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## *Third Sunday of the Resurrection* *April 26, 2020*

<b>Sun., April 26</b>	<b>3rd Sunday of the Resurrection</b> Private Divine Liturgy Livestreamed at 10:00 am For Marie Louise Sfeir Nassar Req. by Rita & Norma Ghali & Family
Mon., April 27	NO LITURGY
Tues. , April 28	Private Divine Liturgy                      St. John, One of the 72 Disciples For Fouad Kayyal
Wed., April 29	Private Divine Liturgy                      St. Catherine of Siena, Doctor of the Church For Mimi & Tony Nabhan & Family
Thurs., April 30	Private Divine Liturgy                      St. James, Son of Zebedee, Brother of the Lord The Kayyal Family (Jeanette, Rhonda Hani & Family, Rony & Family)
Fri., May 1	Private Divine Liturgy                      Jeremiah the Prophet The Marjeh Family (Kamil, Kamal, Kareem, Akram, Karim, Kamel, Susie, Leila & Famiy)
Sat., May 2	Divine Liturgy                                      St. Athanasius the Bishop, Doctor of the Church For all who are afraid during this time
<b>Sun., May 3</b>	<b>4th Sunday of the Resurrection/ Feast of Our Lady of Lebanon</b> Private Divine Liturgy Livestreamed at 10:00 am

### **Financial Standing March 2020**

#### **Ordinary Income**

Sundays & Holy Days Collections: **\$10,070.00**

Cathedral Stipends from Marriages & Funerals, Lower Hall Rent, Candles, Breakfast, Luncheon, Bake Sale, Dues, Religious Education, flowers, ....: **\$4,757.00**

**Total Ordinary Income: \$14,847.00**

#### **Ordinary Expense**

Payroll, Gas, Electricity, Building Insurance and Medical Insurance, Leasing Equipment, TV, Phone, Internet, Church, Hall & Office Supplies, Postage, Regular Maintenance, Charity, Eparchial Appeal, Insurance,...

**Total Ordinary Expense: \$20,308.36**

**Total Ordinary Income vs Expense: -\$5,461.36**

**We also brought in some extraordinary income in the amount of: \$42,116.67** (which included Library Rent, Donations for specific projects, or the Capital Campaign)

**Thus, we had to use extraordinary income for ordinary expense to make “ends meet.” It is our hope that ALL extraordinary expense could be set aside for major improvements for the Cathedral. Thus, we need everyone’s help.**

**Thank you for your contribution  
in helping maintain the Church  
and in planning different activities**

## **Challenge to men**

Our world is in desperate need today for good men leaders, men willing to lead the ship of their families to safe harbor in the midst of the waves of this culture of death. Bishop Thomas Olmsted of Phoenix, Arizona challenges men to join in a “primarily spiritual” battle against forces that are “progressively killing the remaining Christian ethos in our society and culture, and even in our homes.” You can check out his Apostolic Exhortation to Catholic Men “Into The Breach” on our [Men’s ministry page](#) of the Family and Sanctity of Life website.

For more information about our ministry  
Check [here and watch the video.](#)

## Dear Beloved Parishioners:

Christ is risen.

A systematic structure is emerging in the Season of the Glorious Resurrection following the sequence of the Gospels proclaimed on Sundays so far. The Gospel of the Sunday of the Glorious Resurrection from Mark reads that the women, after hearing that Jesus was raised, “fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid” (Mark 16: 8). Last week, the Gospel of John spoke about Thomas doubting the resurrection and this Sunday we will be hearing the story of the two disciples going to Emmaus. So we went from an important proclamation that caused fear, followed by doubt, then a journey that will conclude with the reassurance that Christ is truly risen.

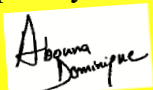
The Evangelist Luke is speaking to a generation of Christians who did not see Jesus with their own eyes and were questioning how they could build a personal relationship with someone who is absent and no longer among them. That generation was feeling that they were second-class Christians since they did not live with the historical Jesus, did not hear his teaching and did not witness his death and resurrection. Their fear and doubts were growing, but Luke is telling them that the living Christ is the very present Lord who was revealed at the breaking of the bread before the two disciples. His presence in the Eucharist makes all believers first-class Christians and every Divine Liturgy becomes Emmaus.

We still have the same problem today. We want to see Jesus in person. People wish they had lived when Jesus was on earth during his public ministry. Luke is reporting that those who were in that fortunate situation and saw Jesus, especially after his resurrection, could not truly know Jesus until he made clear to them the things about himself in all the scriptures beginning with Moses and all the prophets. Only then were they able to recognize him at the breaking of the bread. The Christians in Luke's time had the Scriptures and the breaking of the bread to experience the living Christ.

It was imperative for the two disciples to walk and journey with the risen Lord. Like the women, they were fleeing Jerusalem out of fear of being caught by the Jews or the Romans. And like Thomas, it was necessary for them to doubt, telling their companion, “We had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel” (Luke 24: 21). However, it was also essential for them to listen to Jesus' words and his interpretation and see him at the breaking of the bread for them to know him as their Lord.

Until a month ago, most of us were coming to Church every Sunday and were receiving the Body of Christ, but it seems now that some of us were refusing to be true listeners and were unwilling to walk the journey—the Emmaus journey. Every week, we were given a chance to travel with the Lord day after day so that on Sunday we could receive his Body. But most of the time we stopped halfway through the journey of our week and quit. The Eucharist did not have a full effect in our lives because we were not fully ready for it. Today, we are not afraid of the resurrection and we do not doubt that Jesus was raised from the tomb. Nonetheless, we have not yet completed the journey with Jesus. This COVID-19 time is an opportunity for us to walk on our journey so that when we receive the Body and Blood of Jesus again, after we have been deprived of it, it will hopefully have its transforming effect.

Christ is truly risen.



## The 2020 Eparchial Lenten Appeal

A second collection for the Eparchial Charities Appeal will be taken every Sunday during the Season of Great Lent starting on Sunday March 10th until August 15. We are asked to raise \$5,500 to participate in this awesome mission of the Eparchy. Please read the Bishop's letter inside. We have collected \$2,027 so far. Thanks for your generosity.

## High School & College Scholarships

Students, currently enrolled or about to start attending high school or graduating from high school to college, are eligible to apply for either [the Confraternity of the Immaculate Conception](#), [Knights of St. Maron](#), or [the Joulwan Family](#) scholarships. [Please see the forms online.](#) Students may also apply for the SALAM Club Scholarship.

## Bulletin Advertisement

Business owners who would like to advertise their businesses in the Church bulletin that reaches over 600 households via email. For more information [click here](#) and call the rectory at 718-624-7228.

## The Cathedral Cedar Remembrance Tree

Parishioners and friends can now remember their deceased and honor their living with their names on the commemorative tree located in our Cathedral Chapel vestibule. Please [click here](#) from more details.

## Recommendation of the Finance Council

The Finance Council recommends that parishioners set the Church up for automatic bill pay. This is the best way to keep supporting your spiritual home while on vacation or out-of-town.

## Postponement of the Greece Pilgrimage

Due to the coronavirus, the planned Greece Pilgrimage in the Footsteps of St. Paul was postponed to October 11. It will be the same itinerary as before, but we will be joining another group and hopefully by then this situation will be under control.

## Free Online NFP Session

In order to make sure that couples gain proper understanding of Natural Family Planning, per the Statutes of the Eparchy (No. 71), a free online session is offered to learn an overview of NFP methods and the introductory session to the Creighton Model FertilityCare System presenting the theology and the scientific aspect of NFP. The following are the dates and times: Thursday April 30, Tuesday May 19, Monday June 8 at 7:30pm. To sign up for one of the sessions please contact Marise Frangie at 914-393-8907 or [sanctityoflife@live.com](mailto:sanctityoflife@live.com)



# Save the Date

Thursday, October 1, 2020

Join us for the  
*Eleventh Annual Benefit Dinner for  
The Eparchy of Saint Maron*

At The Water Club, New York

Details to follow

## Order of Saint Sharbel Matching Grant

Good news: Catholic Extension Society recently announced that it will make a \$25,000 grant to our Eparchy in 2020 for our Seminarian Endowments – if certain conditions are met!

Each Eparchy can earn the \$25,000 grant if they enroll at least 15 new Perpetual Members in the Order of Saint Sharbel by December 31. Membership dues and donations must be received by December 31, 2020 to qualify.

This is not the first time that the Eparchies have received matching grants from Catholic Extension. Similar grants were made in 2012, 2013, 2015 and 2016 after the Order of Saint Sharbel met similar challenges. The Eparchies were selected after a competitive application process each time.

Order of Saint Sharbel President Jim Abdo of Minneapolis immediately put out a call to Members of the Order to invite their friends, family members and fellow parishioners to join or to recruit new Members or to make a gift of Membership, saying, “We do not want to waste this great opportunity!”

Perpetual Membership in the Order requires a donation of \$5,000. The payment can be made in one lump sum, or in four quarterly installments over the course of a year. Information on enrolling in the Order can be found on the Order of St. Sharbel’s website, [www.orderstsharbel.org](http://www.orderstsharbel.org), or obtained by contacting any of the following people:

- James Abdo, President of the Order ([jabdo@abdobooks.com](mailto:jabdo@abdobooks.com))
- Charlene Hiffa, Vice President, Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn ([mchiffa@bellsouth.net](mailto:mchiffa@bellsouth.net))
- John Kurey, Stewardship Director, Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn and the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon (718-237-9913 / 314-231-1021; or [saintmaron@yahoo.com](mailto:saintmaron@yahoo.com) / [maroniteswest@yahoo.com](mailto:maroniteswest@yahoo.com)).

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## Sunday Readings

### قراءات الأحد

#### Third Sunday of the Resurrection

##### Second Letter to Timothy 2: 8-13.

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore, I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful for he cannot deny himself.

##### The Gospel according to Saint Luke 24: 13-35.

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

#### الأحد الثالث من زمن القيامة

##### رسالة القديس بولس الثانية إلى طيموثاوس 2: 8-13

يا إخواني، وأنت يا ابني، تذكّر يسوع المسيح الذي قام من بين الأموات، وهو من نسل داود، بحسب إنجيلي، الذي فيه أحتمل المشقات حتى القيود كمجرم، لكن كلمة الله لا تقف. لذلك أصبر على كل شيء من أجل المختارين، ليحصلوا هم أيضًا على الخلاص في المسيح يسوع مع المجد الأبدي. صادقّة هي الكلمة: إن متنا معه نحى معه، وإن صبرنا نملك معه، وإن أنكرناه يُنكرنا، وإن كنا غير أمناء فهو يبقى أمينًا، لأنه لا يقدر أن ينكر نفسه!

##### إنجيل القديس لوقا 24: 13-35

في اليوم عينه، كان اثنان من التلاميذ ذاهبين إلى قرية تدعى عماؤس، تبعد نحو سبعة أميال عن اورشليم. وكانا يتحادثان بكل تلك الأمور التي حدثت. وفيما هما يتحادثان ويتساءلان، إذا يسوع نفسه قد اقترب منهما، وراح يسير معهما. ولكن أعينهما أمسكت عن معرفته. أما هو فقال لهما: «ما هذا الكلام الذي تتحادثان به، وأنتما تسيران؟» (فوفقا غابسين. وأجاب أحدهما، وأسمه كليوباس، فقال له: «هل أنت وحدك غريب عن اورشليم، فلا تعلم ما حدث فيها هذه الأيام؟» فقال لهما: «وما هي؟» فقال له: «ما يتعلق بيسوع الناصري، الذي كان رجلاً نبياً قوياً بالقول والفعل، قدّام الله والشعب كله. وكيف أسلمه أخبارنا ورؤساؤنا ليحكم عليه بالموت، وكيف صلبوه! وكنا نحن نرجو أن يكون هو الذي سيفدي إسرائيل. ولكن مع هذا كله، فهذا هو اليوم الثالث بعد تلك الأحداث.

لكن بعض النساء من جماعتنا أدهشنا، لأنهن ذهبن إلى القبر عند الفجر، ولم يجدن جسد يسوع، فرجعن وقلن إنهن شاهدن ملائكة ترأوا لهن وقالوا إنّه حي! ومضى قوم من الذين معنا إلى القبر، فوجدوه هكذا كما قالت النساء، وأما يسوع فلم يروه. «فقال لهما يسوع:» يا عديمي الفهم، وبطيبي القلب في الإيمان بكل ما تكلم به الأنبياء! أما كان يجب على المسيح أن يعاني تلك الآلام، ثم يدخل في مجده؟» (وقسر لهما ما يتعلق به في كل الكتب المقدسة، مبتدئاً بموسى وجميع الأنبياء. واقتربا من القرية التي كانا ذاهبين إليها، فتظاهر يسوع بأنه ذاهب إلى مكان أبعد. فتمسكا به قائلين: «أمكث معنا، فقد حان المساء، ومال النهار.» فدخل ليمكث معهما. وفيما كان متكئا معهما، أخذ الخبز، وبارك، وكسر، وناول لهما. فاتفحت أعينهما، وعرفاه، فإذا هو قد توارى عنهما. فقال أحدهما للآخر: «أما كان قلبنا مضطربا فينا، حين كان يكلمنا في الطريق، وبشرح لنا الكتب؟» (وقاما في تلك الساعة عينها، ورجعا إلى اورشليم، فوجدوا الأحد عشر والذين معهم مجتمعين، وهم يقولون: «حقا إن الرب قام، وترأى لسمعان.»! أما هما فكانا يُخبران بما حدث في الطريق، وكيف عرفا يسوع عند كسر الخبز.

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