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# *Seventh Sunday of Pentecost*

## *July 12, 2020*

Sun., July 12	7th Sunday of Pentecost 10 am Divine Liturgy for the Intentions of the Parishioners
Mon., July 13	NO LITURGY
Tues., July 14	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Kateri Tekawitha
Wed., July 15	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Kyriakos & His Mother St. Yolitta
Thurs., July 16	10 am Divine Liturgy The Scapular of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
Fri., July 17	10 am Divine Liturgy for Elie Abou Samra Abou Sleiman Req. Mr. & Mrs. Waleed Ayoub St. Marina, Nun of Qannoubine
Sat., July 18	10 am Divine Liturgy
Sun., July 19	Feast of St. Sharbel & 8th Sunday of Pentecost 10 am Divine Liturgy for the Intentions of the Parishioners

### **Financial Standing June 2020**

#### **Ordinary Income**

Sundays & Holy Days Collections: **\$10,988.18**

Cathedral Stipends from Marriages & Funerals, Lower Hall Rent, Candles, Breakfast, Luncheon, Bake Sale, Dues, Religious Education, flowers, ...: **\$1,130.00**

**Total Ordinary Income: \$12,118.18**

#### **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: \$15,742.81**

**Total Ordinary Income vs Expense: -\$3,624.63**

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

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and in planning different activities**

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Learn more about how you can grow in your relationship with others by checking SPICE [here](#).

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

## Dear Beloved Parishioners:

Last Sunday was a Forty Day Memorial Divine Liturgy for a parishioner. The column this week is from my homily then.

As Christians we are told we should not be crying or grieving at the loss of someone we love. Christ was raised from the dead and trampled death. There is no need to grieve. We are actually told to be happy that the person is joining God.

There are two extremes here. Either we grieve to the point of despair, as if Christ were not raised from the dead, or we rejoice for the person who is joining Jesus Christ, as if life on earth were meaningless and did not matter. These two extremes are to be avoided. We are to grieve the passing of a loved one with Christ's hope in us that the deceased will inherit eternal life.

A lot of times we ask ourselves what is the point of life if we are going to die and join Christ at a given time. The answer is in the passage from the Gospel we just read (Matthew 10:16-25). When Jesus said, "I am sending you like sheep into the midst of wolves," we immediately think of the worst-case scenarios of how the wolves will destroy us. No? In fact, the passage helps us to think this way: "They will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues and you will be dragged before governors and kings. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated."

Sometimes we fall and go in the wrong direction. We get so terrified and afraid of the wolves. This is illustrated in a story an art critic recounted about Leonardo da Vinci when he was planning to paint The Lord's Supper while living in Milan. "Before he could paint the thirteen figures, it was necessary to find men who could serve as models. Each model had to have a face that expressed da Vinci's vision of the particular man he would represent. Needless to say, it proved to be a tedious task to find just the right face. One Sunday, as da Vinci was at the cathedral, he saw a young man in the back praying who looked like da Vinci's idea of how Jesus must have looked. He had the features of love, tenderness, caring, innocence, compassion, and kindness. Arrangements were made for the young man to sit as the model for the Lord. Years went by, and the painting was still not complete. Da Vinci could not find just the right face for Judas. He was looking for a man whose face was streaked with despair, wickedness, greed and sin. He found a man in prison whose face wore all the qualities of Judas for which he had been searching. Consent was given for the prisoner to pose, and he sat as the model for Judas. Leonardo worked feverishly for days. But as the work went on, he noticed certain changes taking place in the prisoner. His face seemed filled with tension, and his bloodshot eyes were filled with horror as he gaped at the likeness of himself being painted. One day, Leonardo sensed the man's uneasiness so greatly that he stopped painting and asked, 'What seems to trouble you so much?' The man buried his face in his hands and was convulsed with sobs. After a long time, he raised his head and inquired, 'Don't you remember me? Years ago I was your model for the Lord Jesus.' This miserable man had turned his back on Christ and turned his life over to sin and the world had sucked him down to its lowest levels of degradation. Things that he at one time hated and despised, now he loved."

Unfortunately, life can change us so much that we become wolves and we lose our sheep status. My friends, our mission is actually to change the wolves into sheep. And Christ is not setting us up for failure. He is equipping us with wisdom and humility to change the wolves into sheep. Please, please let us use these gifts.

So what is the point of living? It is, if we have become, God forbid, wolves, to discover anew what we are meant to be, wise and humble sheep.

ALWAYS REMEMBER, WE ARE ON A MISSION TO CHANGE THE WOLVES INTO SHEEP. HOW? WITH WISDOM AND HUMILITY.

## The 2020 Eparchial Charities Appeal

The Eparchial Charities Appeal will continue to be collected until August 16. We are asked to raise \$5,500 to participate in this awesome mission of the Eparchy. We have collected \$2,377 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 plan to be joining another group.

*Abouna Dominique*

# 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

#### Seventh Sunday of Pentecost

##### Second Letter to the Corinthians 3:1-6

Are we beginning to commend ourselves again? Surely we do not need, as some do, letters of recommendation to you or from you, do we? You yourselves are our letter, written on our hearts, to be known and read by all; and you show that you are a letter of Christ, prepared by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts. Such is the confidence that we have through Christ towards God. Not that we are competent of ourselves to claim anything as coming from us; our competence is from God, who has made us competent to be ministers of a new covenant, not of letter but of spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

##### The Gospel of St. Luke 10: 1-7

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house.

#### الأحد السابع من زمن العنصرة

##### رسالة الثانية إلى أهل قورنتس 3: 1-6

يا إخوتي، أَعُوذُ نَبْدًا فَنُوصِيكُمْ بِأَنْفُسِنَا، أَمْ تُرَانَا نَحْتَاجُ، كَبَعْضِ النَّاسِ، إِلَى رَسَائِلِ تَوْصِيَةِ إِلَيْكُمْ أَوْ مِنْكُمْ؟  
إِنَّ رَسَالَتَنَا هِيَ أَنْتُمْ، وَهِيَ مَكْتُوبَةٌ فِي قُلُوبِنَا، يَعْرفُهَا وَيَقْرَأُهَا جَمِيعُ النَّاسِ.  
أَجَلْ، لَقَدْ أَتَّضَحَّ أَنْكُمْ رَسَالَةُ الْمَسِيحِ، الَّتِي خَدَمْنَاهَا نَحْنُ، وَهِيَ مَكْتُوبَةٌ لَا بِالْجَبْرِ بَلْ بِرُوحِ اللَّهِ الْحَيِّ، لَا عَلَى الْوَاحِ مِنْ حَجَرٍ، بَلْ عَلَى الْوَاحِ مِنْ لَحْمِ أَبِي فِي قُلُوبِكُمْ.  
تِلْكَ هِيَ الْبُتْقَةُ الَّتِي لَنَا بِالْمَسِيحِ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ، وَهِيَ أَنَّنَا لَا نَقْدِرُ أَنْ نَدْعِيَ شَيْئًا كَأَنَّهُ مِنَّا، بَلْ إِنَّ قُدْرَتَنَا هِيَ مِنْ اللَّهِ، فَهُوَ الَّذِي قَدَّرَنَا أَنْ نَكُونَ خُدَامًا لِلْعَهْدِ الْجَدِيدِ، لَا لِلْحَرْفِ بَلْ لِلرُّوحِ، لِأَنَّ الْحَرْفَ يَقْتُلُ أَمَّا الرُّوحُ فَيُحْيِي.

##### إنجيل القديس لوقا 10: 1-7

بَعْدَ ذَلِكَ عَيَّنَ الرَّبُّ اثْنَيْنِ وَسَبْعِينَ آخَرِينَ، وَأَرْسَلَهُمْ اثْنَيْنِ أَمَامَ وَجْهِهِ إِلَى كُلِّ مَدِينَةٍ وَمَوْضِعٍ كَانَ مُزْمَعًا أَنْ يذْهَبَ إِلَيْهِ.  
وَقَالَ لَهُمْ: «إِنَّ الْحِصَادَ كَثِيرٌ، أَمَّا الْفَعْلَةُ فَفَلِيلُونَ. أَطْلُبُوا إِذَا مِنْ رَبِّ الْحِصَادِ أَنْ يُخْرِجَ فَعْلَةً إِلَى حِصَادِهِ.  
إِذْهَبُوا. هَا إِنِّي أَرْسَلُكُمْ كَالْحُمْلَانِ بَيْنَ الذِّئَابِ. لَا تَحْمِلُوا كِبَسًا، وَلَا زَادًا، وَلَا جِدَاءً، وَلَا تُسَلِّمُوا عَلَى أَحَدٍ فِي الطَّرِيقِ.  
وَأَيَّ بَيْتٍ دَخَلْتُمُوهُ، قُولُوا أَوَّلًا: السَّلَامُ لِهَذَا الْبَيْتِ. فَإِنْ كَانَ هُنَاكَ ابْنٌ سَلَامٍ فَسَلَامُكُمْ يَسْتَقِرُّ عَلَيْهِ، وَإِلَّا فَيَرْجِعُ إِلَيْكُمْ. وَأَقِيمُوا فِي ذَلِكَ الْبَيْتِ تَأْكُلُونَ وَتَشْرَبُونَ مِمَّا عِنْدَهُمْ، لِأَنَّ الْفَاعِلَ يَسْتَحِقُّ أُجْرَتَهُ. وَلَا تَنْتَقِلُوا مِنْ بَيْتٍ إِلَى بَيْتٍ.

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