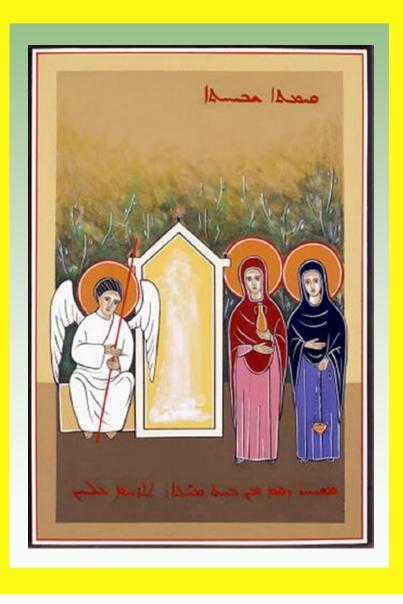
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# Sixth Sunday of the Resurrection May 22nd, 2022

Sun., May 22 Sixth Sunday of the Resurrection / St. Rita of Cascia

9 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners 11:30 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners

Mon., May 23 **NO DIVINE LITURGY** 

St. Tobit the Righteous

Tues., May 24 10 am Divine Liturgy

St. Simeon the Stylite, Disciple of St. Maron

Wed., May 25 **NO DIVINE LITURGY** 

St. Eleutherius and his Mother

Thurs., May 26 7:30 pm Divine Liturgy of the Feast of the Ascension

St. Carpus, Disciple of St. Paul

Fri., May 27 **NO DIVINE LITURGY** 

Sts. Theodora and Didymus

Sat., May 28 NO DIVINE LITURGY

St. Heliconis

Sun., May 29 Seventh Sunday of the Resurrection / St. Theodosia of Tyre

9 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners 11:30 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners

# **April 2022 Financial Standing**

# **Ordinary Income**

Collections on Sundays & Holy Days: \$37,123.00

• Cathedral Stipends from Marriages & Funerals, Hall Rent, Candles, Breakfast, Luncheon, Raffle, Dues, Religious Education, Flowers .... \$38,175.00

**Total Ordinary Income: \$75,298.00** 

# **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: \$31,281.22** 

**Total Ordinary Income vs Expenses: \$44,016.78** 

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,

By Deacon Chuck Vanheusen

The events of the world around us and the current state of society are putting tremendous pressure on us to decide what direction we will take. Many issues in our society today are challenging our beliefs, our faith, our way of life. Peace, hope, and the answer to all our problems lie within the Church. Jesus is with us always!

Jesus came down from heaven in the incarnation, the glorious birth. He grew up with us, walked among us as teacher and savior, suffered greatly to atone for our sins, and defeated death in the Resurrection. And now God's plan through Christ continues to unfold. Christ ascends into heaven. This is the culmination of God's loving plan.

Christ foretold this to the Apostles when he laid out to them the path of his life on earth. God showed us his immeasurable love by sending his son on this incredible journey to reestablish the link between him and humanity, to save us from sin, to bring us to him to live forever with him in paradise.

Christ's path has now come full circle back to God the Father in heaven, to sit at his right hand and rule his kingdom.

We know this from the witness of the Apostles, upon whom he built his Church. But do we truly understand what has occurred with the Ascension?

We know and understand that Christ ascends to the Father and sits at his right hand. We profess this each time we recite the creed. But do we also understand that Christ's ascension completes the unity between us and God? The bond that Adam lost is reestablished and the path to our eternal salvation is now complete!

We are not alone journeying along this path. Christ remains with us on Earth!! He established his Church—a living, breathing entity that we attach ourselves to as one of the sheep of his flock, receiving everything we need to bring us to the Father in heaven, to sit at the banquet table with him.

Christ is always with us in the sacraments. We enjoy the freedom to either love him and allow him to take us to eternal salvation, or to reject his invitation to join him. The Church is there to provide all that is needed for us to walk with Christ and join him.

Through the events of this season, let us contemplate our faith, our commitment to the laws of the Church, and our participation in the sacraments, and always put our efforts first to stay on the path to salvation, completed by Christ during this season of resurrection.

Amidst all the trials and tribulations of this world, let us turn to Christ and the Church for the answers.

# **Abouna Dominique Out of Town**

From May 25th through the 28th, Abouna Dominique will be out of town. The 10 am daily Divine Liturgy on those days will be canceled. The Divine Liturgy on Ascension Thursday, May 26th, will be celebrated at 7:30 pm.

# The Rosary during the Month of May

During the month of May, the Cathedral prays 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.

# **Deacon Chuck & Marie Vanheusen**

Please join me in thanking Deacon Chuck Vanheusen and his wife Marie for their stay at the Cathedral. They will be leaving for their next assignment at St. Rafka Maronite Church in Greenville, SC, the beginning of June. Please keep them in your prayers as Deacon Chuck continues his discernment to become a priest.

# Maronite Catholic Formation (Sunday School)

Any parishioner who would like to help with Maronite Catholic Formation (Sunday School) as a teacher or substitute, please contact Norma Haddad on her email.

# **MYO Bowling**

The MYO will meet on Saturday, June 4th, for bowling. More information on place and time to follow.

# **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. Please pick up a bottle in the Church's vestibule.

# **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 12th. Please send an email to Lily El Hage if you or your child is graduating so they can be introduced at the Liturgy.

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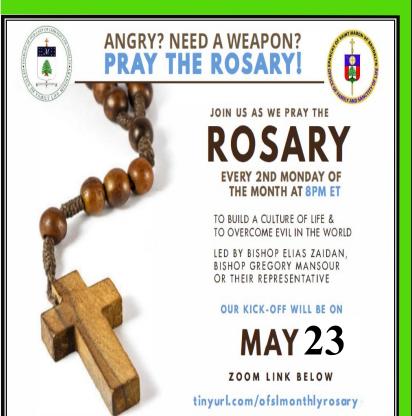
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# Sunday Readings قراءات الأحد

# Sixth Sunday of the Resurrection

Letter to the Romans 10: 1-13

Brothers and sisters, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. I can testify that they have a zeal for God, but it is not enlightened. For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God, and seeking to establish their own, they have not submitted to God's righteousness. For Christ is the end of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes. Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that 'the person who does these things will live by them.' But the righteousness that comes from faith says, 'Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?"' (that is, to bring Christ down) 'or "Who will descend into the abyss?"' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? 'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

The Gospel according to Saint Luke24: 36-48 While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

الأحد السادس من زمن القيامة

رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل رومة 1:10-13 يًا إِخوَتِي، إِنَّ بُغْيَةَ قُلْبِي وتَضَرَّ عِي إِلَى اللهِ مِنْ أَجْلِ بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ لِيَخْلُصُوا. فأَنَا أَشْهَدُ لَهُم أَنَّ فِيهِم غَيْرَةً لله، وَلَكِنْ بِدُونِ مَعْرِ فَةِ صَحِيحَةً. فقَدْ جَهِلُو أَيرٌ الله، و حَاوَلُوا أَنَّ يُثْبِثُوا بِرَّ أَنْفُسِهِم، فَلَمْ يَخْضَعُوا لِبَرِّ الله؛ لأَنَّ غَايَةٌ الشَّر يَعَةِ أِنَّمَا هِيَ المَسِيحِ، لِكَي يَتَبَرَّرَ بِهِ كُلُّ مُؤْمِن. وَقَدْ كَتَبَ مُوسَى عَن البرّ الّذي هُوَ مِنَ الشّريعَةِ فَقَال: ﴾مَنْ يَعْمَلُ بأَحْكَامِ الشَّريعَةِ يَحْيَا بِهَا . ﴿أُمَّا عَن البِرِّ الَّذِي هُوَ مِنَ الإِيْمَانِ فَيَقُولَ أَنَ »ُلا تَقُلُ في قَلْبِكَ: مَنْ يَصْعَدُ إِلَى السَّمَاء؟ ﴿﴿، أَيُّ لِيُنْزِلَ المَسِيحَ مِنَ السَّمَاء. ولا تَقُلُ: هُمَنْ يَهْبِطُ إلَى الهَاوِية؟ ﴿ ا أَيْ لِيُصْعِدَ الْمَسِيحَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الأَمْوَاتِ. ۚ بَلْ مَاذَا يَقُولِ؟ ﴾الكَّلْمَةُ قَريبَةٌ منْكَ، ۖ فَى فَمِكَ وَقَلْبِكْ ﴿، أَيْ كَلِمَةُ الإِيْمَانِ، الَّتَى نُنَادِّي بِهَا. فَإِنَّ ٱعْتَرَ فُتَ بِفَمِكَ أَنَّ يَسُوعَ أَهُو الرَّبِّ، و آمَنْتُ بَقُلْبِكَ أَنَّ اللهَ أَقَامَهُ مِنْ بَيْنِ الأَمْوَ ات، تَخْلُص. فَالإِيْمَانُ بِالْقَلْبِ يَقُودُ إلى البرُّ، و الْأُعْتِرَ إفُّ بالفَم يَقُودُ إلى الْخُلاصُ؟ لأَنَّ الْكِتَّابَ يَقُولُ: »كُلُّ مَنْ يُؤْمِّنُ بَهِ لَا يُخْزَى . «فلا فَرْقَ بَيْنَ يَهُودِيّ ويُونَانِيّ، لأَنَّ الرَّبِّ هُوَ نَفْسُهُ لِجَميعِهِم، يُفِيضُ غِنَّاهُ عَلى جَمِيعِ الَّذِينَ يَدْعُونَهُ. فَكُلُّ مَنْ يَدْعُو ٱسْمَ الرَّبِّ يَخْلُص.

إنجيل القدّيس لو قا 36:24-48 فِيمًا الرُّسُلُ يَتَكَلَّمُونَ بهذَا، وَقَفَ يَسُوعُ في وَسَطِهم، وَقَالَ لَهُم: ﴿ أَلسَّلا مُ لَكُم ۚ إِرْ إِفَارْ تَاعُوا ، و ٱسّْتَوْلي عَلْيهِم الْخَوْفْ، وَكَانُوا يَظُنُونَ أَنَّهُم يُشَاهِدُونَ رُوحًا. فقَالَ لَهُم يَشَاهِدُونَ رُوحًا. فقَالَ لَهُم ٱللَّفُكَارُ ۚ قُلُوبَكُم ۚ أَنْظُرُوا إَلَى يَدَيَّ وَرِجْلِيَّ ۚ فَإِنِّي أَنَا هُوَ. جُسُّونِي، وَٱنْظُرُوا، فَإِنَّ اَلرُّوحَ لَا لَحْمَ لَهُ وَلاَ عَظَامَ كَمَا تَرَوْنَ لِي . ﴿ إِقَالَ هَذَا وَأَرَاهُم يَدَيْهِ وَرَجْلَيْه. وَإِذْ كَانُوا بَعْدُ غَيْرَ مُصلِقِينَ مِنَ الفَرَح، وَمُتَعَجّبين، قَالَ لَهُم: » هَلْ عِنْدَكُم هُنَا طَعَام؟ . ﴿ فَقَدَّمُوا لَهُ قِطْعَةً مِنْ سَمَكِ مَشْويٌ، وَمِنْ شَهْدِ عَسْل. فَأَخَذُها وَأَكَلَهَا بِمَرْ أَي مِنْهُم، وقَالَ لُهُم: »هذَا هُوَ كَلامِي الَّذي كَلَّمْتُكُم بِهِ، وَأَنا بَعْدُ مَعَكُم. كَانَ يَنْبَغِي أَنْ يَتِمَّ كُلُّ مَا كُتِبَ عَنِّيَ فِي تَوْرَاةٍ مُوسَى، وَالأَنْبِيَاءِ وَالمَزَامِيرِ . ﴿ حِينَئِذٍ فَتَحَ أَذْهَانَهُم لِيَفْهِمُوا الْكُنُبُ تُثَمَّ قالَ لَهُمَ: »هُكَذَا مَكْنُوبٌ أَنَّ الْمَسِيحَ يَتَأَلُّم، وَيَقُومُ مِنْ بَيْنِ الأَمْوَاتِ في اليَوْمِ التَّالِثِ. وبِأَسْمِهِ يُكْرَزُ بِالْتَّوْبَةِ لِمَغْفِرَةِ الخَطَّايَا، في جَمِيعِ الأَّمَم، إِنَّتِدَاءً وَ مِنْ أُورَ شَلِيم. وأَنْتُم شُهُودٌ عَلى ذلك.

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