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7th Sunday of the Resurrection (Sunday After Ascension)
May 16, 2021

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)

Sunday, May 30, 2021 at 11:00 o'clock
Lilian Khoury

Sunday, June 6, 2021 at 11:00 o'clock

Sunday, May 13, 2021 at 11:00 o'clock
Johnny Yusef Ryachi (Gibran Fattouch's brother-in-law)
Janet Nakad Zackaria Tabshoury

Sunday, June 20, 2021 at 11:00 o'clock
For all fathers, both living and deceased

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, May 9, 2021**

Regular Sunday Collection \$ 1315

Pledge \$ 1650

Donations by mail \$ 645

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

Second Collections

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.

FYI

In what does hell consist?

Hell consists in the eternal damnation of those who die in mortal sin through their own free choice. The principal suffering of hell is eternal separation from God in whom alone we can have the life and happiness for which we were created and for which we long. Christ proclaimed this reality with the words, "Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire" (Matthew 25:41) (For further reading: Catechism of the Catholic Church 1033-1035, 1056- 1057).

How can one reconcile the existence of hell with the infinite goodness of God?

God, while desiring "all to come to repentance" (2 Peter 3:9), nevertheless has created the human person to be free and responsible; and he respects our decisions. Therefore, it is the human person who freely excludes himself from communion with God if at the moment of death he persists in mortal sin and refuses the merciful love of God. (Further reading: CCC 1036-1037).

Attention all Young Adults

Ups & Downs:
The Consolations & Desolations in Life 
Thursday May 20th at 8 pm EST
A Talk with
Bishop Gregory Mansour
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89660653147>

On Thursday, May 20, 2021 at 8:00 p.m. EST, His Excellency Bishop Gregory Mansour will give a talk on Zoom, to young adults on the topic of Discernment of Spirits. Here is the Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89660653147>.

Food For Thought

If the family is not at the center of the present, there will be no future; but if the family takes off again, everything will take again.

Pope Francis, May 15, 2021

Our Lady of Lebanon

The first Sunday in May we celebrated the memorial of Our Virgin Mother under the title of “Our Lady of Lebanon.” The Maronite Church has always had a special devotion to the Virgin, as is evidenced by the great number of churches which are dedicated to her both in Lebanon and in our own country. Mary, moreover, plays a special role in the Church’s liturgy: There are numerous *hoosoyeh* dedicated to her, *goley* and hymns which extol her virtues, and constant petitions which beg her intercession. And yet, Mary is always seen in the Maronite liturgy as the Mother of the Lord, the *Theotokos*, in whose womb the Word took flesh:

Hail Mary! In your virginity, you became the mother of the mighty One who fills heaven and earth.
Hail Mary! In your virginity, you became the mother of the ancient One whose name was before the sun was created.

Hail Mary! In your virginity, you became the mother of the Creator
who formed Eve and gave her to Adam.

Blessed are you, Mary, in whose womb dwelled in holiness
the only begotten Son who is one in nature and in Splendor with the Father.

It is because of Mary’s unique position as Mother of the Lord that the Church knows that it can turn to her and seek her intercession with her Son:

O Mother of the Life, petition your divine Son
to Keep away from us all the effects of evil,
to preserve us from all animosity
and to strengthen us on our way.

As we honor the Virgin Mother of the Lord under her title of “Our Lady of Lebanon,” we pray for the land of our ancestors in the faith, for the whole Maronite Church, and for those parishes which are dedicated under her patronage. May Our Lady of Lebanon assist us by her prayers. Amen

(Maronite Prayer of the Faithful)

Scripture Readings

Sunday, May 23, 2021, Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-21; Jn 14:15-20

Sunday, May 30, 2021, Sunday of the Most Holy Trinity

Rom 11: 25- 36; Mt 28:16-20

Sunday, June 6, 2021, 3rd Sunday of Pentecost

1 Cor 2:1-10; Jn 14:21-27

Please join us for a

Shawarma Lunch

CHICKEN/BEEF

Following the Liturgy
Sunday 06/06/2021

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