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# *Feast of Pentecost* *May 23rd, 2021*

Sun., May 23	<b>Pentecost Sunday</b> 11:30 am Forty Day for Chebel Azar & Hanna El Adem	<b>Tobias the Righteous</b> Req. by Mr. & Mrs. Chaouki El Adem
Mon., May 24	NO LITURGY St. Simeon the Stylite, Disciple of St. Maron	
Tues., May 25	10 am Divine Liturgy for Joelle Makary, Said, Sarkis, Youssef, Ghorra, Joyce St. Eleutherius & his Mother	Req. by Deacon & Mrs. Peter Frangie
Wed., May 26	10 am Divine Liturgy for Joelle Makary, Said, Sarkis, Youssef, Ghorra, Joyce St. Carpus, Disciple of St. Paul	Req. by Deacon & Mrs. Peter Frangie
Thurs., May 27	10 am Divine Liturgy for the First Communion Class of 2021 Sts. Theodora & Didymus	
Fri., May 28	10 am Divine Liturgy for the First Communion Class of 2021 St. Heliconis	
Sat., May 29	10 am Divine Liturgy for Dr. Massoud Vahdat St. Rita of Cascia	Req. by Mrs. Salma Vahdat
Sun., May 30	<b>Sunday of the Most Holy Trinity</b> 11:30 am Forty Day for Rose Matli for Antoine Toum for John Wu	<b>Pope St. Felix I</b> Req. by Ghassan Matli & Family Req. by Mr. & Mrs. Antoine Saba Req. by Mr. & Mrs. Maroun Mourad

## April 2021 Financial Standing

### Ordinary Income

- ◆ Collections on Sundays & Holy Days: **\$26,697.00**
- ◆ Cathedral Stipends from Marriages & Funerals, Hall Rent, Candles, Breakfast, Luncheon, Raffle, Dues, Religious Education, Flowers .... **\$12,169.00**

**Total Ordinary Income: \$38,866.00**

### Ordinary Expenses

- ◆ 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 Expenses: \$25,539.60**

**Total Ordinary Income vs Expenses: \$13,326.40**

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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**

**The Library is no longer renting the hall. The space was vacated at the end of October.**

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in helping maintain the Church  
and in planning different activities**

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### ONLINE:

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### FAMILY-TO-FAMILY HELP THROUGH CARITAS LEBANON

In coordination with Caritas Lebanon, a family in the United States is now able to sponsor a family in Lebanon. The sponsorship varies from \$50 to \$100 per month depending on the size and the need of the family.

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Dear Parishioners & Friends,

This Sunday the Church celebrates the Feast of Pentecost, the descent of the Holy Spirit on the disciples and the inception of the Church. Everything that the Church does today is through and by the empowerment and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. After Christ's life on earth, the disciples needed someone to remind them of the teachings of their Master and Lord. That someone was the Holy Spirit who helped them reenact what they saw and experienced with Christ. The disciples knew that on their own they could not do this. Nonetheless, through the Spirit of Truth, the Paraclete, the consoler and comforter, the Church was able to fulfill its primary function of being on mission, of being sent into the world.

Most of Christ's teachings and his preaching were on the road as he was journeying with his disciples bringing the Gospel to surrounding towns and villages. The Church, the body of Christ, has as its inheritance to follow its founder through the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Thus, the Church by nature is the missionary of the Good News of Christ to the world in words and deeds. The Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, constantly exercises the act of sending. The Father sent messengers and prophets in the past and in the fullness of time he sent his only Son. At Pentecost, he sent the Holy Spirit who continuously renews the Church and gives her the grace and power to be sent on mission as well.

Talking about Pentecost, the Evangelist Luke in the Acts of the Apostles 2 recounts that suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind and it filled the entire house in which the disciples were staying. And tongues of fire came and rested on each one of them. As a result, the disciples, who had been confined to a room, came out speaking different languages. The strong wind was heard in the entire city of Jerusalem. Because it was the old Feast of the Pentecost that the Jews were celebrating which commemorated the giving of the Ten Commandments, a large crowd, that had come from every nation under the sky to Jerusalem, was gathered and each heard the disciples in their own language. It is like the disciples were no longer hiding for fear of the Romans and the Jews and the walls of their house came down and exposed them to the people. In addition, those people felt amazed and astounded at hearing and understanding the disciples and asked, "Are not all these people who are speaking Galileans?"

Thus, there are two fruits as a result of the coming of the Holy Spirit. The first is that there should be no walls that divide us from the people of the world. Our mission is to keep breaking down the walls of division between the Church and the world. The second fruit is the gift of communication and the ability to dialogue with others on a different level that is the language of love and mercy which drives away all division and misunderstanding.

On Sunday, May 25, 2014, the Feast of Pentecost, Pope Francis invited Presidents Abbas of Palestine, a Muslim, and Peres of Israel, a Jew, to come for an invocation of peace. Both of them accepted the invitation along with Patriarch Bartholomew of the Greek Orthodox Church. Each one of them spoke a different language, was raised differently and had a different worldview, but they all came together to pray for peace. The Pope's initiative made this happen without doubt through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. The news coming from the Holy Land at this time as we are approaching the Feast of Pentecost has been devastating. Rockets have been killing people and bombs destroying buildings. It seems that the walls of division need more breaking down. Even when the two groups fighting are not Christians, we are still responsible for bringing peace, testifying that the Church continues to be the light of the world. Let us not feel indifferent to what is going on and continue to pray for the Holy Spirit to inspire the leaders of the world toward peace.



### **May Devotions to Mary**

During the month of May, the Cathedral will pray the rosary after the 10 am Divine Liturgy from Tuesday to Saturday. On Sundays, the 11:30 am Divine Liturgy is concluded with the blessing of the icon of the Virgin Mary.

### **MYA Gala**

The Brooklyn MYA is hosting its first annual gala on Friday, June 4th, at 8 pm at Sirico's Catering Hall. Please RSVP as soon as possible [here](#).

### **High School & College Scholarships**

Students who are graduating from middle school to high school and 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 find the applications [here](#). We will give out the scholarships at the graduation Liturgy on June 13th.

### **Vaccinate Lebanon!**

Lebanese American University (LAU), the American University of Beirut (AUB), l'Université Saint-Joseph (USJ), and Saint George Hospital University Medical Center (SGHUMC) are combining their purchasing power to secure over 200,000 vaccine doses from FDA-approved manufacturers. Click [here](#) to view the video and make a donation.

### **New Movie: Roe v. Wade**

The new movie Roe v. Wade is on Amazon and iTunes. Even though it is currently number one in drama, some platforms are making it impossible to find it. Please let us support this movie to uncover the lies behind the industry of abortion. Please click here for [iTunes](#) and here for [Amazon](#)

### **Vocation 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 only have two servers each Sunday helping on the altar. Please register your children with the Subdeacon.

### **Bulletin Advertisement**

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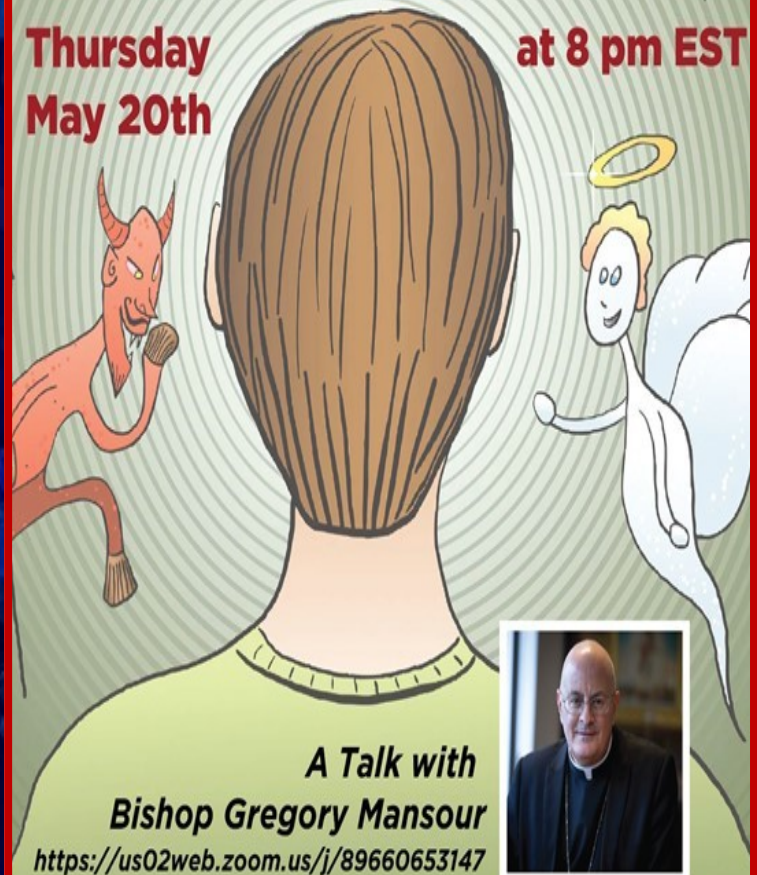
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## Sunday Readings

### قراءات الأحد

#### Seventh Sunday of the Resurrection

##### Letter to the Ephesians 1: 15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason

I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

##### The Gospel according to Saint John 13: 31-35

When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him.

If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once.

Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come."

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

#### الأحد السابع من زمن القيامة

##### رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل أفسس 1: 15-23

يا إخوتي، أنا أيضًا، وقد سمعتُ بإيمانكم بالربِّ يسوع، ومحبتكم لجميع الإخوة القديسين، لا أزال أشكر الله من أجلكم، وأذكركم في صلواتي،

ليُعطيكم إله ربنا يسوع المسيح، أبو المجد، روح الحكمة والوحي في معرفتكم له،

فَيُنِيرَ عَيْنَ قُلُوبِكُمْ، لِتَعْلَمُوا مَا هُوَ رَجَاءُ دَعْوَتِهِ،

وَمَا هُوَ غِنَى مَجْدٍ مِيراثِهِ فِي الْقَدِيسِينَ،

وَمَا هِيَ عَظَمَةُ قُدْرَتِهِ الْفَائِقَةِ مِنْ أَجْلِنَا، نَحْنُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ، بِحَسَبِ عَمَلِ عِزَّةِ قُوَّتِهِ،

الَّذِي عَمَلَهُ فِي الْمَسِيحِ، إِذْ أَقَامَهُ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ،

وَأَجْلَسَهُ إِلَى يَمِينِهِ فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ،

فَوْقَ كُلِّ رِئَاسَةٍ وَسُلْطَانٍ وَقُوَّةٍ وَسَيَادَةٍ، وَكُلِّ اسْمٍ مُسَمًّى، لَا فِي هَذَا الدَّهْرِ وَحَسَبُ، بَلْ فِي الْآتِي

أَيْضًا؛ وَأَخْضَعَ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ تَحْتَ قَدَمَيْهِ، وَجَعَلَهُ فَوْقَ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ، رَأْسًا لِلْكَنِيسَةِ،

وَهِيَ جَسَدُهُ وَمِلْؤُهُ، هُوَ الَّذِي يَمَلَأُ الْكُلَّ فِي الْكُلِّ.

##### إنجيل القديس يوحنا 13: 31-35

لَمَّا خَرَجَ يَهُودَا الإِسْخَرِيوطِيُّ قَالَ يَسُوعُ: «الآن

مُجِّدَ ابْنِ الْإِنْسَانِ وَمُجِّدَ اللَّهِ فِيهِ.

إِنْ كَانَ اللَّهُ قَدْ مُجِّدَ فِيهِ، فَاللَّهُ سَيُمَجِّدُهُ فِي دَاتِهِ،

وَحَالًا يُمَجِّدُهُ.

يَا أَوْلَادِي، أَنَا مَعَكُمْ بَعْدَ زَمَنًا قَلِيلًا. سَتَطْلُبُونِي،

وَلَكِنْ مَا قُلْتُهُ لِلْيَهُودِ أَقُولُهُ لَكُمْ الْآنَ: حَيْثُ أَنَا

أَمْضِي لَا تَقْدِرُونَ أَنْ تَأْتُوا.

وَصِيَّةٌ جَدِيدَةٌ أُعْطِيكُمْ، أَنْ تُحِبُّوا بَعْضُكُمْ بَعْضًا.

أَجَلْ، أَنْ تُحِبُّوا بَعْضُكُمْ بَعْضًا كَمَا أَنَا أَحْبَبْتُكُمْ.

بِهَذَا يَعْرِفُ الْجَمِيعُ أَنَّكُمْ تَلَامِيذِي، إِنْ كَانَ فِيكُمْ حُبٌّ بَعْضِكُمْ لِبَعْضٍ.»

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