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**May 28, 2023; Pentecost Sunday**

### ***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 28, 2023***

Halim Younes, Anthony Beasley, John Nadder and Fawzi Abouchabke

### ***Ushers for Sunday, June 4, 2023***

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

### ***Altar Servers for Sunday, June 4, 2023***

George Beasley and Marek Oszwaldowski

### ***Thank you for your generosity***

#### **Summary of the Collection for Sunday, May 21, 2023**

Regular collection \$1484

Pledge \$ 300

Contribution by mail \$ 500

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 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

**Sunday, June 11, 2023 (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Pentecost)**

1 Cor 2:1-10; Jn 14:21-27

### ***Marriage Banns***

The Marriage Banns are announced for the First Time **between Joseph John Ayoub and Lindsey Marie Eidson**. Anyone knowing why they should not be joined in the Mystery of Marriage is bound in conscience to make it known to the priest.

The Marriage Banns are announced for the First Time between **Robert Sarkis Demirji and Sarah Gabriel**. Anyone knowing why they should not be joined in the Mystery of Marriage is bound in conscience to make it known to the priest. The wedding will take place in Lebanon.



**M**emorial Day is an American holiday, observed on the last Monday of May, honoring the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971. Many Americans observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries or memorials, holding family gatherings and participating in parades. Unofficially, it marks the beginning of the summer season (History.com).

May God reward their services and sacrifices by granting them His eternal kingdom.

**Sunday, May 28, 2023 (Pentecost Sunday), at 11:00 o'clock**  
Hanaa Khoury (40 Day Anniversary)  
George Salim El-Asmar (passed away in Lebanon a few days ago)

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

**Sunday, June 11, 2023 at 11:00 o'clock**  
Vincenzo Spallino (40 Day Anniversary)

**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**

**Sunday, July 2, 2023 at 11:00 o'clock**

**Sunday, July 9, 2023 at 11:00 o'clock**

**Reconciliation** (Confession) is available every Sunday between 10:15 and 10:45 a.m. before the Divine Liturgy.

# PENTECOST

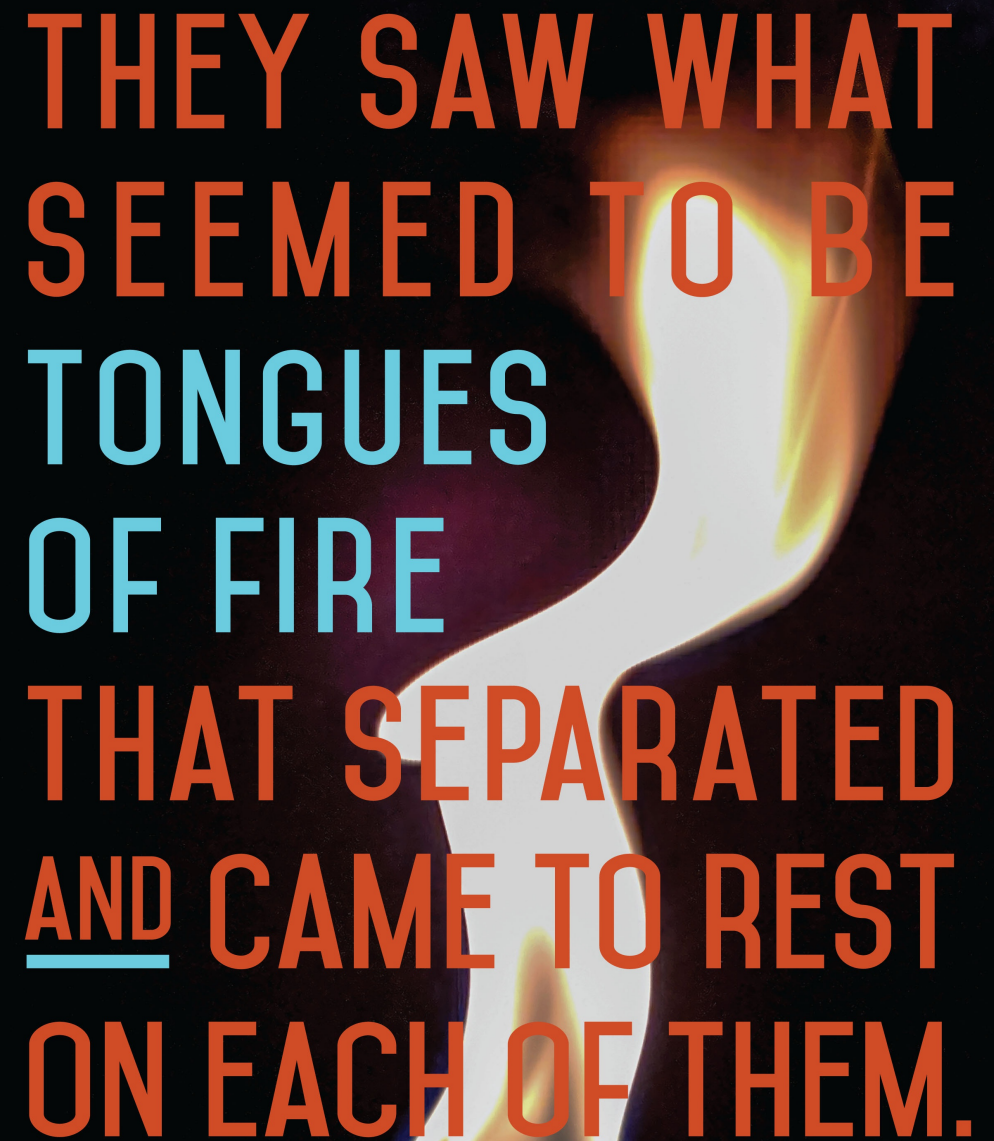
On the fiftieth day after Passover - in Greek, "Pentecost" - the feast of the Gathering- was celebrated in Jerusalem. Jews from all the corners of the globe assembled in Pilgrimage, in memory of God's gift of the law to Moses on Mount Sinai.

The apostles, the Virgin, a few relatives of the Lord, and a few women were assembled in the upper room. Around nine o'clock in the morning, God appeared to them as he had appeared to Moses on Sinai, in the midst of a storm and with violent wind; his Spirit settle upon them in the form of tongues of fire which rested on their heads. The Spirit gave them the power to evangelize the world by means of the new assembly of God's people, the Church. As a sign that God had now firmly established his Church, the Gospel was understood by all who were present though they spoke different languages and came from all races and nations. This work of god's grace may be compared to what happened to people of babel, who spoke one common language and yet, because of their sin, were no longer able to understand each other.

At Pentecost, although the people spoke diverse languages, they understood the single language of the Apostles. This is clearly a symbol of God's call to all people to unity and mutual understanding. That is why the feast of Pentecost and the season which follows it invite us to meditate on the "One, holy, Catholic Church" which the Spirit has sanctified and which Christ founded on the apostles. Let us ask the Lord to grant us his Spirit and the gifts that come from him, so that we may be true children of God and his church, and zealous apostles willing to spread the Gospel of Christ; to Him be glory for ever. Amen (From the *Maronite Prayer of the Faithful*).

## ***Save the Date***

**Saturday, September 16, 2023**, Our Lady of Lebanon Parish will hold its annual Lebanese Food Festival.



THEY SAW WHAT  
SEEMED TO BE  
TONGUES  
OF FIRE  
THAT SEPARATED  
AND CAME TO REST  
ON EACH OF THEM.

ACTS 2:3, NIV

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