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***Fourth Sunday of Pentecost, June 13, 2021***

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

Johnny Yousef Ryachi (Gibran Fattouch's brother-in-law)  
Janet Nakad Tabshouri

**Saturday, June 19, 2021 at 7:00 pm**

Violet Yousif [mother of Nada (Tony) Haddad] 40 day memorial

**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)

**Sunday, July 4, 2021 at 11:00 o'clock**

**Sunday, July 11, 2021 at 11:00 o'clock**

Martha Rachid (40 day anniversary)

**Sunday, July 18, 2021 at 11:00 o'clock**

Georges Khoury

**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.

***Ushers for June 20, 2021***

**Fawzi Abouchabke, Maroun Mezher, Tony ElKhouri and Mark Malkoun.** (If you will not be attending the Liturgy on that day, please get in touch with **Halim Younes** to find a replacement. The ushers will also count the collection and make the deposit before they give it to the priest to take it to the bank.)

***Thank you for your generosity***

Summary of the Collection for **Sunday, June 6, 2021**

Regular Sunday Collection	\$ 817
Donation by mail	\$ 50
Pledges	\$ 500
Saturday, June 5	\$ 135
2 <sup>nd</sup> collection (maintenance)	\$ 125

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

***Sunday School Registration***

**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 helping us.

***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.

***Welcome Back***

**B**ecause of Covid-19 pandemic and government restrictions and health concerns, many of us were not able to participate in the Liturgy and receive the Eucharist, the Body and Blood of

Christ. At the beginning of the pandemic we live streamed the liturgy for the convenience of the faithful, but you and I know that *watching* the Liturgy on Facebook or social media was (and still is) no substitute for receiving the Bread of Life. Jesus in the Gospel of John tells us "Truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh and drink the blood of the Son of Man, you have no life in you" (John 6:53).

Now the doors of our church are wide open. I would like to extend a sincere welcome to each and everyone of you and urge you: **Come back to the Liturgy. Come back to your spiritual home.**

I am aware that during Covid many found it easier to *watch* the Liturgy on Facebook from the comfort of their own familiar surroundings without having to drive a long distance and fight the traffic. But when we celebrate the Liturgy, we receive Communion. Communion implies a community that is united to each other and to Christ. As a community we form the Mystical Body of Christ and we receive spiritual food to prepare us for the day when we meet Christ face-to-face.

So, we wholeheartedly welcome you and urge you to come back to the Liturgy. Come back to your spiritual home that you sacrificed for and continue to make tremendous sacrifices to maintain it not only for yourselves alone but also for the next generation. And may I also add that you **bring someone with you**, be it a family member, a relative, a friend or someone you know who has been away from here for whatever reasons. Live streaming served a purpose, but now the doors are wide open. Come back, we are waiting for you. Our Lady of Lebanon is waiting for you.

***Covid-19 Update***

**Starting on Sunday, June 27, 2021:**

- ◆ Holy Communion will be given under both species, on the tongue
- ◆ Holy Water font will be filled again
- ◆ The obligation for all to attend Divine Liturgy on Sunday and Holy Days of obligations will be reinstated
- ◆ Masks are optional unless required by local law
- ◆ The normal exchange of the Greeting of Peace will **return on August 15, 2021**

## *Saint Anthony of Padua*

**June 13 is the Feast Day of Saint Anthony of Padua.** Born in Lisbon, Portugal, on Aug. 15, 1195, Fernando was 15 when he experienced God's call to serve. Accepted by the Augustinian Order, he went first to a nearby monastery and later to Holy Cross Monastery in Coimbra, Portugal, where he remained for eight years devoted to prayer and the Scriptures.

In 1220, he became aware of five Franciscans who had been martyred while evangelizing the Good News to Muslims in Morocco. Fernando asked if he could join the Franciscans for the express purpose of going as a missionary to Morocco. His request was granted, and that same year, he arrived in Morocco. It was then he took the name Anthony. In a few months, illness forced him to return to Europe.

He had a remarkable love for the Eucharist, and one story, perhaps a legend, exemplifies such love. St. Anthony was confronted by a heretic who denied the Catholic belief in the Eucharist. The heretic challenged Anthony, saying that he would starve his mule for three days and then bring the animal in front of himself and the saint. The heretic would have food that the mule normally ate; Anthony would have the Blessed Sacrament. If the mule ignored the food and instead knelt down in front of the host, the heretic would become a Catholic. On the third day, the animal went straight to Anthony, who was holding the Eucharist, and knelt down.

In 1230, Anthony settled in Padua, Italy. People flocked to hear his sermons, sometimes there were as many as 30,000 attendees. He became a champion of the poor in Padua; among other acts, he influenced the local government to pass legislation protecting the poor from prison if they could not pay their debts. The saint is the source of St. Anthony's bread, which people baked in his honor and gave to the poor. Today the bread is symbolized in any action inspired by St. Anthony that aids the needy. It was near Padua that Anthony died from exhaustion at age 36.

Less than one year after his death, June 13, 1231, Anthony was canonized. In 1946, Venerable Pope Pius XII proclaimed Anthony as a Doctor of the Church. As a Doctor of the Church, he is the only one with the title, Evangelical Doctor. His knowledge of the Scriptures also resulted in him being known as the "Ark of the Testament." He is also known as the saint of the poor, missing persons and the elderly.

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### **Scripture Readings**

**Sunday, June 20, 2021, 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost**

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

**Sunday, June 27, 2021, Sts. Peter and Paul**

2 Cor 11:21-30; MT 16:13-20

**Sunday, July 4, 2021, 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost**

2 Cor 3:1-6; LK 10:1-7



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