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5th Sunday of the Resurrection and Feast of Our Lady of Lebanon: Sunday, May 2, 2021

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

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

Thursday, May 13, 2021 (Ascension Thursday) at 7:30 p.m.
Chebel Farid Azar

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

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 25, 2021**

Regular Sunday Collection \$ 1600

Contribution from individuals \$ 750

Thursday, April 22, 2021 \$ 333

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

Second Collections

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.

Holy Day of Obligation

Thursday, May 13, 2021, Ascension Thursday, is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Liturgy will be at 7:30 p.m.

Marriage Banns

The Marriage Banns are announced for the Third time between **Rami EL-Hasrouni** and **Patricia Georges Houry**. 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.

Congratulations and Blessings

Alexander Barakat, Jay Chebli, Veronica Chahine, Gabriel El-Sayed and **Luna Philippe** will receive their First Holy Communion on **Sunday, May 9, 2021**. May God through the intercession of Our Lady of Lebanon bless them and guide them always.

FYI

What is the mission of the Pope?

The Pope, Bishop of Rome and the Successor of Saint Peter, is the perpetual, visible source and foundation of the unity of the Church. He is the vicar of Christ, the head of the College of bishops and pastor of the universal Church over which he has by divine institution full, supreme, immediate, and universal power. (Further reading Catechism of Catholic Church: CCC 880-882, 936-937)

What is the competence of the college of bishops?

The college of bishops in union with the Pope, and never without him, also exercises supreme and full authority over the Church. (Further reading: CCC 883-885)

How do the bishops carry out their mission of teaching?

Since they are authentic witnesses of the apostolic faith and are invested with the authority of Christ, the bishops in union with the Pope have the duty of proclaiming the Gospel faithfully and authoritatively to all. By means of a supernatural sense of faith, the people of God unfailingly adhere to the faith under the guidance of the living Magisterium of the Church. (Further reading: CCC 888-890, 939).

Who are the faithful?

The Christian faithful are those who, inasmuch as they have been incorporated in Christ through Baptism, have been constituted as the people of God; for this reason, since they have become sharers in Christ's priestly, prophetic and royal office in their own manner, they are called to exercise the mission which God has entrusted to the Church. There exists a true equality among them in their dignity as children of God. (Further reading: CCC 871-872)

How are the people of God formed?

Among the faithful by divine institution there exist sacred ministers who have received the sacrament of Holy Orders and who form the hierarchy of the Church. The other members of the Church are called the laity. In both the hierarchy and the laity there are certain of the faithful who are consecrated in a special manner of God by the profession of the evangelical counsels: chastity or celibacy, poverty, and obedience. (Further reading: CCC 873, 934).

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 9, 2021, 6th Sunday of Easter

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

Sunday, May 16, 2021, 7th Sunday of Easter

Eph 1:15-23; Jn 13:31-35

Sunday, May 23, 2021, Pentecost Sunday

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

