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May 21, 2023; Seventh Sunday of the Resurrection

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.

Thursday, June 22, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.

Liturgy in honor of Saint Sharbel

Sunday, June 25, 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, May 21, 2023

Halim Younes, Victor Beasley and Rafah Elias

Ushers for Sunday, May 28, 2023

Halim Younes, Anthony Beasley, John Nadder and Fawzi Abouchabke

Altar Servers for Sunday, May 28, 2023

Matteo Abou Jaoude and Jason Nasr

Thank you for your generosity

Summary of the Collection for Sunday, May 14, 2023

Regular collection \$1544

Pledge \$ 300

Contribution \$ 100

May 8, 2023 \$ 166

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 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

Sunday, June 4, 2023 (The Most Holy Trinity)

Rom 11:25-36; Mt 28:16-20

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.

Save the Date

Saturday, September 16, 2023, Our Lady of Lebanon Parish will hold its annual Lebanese Food Festival. Please save the date and we appreciate your support and help in preparing for and during the festival. More information in future bulletins.

FYI

What is the vocation of the lay faithful?

The lay faithful have as their own vocation to seek the Kingdom of God by illuminating and ordering temporal affairs according to the plan of God. They carry out in this way their call to holiness and to the apostolate, a call given to all the baptized. (For further reading: Catechism of the Catholic Church "CCC" # 897-900, 940)

How do the lay faithful participate in the priestly office of Christ?

They participate in it especially in the Eucharist by offering as a spiritual sacrifice "acceptable to God through Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 2:5) their own lives with all of their works, their prayers, their apostolic undertakings, their family life, their daily work and hardships borne with patience and even their consolations of spirit and body. In this way, even the laity, dedicated to Christ and consecrated by the Holy Spirit, offer to God the world itself. (For further reading: CCC # 901-903)

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. (For 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, *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)

