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Sunday, May 22, 2022, 6th Sunday of the Resurrection

Sunday, May 22, 2022 at 11:00 o'clock

Hafez Sakr (40 Day Anniversary)

Thursday, May 26, 2022 (Ascension Thursday) at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 29, 2022 at 11:00 o'clock

Sunday, June 5, 2022 at 11:00 o'clock (Pentecost Sunday)

Joseph Fahed (40 Day Anniversary)

Sunday, June 12, 2022 at 11:00 o'clock

Philip and Georgette Issa and Ramez Sarkis

Thursday, June 16, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.

Divine Liturgy and Holy Hour

Sunday, June 19, 2022 at 11:00 o'clock

For all fathers, living and deceased

Wednesday, June 22, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.

Divine Liturgy in honor of Saint Sharbel

Sunday, June 26, 2022 at 11:00 o'clock

Paul Mazloom

Reconciliation (Confession) is available every Sunday between 10:15 and 10:45 a.m. before the Divine 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 Sunday, May 29, 2022

Halim Younes, Victor Beasley, Rafah Elias and Salah Dagher

Ushers for Sunday, June 5, 2022

Halim Younes, Anthony Beasley, John Nadder & Fawzi Abouchabke

Altar Servers for Sunday, May 29, 2022

George Beasley and Mateo Abou Jaoude

Thank you for your generosity

Summary of the Collection for **Sunday, May 15, 2022**

Regular Collection \$ 2154

Pledge \$ 1800

Donation by mail \$ 350

Memorial Contribution \$ 500

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

Second Collection

May 29, 2022, 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 26, 2022 (Ascension Thursday) is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Divine Liturgy will take place at 7:30 p.m.

Scripture Readings

Sunday, May 22, 2022 (6th Sunday of the Resurrection)

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

Sunday, May 29, 2022 (7th Sunday of the Resurrection)

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

Save the Date

The Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Church Annual Lebanese Food Festival will be held on **Saturday, September 17, 2022 from noon to 11 p.m.** More information in future bulletins. Please save the date and we appreciate your assistance and cooperation to make this upcoming festival the success you want it.

Coffee Hour following the Divine Liturgy

The Coffee Hour following the Divine Liturgy is meant as a social opportunity to strengthen the social bonds among parishioners and friends. To avoid extra expenses and the risk of items going bad, you are kindly asked to arrange with us first before you bring any food or desserts items. Please call the Office at (202) 291-5153 or email Victor Beasley at beas3@worldnet.att.net a few days in advance and let us know.

FYI

What is the meaning of the word "Amen" with which we conclude our profession of faith?

The Hebrew word "Amen", which also concludes the last book of Sacred Scripture, some of the prayers of the New Testament, and the liturgical prayers of the Church, expresses our confident and total "yes" to what we professed in the Creed, entrusting ourselves completely to him who is the definitive "Amen" (Revelation 3:14), Christ the Lord. (For further reading: Catechism of the Catholic Church CCC 1061-1065)

What is the liturgy?

The liturgy is the celebration of the mystery of Christ and in particular his paschal mystery. Through the exercise of the priestly office of Jesus Christ the liturgy manifests in signs and brings about the sanctification of humankind.

The public worship which is due to God is offered by the Mystical Body of Christ, that is, by its head and by its members (Further reading: CCC 1066-1070).

Mailing Address

Please note that the mailing address for the parish is: **7237 15th Place NW, Washington, DC 20012. Please use this address only.**

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, *qoley* 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*)

... repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed

in

HIS NAME

to all nations ...

LUKE 24:47, NRSV