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# Saints Peter & Paul

## June 27th, 2021

Sun., June 27	Saints Peter & Paul 11:30 am for Subdeacon Norbert & Leila Vogl on their 25th Wedding Anniversary	St. Samson the Hospitable
Mon., June 28	NO LITURGY St. Irenaeus	
Tues., June 29	10 am Divine Liturgy for Youssef Abi Habib Saints Peter & Paul (Actual Feast)	Req. by the Abi Habib Family
Wed., June 30	10 am Divine Liturgy for Youssef Abi Habib The Twelve Apostles	Req. by the Abi Habib Family
Thurs., July 1	10 am Divine Liturgy for Youssef Abi Habib Pope St. Gregory / St. Junipero Serra	Req. by the Abi Habib Family
Fri., July 2	10 am Divine Liturgy for Youssef Abi Habib The Visitation of the Virgin to her Cousin Elizabeth	Req. by the Abi Habib Family
Sat., July 3	10 am Divine Liturgy for Youssef Abi Habib St. Jerome, Doctor of the Church	Req. by the Abi Habib Family
Sun., July 4	7th Sunday of Pentecost 11:30 am for Michael A. Perun	St. Andrew the Hymnographer, Bishop of Crete Req. by Mr. & Mrs. Jorge Leon

### May 2021 Financial Standing

#### Ordinary Income

- ◆ Collections on Sundays & Holy Days: **\$12,479.86**
- ◆ Cathedral Stipends from Marriages & Funerals, Hall Rent, Candles, Breakfast, Luncheon, Raffle, Dues, Religious Education, Flowers .... **\$12,229.78**

**Total Ordinary Income: \$24,709.64**

#### 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: \$18,402.55**

**Total Ordinary Income vs Expenses: \$6,307.09**

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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.**

**Thank you for your contribution  
in helping maintain the Church  
and in planning different activities**

### HELP LEBANON!



#### BY CHECK:

Make your donation to Lebanon by sending a check to the Eparchy of St. Maron of Brooklyn and in the memo designate your charity either to Caritas, Lebanon, Saint Vincent de Paul or The Franciscan Sisters of the Holy Cross.

#### ONLINE:

You may also donate online by clicking [here](#).

#### 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.

Please click [here](#) to sponsor a family and for additional information.

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

Woody Allen's famous quote that "90% of success is just showing up" can be a helpful reminder, especially in a world where a lot of people lack reliability and consistency. Many today schedule appointments of different kinds and decide to skip them for reasons as banal and mediocre as "I do not feel like going today." What is worse is that a few of them might not even call to let those who are waiting know that they cannot make it. Please bear in mind that sometimes one appointment may change the entire life of a person.

When going to a job interview, applicants make sure that they are there on time or even 15 minutes early, but that is not enough. In addition to preparing beforehand, they practice their answers and then do their best to encourage the interviewer to consider them for the position.

Every day and most important every Sunday in the Eucharist, God sets an appointment with us and seeks our worship as if he awaits the hour of our prayer.

Throughout the years, I have discovered that there are degrees of participation in the Divine Liturgy. There are those who completely ignore God's invitation to be united with him and share in his sufferings and joy. And Sundays become for them the last day of the week to cope with their stresses and anxieties and to rest from the hardships of life. They do this instead of making Sunday the first day of the week when praises and thanks are to be lifted up in worship of the Most High, the giver of life, who enables us to conquer the world's difficulties through him.

Also there are those who come to the Sunday Eucharistic celebration with the Woody Allen attitude that showing up is enough. This is similar to a person who was given the position that he applied for but is spending his days spinning around in his chair. This is not going to get him very far. Yes, showing up to Church on Sunday is enough to fulfill the obligation. However, our relationship with God is not only based on rights and obligations. The Divine Liturgy is an encounter with the person of Jesus Christ who is present body, blood, soul and divinity in the Eucharist.

Another group are the people who not only come to Church, but are passionate about their worship and the celebration they are about to engage in. They follow the text of the liturgy by opening the Book of Offering, responding to the priest and singing along

Turning up at Church is a great start. While we are there, we may as well give it everything we have. Let us strive to belong to the last group and move beyond the Woody Allen attitude.



### **Peter's Pence Second Collection**

There will be a second collection this Sunday for the Holy Father. The entire collection is sent to the Holy Father to assist him in providing emergency financial assistance to aid the most needy throughout the world.

### **MYA & MYO Gathering**

The MYA & MYO will gather at the Church on Friday July 2nd for a barbecue at 7 pm.

### **Abouna Dominique Out-of-town**

Abouna Dominique will be out of town to celebrate a wedding from June 25th to the 27th. The daily Liturgy is canceled on these days. Bishop Gregory will be celebrating on Sunday June 27th.

### **Confraternity & Knights Boards**

Because of the circumstances of 2020-2021, members of the Confraternity and Knights voted to extend the terms of their officers for another two years.

### **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](#)

### **Bulletin Advertisement**

Business owners, you may advertise your businesses in the Church bulletin that reaches over 600 households via email. For more information click [here](#) or call the rectory at 718-624-7228.

### **Cathedral Cedar Remembrance Tree**

Parishioners and friends can now remember their deceased and honor the 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 has recommended that parishioners set up their Church donation 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](#).

### **Lector Ministry**

If you wish to be put on the next schedule of lectors, please see Subdeacon Adonis El-Asmar or email the Church at [cathrectory@verizon.net](mailto:cathrectory@verizon.net)

### **Postponement of the Greece Pilgrimage**

Due to the coronavirus, the planned Greece Pilgrimage in the Footsteps of St. Paul was postponed to October 10-19, 2021. It will be the same itinerary as before, but we plan to be joining another group.

Join us virtually for  
The 2021 National Maronite Youth Days



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June 26, 2021 4-6PM EST  
June 27, 2021 4-6:30PM EST

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## *Save the Date*

*Thursday, October 7, 2021*

Join us for the  
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Details to follow

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on Saturday, July 17, 2021 at 11 am  
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A RECEPTION WILL IMMEDIATELY FOLLOW  
IN THE CHURCH SOCIAL HALL

PLEASE RESPOND BY JUNE 26, 2021 TO MARISE FRANGIE  
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FATHER PETER WILL CELEBRATE THE DIVINE LITURGY  
AT THE CATHEDRAL ON SUNDAY, JULY 18, 2021 AT 11:30AM

THE ORDINATION AND DIVINE LITURGY WILL BE  
LIVE-STREAMED VIA THE WEBSITE OLOLC.ORG



*The Lord is my Shepherd; There is nothing I shall want.*  
PSALM 23:1

الربُّ راعيٌّ فلا يعوزني شيءٌ . مزمور ٢٣ : ١

## Sunday Readings

### قراءات الأحد

#### Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, The Apostles

##### Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians 11: 21-30

To my shame, I must say, we were too weak for that! But whatever anyone dares to boast of I am speaking as a fool I also dare to boast of that. Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they descendants of Abraham? So am I. Are they ministers of Christ? I am talking like a madman I am a better one: with far greater labors, far more imprisonments, with countless floggings, and often near death. Five times I have received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one.

Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I received a stoning. Three times I was shipwrecked; for a night and a day I was adrift at sea; on frequent journeys, in danger from rivers, danger from bandits, danger from my own people, danger from Gentiles, danger in the city, danger in the wilderness, danger at sea, danger from false brothers and sisters; in toil and hardship, through many a sleepless night, hungry and thirsty, often without food, cold and naked. And, besides other things, I am under daily pressure because of my anxiety for all the churches. Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to stumble, and I am not indignant? If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness.

##### The Gospel of Saint Matthew 16: 13-20

Then Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?'

Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.'

And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

#### عيد القديسين بطرس وبولس الرسولين

رسالة القديس بولس الثانية إلى 11: 21-30  
يا إخوتي، أقول وأخجل، كما لو كنا ضعفاء! وأقول كجاهل: إن كل ما يجزؤ عليه هؤلاء، أجزؤ عليه أنا أيضاً: أ هم عبرانيون؟ أنا أيضاً عبراني! أ هم إسرائيليون؟ أنا أيضاً إسرائيلي! أ هم نسل إبراهيم؟ أنا أيضاً نسل إبراهيم!

أ هم خدام للمسيح؟ أقول كمن فقد صوابه: أنا أكثر! في الأتعاب أكثر! في السجون أكثر! في الضربات أكثر جداً! في أخطار الموت أكثر بمرات كثيرة! تلقيت الجلد من اليهود خمس مرات، كل مرة أربعين جلدة إلا واحدة! ضربت بالعصي ثلاث مرات! رجمت مرة واحدة! أنكرت بي السفينة ثلاث مرات! قضيت في عرض البحر ليلة ونهاراً! فمت بأسفار كثيرة، كنت في أخطار من الأنهار، أخطار من اللصوص، أخطار من أمتي، أخطار من الأمم، أخطار في المدينة، أخطار في الصحراء، أخطار في البحر، أخطار بين الإخوة الكذبة! عانيت التعب، والكد، والسهر مرات كثيرة، والجوع، والعطش، والصوم مرات كثيرة، والبرد، والغري! أضفت إلى ذلك، ما علي من الأعباء كل يوم، والأهتمام بجميع الكنائس! من يضعف ولا أضعف أنا؟ ومن يقع في الخطيئة ولا أخطئ أنا؟ وإن كان لا بد من الأفخار، فأنا أفخر بأوهاني!

##### إنجيل القديس متى 16 : 13-20

جاء يسوع إلى نواحي قيصرية فيلبس فسأل تلاميذه قائلًا: «من يقول الناس إني أنا ابن الإنسان؟» فقالوا: «بعضهم يقولون: يوحنا المعمدان؛ وآخرون: إيليا؛ وغيرهم: إرميا أو أحد الأنبياء.» قال لهم: «وأنتم من تقولون إني أنا؟» فأجاب سمعان بطرس وقال: أنت هو المسيح ابن الله الحي!

فأجاب يسوع وقال له: «طوبى لك يا سمعان بن يونا! لأنه لا لحم ولا دم أظهر لك ذلك، بل أبي الذي في السموات. وأنا أيضاً أقول لك: أنت هو بطرس، أي الصخرة، وعلى هذه الصخرة سأبني بيعتي، وأبواب الجحيم لن تقوى عليها. سأعطيك مفاتيح ملكوت السموات، فكل ما تربطه على الأرض يكون مربوطاً في السموات، وما تخله على الأرض يكون مخلولاً في السموات.»

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