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April 30, 2023; Fourth Sunday of the Resurrection

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

In Thanksgiving

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

For the Parish

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

Thursday, May 18, 2023 (Ascension Thursday) at 7:30 p.m.

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

Hanna Khoury (40 Day Anniversary)

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 30, 2023

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

Ushers for Sunday, May 7, 2023

Halim Younes, Gebran Fattouche, Antoine Issa and Joseph Nasr

Altar Servers for Sunday, May 7, 2023

Matteo Abou Jaoude and George Beasley

Thank you for your generosity

Summary of the Collection for Sunday, April 23, 2023

Regular collection \$2435

Pledge \$ 400

Donation by mail \$ 650

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 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

Sunday, May 14, 2023 (6th Sunday of the Resurrection)

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

Marriage Banns

The Marriage Banns are announced for the second 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.

Holy Day of Obligation

Thursday, May 18, 2023 (Ascension Thursday) is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Divine Liturgy will take place at 7:30 p.m.

Religious Education Program

The religious education program for 2023 will end on **Sunday, May 14**. A big thank you to the parents and the teachers for all their efforts and we hope to start again next September.

First Communion Class

Clea Abou Jaoude, Matthew Bitar, Pia Maria Chawah, Jonas Chebli, Helena Marie Dawaliby, Audriana El Kassis, Miren EL Khoury, Elias Philippe, Layla Ramia and Sarah Rohayem will receive their First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 14, 2023.

FYI

What is the mission of the Pope?

The Pope, Bishop of Rome and the Successor of Saint Peter, is the perpetual, visible source and foundation of the unity of the Church. He is the vicar of Christ, the head of the College of bishops and pastor of the universal Church over which he has by divine institution full, supreme, immediate, and universal power. (Further reading Catechism of Catholic Church: CCC 880-882, 936-937)

Who are the faithful?

The Christian faithful are those who, inasmuch as they have been incorporated in Christ through Baptism, have been constituted as the people of God; for this reason, since they have become sharers in Christ's priestly, prophetic and royal office in their own manner, they are called to exercise the mission which God has entrusted to the Church. There exists a true equality among them in their dignity as children of God. (Further reading: CCC 871-872)

Our Lady of Lebanon

The first Sunday in May we celebrate 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)

