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# *Fourth Sunday of Pentecost*

## *June 21, 2020*

Sun., June 21	4th Sunday of Pentecost 10 am Divine Liturgy for Youssef & Ghassan Abi Habib Req. by The Abi Habib Family	St. Louis Gonzaga
Mon., June 22	NO LITURGY St. Eusebuis (Hawshab)	
Tues., June 23	10 am Divine Liturgy The Council of Ephesus	
Wed., June 24	10 am Divine Liturgy Birth of John the Baptist	
Thurs., June 25	10 am Divine Liturgy Zechariah & Elizabeth, Parents of John the Baptist	
Fri., June 26	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Josemaria Escriva & Blessed Yacuub the Capuchin	
Sat., June 27	10 am Divine Liturgy	
Sun., June 28	Feast of Saints Peter & Paul 10 am Divine Liturgy for the Intentions of the Parishioners	St. Irenaeus

### **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:

I have always read that Jesus on the cross died by asphyxiation, but recently I have heard different theories of the cause(s) of Jesus' death. Among them are heart failure, loss of blood, kidney failure, a pulmonary embolism or blockage in a lung, dehydration, or voluntary surrender of life. Most forensic scientists agree that victims of crucifixion died from suffocation, but it seems not the case with Christ.

While theories abound, it is fair to say that there is insufficient proof to safely state exactly how Jesus did die from crucifixion, although nailing someone to a wooden cross was a very common method of execution in the Roman Empire.

At this time of the Feast of the Sacred Heart, another theory of Jesus' death appealed to me in a special way. A few scholars argued that Jesus suffered a cardiac rupture on the cross. Matthew, Mark and Luke report that Jesus shouted before he breathed his last. Medically, it is unlikely for anyone suffocating to shout loudly as he did, but someone suffering a rupture in his heart could sense that his end is near and might cry out. Due to extreme pain and anxiety, the heart gives out and its wall ruptures and breaks. This excruciating pressure makes a person feel that his heart is about to explode. This theory is affirmed when one of the soldiers pierced Jesus' chest/heart with a spear producing a sudden flow of blood and water that had filled the sac around the heart. Thus, the heart rupture theory is a little more reasonable than the others.

In John 13:1, we read, "Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end." How could someone love to the end except by dying out of love? The best expression of this, physically, was his heart exploding out of passion for his people. The Feast of the Sacred Heart celebrates the unconditional love of God toward his unfaithful people. This is beautifully represented when the father received his younger son without question in the Parable of the Prodigal Son in Luke's Gospel. The Psalm of the Readings of that Sunday illustrates this, stating, "Though my heart now condemns me, you are greater than my heart." Even though the heart of the younger son condemned him for leaving his father's house, the father is much larger than the heart of his son. It is very interesting that this line from the Liturgy taken from 1 John 3: 20 does not say the heart of the father is much larger than the heart of his son, but that the father is much larger than the heart of his son. The father in this story is compared to the heart, so he is all "heart" and there is nothing but "heart" in him.

The heart of the human person in the Christian tradition is very important because on it God's will is written. In Luke 22: 42, Jesus said, "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done," and his "sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground." Sounds similar, doesn't it? For sure. Similar to the heart of Jesus on the cross that gushed blood and water. In the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus experienced total surrender of his will or death of his will to conform it 100% to his Father's will, the way he gave his heart unconditionally to us on the cross the next day.

"Lord Jesus, meek and humble of heart, make our hearts like yours."

## 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.

## Bulletin Advertisement

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## 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.





# 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

#### Fourth Sunday of Pentecost

##### First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians 2:11-16

For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God.

Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual. Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are discerned spiritually. Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny. 'For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?' But we have the mind of Christ.

##### The Gospel of St. Luke 10: 21-24

At that same hour Jesus rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, or who the Father is except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.' Then turning to the disciples, Jesus said to them privately, 'Blessed are the eyes that see what you see! For I tell you that many prophets and kings desired to see what you see, but did not see it, and to hear what you hear, but did not hear it.'

#### الأحد الرابع من زمن العنصرة

##### رسالة الأولى إلى أهل قورنتس 2: 11-16

يَا إِخْوَتِي، مَنْ مِنَ النَّاسِ يَعْرِفُ مَا فِي الْإِنْسَانِ إِلَّا رُوحُ الْإِنْسَانِ الَّذِي فِيهِ؟ كَذَلِكَ لَا أَحَدٌ يَعْرِفُ مَا فِي اللَّهِ إِلَّا رُوحُ اللَّهِ.

وَنَحْنُ لَمْ نَأْخُذْ رُوحَ الْعَالَمِ، بَلِ الرُّوحَ الَّذِي مِنَ اللَّهِ، حَتَّى نَعْرِفَ مَا أَنْعَمَ بِهِ اللَّهُ عَلَيْنَا مِنْ مَوَاهِبِ. وَنَحْنُ لَا نَتَكَلَّمُ عَنْ تِلْكَ الْمَوَاهِبِ بِكَلِمَاتٍ تُعَلِّمُهَا الْحِكْمَةُ الْبَشَرِيَّةُ، بَلِ بِكَلِمَاتٍ يُعَلِّمُهَا الرُّوحُ، فَتَعْبُرُ عَنِ الْأُمُورِ الرُّوحِيَّةِ بِكَلِمَاتٍ رُوحِيَّةٍ.

فَالْإِنْسَانُ الْأَرْضِيُّ لَا يَقْبَلُ مَا هُوَ مِنْ رُوحِ اللَّهِ، لِأَنَّ ذَلِكَ عِنْدَهُ حَمَاقَةٌ، وَلَا يَسْتَطِيعُ أَنْ يَعْرِفَ مَا هُوَ مِنْ رُوحِ اللَّهِ، لِأَنَّ الْحُكْمَ فِي ذَلِكَ لَا يَكُونُ إِلَّا بِالرُّوحِ. أَمَّا الْإِنْسَانُ الرُّوحَانِيُّ فَيَحْكُمُ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ، وَلَا أَحَدٌ يَحْكُمُ عَلَيْهِ. فَمَنْ عَرَفَ فِكْرَ الرَّبِّ لِيُعَلِّمَهُ؟ أَمَّا نَحْنُ فَلَمَّا فَكَّرْنَا الْمَسِيحَ

##### إنجيل القديس لوقا 10: 21-24

(بَعْدَ عَوْدَةِ الْاِثْنَيْنِ وَالسَّبْعِينَ تَلْمِيذًا بِفَرَحٍ) أَبْتَهَجَ يَسُوعُ بِالرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ، فَقَالَ: أَعْتَرَفْتُ لَكَ، يَا أَبَتِي، رَبِّ السَّمَاءِ وَالْأَرْضِ، لِأَنَّكَ أَحْفَيْتَ هَذِهِ الْأُمُورَ عَنِ الْحُكَمَاءِ الْفُهَمَاءِ، وَأَظْهَرْتَهَا لِلْأَطْفَالِ. نَعَمْ، أَيُّهَا الْأَبُ، لِأَنَّكَ هكَذَا أَرْتَضَيْتَ. لَقَدْ سَلَّمَنِي أَبِي كُلِّ شَيْءٍ، فَمَا مِنْ أَحَدٍ يَعْرِفُ مَنْ هُوَ الْأَبْنُ إِلَّا الْأَبُ، وَلَا مَنْ هُوَ الْأَبُ إِلَّا الْأَبْنُ، وَمَنْ يُرِيدُ الْأَبْنَ أَنْ يُظَهِّرَهُ لَهُ

ثُمَّ أَلْتَقَيْتَ إِلَى تَلَامِيذِهِ، وَقَالَ لَهُمْ عَلَى انْفِرَادٍ: طُوبَى لِلْعُيُونِ الَّتِي تَنْظُرُ مَا أَنْتُمْ تَنْظُرُونَ! فَإِنِّي أَقُولُ لَكُمْ: إِنَّ أَنْبِيَاءَ وَمَلُوكًا كَثِيرِينَ أَرَادُوا أَنْ يَرَوْا مَا أَنْتُمْ تَنْظُرُونَ، فَلَمْ يَرَوْا، وَأَنْ يَسْمَعُوا مَا تَسْمَعُونَ، فَلَمْ يَسْمَعُوا



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