

The Feast of the Glorious Resurrection

April 20, 2014

Sunday	April 20	<i>The Glorious Resurrection</i> 12:00 Midnight For the Parishioners 9:00 am For the Parishioners 11:00 am For the Parishioners	Req. by: Clergy Req. by: Clergy Req. by: Clergy
		<i>White Week</i>	
Monday	April 21	10:00 am George Martakis	Req. by: Carol Hamid
Tuesday	April 22	10:00 am George Hamid	Req. by: Carol Hamid
Wednesday	April 23	10:00 am Joseph Owen, Sr.	Req. by: Carol Hamid
Thursday	April 24	10:00 am Special Intention	Req. by: Anonymous
Friday	April 25	10:00 am Divine Mercy	Req. by: Anonymous
Saturday	April 26	NO LITURGY	
Sunday	April 27	<i>New Sunday - Sunday of the Divine Mercy</i> 9:00 am for Barbara Segre 10:20 am Devotion to the Divine Mercy 11:00 am 40 Day Liturgy for Sophia Chalhoub	Req. by: Carol Hamid Req. by: Family

Weekly Offering

Collection Sunday:	\$ 4,684.00
Candles:	\$ 112.00
Debt Reduction:	\$ 115.00
Bishop's Appeal:	\$ 987.00
Total:	\$ 5,898.00

Yearly Budget – 2013

<i>Annual Operating Budget:</i>	<i>\$ 300,000.00</i>
Collections to Date:	\$ 33,704.00
Candles to Date:	\$ 1,146.00
Donations to Date:	\$ 6,000.00
Cathedral Stipends to Date:	\$ 1,000.00
Memorials to Date:	\$
Dividends to Date:	\$ 686.71
Rentals to Date:	\$ 18,155.00
Fund Raising/Advertising:	\$ 8,739.00
Debt Reduction to Date:	\$ 1,332.00
Easter /Christmas Flowers:	\$
Bishop's Appeal to Date:	\$ 3,574.00
Altar Bread/Wine/Lamps:	\$ 1,350.00
Total:	\$75,686.71
	- (224,313.29)

Each Quarter we must generate \$68,750.00 in revenue to keep the Cathedral on budget.

Readings

April 20, 2014	<i>Easter Sunday</i>
Reading:	Philippians 2: 1 - 11 (Midnight)
Gospel:	I Corinthians 15: 12 - 26 (Morning)
	Matthew 28: 1 - 10 (Midnight)
	Mark 16: 1 - 8 (Morning)
April 27, 2014	<i>New Sunday - Divine Mercy Sunday</i>
Reading:	II Corinthians 5: 11 - 21
Gospel:	John 20: 26 - 31
May 4, 2014	<i>Third Sunday of Resurrection</i> <i>Feast of Our Lady of Lebanon</i>
Reading:	II Timothy 2: 8 - 13
Gospel:	Luke 24: 13 - 35
May 11, 2014	<i>Fourth Sunday of Resurrection</i> <i>Mother's Day</i> <i>First Holy Communion</i>
Reading:	Hebrews 13: 18 - 25
Gospel:	John 21: 1 - 14

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

Throughout all of Christendom the world is celebrating the Glorious Resurrection of our Lord and Savior. It is celebrated in many ways but yet in all ways the sense of astonishment and joy overwhelms all of us.

From the earliest of times we greeted each other with "Christ is risen! Indeed he is risen!" It is not only a greeting of an obvious nature but a shocking and astonishing greeting of the reality that our God 'lives'. On Easter we celebrate an enormous victory that seems to have won against all odds - that is, until we comprehend the reality of the power of God. After all, it is God who gives us life and then receives it back again after its course on earth is complete. It is God who declared all human life to be precious and good. And, it is God who intended that we should live in the fullness of life forever. Hence, the real meaning of why he rose from the dead!

For us then, as Catholics; the Resurrection is the central event of our salvation, from it, all others flow. Thus, every liturgical celebration refers to it as a fount of inspiration and meaning. Nothing in liturgy could be achieved without being linked to the mystery of the glorious, risen Lord.

In the Maronite Tradition, the solemnity of the resurrection of our Lord is expressed by a special "Rite of Peace." Peace was the first word with which the risen Lord greeted his disciples. His good news to them was, first of all, an announcement of peace. By his resurrection, in fact, he established peace between his Father and the world and, thus, brought creation back to its original destiny. Peace was, then, the primary teaching that the Maronite liturgy has retained from the great event of resurrection.

The Rite of Peace is but a rite of exaltation of the 'empty' and glorious cross - glorious because it is empty. In fact, spoiled from its corpus, the cross proclaims the victory of the risen Lord, fount of our peace. It is not, anymore, the cursed wood, but instead the standard of victory and the tree of life.

Many years ago one of our Maronite priests recounted this story about Easter and our Faith. It is most appropriate at this time.

A brilliant Chinese student asked someone for a New Testament. He took it home and read it. Then he gave this testimony:

"I took the New Testament home with me. I sat down on the floor and read it through before I did anything else. I have read the great writings of Confucius. I wanted to satisfy my hungry heart there. I knocked at the door but no answer came, for Confucius was dead. I read the message of Buddhism seeking that for which my soul so profoundly longed. I knocked at the door of Buddha but no answer came, for Buddha was dead. I read the Koran. My soul longed to find peace there. I knocked at the door but no answer came, for Muhammad was dead. I read the

writings of the greatest patriots and religious leaders of the past. I knocked but no answer came. While reading the New Testament, I found that it claimed its author to be alive. I knocked at the door. I found the living Christ. He came into my soul. Here my hungry heart found peace, a peace for which it longed."

Happy Easter! For the Lord is risen! Indeed he is risen!

Aboona James

Mega Raffle

This evening following the Midnight Liturgy the Mega Raffle will take place. Six individuals will go home winners. There are still some tickets available until the drawing at 2:00 am in the morning. Please help us and make this annual fund-raiser a success.

Bishop's Appeal

We have not reached our goal of \$5500.00. Please help us in this annual appeal for our Eparchy. All monies collected help the Eparchy in assisting our retired priests, seminarians and missions. Please do your part. Thank you!

Annual Street Fair

We are now planning for our Street Fair which will take place on Saturday and Sunday, May 31st and June 1st. Please see the schedule below for dates and times of cooking for this event.

Grape Leaves..... April 30th following the 10:00 am Divine Liturgy until 10:00 pm.

Kibbeh..... May 1st following the 10:00 am Divine Liturgy until 10:00 pm.

First Communion Class

Congratulations to the children and their families of the First Communion class. They received the grace of almighty God in Reconciliation this past Saturday.

There will be Communion rehearsal for all the children of the First Communion class on Saturday, May 3rd at 11:00 am. There will also be another on Saturday, May 10th at 11:00 am. These rehearsal days are very important. All the children must attend. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

Festival Meeting

There will be a meeting of the Festival Section Leaders and all interested volunteers on Sunday, May 4th following the 11:00 am Divine Liturgy. Please make every effort to attend. Thank you!

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Divine Liturgy Schedule

Monday through Saturday at 10:00 AM

Sunday at 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM

Holy Days at 10:00 AM and 7:30 PM

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

First Friday of the month from

10:00 AM until 12:00 Noon.

Reconciliation

10:15 AM to 10:45 Sunday

11:00 AM to 11:45 AM First Friday and
upon Request.

Initiation Rites (Baptism—Chrismation)

Parents and Godparents must meet
with the Rector for Instructions and
then a time will be set for the Baptism
and Chrismation of the child.

Mystery of Crowning (Marriage)

Rector must be notified at least six
months in advance to set up
instructions.

Hospital and Sick Calls

Notify the Rector as soon as possible.

New Parishioners

All are welcome at Our Lady of
Lebanon Cathedral. Please notify the
Rector as soon as possible.

