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Sunday of the Most Holy Trinity, May 30, 2021

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

Lilian Khoury (40 Day Anniversary)

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

Sunday, June 13, 2021 at 11:00 o'clock

Johnny Yusef Ryachi (Gibran Fattouch's brother-in-law)

Janet Nakad Tabshouri

Sunday, June 20, 2021 at 11:00 o'clock

For all fathers, both living and deceased

Sunday, June 27, 2021 at 11:00 o'clock

Najm Abou Jaoude (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, May 23, 2021**

Regular Sunday Collection \$ 1176

Memorial Contributions \$ 250

Donation by mail \$ 800

2nd Collection \$ 191

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

Sunday School Registration

Starting this Sunday (May 30) following the Divine Liturgy, Janine Helou will be taking registration for Sunday School (Religious Education). The Sunday School, open to all young people from pre-school to high school, will resume (we hope and pray) in-person in the middle of September. We are also in a desperate need for a few **good men and women** to teach religious education and help us pass on our Maronite Catholic faith and traditions to our younger ones. Thank you for your willingness to help us.

Food for thought

The first advice offered by the Holy Spirit is, "Live in the present." There is no better time for us: now, here and now, is the one and only time to do good, to make our life a gift. Let us live in the present!

Secondly, the Holy Spirit tells us, "Look to the whole." The Paraclete impels us to unity, to concord, to the harmony of diversity. He makes us see ourselves as parts of the same body, brothers and sisters of one another. Let us look to the whole!

Finally, the third advice is, "Put God before yourself." Only by emptying ourselves, do we leave room for the Lord; only by giving ourselves to him, do we find ourselves; only by becoming poor in spirit, do we become rich in the Holy Spirit. Let us put God in first place!
(Pope Francis)

Second Collection

Sunday, June 27, 2021, a second collection will be taken for the Holy Father (Peter's Pence). The Peter's Pence Collection enables the Holy Father to respond with emergency financial assistance to requests to aid the most needy throughout the world

Remember those who served.



Memorial Day is an American holiday, observed on the last Monday of May, honoring the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971. Many Americans observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries or memorials, holding family gatherings and participating in parades. Unofficially, it marks the beginning of the summer season. (History.com). May God reward their services and sacrifices by granting them His eternal kingdom.

A Message from Bishop Gregory Mansour

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thanks be to God, recently we have seen the lifting of many COVID-19 restrictions. Therefore, in the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn, on the celebration of the **Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, Sunday June 27, 2021** we will return to many of our usual liturgical practices.

- ◆ Holy Communion is to be given under both species, on the tongue, unless someone requests, for serious reasons, to receive on the hand.
- ◆ All Holy Water fonts are to be filled as normal.
- ◆ The obligation for all to attend Divine Liturgy on Sunday and Holy Days of obligations will be reinstated.
- ◆ Those who have serious concerns about their health, as well the health of those who may live with them, may discern to stay home as that has always been an option in the Church.
- ◆ Masks are optional unless required by local law.

We return to this quasi-normality as a sign of faith in God. We have all been so very careful during this pandemic. We have also suffered great loss and illness, yet God has been good to us. I thank the priests, deacons and subdeacons, and all the parishioners who have helped keep our churches safe and holy, sanctuaries of God's holy presence in our tabernacles. I ask that we continue to model prudence, flexibility and calm as there are still some health risks, and many who want to be more vigilant.

Barring anything unforeseen, we hope to return to **the normal exchange of the Greeting of Peace and totally eliminate Holy Communion in the hand, as of August 15, 2021**, the Feast of the Assumption.

During these difficult months I have seen so many of you dealing so graciously with the many concerns facing you. May God give us the grace to continue to walk this earthly pilgrimage according to His will.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Gregory Mansour

Bishop of the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn

28 May, 2021

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Scripture Readings

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

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

Sunday, June 13, 2021, 4th Sunday of Pentecost

1 Cor 2:11-16; Lk 10:21-24

Sunday, June 20, 2021, 5th Sunday of Pentecost

Phil 3:7-14; Mt 10:1-7

Please join us for a

Shawarma Lunch

CHICKEN/BEEF

Following the Liturgy
Sunday 06/06/2021

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