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

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 Khoury
Eugenie Joubran (40 Day Anniversary)

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

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

Sunday, June 5, 2022 at 11:00 o'clock
Joseph Fahed (40 Day Anniversary)

Sunday, June 12, 2022 at 11:00 o'clock
Philip and Georgette Issa and Ramez Sarkis

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 1, 2022

Halim Younes, Anthony Beasley, John Nadder and Fawzi Abouchabke

Ushers for Sunday, May 8, 2022

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

Altar Servers for Sunday, May 1, 2022

Jason Pitzer and Peter ElKhoueiry

Thank you for your generosity

Summary of the Collection for **Sunday, April 17, 2022**

Regular Collection (Easter Sunday) \$ 3376

Easter Eve (Saturday Evening Liturgy) \$ 963

Good Friday Flowers \$ 526

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

Second Collections

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.

Scripture Readings

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

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

Sunday, May 1, 2022 (Feast of Our Lady of Lebanon)

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

Sunday, May 8, 2022 (4th Sunday of the Resurrection)

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

Feast of Our Lady of Lebanon

Please join us as we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Lebanon, Patroness of our parish, on **Sunday, May 1, 2022**. A light reception will follow in the Social Hall.

Meeting

Thursday, May 5, 2022, there will be a meeting for the Pastoral Council at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish's office.

Attention All Young Adults (MYA)

The World Youth Day (WYD) will be held in Lisbon, Portugal August 1 - 6, 2023. The Eparchy of Saint Maron is planning a pilgrimage package for 9 days, 8 nights (July 29 - August 7) sleeping at Hotel Roma in Lisbon. The trip includes the whole World Youth Day package along with a trip to Fatima for the Maronite group with a guide. This pilgrimage is for our young adults (**ages 18-35**). The cost is \$2,999 which includes airfare. **Space is limited.** If you are interested please sign up early. A \$300 deposit for all who would like to attend is required by **May 20, 2022**. Here is the registration link to sign up: <https://forms.gle/kUMpDYwgdxa2phnAA>.

If you are interested in joining the pilgrimage or have any questions, please contact **Sr. Therese Maria Touma @** 508-965-6945 or email srtherese2010@gmail.com.

FYI

What is the "hell" into which Jesus descended?

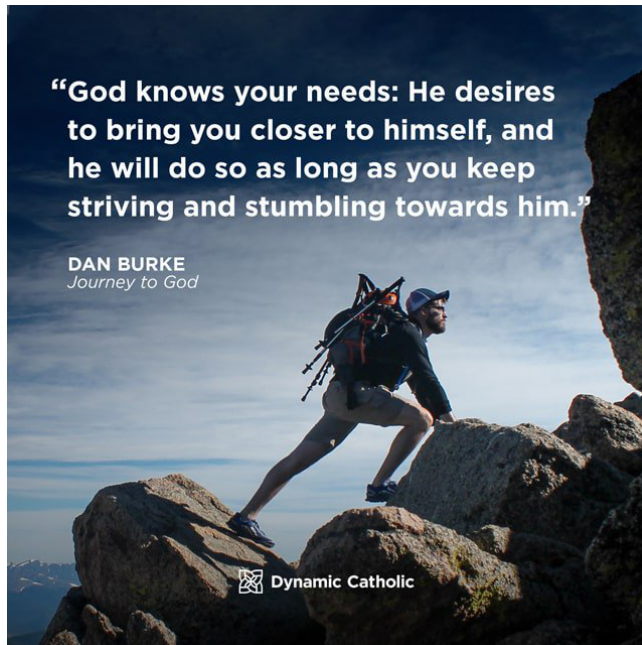
This "hell" was different from the *hell* of the damned. It was the state of all those, righteous and evil, who died before Christ. With his soul united to his divine Person Jesus went down to the just in hell who were awaiting their Redeemer so they could enter at last into the vision of God. When he had conquered by his death both death and the devil "who has the power of death" (Hebrews 2:14), he freed the just who looked forward to the Redeemer and opened for them the gates of heaven (For further reading: CCC 632-637).



New Sunday

New Sunday is the eighth day of the Church's celebration of the resurrection. The first week of the Season of Resurrection, the Week of *Hawareyeen*, has come to a conclusion. During this week we have seen the various appearances of the Lord: to Mary Magdalene, the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias, Peter, the disciples on the road to Emmaus, and the disciples gathered in the upper room. Now the appearances of the Lord are over. In overcoming the hesitation of Thomas, the Lord revealed the truth of the resurrection. Christ has risen, truly risen!

New Sunday once and for all puts an end to the old way of looking at the Lord. He is no longer revealed in the flesh (as the disciples experienced him during his life with them); nor in glory (as Thomas did). From now on, he is revealed in spirit, through the experience of faith and in the Mysteries (sacraments). Only in the spirit is there a sharing in his mystery of redemption. His word is crystal clear and resounds for all ages and generations: "You have become a believer, because you saw me. Blessed are they who have not seen and have believed." (Maronite Prayer of the Faithful)



Prayer of Consecration to the Divine Mercy

Jesus, the Divine Mercy, I consecrate my entire life, from this day on, to You without reserve. Into Your hands I abandon my past, my present, and my future. From this day forward, make me a true follower of Your teaching.

Let Your Divine Mercy Image protect my home and my family from all the powers of evil in this world today. May all who venerate it never perish, may it be their joy in life, their hope in death, and their glory in eternity. Amen.

