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Sunday, April 17, 2022, Easter Sunday

Saturday, April 16, 2022 (Saturday of the Light)

11:30 A.M.: Prayer of Forgiveness

6:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Divine Liturgy

Sunday, April 17, 2022 (Easter Sunday) at 11:00 o'clock
For the Parish

Friday, April 22, 2022 at 7:30 P.M.
Liturgy in honor of Saint Sharbel

Sunday, April 24, 2022 at 11:00 o'clock
Ibrahim Nicolas Al Bana (40 Day Anniversary)

Sunday, May 1, 2022 (Feast of Our Lady of Lebanon) at 11:00
For the Parish

Sunday, May 8, 2022 at 11:00 o'clock
First Communion children and for all mothers living and deceased

Sunday, May 15, 2022 at 11:00 o'clock
Lilian Houry

Sunday, May 22 2022 at 11:00 o'clock
Hafez Sakr (40 Day Anniversary)

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, April 24, 2022

Halim Younes, Victor Beasley, Rafah Elias and Salah Dagher

Ushers for Sunday, May 1, 2022

Halim Younes, Anthony Beasley, John Nadder and Fawzi Abouchabke

Altar Servers for Sunday, April 24, 2022

George Beasley and Mateo Abou Jaoude

Thank you for your generosity

Summary of the Collection for **Sunday, April 10, 2022**

Regular Collection \$ 2933

Individual Contribution \$ 300

Donation by mail \$ 1195

2nd Collection (Holy Land) \$ 905

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

Second Collections

Bishop Gregory Mansour, Bishop of the Eparchy of Saint Maron, has authorized a special collection on **Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022.**

On Sunday, April 24, 2022, a second collection will be taken to benefit the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. This collection is used for Missions in the U.S.A. Our Eparchy has received large grants from the USCCB from this collection for several years.

Sunday, May 1, 2022, 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.

Maamoul Sale

An Easter bake sale will take place in the social hall following the Divine Liturgy. Maamoul (One dozen/ box: Dates, Walnuts, Pistachio or Mixed). For more information or to place your order, please contact Gebran Fattouch at 443-600-9484.

Liturgical Schedule for Easter Weekend

Great Friday of Crucifixion (April 15, 2022)

9:00 A.M.: Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts

7:00 - 7:20 P.M.: Choir will sing Lenten Hymns

7:30 P.M.: Burial of the Lord

Saturday of the Light (April 16, 2022)

Prayer of Forgiveness at 11:30 A.M.

Easter Vigil: Saturday, April 16, 2022, Divine Liturgy at 6:00 P.M.

(Please note there will be no midnight Liturgy)

Easter Sunday: 11:00 A.M.: Divine Liturgy



Following the **Easter Sunday Liturgy on April 17**, there will be an Easter Egg Hunt for children up to 12 years old.

Sunday School (Religious Education)

Religious Education or Sunday School will resume on Sunday, April 24, 2022 at 10:00 o'clock.



A Blessed and Joyful Easter to Each of You. May our Risen Savior fill your hearts with Special Graces this Easter Sunday and all the days of your lives.

The Resurrection of the Lord

Today the Church and her children rejoice for our Lord and Savior has risen from the dead. The resurrection of the Lord is the central event of our salvation, the one that gives meaning to who we are and what we do. Every celebration of the Eucharist and the other mysteries refers to it as the source of inspiration and meaning.

The resurrection is the feast of feasts, the queen of all feasts. Originally the Church celebrated only one feast, the resurrection itself, which was recalled and renewed each Sunday at the celebration of the Divine Mysteries. Soon, however, it began to recall the Passover of the Lord and His victorious resurrection in a special way once a year, in addition to the weekly commemoration of the resurrection. Eventually, this annual celebration of the Lord's resurrection was prepared for by a season of prayer, fasting and penance - Lent, and the feast itself was extended for fifty days.

The Church, thus, now celebrates the resurrection of the Lord for a week of weeks (fifty days): from the Sunday of the Resurrection to Pentecost Sunday (the fiftieth day).

Today's feast is one of joy and peace: "Peace to those who are far and good hope to those who are near, for Christ has risen from the grave and has gathered those who were scattered and given them joy."

The joy and peace that flow from the Lord's resurrection are expressed today by the rite of peace which follows the gospel in the Divine Liturgy. The cross is removed from the tomb where it has rested since Great Friday and is draped in white. It is carried through the church accompanied by hymns of praise and joy. The priest solemnly blesses the congregation with the glorious cross and then presents it to them that they might adore it.

By His living cross Christ has saved us from going astray and given us a way to heaven. Through the cross peace and harmony reign among God's people and we are led to perfection.

And so filled with peace and with joyful hearts we proclaim: *A glorious morning has dawned and night has fled. Light has conquered, and night has been destroyed.* (Maronite Divine Office)

Scripture Readings

Sunday, April 17, 2022 (Easter Sunday)

1 Cor 15:12-26; Mk 16:1-8

Sunday, April 24, 2022 (New Sunday and Divine Mercy)

2 Cor 5:11-21; Jn 20:26-31

**"I am the
Resurrection
& the
Life."
John 11:25**

