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New Sunday (Divine Mercy Sunday) April 24th, 2022

Sun., April 24	New Sunday (Divine Mercy Sunday) 9 am 40 Day for Amale Chalhoub 11:30 am 40 Day for Amale Chalhoub for Maroun Fakhoury	by the Chalhoub Family by the Chalhoub Family
	for Michel Merhej	by the Merhej Family
Mon., April 25	NO DIVINE LITURGY St. Mark the Evangelist	
Tues., April 26	10 am Divine Liturgy for July Anoh, Nwaude & Ejike Ifeobu	by Mr. & Mrs. Jorge Leon
	Pope St. Anacletus	
Wed., April 27	10 am Divine Liturgy for Andrew Mazzella St. Simon	by Deacon & Mrs. Donald Massoud
Thurs., April 28	10 am Divine Liturgy for Karim Merjeh for Anis Ragy	by Renee Merjeh by Louis Ragy
	St. John, one of the Seventy–two Disciples	
Fri., April 29	10 am Divine Liturgy for Simon Besheer St. Catherine of Siena	by Mrs. Salma Vahdat
Sat., April 30	NO DIVINE LITURGY St. James, son of Zebedee	
Sun., May 1	Third Sunday of the Resurrection / Our Lady of Lebanon / Jeremiah the Prophet 9 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners 11:30 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners	

March 2022 Financial Standing

Ordinary Income

- Collections on Sundays & Holy Days: \$12,175.84
- Cathedral Stipends from Marriages & Funerals, Hall Rent, Candles, Breakfast, Luncheon, Raffle, Dues, Religious Education, Flowers \$25,786.00 Total Ordinary Income: \$37,961.84

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: \$26,312.40

Total Ordinary Income vs Expenses: \$11,649.44

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 2020.

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

HELP LEBANON!

PRAY FOR LEBANON



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.

BY CHECK:

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 <u>here</u> to sponsor a family and for additional information.

Dear Parishioners & Friends,

In Jesus' death on the cross, the full humanity of God was totally manifested. I am not saying that God's humanity was gradually developing in Jesus throughout his public life and reached its maturity upon his death. We know that from the moment Mary conceived Christ by the Holy Spirit, he was fully human while keeping his full divinity. We also are very aware that by his putting on flesh his divinity was not diminished or affected at all. At all times, Jesus was fully human and fully divine during his life on earth. Nonetheless, uniting his divinity with our humanity and our humanity with his divinity was best revealed to us when he bowed his head and breathed his last on the cross.

In his death, his divinity was also being expressed to its fullest. The revelation of his divine power was easily demonstrated when he was incarnate, performing miracles, healing the sick or raising the dead. It was easy for the God-Man, Jesus, to speak eloquently and with authority to explain the truth about God the Father. Nevertheless, it was not as easy for God to die because he is immortal and dying would be denying the most important characteristic of who he is. Jesus decided to subdue this godly attribute, so he could taste death like any human being. In John 13: 1, before Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, the Evangelist wrote that Jesus "Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end." His love for humanity to the end made him want to suppress his immortal nature, so as to join humans in death. Paul, in his Letter to the Romans, clarified that "Death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned" (Romans 5: 12). In Jesus' death, sin was now destroyed and death was robbed of its power. Adam and his children, held captive behind the bars of death, were no longer restrained there and paradise was again accessible to all.

If Jesus' death expressed his full humanity and divinity, what did his resurrection do? Jesus' rising from the tomb activated in us the power of his divinity so that it might grow since death has no more power over our mortal bodies. God's goal was to bring us to him so we could share in his eternal life, and his resurrecting unleashed the divinity in us. Normally, after the horrifying injustice of the kind of suffering and death Jesus endured, and when the victim has overcome it all, vengeance is what is expected. It is amazing that the disciples did not seek retaliation against the offenders to destroy them or to prove them wrong. They chose not to waste time on those who had hurt them and their master in the past, but focused on discovering their new potential, the little seed of divinity that had started to develop in them. Paul emphasized this when he wrote, "So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!"

(2 Corinthians 5: 17).

Baby Bottle Campaign

Expectant Mother Care Pregnancy Centers are having their yearly Baby Bottle Campaign to fundraise from Mother's Day to Father's Day. **EMC** provides testing, counseling and a support system for mothers in need. Please make sure to take a bottle from the Church and bring it back with your contribution on Father's Day. Give your change for change and save a life.

Pilgrimage: In The Footsteps of Paul

A 10-day/8-night trip to Greece including a 3-day cruise to the Greek Islands and Turkey, visiting Athens, Corinth, Mykonos, Ephesus, Patmos, Crete, Santorini, Meteora, Veria, Vergina, Salonica, and Philippi. Departing September 25th, 2022 - \$3,498 per person/double occupancy from New York, including fuel surcharge and port taxes, if you register with \$500 by July 29th, you save \$100. For more information please call Marleine Aflak at 917-608-2996 or Tony Tannousis at 718-987-3900.

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 <u>here</u>. It was determined that a minimum of \$125.00 per household a month will help meet the Church's budget.

Bulletin Advertisement

Business owners, you may advertise your businesses in the Church bulletin that reaches over 600 households via email. For more information click <u>here</u> or call the rectory at 718-624-7228.

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The 2022 Eparchial Lenten Appeal

Thanks for all your generous contributions. We were asked to raise \$5,500 to participate in this awesome mission of the Eparchy and we have collected the full amount.

Knights Easter Raffle

The Knights are sponsoring an Easter Raffle. Tickets are available from Samer Hadchiti, Edgard Abi Daher, Roger Shammas and Georges El Hage. The drawing will take place this Sunday after the 11:30 Divine Liturgy. Please see the prizes here.

The Rosary during the Month of May

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.

Abouna Dominique Out of Town

From April 30th to May 2nd, Abouna Dominique will be out of town. He will be participating in the dedication of St. Joseph Maronite Church in Atlanta, GA. Fr. Michael Barone will cover for him on Sunday.

Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl

It is time for all those who joined our faith community and more than 12,000 Catholic communities across the United States in a life-changing Lenten journey to bring their CRS Rice Bowl back. Please deposit your family's Rice Bowl in the sacristy or give it to one of the ushers.

Easter Flower Donations

Mrs. Phyllis Simon The Merhej Family Mrs. Marion Ciaccia Mrs. Salma Vahdat Mr. & Mrs. Chaouki El Adem

Edgard & Mirna Abi Daher Mr. & Mrs. Patrick O'Sullivan Mr. & Mrs. Adib El Howayek Mrs. Lydia Gordon Mr. & Mrs. Fady Njeim Emile Ayli & Brenda Yueh Lorraine & Joe Padallino Mrs. Dolores Ayoub John & Ilyana Shaia The Abi Habib Family Pierre & Norma Haddad Mr. & Mrs. William Safi & Family Mr. John Shakal Mrs. Linda Case Mr. & Mrs. Eddie Revuelta Mr. & Mrs. John Kahaly Ed & Martha Manassa Mr. & Mrs. Charly Ayoub Mr. & Mrs. Samir Hosri Mr. & Mrs. Etienne Njeim Mr. Salim Batrouni Mrs. Marie Schepis Ms. Mary Ann Joulwan Mr. & Mrs. Tony Tannousis

The Jure Family Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Hatem The Jabour Family Mrs. Debbie Hamid Zygmunt In memory of the Simon & Raphael Families In memory of Michel, Jacob, Hanna & Saliba Merhej In memory of Ronald Ciaccia & Joseph & Helen Sahadi In memory of the Besheer & Azizi Families In memory of George, Margo & Elias Allaham & Hanah Eladem & Salwa Fallows

In memory of Lodi Nabhan In memory of Georges T. Mouawad In honor of their Family In memory of James Gordon In memory of Michael, Ghassan, Amal, Linda & Hikmat Njeim In memory of Lambert, Norma & Vera Yueh & Elias Salemeh Ayli In memory of Najib & Linda Akel In memory of Raymond Ayoub In memory of Philip & Lorraine Shaia In memory of Youssef Abi Habib In memory of the deceased of the Family In memory of Joseph & Dalal El-Hawa In memory of the deceased of the Family In memory of William Shakal In memory of Selma & Victor Revuelta In memory of the Kahaly Family In memory of Helen Smith In memory of Salam Moussa In memory of the deceased of the Family In memory of Kamal Njeim In memory of Maro & Rita Batrouni In memory of Violet & Michael Owen In memory of the Joulwan Family In memory of John & Maria Maurides; Michael & Eleni Tannousis & Michael & Anna Cari

In memory of Anthony Jure In memory of the deceased of the Family In memory of Elie Sarkis In memory of Henry Hamid



Donation: 1 Booklet (5 tickets) for \$25.00

2 Booklets (10 tickets) for \$40.00

Tickets contact >> Samer Hadchiti (347) 537-8661 | Edgard Abi Daher (917) 673-3341 |

Roger Shamas (917) 682-1075 | George Elhaje (646) 691-9925

<u>Click here to Donate: at Paypal http://www.ololc.org</u> Thank you for your Donation!



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

إنجيل القدّيس يوحنّا 26:20-31 بَعْدَ تَمَانِيَةِ أَيَّام، كَانَ تَلامِيدُ يَسُوعَ تَانِيَةً في البَيْت، وتُومَا مَعَهُم. جَاءَ يَسُوع، والأَبْوَابُ مُغْلَقَة، فَوَقَفَ في الوَسَطِ وقَال: «أَلسَّلامُ لَكُم. «! يَحَكَ، وضَعْهَا في جَنْبِي. ولا تَّكُنْ غَيْرَ مُؤْمِنٍ بَلْ كُنْ مُؤْمِنَا. «! يَحَكَ، وضَعْهَا في جَنْبِي. ولا تَّكُنْ غَيْرَ مُؤْمِنِ بَلْ كُنْ مُؤْمِنَا. «! أَجَابَ تُوما وقَالَ لَهُ: »رَبِي والهي. «! قَالَ لَهُ يَسُوع: »لأَنَّكَ رَأَيْتَنِي آَمَنْت؟ طُوبَى لِمَنْ لَمْ يَرَوا والمَنُوا. «! وصَنَعَ يَسُوعُ أَمَامَ تَلامِيذِهِ آيَاتٍ أُخْرَى كَثِيرَةً لَمْ تُدَوَّنْ في هذَا والمَنوا. «! والمَنوا. «! ولَكَي تَكُونَ لَكُم، إذا آمَنْتُم، الحَيَاةُ بِٱسْمِهِ.



