Father of Micheline Fayad Maatouk)
40 Day Anniversary

Tuesday, 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

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.

Scripture Readings

Sunday, April 11, 2021, New Sunday and Divine Mercy
2 Cor 5:11-21; Jn 20:26-31

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, March 28, 2021**

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| Regular Sunday Collection | \$ 2016 |
| Individual Contribution | \$ 2050 |
| April 22, 2021 | \$ 320 |
| Easter Flower | \$ 140 |

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

Second Collections

Bishop Gregory Mansour, Bishop of the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn, has authorized a special collection on **Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021.**

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.

Attention All Young Women

The Maronite Servants of Christ the Light are opening their convent in Dartmouth, Massachusetts, for young adult women (**ages 18-35**) to come and visit during the week of **May 1-8, 2021**. This will be an opportunity to make a mini retreat, participate with the sisters in their day-to-day life and be rejuvenated in the Lord.

The sisters encourage any woman open to serving the Lord in a special way to contact Sister Marla Marie for more information. Please RSVP by April 17, 2021 by Phone: 508-996-1753 or by Email: sister@maroniteservants.org Website: www.maroniteservants.org

MYO Virtual Easter Event

Under the theme: Rollin' Stones, the National Maronite Youth Organization will be hosting an **Easter Event on April 9, 2021 at 8 p.m.** This 2 hours event is open to all youth ages 12-18.

The deadline for the required registration is **April 6, 2021.**

Interested youth can register at www.maroniteyouth.org. A ZOOM Link will be emailed out after registration, so please ensure that email addresses are included in the registration. You can direct any registration questions or issues to office@maroniteyouth.org.

Easter Lilies

Some of the Easter Lilies in the Church were donated by:

Ronald and Antoinette Hamrah in memory of the deceased of the Hamrah and Farrage Families. For the health and salvation of the Hamarah and Farrage families

Victor and Zina Beasley in memory of the Beasley and Michael families and in honor of the Gibrall family

Fawzi and Claire Abou Chabke
Joseph and Claude Nasr
Pierre and Natalie Khatar

A Big Thank You

A big Thank you to your generosity in our Annual Lenten Appeal. May God bless you and reward your generosity a hundred fold.



A Blessed and Joyful Easter to Each of You. May our Risen Savior fill your hearts with Special Graces this Easter Sunday and all the days of your lives.

The Resurrection of the Lord

Today the Church and her children rejoice for our Lord and Savior has risen from the dead. The resurrection of the Lord is the central event of our salvation, the one that gives meaning to who we are and what we do. Every celebration of the Eucharist and the other mysteries refers to it as the source of inspiration and meaning.



The resurrection is the feast of feasts, the queen of all feasts. Originally the Church celebrated only one feast, the resurrection itself, which was recalled and renewed each Sunday at the celebration of the Divine Mysteries. Soon, however, it began to recall the Passover of the Lord and His victorious resurrection in a special way once a year, in addition to the weekly commemoration of the resurrection. Eventually, this annual celebration of the Lord's resurrection was prepared for by a season of prayer, fasting and penance - Lent, and the feast itself was extended for fifty days.

The Church, thus, now celebrates the resurrection of the Lord for a week of weeks (fifty days): from the Sunday of the Resurrection to Pentecost Sunday (the fiftieth day).

Today's feast is one of joy and peace: *"Peace to those who are far and good hope to those who are near, for Christ has risen from the grave and has gathered those who were scattered and given them joy."*

The joy and peace that flow from the Lord's resurrection are expressed today by the rite of peace which follows the gospel in the Divine Liturgy. The cross is removed from the tomb where it has rested since Great Friday and is draped in white. It is carried through the church accompanied by hymns of praise and joy. The priest solemnly blesses the congregation with the glorious cross and then presents it to them that they might adore it.

By His living cross Christ has saved us from going astray and given us a way to heaven. Through the cross peace and harmony reign among God's people and we are led to perfection.

And so filled with peace and with joyful hearts we proclaim: *A glorious morning has dawned and night has fled. Light has conquered, and night has been destroyed*

(Maronite Prayer of the Faithful)

**"I am the
Resurrection
& the
Life."
John 11:25**

A cluster of white lily flowers with green leaves and stems, positioned on the right side of the text.