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Sunday, March 31, 2024, Easter Sunday

Friday, March 29, 2024 (Good Friday)

9:30 a.m.: Liturgy of the Signing of the Chalice

7:30 p.m.: Burial of the Lord

Easter Vigil, March 30, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

For the Parish

Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024 at 11:00 o'clock

Special Intention

Sunday, April 7, 2024 at 11:00 o'clock

Mr. Hasrouni

Sunday, April 14, 2024 at 11:00 o'clock

Elie Ghostine (40 Day anniversary)

Sunday, April 21, 2024 at 11:00 o'clock

Richard Hibey ((40 Day anniversary)

Monday, April 22, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.

Liturgy in honor of Saint Sharbel

Sunday, April 28, 2024 at 11:00 o'clock

Sunday, May 5, 2024 at 11:00 o'clock

For the Parish

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 7, 2024

Fawzi Abouchabke, Maroun Mezher, Tony El-Khourri and Mark Malkoun

Ushers for Sunday, April 14, 2024

Halim Younes, Victor Beasley, Rafah Elias and Jack Seraphim

Altar Servers for Sunday, April 7, 2024

Matteo AbouJaoude and Jason Nasr

Thank you for your generosity

Summary of the Collection for Sunday, March 24, 2024

Regular Collection	\$4496
Pledge	\$ 450
Donation by Mail	\$ 700
Individual Contribution	\$ 200
Memorial Contribution	\$ 250
Second Collection	\$ 548

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

Sunday School

Due to Easter Sunday celebration there will be no religious education (Sunday School) on **Sunday, April 31, 2024**. Sunday School will resume on **Sunday, April 7, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.**

Scripture Readings

Sunday, March 31, 2024 (Easter Sunday)

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

Sunday, April 7, 2024 (New Sunday)

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

Sunday, April 14, 2024 (Third Sunday of the Resurrection)

2 Tim 2:8-13; Lk 24:13-35



Easter Lebanese Sweets

If you would like to purchase Lebanese sweets for Easter, please contact Gebran Fattouch at (443) 600-9484 or Nada Touma at (703) 505-4698. The available sweets are: Knaife; Maamoul (walnut, date, pistachios or mixed). Orders have to be **picked up from the Church. No home deliveries.** Thank you.



Easter Egg Hunt

Following the Divine Liturgy on **Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024**, there will be an Easter Egg Hunt for all children up to 12 years old.

Upcoming Events

■ On **Saturday, April 6, 2024**, Our Lady of Lebanon Church will host a Lebanese Night (dinner and *Hafla*) to benefit Saint Rafqa Convent in Lebanon. For reservations/information, contact: **Fadi Zakaria** at (703) 623-4154; **Gisele Azar** at (703) 470 - 6328; or **Nada Touma** at (703) 505-4698. Live Entertainment will be provided by Rafca Fares, a Lebanese Singer, and Mother Raghida Antoun, Superior, will be in attendance. The door will open at 7:30 p.m. and dinner at 8:00 p.m. Donations can be made to Saint Joseph Monastery-Tomb of Saint Rafqa.

■ **Friday, April 19, 2024**, a fund raising event at Sts. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church (10620 River Road, Potomac, MD) to benefit Noursat & Tele-Lumiere Television Networks.

For reservations/information, contact: **Jano Nicholas** at (301) 537-7990; **Gebran Fattouch** at (443) 600-9484; **Gisele Ibrahim** at (571) 432-9869 or **Nada Touma** at (703) 505-4698. Online donations can be made at www.noursatusa.com.

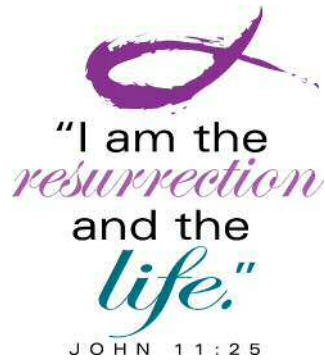
Maronite Enrichment Days

The 2024, Maronite Enrichment Days, a yearly event for continuing education for Maronite clergy and laity, will take place **April 09-2, 2024** at Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Seminary.

Dr. Robin Darling Young, a professor at The Catholic University of America will be the guest speaker. Her presentations will introduce us to Evagrius of Pontus (AD 345-399) and his influence on Syrian theology and spirituality.

The organizers ask that you register online at <https://maroniteseminary.org/news-events/seminary-events/registration/> but no later than **Sunday, March 31, 2024**. There is no fee associated with registration.

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).

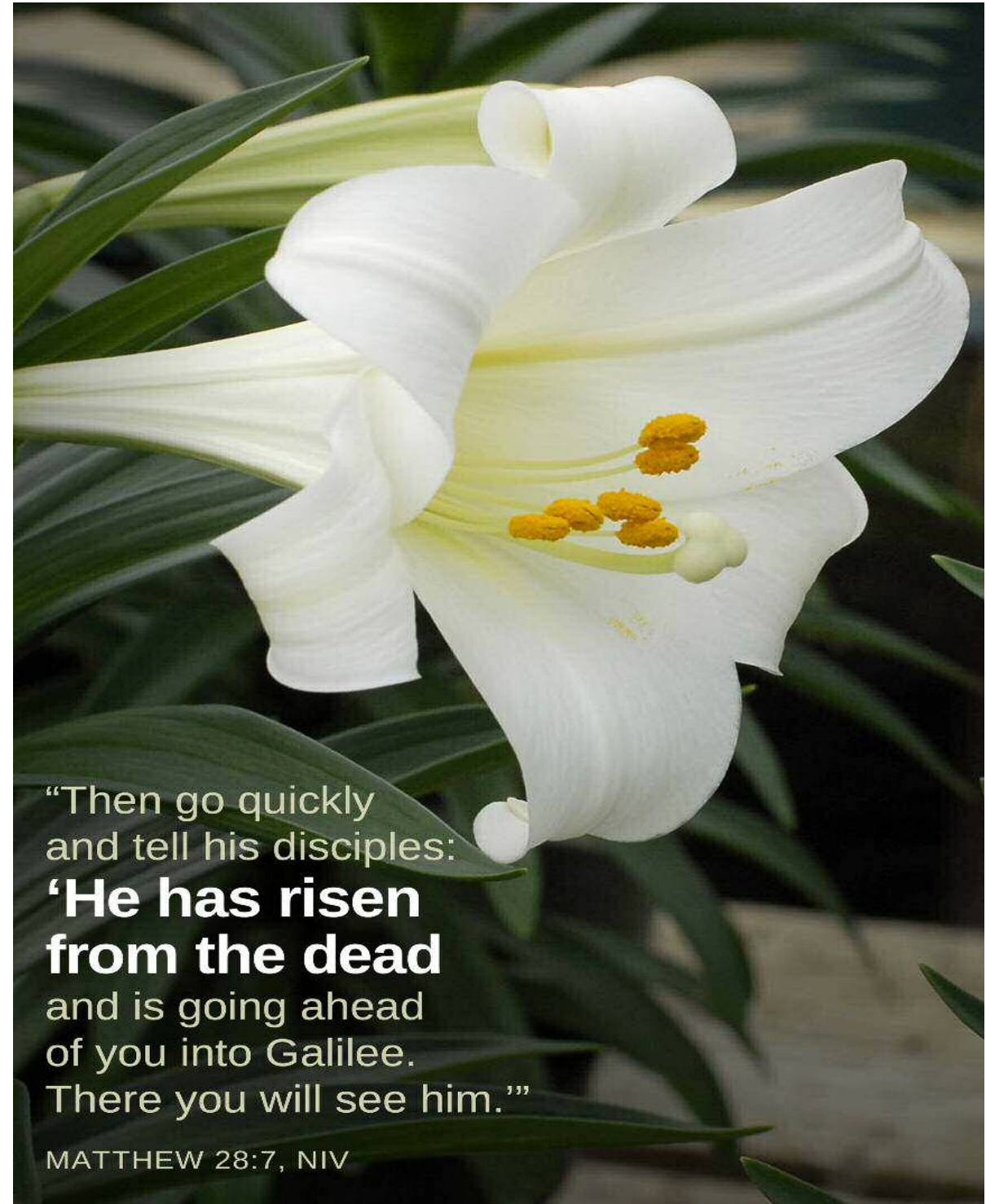
Today's feast is one of joy and peace: "Peace to those who are far and good hope to those who are near, for Christ has risen from the grave and has gathered those who were scattered and given them joy." The joy and peace that flow from the Lord's resurrection are expressed today by the rite of peace 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).



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.



RAFCA FARES

Lebanese Night

APRIL 6, 2024

WASHINGTON, DC

Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite
Church

7142 Alaska Ave NW
Washington, DC 20012

DOORS OPEN AT 7:30 PM
DINNER AT 8:00 PM

TICKET: \$150 / PERS

RSVP & PYMNT

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By check: Saint Joseph Monastery Tomb of Saint Rafqa





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EVENT HOSTED AT:

Saints Peter & Paul Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church
10620 River Road • Potomac, MD

FRIDAY APRIL 19, 2024

7:00 PM • COCKTAIL RECEPTION

**KEYNOTE
SPEAKER:**

Chorbishop
Sharbel Maroun
*President of
Noursat, USA*

**“Let your light
shine before others”**

(MATTHEW 5:16)

**“God entrusted Noursat into our
hands, let us unite our hands and
hearts to keep it shining.”**

TICKETS

\$125.00 PER PERSON

Donation Tax Deductible

Checks payable to: Noursat

Mail to SS Peter & Paul Church

Online Donations can be made at:
www.noursatusa.com



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