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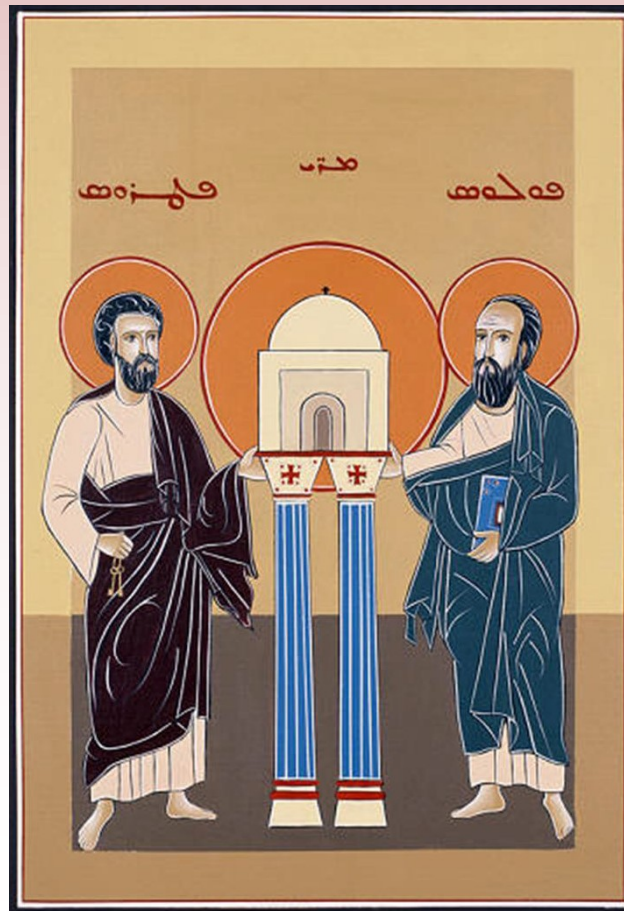
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# SAINTS PETER & PAUL

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# THE 8th SUNDAY OF PENTECOST



***Celebration of the Feast of Saints Peter & Paul & The 8th Sunday of Pentecost  
June 30th & July 7, 2024***

<b>Sun., June 30</b>	<b>Celebration of Saints Peter &amp; Paul / The Feast of the Twelve Apostles 9 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners 11:30 am for the end of war and peace in Gaza and South Lebanon</b>	
Mon., July 1	NO DIVINE LITURGY Pope St. Gregory X / St. Junipero Serra	
Tues., July 2	NO DIVINE LITURGY The Visitation of Our Lady to her Cousin Elizabeth	
Wed., July 3	NO DIVINE LITURGY St. Jerome	
Thurs., July 4	NO DIVINE LITURGY St. Andrew the Hymnographer	
Fri., July 5	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Macarius of the Cross	
Sat., July 6	NO DIVINE LITURGY St. Maria Goretti	
<b>Sun., July 7</b>	<b>Eighth Sunday of Pentecost / St. Thomas the Hermit 9 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners 11:30 am for Salim Njem</b>	<b>by Mr. &amp; Mrs. Bassam Ayoub</b>
Mon., July 8	NO DIVINE LITURGY St. Procopius	
Tues., July 9	10 am Divine Liturgy for Sarah Wilson St. Pancras	by Melissa Wilson
Wed., July 10	10 am Divine Liturgy for Justin & Liz Leon & Family The Three Blessed Massabki Maronite Martyrs	by Mr. & Mrs. Jorge Leon
Thurs., July 11	10 am Divine Liturgy for Lilia Cheon St. Benedict	by Mr. & Mrs. Jorge Leon
Fri., July 12	10 am Divine Liturgy for Michael Perun Sts. Rufina & Secunda / St. Susanna of Rome	by Mr. & Mrs. Jorge Leon
Sat., July 13	10 am Divine Liturgy Joel the Prophet	
<b>Sun., July 14</b>	<b>Ninth Sunday of Pentecost / St. Bonaventure / St. Kateri 9 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners 11:30 am for the Intentions Dr. &amp; Mrs. Peter &amp; Lina Warinner &amp; their Children</b>	

## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Fr. Dominique and Fr. Chuck at the NAM Convention**

The daily Divine Liturgy from Tuesday, July 2nd, through Thursday, July 4th, is canceled. Fr. Dominique and Fr. Chuck will be attending the NAM Convention.

### **Maronite Catholic Formation**

Children Pre-K to High School are encouraged to participate in the Maronite Catholic Formation (Sunday School) classes beginning in September. Registration, calendar and more information will be available soon.

### **Upper Hall Lease Ending**

The school that was leasing the upper hall for one year will be leaving the space by the end of June.

### **New Officers for the Confraternity of Our Lady of Lebanon**

Join please in congratulating the new board of the Confraternity of Our Lady of Lebanon: Mireille Saikaly, President; Mary El Adem, Vice President; Helen Zihenni, Secretary; Lily El Haje, Treasurer. The new officers will take up their positions at the September meeting. We would like to thank the current officers for their dedication and to congratulate the new board.

### **New MYO Board**

Join please in congratulating the new board of the MYO: Vanessa Nassour, President; Rita Hosri, Vice President; Rita Ghaleb, Secretary; Christy El Kallassy, Social Media. The new officers will take up their positions at the September meeting. We would like to thank the current officers for their dedication and to congratulate the new board.

### **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.

To register, please click [here](#) or scan here  See Fr. Chuck for more information.

### **Saturday Speaker Series at St. Sharbel Spiritual Life Center**

Please click [here](#) to watch a lecture by Michael Aquilina at the Saint Sharbel Spiritual Life Center. The talk is a superb analysis of the influence of the early Christians on society with respect to the dignity of women and children. We hope everyone will listen to this to help us understand not only the value of Christianity 2000 years ago, but the great value today of the presence of Christians who truly believe in Christ, his way of life, and what this means for children, families and especially women.

### **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.

### **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 [here](#). 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**

[\*The Man of God Is a Man for Others\*](#) 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 [here](#) 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 [here](#) for more details.

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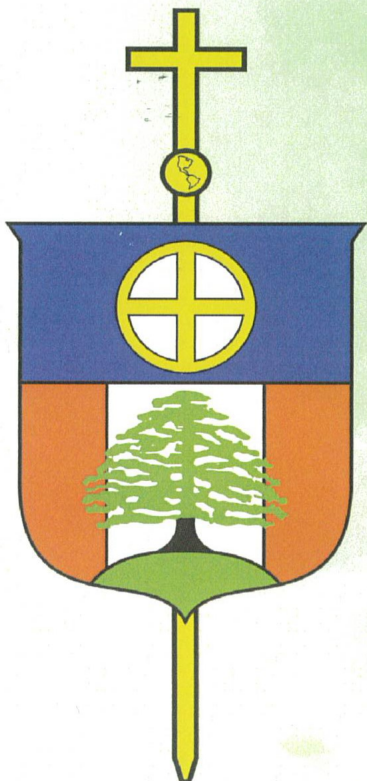


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## Sunday Readings

### 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 وأحجل، كما لو كنا ضُعفاء! وأقول كجَاهل: إنَّ كُلَّ مَا يَجْرُؤُ عَلَيْهِ هُوَ لَاءِ، أَجْرُؤُ عَلَيْهِ أَنَا أَيْضًا: أَهْمَ عِبْرَانِيُونَ؟ أَنَا أَيْضًا عِبْرَانِي! أَهْمَ إِسْرَائِيلِيُّونَ؟ أَنَا أَيْضًا إِسْرَائِيلِي! أَهْمَ نَسْلُ إِبْرَاهِيمَ؟ أَنَا أَيْضًا نَسْلُ إِبْرَاهِيمَ!

أَهْمَ خُدَّامٌ لِلْمَسِيحِ؟ أَقُولُ كَمَنْ فَقَدَ صَوَابَهُ: أَنَا أَكْثَرُ! فِي الْأَعْيَابِ أَكْثَرُ! فِي السُّجُونِ أَكْثَرُ! فِي الضَّرَبَاتِ أَكْثَرُ جِدًّا! فِي أخطَارِ الْمَوْتِ أَكْثَرُ بِمَرَّاتٍ كَثِيرَةٍ! تَلَقَّيْتُ الْجَلْدَ مِنَ الْيَهُودِ خَمْسَ مَرَّاتٍ، كُلَّ مَرَّةٍ أَرْبَعِينَ جِلْدَةً إِلَّا وَاحِدَةً!

ضُرِبْتُ بِالْعِصِيِّ ثَلَاثَ مَرَّاتٍ! رُجِمْتُ مَرَّةً وَاحِدَةً! انْكَسَرَتْ بِي السَّفِينَةُ ثَلَاثَ مَرَّاتٍ! فَضَيْتُ فِي عَرَضِ الْبَحْرِ لَيْلَةً وَنَهَارًا! قُمْتُ بِأَسْفَارٍ كَثِيرَةٍ، كُنْتُ فِي أخطَارٍ مِنَ الْأَنْهَارِ، أخطَارٍ مِنَ الصُّوُصِ، أخطَارٍ مِنْ أُمَّتِي، أخطَارٍ مِنَ الْأُمَمِ، أخطَارٍ فِي الْمَدِينَةِ، أخطَارٍ فِي الصَّحْرَاءِ، أخطَارٍ فِي الْبَحْرِ، أخطَارٍ بَيْنَ الْإِخْوَةِ الْكَذِبَةِ! عَانَيْتُ التَّعَبَ، وَالْكَدَّ، وَالسَّهَرَ مَرَّاتٍ كَثِيرَةٍ، وَالْجُوعَ، وَالْعَطَشَ، وَالصَّوْمَ مَرَّاتٍ كَثِيرَةٍ، وَالْبَرْدَ، وَالْعَرْيَ! أَضِيفُ إِلَى ذَلِكَ، مَا عَلَيَّ مِنَ الْأَعْيَاءِ كُلِّ يَوْمٍ، وَالْأَهْتِمَامِ بِجَمِيعِ الْكَنَائِسِ! مَنْ يَضْعُفُ وَلَا أضعفُ أَنَا؟ وَمَنْ يَتَّقِعُ فِي الْخَطِيئَةِ وَلَا أَحْتَرِقُ أَنَا؟ وَإِنْ كَانَ لَا بُدَّ مِنَ الْأَفْتَحَارِ، فَأَنَا أَفْتَحِرُ بِأَوْهَانِي!

##### إنجيل القديس متى 16: 13-20

جَاءَ يَسُوعُ إِلَى نَوَاجِي قَيْصَرِيَّةِ فِيلِثَسَ فَسَأَلَ تَلَامِيذَهُ قَائِلًا: «مَنْ يَقُولُ النَّاسُ إِنِّي أَنَا ابْنُ الْإِنْسَانِ؟» فَقَالُوا: «بَعْضُهُمْ يَقُولُونَ: يُوحَنَّا الْمَعْمَدَانُ؛ وَأخَرُونَ: إِيْلِيَّا؛ وَغَيْرُهُمْ: إِرْمِيَا أَوْ أَحَدُ الْأَنْبِيَاءِ.» قَالَ لَهُمْ: «وَأَنْتُمْ مَنْ تَقُولُونَ إِنِّي أَنَا؟» فَقَاجَبَ سِمْعَانَ بَطْرُسَ وَقَالَ: أَنْتَ هُوَ الْمَسِيحُ ابْنُ اللَّهِ الْحَيِّ!»

فَاجَبَ يَسُوعُ وَقَالَ لَهُ: «طوبى لَكَ يَا سِمْعَانُ بَنَ يُونَا! لِأَنَّهُ لَا لَحْمَ وَلَا دَمَ أَظْهَرَ لَكَ ذَلِكَ، بَلْ أَبِي الَّذِي فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ. وَأَنَا أَيْضًا أَقُولُ لَكَ: أَنْتَ هُوَ بَطْرُسُ، أَيِ الصَّخْرَةِ، وَعَلَى هَذِهِ الصَّخْرَةِ سَأَبْنِي بَيْعَتِي، وَأَبْوَابَ الْجَحِيمِ لَنْ تَقْوِي عَلَيْهَا. سَأُعْطِيكَ مَفَاتِيحَ مَلَكُوتِ السَّمَاوَاتِ، فَكُلُّ مَا تَرْتِطُهُ عَلَى الْأَرْضِ يَكُونُ مَرْبُوطًا فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ، وَمَا تَحْلُهُ عَلَى الْأَرْضِ يَكُونُ مَحْلُولًا فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ.»

حِينَئِذٍ أَوْصَى تَلَامِيذَهُ أَلَّا يَقُولُوا لِأَحَدٍ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْمَسِيحُ.

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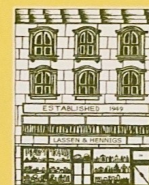
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