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April 23, 2023; Third Sunday of the Resurrection

Sunday, April 23, 2023, at 11:00 o'clock

Sunday, April 30, 2023, at 11:00 o'clock

■ In Thanksgiving

Sunday, May 7, 2023 at 11:00 o'clock

Monday, May 8, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.

Divine Liturgy in honor of Saint Sharbel's birthday

Sunday, May 14, 2023, at 11:00 o'clock

For all the mothers (living and deceased) and for the First Communion children, their teachers and their families

Sunday, May 21, 2023, at 11:00 o'clock

Monday, May 22, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.

Liturgy in honor of Saint Sharbel

Sunday, May 28, 2023, at 11:00 o'clock

Sunday, June 4, 2023 at 11:00 o'clock

Sunday, June 11, 2023 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, April 23, 2023

Halim Younes, Anthony Beasley, John Nadder & Fawzi Abouchabke

Ushers for Sunday, April 30, 2023

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

Altar Servers for Sunday, April 30, 2023

Matteo Abou Jaoude and George Beasley

Thank you for your generosity

Summary of the Collection for Sunday, April 16, 2023

Regular collection \$1083

Pledge \$ 150

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

Second Collections

On Sunday, May 7, 2023, a second collection will be taken for The National Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon in North Jackson, Ohio.

On Sunday, May 28, 2023, a second collection will be taken for the 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. Thank you for your generosity.



Scripture Readings

Sunday, April 23, 2023 (3rd Sunday of the Resurrection)

2 Tim 2: 8-13; Lk 24: 13-35

Sunday, April 30, 2023 (4th Sunday of the Resurrection)

Heb 13: 18-25; Jn 21: 1-14

Sunday, May 7, 2023 (Feast of Our Lady of Lebanon)

Eph 2: 1-10; Jn 21: 15-19

Marriage Banns

The Marriage Banns are announced for the first time between **Jad Boustany and Louisa Jean Yemc**. Anyone knowing why they should not be joined in the Sacrament of Marriage is bound in conscience to make it known to the priest.

FYI

Feast of Saint George

Saint George, a Christian officer in the Roman army, consecrated his life to defend the Church (which is symbolized in icons as the daughter of the king) against the attacks of Satan (symbolized as the dragon).

He was martyred by decapitation on April 23, 303, for his faith in Christ and for refusing to make a sacrifice in honor of the pagan gods and was buried in Palestine.

A great Church was built over his tomb and the dedication of this church is celebrated on November 3rd.

Devotion to him spread throughout the east and the west. He is considered the patron saint of England, the army, young people and scouts. May he always defend us against the snares of the devil.



In our fast, overwhelming and complicated world of communications, God answers only "knee-mail."

Drop Him a "knee-note" once in awhile.

- Please when you enter the Church make sure you turn off your cell phone.
- When you exit the Church, keep in mind that, Although the Divine Liturgy is finished, the Blessed Sacrament is still in the tabernacle and people are still praying.
- In respect for the Eucharist and for the people who are still praying, please refrain from congregating between the pews. Exit the Church in a prayerful manner and keep all conversations until you walk outside. Thank you for your kind cooperation.

What is the Bible?

The Bible is the Word of God in human language. Because it comes to us from Almighty God, it has the power to be life-changing. God knows each of us, and He knows what we need when we open the Book and listen to His voice.

The Bible is a collection of many of books written over the course of more than a thousand years, by many people. But it is also one book, with one Author, telling one story - the story of our salvation and the unconditional love of God.

The Books of the Bible are not arranged in a chronological order. We can see 4 parts arrangement in both the Old Testament and the New Testament.

Old Testament

- The Law (Genesis to Deuteronomy)
- History (Joshua to 2 Maccabees)
- Wisdom (Job to Sirach)
- Prophecy (Isaiah to Malachi)

New Testament

- The new law (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John)
- History of the early Church (Acts of the Apostles)
- Wisdom (the Epistles)
- Prophecy (Revelation)

Who wrote the Bible

The Bible was written by many human authors over the course of a thousand years. But the Bible is also one book with God being the MAIN author. The human authors wrote what God inspired them to write. Most of the Old Testament books were written in Hebrew or Aramaic (the wisdom books were written in Greek). New Testament books were written in Aramaic and Greek.

The Books of the New Testament

The Gospels tell the story of Jesus' life, ministry, death and resurrection. Each of the four different writers picks different details to focus on.

- **Matthew** concentrates on the teaching of Jesus including the Sermon on the Mount
- **Mark** attributed to John Mark, a disciple of Peter, who wrote down the story of Jesus as Peter told it.
- **Luke**, writing for a Non-Jewish audience, added the story of the nativity, which he may have heard it from Jesus
- **John's** intention was to prove that Jesus was the Son of God and the long awaited Messiah.
- **The Acts of the Apostles** tells how the early Church grew with special emphasis on Peter and Paul
- **The Epistles** are letters from different apostles to congregations that needed encouragement, discipline or advice.

