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Fifth Sunday of the Resurrection April 28th, 2024

Sun., April 28	Fifth Sunday of the Resurrection / St. Jason, One of the 72 Disciples 9 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners	
	11: 30 am for Pascal Sleiman	by the Lebanese Forces
Mon., April 29	NO DIVINE LITURGY St. Catherine of Siena	
Tues., April 30	10 am Divine Liturgy for Simon Besheer St. James, Son of Zebedee	by Mrs. Salma Vahdat
Wed., May 1	10 am Divine Liturgy for Gus, Albert & Michael Simon Jeremiah the Prophet	by Phyllis Simon
Thurs., May 2	10 am Divine Liturgy for Sahid Besheer St. Athanasius of Alexandria	by Mrs. Salma Vahdat
Fri., May 3	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Timothy and his wife St. Maura	
Sat., May 4	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Monica, Mother of St. Augustine	
Sun., May 5	Sixth Sunday of the Resurrection / Our Lady of Leban 9 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners 11: 30 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners	ion / St. Irene

March 2024 Financial Standing

Ordinary Income

- Collections on Sundays & Holy Days: \$13,970.44
- Cathedral Stipends from Marriages & Funerals, Hall Rent, Candles, Breakfast, Luncheon, Raffle, Dues, Religious Education, Flowers\$51,597.11

Total Ordinary Income: \$65,567.55

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....\$44,874.35 Total Ordinary Expenses: \$44,874.35

Total Ordinary Income vs Expenses: \$20,693.20

Do you know? A couple of basic monthly expenses: The Monthly Eparchial Assessment & Bishop's Appeal has increased from \$2,125 to \$2,670 a month starting January 2024.

The Cathedral's Building Insurance increased 14.3% in 2023, and we paid \$46,122 for the year. It has gone up another 8% in 2024, so we pay \$49,313.00. The Cathedral monthly building insurance is now \$4,109.41

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

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PRAY FOR 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 <u>here</u> to sponsor a family.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Save the Date for the Annual MYA Gala

The MYA will hold their annual Gala on Friday, June 14th, at the Cathedral. More information to follow.

NAM's Scholarship Program & Vocation Awareness Contest

NAM's Scholarship Program is for high schoolers, undergraduates, graduates, professionals and those desiring to stay in Lebanon. Please click <u>here</u> for the various applications and requirements. Also, students grades K to 12 are encouraged to participate in the Vocation Awareness Poster Essay Multimedia Contest through NAM. Please click <u>here</u> for guidelines and information. The deadline is May 31st, 2024.

Promoting Vocations

The Eparchy is trying to bring more awareness to the different vocations in life: priesthood, consecrated life, diaconate, married life and generous single life. For this reason, an icon of the Holy Family along with a prayer will be given to a different family each week for prayer every night so God may guide us to discern and promote the various vocations. Please register <u>here</u> and see Fr. Chuck for more information.

Interested in Joining the Choir?

The choir of the Cathedral would like to welcome anyone interested in joining them to praise the Lord in a more dedicated way. We are also looking for someone who knows the Maronite music to play the organ. Members of the Choir meet on Zoom every Wednesday to plan for Sunday. Please make sure to see Christiane Merhej after the 11:30 Divine Liturgy if you would like to join.

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. The deadline is May 31st, 2024.

Reception for the Friends of the Lebanese Franciscan Sisters of the Cross

The Chargé d'Affaires Majdi Ramadan has the pleasure of inviting you to a reception for the Friends of the Lebanese Franciscan Sisters of the Cross on May 9th, 2024, from 6pm to 8pm. The keynote speaker is Dr. Francois Nader, Chairman of the BenevolentAI and Jersa Foundation, as well as board director of Moderna. He will share insights into the intersection of innovation, compassion, and support for humanitarian efforts.

Beatification of Estephan El Douaihy

His Holiness Pope Francis has authorized the Dicastery for the Causes of Saints to promulgate the decree regarding the miracle attributed to the intercession of the Venerable Servant of God Estephan El Douaihy, Patriarch of Antioch of the Maronite Church (1670-1704). This decree will pave the way for his beatification which will be held in Lebanon on August 2nd.

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.

Sixth Pastoral Letter of Bishop Gregory Mansour

<u>The Man of God Is a Man for Others</u> is the most recent pastoral letter of Bishop Gregory. The Bishop said, "The words were born in my heart out of love from one man to another. But I hope my words will also be helpful to women as well." Please click <u>here</u> to read the letter.

Cedar Remembrance Tree

Parishioners and friends can now remember their deceased and honor their living with their names on the commemorative tree located in our Cathedral Chapel vestibule. Please click <u>here</u> for more details.

Eparchial Vocation Video

A vocation is a gift and an opportunity to make a positive impact in the world. It is a calling, a unique path that God has designed for each one of us. It can manifest in various forms—as a priest, a religious sister, a monk, or as lay faith-ful. To listen to the whisper of one's heart which might be calling one towards a special life of service, love, and purpose, Bishop Gregory is inviting you to view and share <u>this video</u> produced by Nadim Khalid, one of our seminarians, with the help of our eparchy vocation team, and to discover and nurture the vocation that God has placed within you, and be faithful to his call no matter where it leads.

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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.'

رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل أفسس 12-12 يا إخوَتِي، وَأَنْتُم، فَقَدْ كُنْتُمْ أَمُوَاتًا بِزَ لاَّتِكُم وخَطَّايَاكُم، الَّتِي سَلَّكْتُم فيهَا مِنْ قَبْلُ بِحَسَبِ إلَّهِ هَذَا الْعَالَم، بِحَسَب رَئِيسِ سُلُطَانِ الْجَوّ، أَي الرُّوحِ الَّذِي يَعْمَلُ الآنَ في أَبْنَاءِ

ومِنْهُمْ نَحْنُ أَيْضًا جَمِيعُنَا قَدْ سَلَكْنَا مِنْ قَبْلُ في شَهَواتِ إِنْسَانِنَا الجَسَدِيّ، عَامِلِينَ برَغَبَاتِهِ وأَفَكَارِهِ، وَكُنَّا بِالطَّبِيعَةِ أُولادَ الغَضْبَبُ كَالبَاقِيَنَ؛ لَكُنَّ اللهُ، وَهُوَ الْغَنِيُّ بِرَحْمَتِهِ، فَلِكَثْرِةِ مَحَبَّتِهِ الَّتِي أَحَبَّنَا بِهَا، وقَدْ كُنَّا نِحْنُ أَيْضِنًا آَمُوَاتًا بِرَ لاَّتِنَا، أَحْيَانَا مع المَسِيح، وبِالنِّعْمَةِ أَنْتُم مُخَلَّصُون ومَعَهُ إِذَا لاَّتِنَا، أَحْيَانَا مع المَسِيح، وبِالنِّعْمَةِ أَنْتُم مُخَلَّصُون ومَعَهُ أَقَامَنَا وَأَجْلَسَنَا في السَّمَاوَاتِ في المَسِيح يَسُوع، لِيُظْهِرَ في الأَجْيَالِ الاَتِيَةِ عِنَى نِعْمَتِهِ الفَائِقَة، بِلُطْفِهِ لَنَا في المَسِيح

فَبِالنِّعمَةِ أَنْتُمْ مُخَلَّصُونَ بِواسِطَةِ الإِيْمَانِ: وهذَا لَيْسَ مِنْكُم، إِنَّهُ عَطِيَّةُ الله.

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إنجيل القديس يوحنا 15:21-19

إلجين العديس يوكن 15:21-19 بَعْدَ الغَدَاء، قَالَ يَسُوعُ لِسِمْعَانَ بُطْرُس: »يَا سِمْعَانُ بْنَ يُونَا، أَنْحَبُّنِي أَكْثَرَ مِمَّا يُحِبُّنِي هؤُلاء؟ .«قَالَ لَهُ: »نَعَم، يَا رَبّ، أَنْتَ تَعْلَمُ أَنِّي أُحِبُّكَ .«قَالَ لَهُ يَسُوع: »إِرْعَ حُمْلانِي.« قَالَ لَهُ مَرَّةً ثَانِيَةً: »يَا سِمْعَانُ بْنَ يُونَا، أَتُحِبُّنِي؟ .«قَالَ لَهُ: »نَعَمْ يَا رَبّ، أَنْتَ تَعْلَمُ أَنِّي أُحِبُّكَ .«قَالَ لَهُ يَسُوع: »إِرْعَ نِعَاجِيَ «! نِعَاجِي «! قَالَ لَهُ مَرَّةً ثَالِثَة: »يَا سِمْعَانُ بْنَ يُونَا، أَتُحِبُّنِي؟ « فَحَزِنَ بُطْرُس، لأَنَّ يَسُوعَ قَالَ لَهُ ثَلاثَ مَرَّات: أَتُحِبُنِي؟ فَقَالَ لَهُ: »ِيَا رَبّ، أَنْتَ تَعْلَمُ كُلَّ شَيِء، وَأَنْتَ تَعْرِفُ أَنِّي أُحِبُّكَ .«قَالَ لَهُ يَسُوع: »إَرْعَ خِرَافِي! أَلحَقَّ ٱلحَقَّ أَقُولُ لَكَ: حِبِنَ كُنْتَ شَابًا، كُنْتَ تَشُدُّ حِزَامَكٍ المحق الحق التول لك. حِيل كنت شاب، لحك للمد حِرالله بِيَدَيْكَ وتَسِيرُ إلى حَيْثُ تُريد. ولكِنْ حِينَ تَشْيِخ، سَتَبْسُطُ يَدِيَيْكَ وآخَرُ يَشُدُّ لَكَ حِزامَكَ، ويَذْهَبُ بِكَ إِلَى حَيْثُ لا ر.... قَالَ بَسُوعُ ذَلِكَ مُشْيرًا إلى المِينَةِ الَّتِي سَيُمَجِّدُ بِهَا بُطْرُسُ الله. ثُمَّ قَالَ لَهُ: »إِنْبَعْنِي.«!

الأحد الخامس من زمن القيامة



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