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Consecration of Holy Oils & Ninth Sunday of Pentecost

July 26, 2020

Sun., July 26	The Consecration of Holy Oils & 9th Sunday of Pentecost 10 am Divine Liturgy of the Consecration of Holy Oils
Mon., July 27	NO LITURGY St. Pantaleon
Tues., July 28	10 am Divine Liturgy The Third Council of Constantinople & Blessed Stanley Rother
Wed., July 29	10 am Divine Liturgy
Thurs., July 30	10 am Divine Liturgy for Hasna Azizi Beshar Req. by Mrs. Salma Vahdat Blessed Solanus Casey the Capuchin
Fri., July 31	10 am Divine Liturgy The 350 Martyrs, Disciples of St. Maron & St. Ignatius of Loyola
Sat., August 1	10 am Funeral Divine Liturgy for Ada Torres on her Birthday Req. by Isabel Hernandez St. Shmouni and Her Sons
Sun., August 2	10th Sunday of Pentecost 10 am Divine Liturgy Salam Moussa El Chakar (Jihane Ayoub's Mother) Req. by Mr. & Mrs. Charly Ayoub

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 May and June rent.**

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Dear Beloved Parishioners:

The month of July, since the canonization of St. Sharbel in 1977, has been dedicated to this great saint of Lebanon. The miracles of Saint Sharbel are not limited to Lebanon or the Middle East, but his fame is worldwide. Not only are Christians receiving healings and being cured of a range of diseases, but also people of different religions who belong and are faithful to their own traditions nevertheless seek Saint Sharbel's intercession.

We should not forget though that in July we also celebrate two feasts of groups of martyrs: The Feast of The Three Hundred and Fifty Martyrs on July 31 and The Feast of The Three Blessed Massabki Brothers on July 10.

The Three Hundred and Fifty Martyrs

The Prayer of the Faithful summarizes the story of the Three Hundred and Fifty Martyrs this way. "After the Council of Chalcedon in 451, Syria was divided between those who upheld the teaching of the Council and those who opposed it. The monastery of Saint Maron and those who gathered around it supported the declarations of the Council. Patriarch Severus, however, was at the head of those who rejected the teaching of the Council that in the person of Christ there was both a human nature and a divine nature. Severus and his followers held that in Christ, the incarnate Word of God, there was but a single human-divine nature. In the year 517, a group of monks left the monastery of Saint Maron and went to the monastery of Saint Simon the Stylite near Aleppo. The monks were arrested by a troop of partisans of the "one nature" of Christ who killed three hundred and fifty of the monks. Many of the monks who were only wounded in the attack were able to escape. Alexander, the superior of the monastery of Saint Maron, and the superiors of the neighboring monasteries wrote to Pope Hormisdas in order to inform him of the events that had taken place. The Pope responded on February 10, 518 and encouraged them to persevere in the Catholic faith and praised the faith of the martyred monks."

The Three Blessed Massabki Brothers

Francis, Raphael and Abdel-Mohti Massabki, three Maronite lay brothers from a successful and pious family, were martyred on July 10 in 1860 in the city of Damascus. They were businessmen, but at the same time historians referred to the Massabki clan as people who prayed and read spiritual writings every night in their homes. The family was descended from a Maronite priest, and had lived in Damascus for over 400 years. While Francis and Abdel-Mohti were married men with large families, Raphael lived a quiet life of devotion to Our Lady the Virgin Mary. In addition to participating in their Maronite Divine Liturgy and their parish activities, they also attended the Latin Rite Mass at a Franciscan friary in their neighborhood. In 1860, Syria was swept by a fierce anti-Christian purge in which 11,000 Christians were murdered in Damascus itself. The Turkish army stood by as radical Muslims rose up and falsely accused the native Christians of being in league with foreign powers by virtue of their faith. There were some moderate Muslims who intervened to save whole families and some Muslim neighbors protected the Christians of their district and kept the jihadists out. But these were outnumbered by fanatics who massacred 26,000 Christians in three days. People had fled to safety at the Franciscan Monastery thinking the building would be spared from the fires and looting. But the jihadists were let in by a servant who revealed a hidden door to them. The Massabki Brothers were offered their lives and wealth if they would convert to Islam. According to scholars, the killers stated: "Sheikh Abdallah has sent us to save you from death, and your brothers, your families, and all those who depend upon you for protection, on the condition that you deny your faith and convert to Islam." Abdallah owed money to Francis, but Francis forgave the debt and refused to abandon Christ. He was promptly murdered in front of the altar of Our Lady of Sorrows. Abdel-Mohti was caught at the door of the Franciscan Church and offered his life if he converted. When he did not convert, he was cut up with daggers. Raphael was discovered, and offered his life if he would change religions, but also was slain while praying to Our Lady. The blood of the three Massabki Brothers was mixed with that of eight Franciscan friars. All eleven were beatified by Pope Pius XI in 1926.

The white martyrdom of Saint Sharbel commemorated in the month of July should not by any means overshadow the red martyrdom of the Three hundred and Fifty Martyrs and of the Three Massabki Brothers.

On the contrary, we are to celebrate their feasts with praise and glory and ask them to intercede for us.

Congratulation to the New MYA Board

We would like to thank the previous MYA Board for their hard work last year. We would also like to congratulate the new board:

Tiana El Adem, President

Melissa Safi, Vice President

Dr Joseph Sidaoui, Event Planner

Peter Nehme, Secretary/ Social Media Coordinator

Isabel Hazar, Treasurer.

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 \$3,098 so far. You may donate [here](#). Thanks for your generosity.

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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](#).

Abouna Dominique

The 2020 Eparchial Annual Lenten Appeal

A Second Collection for the Eparchial Charities Appeal will be taken every Sunday until August 16. We are asked to raise \$5,500 to participate in this awesome mission of the Eparchy. Please read the Bishop's letter.



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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we enter into the season of preparation through prayer, fasting and almsgiving, I ask you to recall all the ways in which God has blessed you. As you reflect on that, I also ask you to consider supporting the Eparchy of Saint Maron with a donation to our 2020 Lenten Appeal, to further the Eparchy's mission of service to God's faithful people.

Your generosity towards this year's Annual Eparchial Appeal will support:

- **Seminarians:** We currently have five men preparing for the priesthood. Our seminarians are our future priests, and we want them to get the best education and formation possible. We need your help to invest in their education and formation. Each seminarian costs about \$45,000 per year, in the form of tuition, books, room, board, health insurance and other costs. **40% of your contribution to this year's Annual Appeal will go for Seminarians.**
- **Ministries:** Our ministries to young people, the elderly, families, and in defense of life from conception to natural death, help people at the most critical times in their lives. Please help ensure that the Eparchy can help those in need when they need help the most. **20% of your contribution will go to support Ministries.**
- **Retired Priests:** Collectively, the 15 retired priests of the Eparchy served the faithful for over 500 years. Now, we help them with a modest pension of \$2,000 per month. **20% of your contribution will go to support Retired Priests.**
- **Helping in Lebanon and the Middle East:** The Eparchy assists Lebanon and the Middle East in multiple ways, for example: by applying for grants to American foundations and donors, advocating for the persecuted Christians of the Middle East with the U.S. government, and channeling and providing direct financial assistance. **10% of your contribution will go to support Christians in Lebanon and the Middle East.**
- **Endowment:** The Eparchy's Endowment Fund provides a source of income each year for the needs of the Eparchy and ensures that the Eparchy will have resources in the future. It also provides a "rainy day fund" if needed in the future. **10% of your contribution will be deposited into the Eparchy's Endowment.**

I pray that you will open your heart once again and consider giving a gift. Your participation in this Annual Appeal makes a positive difference in the lives of so many people, both inside the Eparchy, and outside of it in the Middle East. Any gift you make will help.

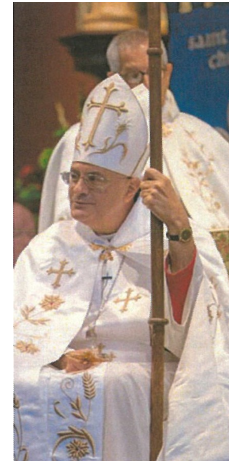
Thank you, and may God bless you for your generosity. I wish you a blessed Lent and Easter.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

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Consecration of the Oils

A Reading from 1 John 2: 20-3:1

But you have been anointed by the Holy One, and all of you have knowledge. I write to you, not because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and you know that no lie comes from the truth. Who is the liar but the one who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, the one who denies the Father and the Son. No one who denies the Son has the Father; everyone who confesses the Son has the Father also. Let what you heard from the beginning abide in you. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, then you will abide in the Son and in the Father. And this is what he has promised us, eternal life.

I write these things to you concerning those who would deceive you. As for you, the anointing that you received from him abides in you, and so you do not need anyone to teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about all things, and is true and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, abide in him. And now, little children, abide in him, so that when he is revealed we may have confidence and not be put to shame before him at his coming. If you know that he is righteous, you may be sure that everyone who does right has been born of him.

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

The Gospel of St. Mark 14: 1-9

It was two days before the Passover and the festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him; for they said, "Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people." While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. But some were there who said to one another in anger, "Why was the ointment wasted in this way? For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor." And they scolded her. But Jesus said, "Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her."

تكريس الزيت

من رسالة القديس يوحنا الأولى، 1 يو 2:20 -

3:1

أَمَّا أَنْتُمْ فَقَدْ قَبِلْتُمْ الْمَسْحَةَ مِنَ الْقُدُّوسِ، وَتَعْرِفُونَ جَمِيعًا. لَمْ أَكْتُبْ إِلَيْكُمْ أَنْتُمْ لَا تَعْرِفُونَ الْحَقَّ، بَلْ أَنْتُمْ تَعْرِفُونَهُ، وَأَنَّهُ مَا مِنْ كَذِبَةٍ تَأْتِي مِنَ الْحَقِّ. مَنْ مِنَ الْكَذَّابِ إِنْ لَمْ يَكُنْ ذَلِكَ الَّذِي يُنْكِرُ أَنَّ يَسُوعَ هُوَ الْمَسِيحُ؟ هَذَا هُوَ الْمَسِيحُ الدَّجَالُ، ذَلِكَ الَّذِي يُنْكِرُ الْآبَ وَالْأَبْنَى. كُلُّ مَنْ أَنْكَرَ الْآبْنَ لَمْ يَكُنْ الْآبَ مَعَهُ. مَنْ شَهِدَ لِلْآبْنِ كَانَ الْآبَ مَعَهُ.

أَمَّا أَنْتُمْ فَلْيَتَنَبَّهُوا فِيكُمْ مَا سَمِعْتُمُوهُ مِنْذُ الْبَدْءِ. فَإِنْ ثَبَّتَ فِيكُمْ مَا سَمِعْتُمُوهُ مِنْذُ الْبَدْءِ، ثَبَّتُمْ أَنْتُمْ أَيْضًا فِي الْآبْنِ وَفِي الْآبِ: ذَلِكَ هُوَ الْوَعْدُ الَّذِي وَعَدَنَا إِيَّاهُ هُوَ بِنَفْسِهِ، إِنَّهَا الْحَيَاةُ الْآبَدِيَّةُ.

هَذَا مَا أَرَدْتُ أَنْ أَكْتُبَ بِهِ إِلَيْكُمْ فِي شَأْنِ أُولَئِكَ الَّذِينَ يَبْتَغُونَ إِضْلَالَكُمْ. أَمَّا أَنْتُمْ فَإِنَّ الْمَسْحَةَ الَّتِي قَبِلْتُمُوهَا مِنْهُ مُقِيمَةٌ فِيكُمْ، فَلَيْسَ بِكُمْ حَاجَةٌ إِلَى مَنْ يُعَلِّمُكُمْ. وَلَمَّا كَانَتْ مَسْحَتُهُ تَتَنَاوَلُ فِي تَعْلِيمِهَا كُلَّ شَيْءٍ، وَهِيَ حَقٌّ لَا بَاطِلَ، كَمَا عَلَّمْتُمْكُمْ، فَاتَّبِعُوا أَنْتُمْ فِيهِ.

أَجَلْ، اتَّبِعُوا فِيهِ الْآنَ، يَا بَنَيَّ. فَإِذَا ظَهَرَ كُنَّا مُطْمَئِنِّينَ، وَلَنْ نَخْزَى فِي بُعْدِنَا عَنْهُ عِنْدَ مَجِيئِهِ. فَإِذَا كُنْتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ أَنَّهُ بَارٌّ، فَاعْرِفُوا أَنَّ كُلَّ مَنْ يَعْمَلُ الْبِرَّ كَانَ لَهُ مَوْلِدًا. أَنْظُرُوا أَيَّ مَحَبَّةٍ خَصَّنَا بِهَا الْآبُ لِنُدْعَى أَبْنَاءَ اللَّهِ، وَإِنَّا نَحْنُ كَذَلِكَ. إِذَا كَانَ الْعَالَمُ لَا يَعْرِفُنَا فَلَنَنْتَهِزَ لَمْ يَعْرِفَهُ.

من إنجيل القديس مرقس 14: 1-9

قال مرقس البشير: وكان الفصح والفطير بعد يومين. وكان عظماء الكهنة والكتبة يبحثون كيف يمسكونه بحيلة فيقتلونه، لأنهم قالوا: «لا في حفلة العيد، لئلا يحدث اضطراب في الشعب».

وبينما هو في بيت عنيا عند سمعان الأبرص، وقد جلس للطعام، جاءت امرأة ومعه قارورة من طيب النازدين الخالص الثمين، فكسرت القارورة وأفاضته على رأسه. فاستاء بعضهم وقالوا فيما بينهم: «لِمَ هذا الإسراف في الطيب؟ فقد كان يمكن أن يباع هذا الطيب بأكثر من ثلاثمائة دينار فتعطي للفقراء».

وأخذوا يذمّمون عليها. فقال يسوع: «دعوها، لماذا تزعجنها؟ فقد عملت لي عملاً صالحاً. أمّا الفقراء فهم عندهم دائماً أبداً، ومتى شئتم، أمكنكم أن تحسنوا إليهم. وأمّا أنا فليست عندهم دائماً أبداً. وقد عملت ما في وسعها، فطيّبت جسدي سالفاً للدفن. الحق أقول لكم: حيثما تُعلن البشارة في العالم كله، يُحدث أيضاً بما صنّعت هذه، إحياء لذكرها».

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