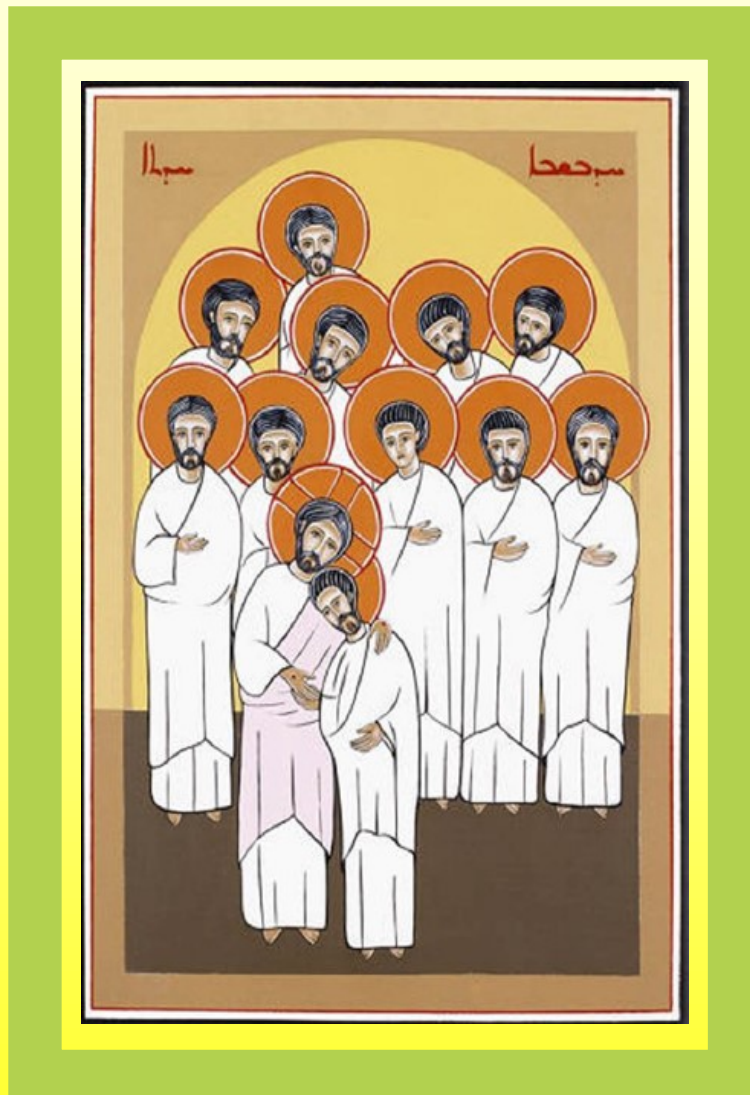


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# New Sunday (Divine Mercy Sunday)

## April 11th, 2021

Sun., April 11	New Sunday (Divine Mercy Sunday)	St. Antipas
	11:30 am for Salam Moussa El Chakar for Raymond Sabbagh & Alice Joan Gorayeb for Salwa Khalil Ache for Odette Diab Forty Day for Antoine Ayali	Req. by Mr. & Mrs. Charly Ayoub Req. by Eleanor Sabbagh Req. by the Ache Family Req. by Philip Diab Req. by the Family
Mon., April 12	NO LITURGY Sts. Mennas, Hermogenes & Eugraphus	
Tues., April 13	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Zosimas	
Wed., April 14	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Hermenegild the King	
Thurs., April 15	10 am Divine Liturgy Pope St. Soter	
Fri., April 16	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Bernadette Soubirous	
Sat., April 17	10 am Divine Liturgy Pope St. Agapitus	
Sun., April 18	Third Sunday of the Resurrection 11:30 am for Michel Merhej for Maron Fakhoury	Req. by the Merhej Family Req. by His wife, Lina Fakhoury

### February 2021 Financial Standing

#### Ordinary Income

- ♦ Collections on Sundays & Holy Days : **\$22,867.72**
- ♦ Cathedral Stipends from Marriages & Funerals, Hall Rent, Candles, Breakfast, Luncheon, Raffle, Dues, Religious Education, Flowers .... **\$32,537.82**

**Total Ordinary Income: \$55,405.54**

#### Ordinary Expenses

- ♦ Payroll, Gas, Electricity, **Building Insurance (Paid in Full \$41,002)** and Medical Insurance, Leasing Equipment, TV, Phone, Internet, Church, Hall & Office Supplies, Postage, Regular Maintenance, Charity, Eparchial Appeal, Insurance....

**Total Ordinary Expenses: \$23,961.81**

**Total Ordinary Income vs Expenses: \$31,443.73**

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**Do you know? A couple of basic monthly expenses:**

**Cathedral monthly building insurance: \$3,484.00**

**Monthly Eparchial Assessment & Bishop's Appeal: \$2,125.00**

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Dear Parishioners & Friends:

Last week, the Gospel on Sunday concluded with a shocking verse from Mark. It read, "So they [the women] went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid" (Mark 16:8). It seemed that Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome failed to bring the good news of the resurrection to the disciples. There was doubt and confusion among the Apostles. Was he alive? Was he raised? These kinds of questions were asked by the disciples.

This Sunday the Gospel talks about the Apostle Thomas coming to believe in the resurrection of Jesus. At a previous appearance of the Lord—not read this Sunday—Thomas was not present with the other disciples, so he doubted, saying, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe" (John 20:25).

The disciples were still in shock at the crucifixion of their master that Friday and could not understand how the Romans with the Jewish authorities would go so far as to crucify Jesus. The crimes that they accused Jesus of were false and if they had been true, the punishment should not have been crucifixion. To them, it was out of the question for their master to die on the cross. It looked like the Twelve did not want to believe that their rabbi was dead and did not want to admit the shameful way he was executed by being hung on the cross.

Now on Sunday Morning, the disciples could not bear another shocking reality: that their master was raised and was alive. In fact, the disciples had not recovered from the terrible experience of the crucifixion and were not ready for yet another astonishing truth. Psychologically speaking, for an unexpected death or unjust murder, in the stages of mourning of the family and close friends of the victim, there is usually a phase of denial. So Thomas might have thought that the disciples did not want to admit that their master was now dead. Thomas seemed to be ahead of the disciples in moving on with his life by admitting that Jesus was dead. Please remember in the first appearance, Thomas was not with the other disciples in the upper room which probably meant he had put thoughts of Jesus behind him. That was it for him: Jesus was dead and the disciples' fellowship would be ending soon.

But here is the Lord appearing again to his disciples and especially to Thomas. After Jesus' greeting, he asked Thomas to look and see his wounds and to put his finger in the nail marks of his hands and feet, and in his side. At that moment, Thomas believed because he saw the resurrected Lord who would be bearing forever the marks and signs of his crucifixion. The mystery of the death and resurrection of our Lord is not two separate events but one. There is a connection between the death and the resurrection, between its suffering and its glory. And in Jesus' body, this mystery is revealed. Thomas doubted Jesus' resurrection, not his death, but Jesus showed him the marks of his death as proof. It was not Jesus' appearance or the empty tomb or anything other than the marks on Jesus' body that made Thomas believe.

My friends, thus, bearing the marks of the crucifixion for eternity is a pledge that our Lord will always bear our sins.

Christ is risen, he is truly risen!

### **The 2021 Eparchial Annual Lenten Appeal**

Thanks for your contribution to the 2021 Eparchial Annual Lenten Appeal. We were asked to raise \$5,500 to help the Eparchy with Priests Retirement Funds, tuitions for the seminarians and charities in the Middle East especially Lebanon. We have met the Appeal. Thanks for your generosity.

### **Knights Easter Raffle**

The Knights are sponsoring an Easter Raffle. Tickets are available from Samer Hadchiti, Edgard Abi Daher, Roger Shammass and Georges El Hage. The drawing will take place on Sunday, April 11th after the 11:30 Divine Liturgy.

### **Catholic Relief Services Lenten Rice Bowl**

Please bring your RICE BOWL to the Church within the next two weeks, so we can send our contribution to Catholic Relief Services Office. Your donation helps to eliminate hunger and malnutrition in our human family, and to take action to end this global injustice.

### **33 Days to Morning Glory, A Do-it-yourself Retreat**

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### **Vocations Awareness Poster—Essay**

Students grades K to 12 are encouraged to participate in the Vocations Awareness Poster—Essay Multimedia Contest through NAM. Click [here](#) for guidelines and information. Also you can ask Subdeacon Adonis El-Asmar or Marian Ciaccia for more information. This year let us have more students take part in the contest.

### **Altar Server Schedule**

Subdeacon Norbert Vogl puts together the schedule for the altar servers. We will only have two servers each Sunday helping on the Altar. Please register your children with the Subdeacon.

### **Bulletin Advertisement**

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*Abouna Dominque*



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## Sunday Readings

### قراءات الأحد

#### New Sunday

Second Letter to the Corinthians 5,11-21.

Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences.

We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore, all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

#### The Gospel according to Saint John 20:26-31

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

#### الأحد الجديد

رسالة القديس بولس الثانية إلى أهل كورنثس 5:11-21  
يا إخواني، بما أننا نعرف مخافة الرب، نحاول أن نقنع الناس. ونحن معزوفون لدى الله، ولكني أمل أن نكون معزوفين أيضًا في ضمائركم.

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لقد مات عن الجميع، لكي لا يخيا الأحياء من بعد لأنفسهم، بل للذي مات عنهم وقام من أجلهم.

إذا فمُنذ الآن نحن لا نعرف أحدًا معرفة بشرية، وإن كنا قد عرفنا المسيح معرفة بشرية، فالآن ما عدنا نعرفه كذلك.

إذًا، إن كان أحد في المسيح فهو خلق جديد: لقد زال القديم، وصار كل شيء جديدًا.

وكل شيء هو من الله، الذي صالحنًا مع نفسه بالمسيح، وأعطانا خدمة المصالحة؛

لأن الله صالح العالم مع نفسه بالمسيح، ولم يحاسب الناس على زلاتهم، وأودعنا كلمة المصالحة.

إذا فنحن سفراء المسيح، وكأن الله نفسه يدعوكم بواسطتنا. فنسألُكم باسم المسيح: تصالحوًا مع الله!

إن الذي ما عرف الخطيئة، جعله الله خطيئة من أجلنا، لنصير نحن فيه برًا لله.

#### إنجيل القديس يوحنا 20:26-31

بعد ثمانية أيام، كان تلاميذ يسوع ثمانية في البيت، وثوما معهم. جاء يسوع، والأبواب مغلقة، فوقف في الوسط وقال: «السلام لكم.»

ثم قال لثوما: «هات إصبعك إلى هنا، وأنظر يدي. وهات يدك، وضعها في جنبِي. ولا تكن غير مؤمن بل كن مؤمنًا.»

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وإنما دُوِّنَتْ هذه لكي تؤمنوا أن يسوع هو المسيح ابن الله، ولكي تكون لكم، إذا آمنتم، الحياة باسمه.

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