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**April 9, 2023; The Resurrection of the Lord**

### *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 16, 2023**

Halim Younes, Victor Beasley, Rafah Elias and Salah Dagher

### **Altar Servers for Sunday, April 16, 2023**

Matteo AbouJaoude and George Beasley

### *Thank you for your generosity*

#### **Summary of the Collection for Sunday, April 2, 2023**

Regular collection	\$4350
Visitors' checks	\$ 170
Coffee hour/Lenten Meal	\$ 170
2 <sup>nd</sup> collection (Holy Land)	\$ 645
Bishop's Appeal	\$ 100

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. Thank you for your generosity and cooperation.

**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.

### **Scripture Readings**

**Sunday, April 9, 2023 (Easter Sunday)**

1 Cor 15:12-26; Mk 16:1-8

**Sunday, April 16, 2023 (New Sunday and Divine Mercy)**

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

### *Liturgical Schedule for Easter Weekend*

**Saturday of the Light (April 8, 2023)**

**Prayer of Forgiveness at 11:30 A.M.**

**Easter Vigil:** Saturday, April 8, 2023, Divine Liturgy at 6:00 P.M.  
(Please note there will be no midnight Liturgy)

**Easter Sunday:** 11:00 A.M.: Divine Liturgy

### *Sunday School*

**Sunday School** will resume on Sunday, April 16, 2023 at 10 a.m.



Following the Easter Sunday Liturgy on April 9, 2023, there will be an Easter Egg Hunt for children up to 12 years old.

SAVE THE DATE  OCTOBER 5, 2023

*Eparchy of Saint Maron*

14<sup>th</sup> Annual Benefit Dinner in New York

*The Union League Club*  
38 East 37th Street. New York, NY

Details to follow



*A Blessed and Joyful Easter to Each of You. May our Risen Savior fill your hearts with Special Graces this Easter Sunday and all the days of your lives.*

**Sunday, April 9, 2023, at 11:00 o'clock (Easter Sunday)**

- For the Parish

**Sunday, April 16, 2023, 11:00 o'clock**

**Sunday, April 23, 2023, at 11:00 o'clock**

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

- In Thanksgiving

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

**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

**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, at 11:00 o'clock**

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

## *The Resurrection of the Lord*



Today the Church and her children rejoice for our Lord and Savior has risen from the dead. The resurrection of the Lord is the central event of our salvation, the one that gives meaning to who we are and what we do. Every celebration of the Eucharist and the other mysteries refers to it as the source of inspiration and meaning.

The resurrection is the feast of feasts, the queen of all feasts. Originally the Church celebrated only one feast,

the resurrection itself, which was recalled and renewed each Sunday at the celebration of the Divine Mysteries. Soon, however, it began to recall the Passover of the Lord and His victorious resurrection in a special way once a year, in addition to the weekly commemoration of the resurrection. Eventually, this annual celebration of the Lord's resurrection was prepared for by a season of prayer, fasting and penance - Lent, and the feast itself was extended for fifty days.

The Church, thus, now celebrates the resurrection of the Lord for a week of weeks (fifty days): from the Sunday of the Resurrection to Pentecost Sunday (the fiftieth day).

Today's feast is one of joy and peace: "Peace to those who are far and good hope to those who are near, for Christ has risen from the grave and has gathered those who were scattered and given them joy."

The joy and peace that flow from the Lord's resurrection are expressed today by the rite of peace which follows the gospel in the Divine Liturgy. The cross is removed from the tomb where it has rested since Great Friday and is draped in white. It is carried through the church accompanied by hymns of praise and joy. The priest solemnly blesses the congregation with the glorious cross and then presents it to them that they might adore it.

By His living cross Christ has saved us from going astray and given us a way to heaven. Through the cross peace and harmony reign among God's people and we are led to perfection.

And so filled with peace and with joyful hearts we proclaim: *A glorious morning has dawned and night has fled. Light has conquered, and night has been destroyed.* (Maronite Divine Office)

# "I am the Resurrection

# & the Life."

## John 11:25

