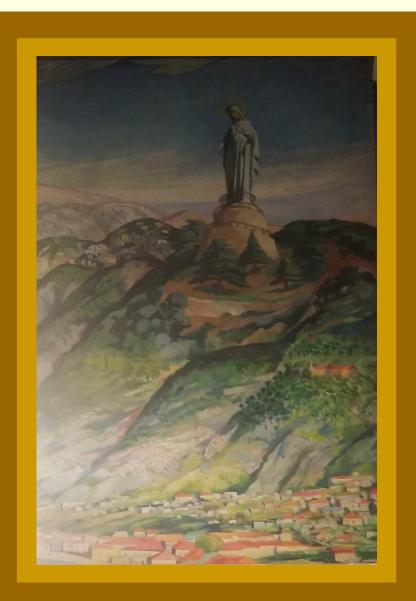
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Fifth Sunday of the Resurrection / Feast of Our Lady of Lebanon May 7th, 2023

Sun., May 7	Fifth Sunday of the Resurrection / Our Lady of Lebanon / St. Antonino, Bishop of Florence 9 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners	
	11: 30 am for Elias Sahadi	by Mr. & Mrs. Adib Howayek
Mon., May 8	NO LITURGY St. John the Evangelist / Bl. Sister Miriam Teresa Demjanovich	
Tues., May 9	10 am Divine Liturgy Isaiah the Prophet / The Second Council of Constantinople	
Wed., May 10	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Simon the Zealot / St. Damien of Molokai	
Thurs., May 11	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Pontius	
Fri., May 12	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Epiphanius, Bishop of Salamis	
Sat., May 13	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Addai, one of the 72 Disciples	
Sun., May 14	Sixth Sunday of the Resurrection / Sts. Boniface & Agla 9 am for Elias Sahadi 11: 30 am 40 Day for Sonia Njeim 10 year memorial for Mikhael Njeim	e and their 20 companions by Mr. & Mrs. Adib Howayek by the Njeim Family by the Njeim Family

April 2023 Financial Standing

Ordinary Income

- Collections on Sundays & Holy Days: \$37,389.00
- Cathedral Stipends from Marriages & Funerals, Hall Rent, Candles, Breakfast, Luncheon, Raffle, Dues, Religious Education, Flowers \$42,908.00 **Total Ordinary Income: \$80,297.00**

Ordinary Expenses

Payroll, Gas, Electricity, Building Insurance and Medical Insurance, Leasing Equipment, TV, Phone, Internet, Supplies for Church, Hall & Office, Postage, Regular Maintenance, Charity, Eparchial Appeal, Insurance....\$34,865.72 **Total Ordinary Expenses: \$34,865.72**

Total Ordinary Income vs Expenses: \$45,431.28 *******

Do you know? A couple of basic monthly expenses: Cathedral monthly building insurance: \$3,844.00 Monthly Eparchial Assessment & Bishop's Appeal: \$2,125.00

The Cathedral's Building Insurance increased 14.3% this year. We paid \$46,122 for the year.

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

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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 and Friends,

At the death of Jesus, the disciples experienced a big trauma and an immense sense of loss. Not only did they witness the horrific crucifixion of their innocent master, but also their lord left them without a detailed plan on how to proceed afterwards. Keep in mind that Jesus did not write down any guidelines for the group and that the Gospels were not put together until over 70 years after his death.

After originally being called as disciples at the Sea of Tiberius at the beginning of Jesus' ministry, the Gospels mention Peter and the other disciples using boats for transportation and not fishing. There are hardly any references to the disciples going fishing except toward the end of John's Gospel. In John 21: 3, "Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat; but that night they caught nothing."

After Jesus' death, the Twelve Apostles felt that they were sheep without a shepherd. The head of the group died as a criminal on a cross and everyone else was scattered for fear of having a fate like their leader. Modern day psychology would have diagnosed the followers of Jesus as suffering from emotional and somatic distress. Some of their actions at times seem to show that they had moved on with their lives and had overcome the Jesus phenomenon. At other times, by staying together, Peter with them, they demonstrated their denial of the event of the crucifixion. They went back to their old life, fishing, as if they were never part of Jesus' mission, preaching the good news and healing the sick for three years.

It was clear that Jesus had given Peter the role as leader of the disciples. In Matthew 16: 18-19, Jesus told Peter, "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." And also the night before he was arrested by the Temple guards, Jesus said to Peter, "Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you [the disciples], that he might sift you [the disciples] like wheat, but I have prayed for you [Peter] that your faith may not fail; and when you [Peter] have turned again, strengthen your brethren." Did Peter do that?

In last week's passage from John 21, when Jesus appeared to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberius after they had caught nothing that night, he ordered them to lower the net again and then they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. Verse 7 reads, "That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his clothes, for he was stripped for work, and sprang into the sea." It was not Peter who recognized the Lord, but John, the disciple whom Jesus loved. It would take Peter more time to become the leader Christ wanted him to be: someone who can discern

the face of Christ in the midst of a crisis.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 through Saturday. On Sundays, the 11:30 am Divine Liturgy is concluded with the blessing of the icon of the Virgin Mary.

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.

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.

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 <u>Confraternity of the Immaculate Conception</u>, <u>Knights of St. Maron</u>, or the <u>Joulwan Family</u> scholarships. Please find the applications <u>here</u>. We will give out the scholarships at the graduation liturgy on June 12th. Also please send an email to <u>Lily El Hage</u> if you or your child is graduating, so they can be introduced at the Liturgy.

Salaam Club Scholarship

The Salaam Club of New York is offering scholarships for high school graduates and college freshmen. Please click <u>here</u> for the application before April 30th.

Vocation Awareness Poster Essay

Students grades K to 12 are encouraged to participate in the <u>Vocation Awareness Poster Essay Multimedia Contest</u> through NAM. Click <u>here</u> for guidelines and information. Also, you can see Subdeacon Adonis El-Asmar or Marian Ciaccia for more information. This year let us have more students take part in the contest.

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 \$150.00 per household a month will help meet the Church's budget.

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Sunday Readings قراءات الأحد

Fifth Sunday of the Resurrection

Letter to the Ephesians 2:1-10

You were dead through the trespasses and sins

in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient.

All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else.

But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ by grace you have been saved and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness towards us in Christ Jesus.

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God not the result of works, so that no one may boast.

For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

The Gospel according to Saint John 21:15-19

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.'

A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.'

He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time. 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.'

(He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, 'Follow me.'

الأحد الخامس من زمن القيامة

رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل أفسس 1:2-10 يا إخوَتِي، وأَنْتُم، فقَدْ كُنْتُمْ أَمْوَاتًا بِزَلاَّتِكُم وخَطَايَاكُم، الَّتِي سَلَّكُتُم فيهَا مِنْ قَبْلُ بِحَسَبِ إلَّهِ هَذَا الْعَالَم، بِحَسَبِ رَئِيسِ سِلُطَانِ الجَوَّ، أَي الرُّوحِ الَّذِي يَعْمَلُ الآنَ في أَبْنَاءِ العُصْبَان؛ ومِنْهُم نَحْنُ أَيْضًا جَمِيعُنَا قَدْ سَلَكْنَا مِنْ قَبْلُ في شَهَواتِ

إِنْسَانِنَا الجَسَدِيّ، عَامِلِينَ برَ غَبَاتِهِ وأَفَكَارِهِ، وَكُنَّا بِالطَّبِيعَةِ أُولادَ الغَضَبَ كَالبَاقِينَ؛ لَكِنَّ اللهُ، وَهُوَ الْغَنِيُّ بِرَحْمَتِهِ، فَلِكَثْرِةِ مَجَبَّتِهِ ٱلَّتِي أَجَبَّنَا بِهَا، وقَدْ كُنَّا نَحْنُ أَيْضًا أَمْوَاتًا بِزَلاَّتِنَا، أَحْيَانَا معَ المَسِيحَ، وبِالنِّعْمَةِ أَنْتُم مُخَلَّصُون؛ ومَعَهُ بر حيل الحيات مع المسترين، ويستعم المسيرين والمسيرين والمسيرين والمسيرين والمسيرين والمسيرين والمسيرين والمسيري الأَجْيَالِ الآتِيَةِ غِنَى نِعْمَتِهِ الْفَائِقَة، بِلُطْفِهِ لَنَا في المسيرِح

يسوع. فَبِالنَّعِمَةِ أَنْتُمْ مُخَلَّصُونَ بِواسِطَةِ الإِيْمَان: وهذا لَيْسَ مِنْكُم، إِنَّهُ عَطِيَّةُ الله. ولا هُوَ مِنَ الأَعْمَال، لِنَلاَّ يَفْتَخِرَ أَحَد؛ لأَنَّنَا نَحْنُ صُنْعُهُ، قَدْ خُلِقْنَا في المَسِبِح يَسُوعَ لِلأَعْمَالِ الصَّالِحَة، الَّتي سَبَقَ اللهُ فأَعَدَّهَا لِكَي نَسْلُكَ فيهَا.

انجيل القديس بوحنًا 15:21-19

بَعْدَ الْغَدَاء، قَالَ يَسُوعُ لِسِمْعَانَ بُطْرُس: »يَا سِمْعَانُ بْنَ يُونَا، أَتُحِبُّنِي أَكْثَرَ مِمَّا يُحِبُّنِي هؤُلاء؟ .«قَالَ لَهُ: »نَعَم، يَا رَبَّ، أَنْتَ تَعْلَمُ أَنِّي أُحِبُكَ .«قَالَ لَهُ يَسُوع: »إِرْعَ حُمْلانِي.« قَالَ لَهُ مَرَّةً ثَانِيَةً: ">بَيَا سُمْعَانُ بْنَ يُونَا، أَتُحِبُّنِيٍّ؟ .<<قَالَ لَهُ: >>نَعَمْ يَا رَبّ، أَنْتَ تَعْلَمُ أَنِّي أُحِبُّكَ .<<قَالَ لَهُ يَسُوع: >>إرْ عَ نِعَاجِي. «! تُعَاجِي... قَالَ لَهُ مَرَّةً ثَالِثَة: »يَا سِمْعَانُ بْنَ يُونَا، أَتُحِبُّنِي؟ « فَحَزِنَ بُطْرُس، لأَنَّ يَسُوعَ قَالَ لَهُ ثَلاثَ مَرَّات: أَتُحِبُّنِي؟ فَقَالَ لَهُ: »يَا رَبّ، أَنْتَ تَعْلَمُ كُلَّ شَيِء، وَأَنْتَ تَعْرِفُ أَنِّي أُحِبُّكَ ..«قَالَ تريب.‹‹ قَالَ بَسُوعُ ذَلِكَ مُشيرًا إِلَى المِيتَةِ الَّتِي سَيُمَجِّدُ بِهَا بُطْرُسُ الله. ثُمَّ قَالَ لَهُ: »إِتْبَعْنِي.‹‹!



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