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Sunday, June 5, 2022, Pentecost Sunday

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

Sunday, July 3, 2022 at 11:00 o'clock

Sunday, July 10, 2022 at 11:00 o'clock

Nancy Karam

Sunday, July 17, 2022 at 11:00 o'clock

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, June 12, 2022

Roger Abou Jaoude, Elie Malkoun, Kevin Pitzer and George Choueiry

Ushers for Sunday, June 19, 2022

Halim Younes, Gebran Fattouche, Antoine Issa and Joseph Nasr

Altar Servers for Sunday, June 12, 2022

Mateo Abou Jaoude and George Beasley

Thank you for your generosity

Summary of the Collection for **Sunday, May 29, 2022**

Regular Collection \$ 488

2nd collection \$ 113

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.

Sunday School Registration

Starting this Sunday (June 5), 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 in-person in the middle of September. We are also in a desperate need for a few **good men and women** to teach religious

Scripture Readings

Sunday, June 5, 2022 (Pentecost Sunday)

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

Sunday, June 12, 2022 (Sunday of the Most Holy Trinity)

Rom 11:25-36; Mt 28:18-20

Sunday, June 19, 2022, 3rd Sunday of Pentecost

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

education and help us pass on our Maronite Catholic faith and traditions to our younger ones. Thank you for your willingness to help us.

First Communion

First Communion is given at the end of the **second grade**.

However, before a child may receive his/her First Communion, they must have completed first grade in the religious education program. If a child completed first grade religious education in a different church or school, a **letter from the church or school testifying to this effect is required**.

Visit of Father Talal El Hachem

On Sunday, June 19, 2022, Father Talal El Hachem, Rector of the Holy Spirit University (USEK), Kaslik, Lebanon, will be in Washington, D.C. He will celebrate the Divine Liturgy with us and at the coffee hour will make a presentation about USEK (it's not a fundraiser). I hope you will join us as we welcome Fr. Talal to our community.

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.** For more information see the attached flyer. Please save the date and we appreciate your assistance and cooperation to make this upcoming festival the success you want it.

FYI

What is the purpose of holy images?

The image of Christ is the liturgical icon par excellence. Other images, representations of Our Lady and of the Saints, signify Christ who is glorified in them. They proclaim the same Gospel message that Sacred Scripture communicates by the word and they help to awaken and nourish the faith of believers. (For further reading see Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) 1159-1161, 1192).

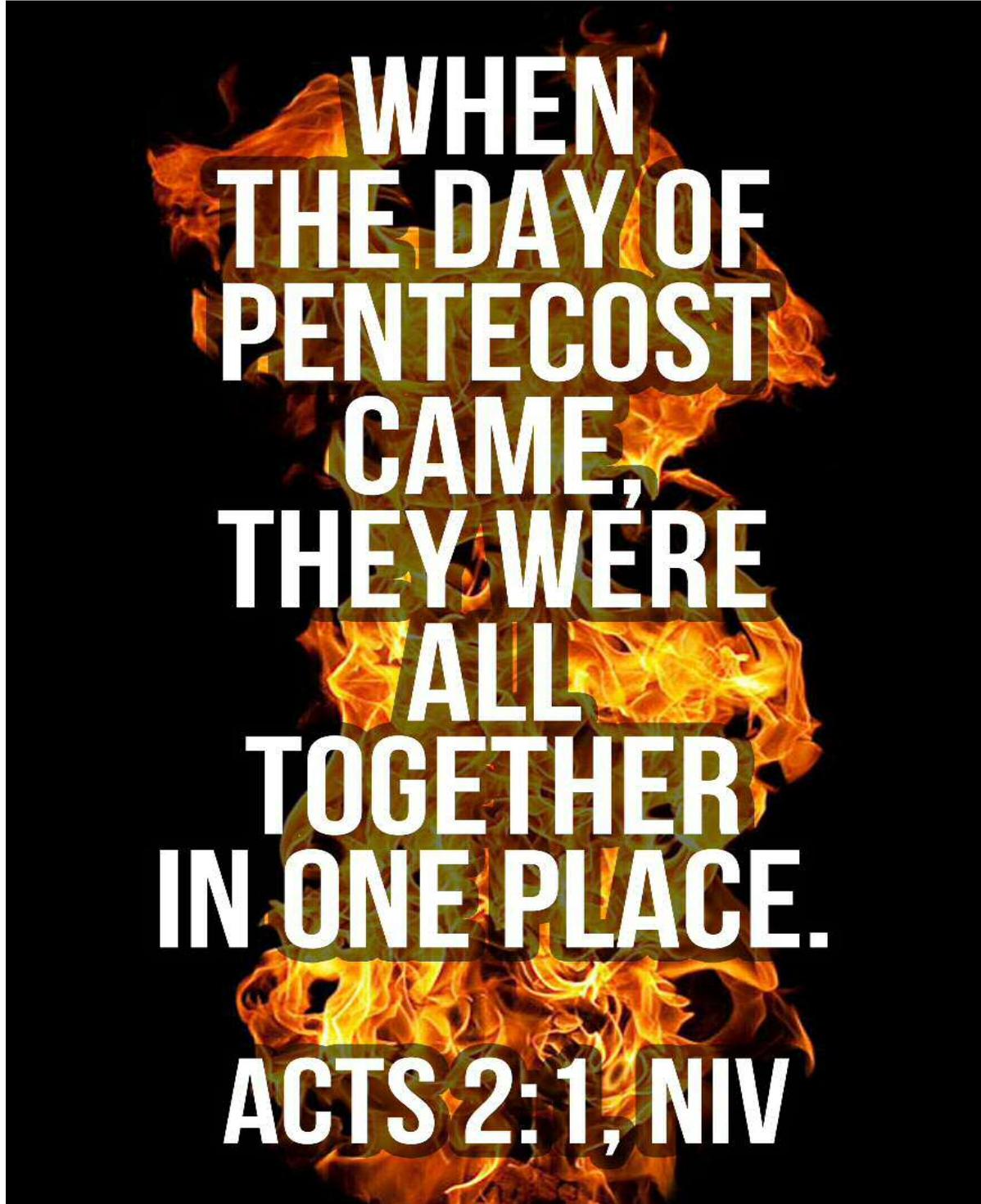


PENTECOST

On the fiftieth day after Passover - in Greek, "Pentecost" - the feast of the Gathering was celebrated in Jerusalem. Jews from all the corners of the globe assembled in Pilgrimage, in memory of God's gift of the law to Moses on Mount Sinai.

The apostles, the Virgin, a few relatives of the Lord, and a few women were assembled in the upper room. Around nine o'clock in the morning, God appeared to them as he had appeared to Moses on Sinai, in the midst of a storm and with violent wind; his Spirit settle upon them in the form of tongues of fire which rested on their heads. The Spirit gave them the power to evangelize the world by means of the new assembly of God's people, the Church. As a sign that God had now firmly established his Church, the Gospel was understood by all who were present though they spoke different languages and came from all races and nations. This work of god's grace may be compared to what happened to people of babel, who spoke one common language and yet, because of their sin, were no longer able to understand each other.

At Pentecost, although the people spoke diverse languages, they understood the single language of the Apostles. This is clearly a symbol of God's call to all people to unity and mutual understanding. That is why the feast of Pentecost and the season which follows it invite us to meditate on the "One, holy, Catholic Church" which the Spirit has sanctified and which Christ founded on the apostles. Let us ask the Lord to grant us his Spirit and the gifts that come from him, so that we may be true children of God and his church, and zealous apostles willing to spread the Gospel of Christ; to Him be glory for ever. Amen (From the *Maronite Prayer of the Faithful*).



**WHEN
THE DAY OF
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CAME,
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IN ONE PLACE.**

ACTS 2:1, NIV