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Sunday, May 5, 2024, 6th Sunday of the Resurrection

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 5, 2024

Halim Younes, Gebran Fattouche, Antoine Issa and Joseph Nasr

Ushers for Sunday, May 12, 2024

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

Altar Servers for Sunday, May 5, 2024

George Beasley and Marek Oszwaldowski

Thank you for your generosity

Summary of the Collection for Sunday, April 28, 2024

Regular Collection \$1881

Contribution by mail \$ 500

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

Second Collections

- **On Sunday, May 5, 2024**, a second collection will be taken for the National Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon in North Jackson, Ohio. All funds collected are sent from the Chancery office directly to our Shrine in Ohio.
- **On Sunday May 19, 2024**, 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 we may have. Thank you for your generosity and may God reward you handsomely.

Holy Day of Obligation

Thursday, May 9, 2024, Ascension Thursday, is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at **7:30 p.m.**

First Holy Communion

The following will receive their First Holy Communion on **Sunday, May 12, 2024**: Eli Burke, Lucine ElKhoury, Isabelle El Murr, Michael Fawaz, Olivia Karam, Lilianne Khoury and Dominic Mannato. May

Scripture Readings

Sunday, May 5, 2024 (Feast of Our Lady of Lebanon)

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

Sunday, May 12, 2024 (Seventh Sunday of the Resurrection)

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

Sunday, May 19, 2024 (Pentecost Sunday)

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

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

For the Parish

Wednesday, May 8, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.

Divine Liturgy in honor of Saint Sharbel's birthday

Thursday, May 9, 2024 at 7:30 p.m. (Ascension Thursday)

Sunday, May 12, 2024 at 11:00 o'clock (First Communion)

For the First Communion children, their parents, teachers and for all the mothers

Saturday, May 18, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Tanios Habchi (40 Day Anniversary)

Sunday, May 19, 2024 at 11:00 o'clock (Pentecost Sunday)

Wednesday, May 22, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.

Liturgy in honor of Saint Sharbel

Saturday, May 25, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Andree Helou (40 Day Anniversary, requested by her family)

Sunday, May 26, 2024 at 11:00 o'clock

Clara Ibrahim (40 Day Anniversary)

Sunday, June 2, 2024 at 11:00 o'clock

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

God through the intercession of Our Lady of Lebanon bless and guide them always.

Parents and First Communion children are asked to be in the church no later than 9:45 a.m.

Guidelines for First Holy Communion

The Parish will provide a photographer to take pictures before, during and after the Liturgy. A week or so later, all parents of the First Communion class will be provided with a flash drive with all the pictures. The flash drives and certificates will have to be picked up from the Church. They will not be mailed to anyone. Due to the sacredness of the Liturgy, **No other cameras or photographers** will be allowed. You are kindly asked to respect these guidelines.

FYI

What kind of devotion is directed to the holy Virgin?

It is a singular kind of devotion which differs essentially from the cult of adoration given only to the Most Holy Trinity. This special veneration directed to Mary finds particular expression in the liturgical feasts dedicated to the Mother of God and in Marian prayers such as the holy Rosary which is a compendium of the whole Gospel. (For further reading: Catechism of the Catholic Church CCC # 971)

In what way is the Virgin Mary the eschatological icon of the Church?

Looking upon Mary, who is completely holy and already glorified in body and soul, the Church contemplates in her what she herself is called to be on earth and what she will be in the homeland of heaven. (For further reading: CCC # 972).



Today 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, *qoley* 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 of 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 Divine Office)

