

THIRD SUNDAY

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GLORIOSO DOMINICUS

Third Sunday of Pentecost June 14, 2020

Sun., June 14	3rd Sunday of Pentecost limited to 10 people. 10 am Divine Liturgy for Chukrallah & Mona Haddad Req. by Mr. & Mrs. Pierre Haddad	St. Elisha the Prophet
Mon., June 15	NO LITURGY	
Tues., June 16	10 am Divine Liturgy limited to 10 people. Please Register here	
Wed., June 17	10 am Divine Liturgy limited to 10 people. Please Register here	
Thurs., June 18	10 am Divine Liturgy limited to 10 people. Please Register here St. Leontius of Tripoli	
Fri., June 19	10 am Divine Liturgy limited to 10 people. Please Register here The Sacred Heart of Jesus	St. Jude Thaddeus (Laba)
Sat., June 20	10 am Divine Liturgy limited to 10 people. Please Register here	
Sun., June 21	4th Sunday of Pentecost limited to 10 people. 10 am Divine Liturgy for Youssef & Ghassan Abi Habib Req. by The Abi Habib Family	St. Louis Gonzaga

Financial Standing May 2020

Ordinary Income

Sundays & Holy Days Collections: **\$29,100.15**

Cathedral Stipends from Marriages & Funerals, Lower Hall Rent, Candles, Breakfast, Luncheon, Bake Sale, Dues, Religious Education, flowers, ...: **\$571.20**

Payroll Protection Program Grant: \$9,890.00

Total Ordinary Income: \$39,561.35

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: \$12,803.50

Total Ordinary Income vs Expense: \$26,757.85

**No income was brought in as extraordinary income.
The Library did not pay the May rent.**

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

Grow in your relationships!!

We are all drawn to relationships where we can experience genuine love: friendships, romantic relationships, and ultimately marriage. We know this from our own hearts, which long for love. Learn more about how you can grow in your relationship with others by checking SPICE [here](#).

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

Dear Beloved Parishioners:

Last Sunday we celebrated Trinity Sunday, and the emphasis was on the unity of the three persons of the Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

This unity was established before the beginning of time because the Son is consubstantial, in one being, with the Father, in one substance with him, and the Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father and the Son from all eternity. Actually the word consubstantial is used twice in the Divine Liturgy. First, in the Creed we profess our faith in the second person of the Trinity which is Jesus Christ the only-begotten Son of God consubstantial with the Father, and next, after the short Penitential Rite in the Anaphora we bow our heads and pray before the forgiving altar. Right after this, the priest proclaims: "The grace of the most Holy Trinity eternal and consubstantial be with you, my brothers and sisters, forever."

Let me dwell on this prayer for a minute before getting to Sunday's Gospel. Eternity and Consubstantiality are graces that the Trinity gives us. We are sharers in the eternity of the Trinity because at the creation, God breathed into man the breath of life, and man became a living being. Without this breath from God, we would not have life and it is that breath that is our guarantee of eternity.

The consubstantiality that we are granted comes from the Eucharist when our bodies and souls are mingled with the Body and Blood of Christ. There our human substance is combined and merged with the divine substance of the Trinity.

With all that, the eternity and consubstantiality are to be coated with love. As human beings, we are not going to experience any eternal aspect or feel the consubstantiality with the Trinity unless we love one another. Here the passage this Sunday from John 14: 21-27 comes in: "Those who love me will keep my word and my father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them."

However, love is easier said than done. Christ knew how difficult it was to will the good of others as others, and John the Evangelist expressed this by repeatedly saying: love one another. Love one another as I have loved you. Saint Augustine said it beautifully: "Once and for all, a short rule is laid down for you: 'Love and do what you will. If you keep silence, do it out of love. If you cry out, do it out of love. If you refrain from punishing, do it out of love. Let the root of love be within you. From such a root, nothing but good can come.'"

Love is a challenge and an opportunity. It is a challenge when it calls us to go to meet others where they are. My fear is that we may live our entire life content with our limited friends, the ones that we like and the ones we feel comfortable with, the ones that say yes to all our suggestions. But this would be limiting our scope of love. Love is also an opportunity to explore the divine breath within us. It takes us on a journey of endless sacrifices of love.

We raise our hearts and prayers to you, O Lord, for you are compassionate, merciful and loving. We glorify your divinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.



The 2020 Eparchial Charities Appeal

The Eparchial Charities Appeal will continue to be collected until August 15. We are asked to raise \$5,500 to participate in this awesome mission of the Eparchy. We have collected \$2,277 so far. You may donate [here](#). Thanks for your generosity.

Covid-19 SALAM Club Fundraising

The club decided to undertake a fundraising campaign in view of the Covid-19 pandemic. We wanted to recognize and support the healthcare workers and first responders on the front lines as well as seniors and others in need during these trying times. Any support will be highly appreciated and will be used to help our heroes and our community. You may make your donation [by clicking here](#). Thank you in advance for your contribution and together we can make a difference for our community.

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, you may advertise your businesses in the Church bulletin that reaches over 600 households via email. For more information [click here](#) or call the rectory at 718-624-7228.

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](#) for more details.

Finance Council Recommendation

The Finance Council recommends that parishioners set their Church donation up as an automatic payment. This is the best way to keep supporting your spiritual home while on vacation or out of town. You may also make your contribution online [by clicking here](#).

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.

Project Roots

Bishop Gregory is asking to redouble the efforts to register American citizens of Lebanese descent who would like to regain their Lebanese citizenship. Parishioners are encouraged to register their births and marriages in Lebanon. Please check Project Root's [new website](#) and contact [Zahia Abi Habib](#) for more information.



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, or obtained by contacting any of the following people:

- James Abdo, President of the Order (jabdo@abdobooks.com)
- Charlene Hiffa, Vice President, Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn (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 / maroniteswest@yahoo.com).

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Meet this year’s Seminarists for the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn



Sunday Readings

قراءات الأحد

Third Sunday of Pentecost

First Letter to the Corinthians 2: 1-10

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, 'What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him' these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.

The Gospel according to Saint John 14: 21-27

They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.' Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, 'Lord, how is it that you will reveal yourself to us, and not to the world?' Jesus answered him, 'Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. 'I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

الأحد الثالث من زمن العنصرة

رسالة بولس الأولى إلى أهل كورنتس 10-1:2
يا إخوتي، أنا، لما أتيتكم لأبشركم بسير الله، لم أت ببراعة الكلام أو الحكمة؛ لأني قررت أن لا أعرف بينكم شيئاً إلا يسوع المسيح، وإياه مصلوباً! وقد جنث إليكم بضعف وخوف ورعدة شديدة. ولم يكن كلامي وتبشيري بكلمات الحكمة والإقناع، بل ببرهان الروح والقدرة، لئلا يكون إيمانكم قائماً على حكمة الناس، بل على قدرة الله. غير أننا ننطق بالحكمة بين الكاملين، ولكن لا بحكمة هذا الدهر، ولا بحكمة رؤساء هذا الدهر الذين مصيرهم إلى الزوال. بل ننطق بسير حكمة الله المحجوبة، التي سبق الله فحددها قبل الدهور لمجدنا. وهي الحكمة التي لم يعرفها أحد من رؤساء هذا الدهر، لأنهم لو عرفوها لما صلّوا ربّ المجد. ولكن، كما هو مكتوب: «ما لم تره عين، ولم تسمع به أذن، ولم يخطر على قلب بشر، قد أعدّه الله للذين يحبونه.» (لكن الله أعلنه لنا بروجه، لأن الروح يسبر كل شيء حتى أعماق الله.

إنجيل القديس يوحنا 27-21:14

قال الرب يسوع لتلاميذه: «من كانت لديهِ وصاياي ويحفظها، هو الذي يحبني. ومن يحبني يحبه أبي، وأنا أحبه وأظهر له ذاتي.» قال له يهوذا، لا ذلك الإسخر يوطي: «يا رب، ماذا جرى حتى تظهر ذاتك لنا، لا للعالم؟» أجاب يسوع وقال له: «من يحبني يحفظ كلمتي، وأبي يحبه وإليه تأتي، وعنده نجعل لنا منزلاً. من لا يحبني لا يحفظ كلمتي. والكلمة التي تسمعونها ليست كلمتي، بل كلمة الأب الذي أرسلني. كلمتكم بهذا، وأنا مقيم عندكم. لكن البرقليب، الروح القدس، الذي سيُرسله الأب باسمي، هو يعلمكم كل شيء، ويذكركم بكل ما قلته لكم. أسلام أستودعكم، سلامي أعطيكم. لا كما يعطيه العالم أنا أعطيكم. لا يضطرب قلبكم ولا يخف!

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