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May 14, 2023; Sixth Sunday of the Resurrection

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.

Vincenzo Spallino

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

Laurice Hajjar, (40 Day Anniversary)

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

Hanaa Khoury (40 Day Anniversary)

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

Nancy Karam

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

Sunday, June 18, 2023 at 11:00 o'clock

For all fathers living and deceased.

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 14, 2023

Fawzi Abouchabke, Maroun Mezher, Tony ElKhouri and Mark Malkoun

Ushers for Sunday, May 21, 2023

Halim Younes, Victor Beasley, Rafah Elias and Salah Dagher

Altar Servers for Sunday, May 21, 2023

George Beasley and Marek Oszwaldowski

Thank you for your generosity

Summary of the Collection for Sunday, May 7, 2023

Regular collection	\$2031
Pledge	\$1020
Donation by mail	\$1470
Second Collection	\$ 430

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

Second Collection

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

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

Sunday, May 21, 2023 (7th Sunday of the Resurrection)

Eph 1: 15-23; Jn 13: 31-35

Sunday, May 28, 2023 (Pentecost Sunday)

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

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.

Are you Interested?

Saint Maron Maronite Church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, will hold its annual Lebanese Festival on Friday, June 2 [5pm -11pm]; Saturday, June 3 [3pm - 11pm], and Sunday, June 4 [1pm -9pm]. The church is located at 1013 Ellsworth Street in Philadelphia, Penn., 19147.

FYI

In what sense is the Blessed Virgin Mary the Mother of the Church?

The Blessed Virgin Mary is the Mother of the Church in the order of grace because she gave birth to Jesus, the Son of God, the Head of the body which is the Church. When he was dying on the cross Jesus gave his mother to his disciple with the words, "Behold your mother" (John 19:27). [See Catechism of the Catholic Church 963-964, 973].

How does the Virgin Mary help the Church?

After the Ascension of her Son, the Virgin Mary aided the beginning of the Church with her prayers. Even after her Assumption into heaven, she continues to intercede for her children, to be a model of faith and charity for all, and to exercise over them a salutary influence deriving from the superabundant merits of Christ. The faithful see in Mary an image and an anticipation of the resurrection that awaits them and they invoke her as advocate, helper, benefactress and mediatrix. [Further reading: CCC 965-970, 974-975].



*A Happy and Joyful Day
to all the mothers and
mothers to be.*

*May Our Heavenly
Mother watch over you
and guide you in your
vocation and
keep you and us faithful
to the "Mother Church."*

Enjoy your well deserved day.

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, *goley* 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.

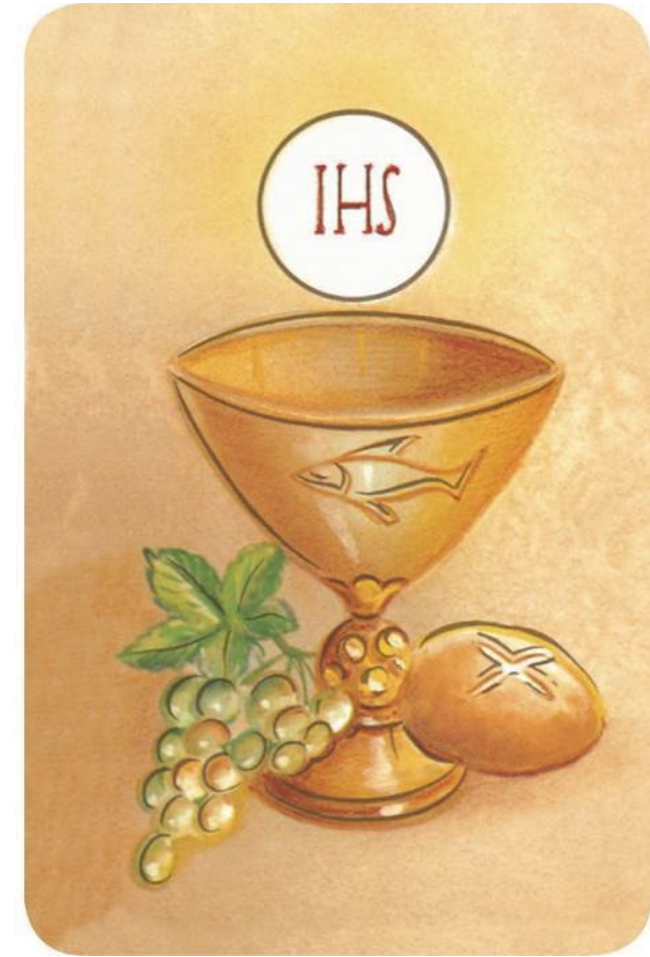
Hail Mary! In your virginity, you became the mother of the Creator who formed Eve and gave her to Adam. Blessed are you, Mary, in whose womb dwelled in holiness the only begotten Son who is one in nature and in Splendor with the Father.

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)



Today, we rejoice with: [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](#) as they receive their First Holy Communion. May God through the intercession of Our Lady of Lebanon bless them and guide them always and may we, as a community be a role model for them and a good example in their spiritual journey.