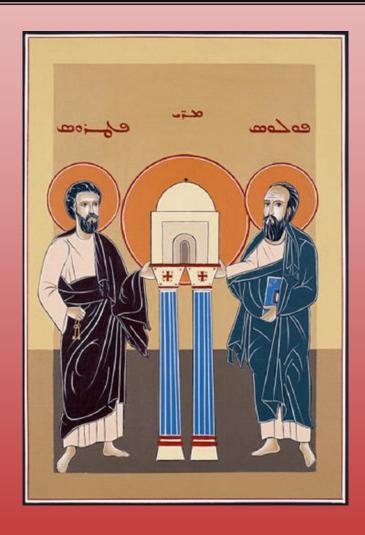
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# THE FEAST OF SAINTS PETER & PAUL

### The Feast of Saints Peter & Paul / Fourth Sunday of Pentecost June 29th, 2025

Sun., June 29 Feast of Saints Peter & Paul / Fourth Sunday of Pentecost

9 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners

11: 30 am for Jeanette Kozhaya & Bechara Farhat by The Farhat Family

Mon., June 30 **NO LITURGY** 

The Twelve Apostles

Tues., July 1 **NO LITURGY** 

Pope St. Gregory X / St. Junipero Serra

Wed., July 2 **NO LITURGY** 

The Visitation of Our Lady to her Cousin, Elizabeth

Thurs., July 3 **NO LITURGY** 

St. Jerome

Fri., July 4 **NO LITURGY** 

St. Andrew the Hymnographer

Sat., July 5 10 am Divine Liturgy

St. Macarius of the Cross

Sun., July 6 **Fifth Sunday of Pentecost** 

9 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners

11: 30 am 40 Day for Odette Saikaly

# by The Saikaly Family

#### **Financial Standing May 2025 Ordinary Income**

Collections on Sundays & Holy Days: \$8,834.57

Cathedral Stipends from Marriages & Funerals, Hall Rent, Candles, Breakfast, Luncheon, Raffle, Dues, Religious Education, Flowers ....\$20,516.18

**Total Ordinary Income: \$29,350.75** 

**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 \$66,929.61

**Total Ordinary Expenses: \$34,444.49** 

**Total Ordinary Income vs Expenses: -\$5,093.74** 

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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, 7% in 2024 and 9% in 2025. We are now paying \$53,716 which will amount to \$4,476.33 a month.

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

#### **HELP LEBANON!**

Caritas Lebanon: Founded in 1972, Caritas Lebanon is the official socio-pastoral arm of the Catholic Church and is under the authority of the Assembly of Catholic Patriarchs and Bishops of Lebanon. Caritas Lebanon assists both individuals and communities through direct assistance to the poor, sick, refugees, victims of sex abuse and trafficking, and others in need. Caritas Lebanon is a member of Caritas International, one of the largest humanitarian networks in the world. Donate here.

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#### **CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

The daily Divine Liturgy from Tuesday, July 1st, through Friday, July 4th, is canceled. Fr. Dominique and Fr. Chuck will be attending the NAM Convention.

#### Baby Bottle Campaign Ended on Father's Day

It is time to bring the Baby Bottle back that you took for the CompassCare/ EMC Frontline Pregnancy Centers. With medical offices in Brooklyn and the Bronx, along with a mobile medical unit, CompassCare/EMC serves vulnerable women facing unplanned pregnancies. And every day, many of these women considering abortion choose to continue their pregnancy.

#### **Annual MYA Gala**

The MYA will hold their annual Gala on Saturday, June 28th, at the Cathedral from 7 to 12 midnight. Please join us to enjoy music by a live DJ, a buffet dinner, dancing, a Photo Booth and more. \$65 per person.

#### New Officers for the Knights of St. Maron

The Knights of St. Maron elected a new board: William Abou Chrouch, President; Edgard Abi Daher, Vice President; Georges Elhajj, Treasurer; Bassem Diab, Secretary. The New Officers will take their positions at the September meeting. We would like to thank the current officers for their dedication and congratulate the new board.

#### Save the Date for the Parish Annual Picnic

Save the date for the Parish Annual Picnic on August 31st.

#### **Vocation Team Initiatives**

The Vocation Team is starting a new initiative to foster and promote a culture of vocations in our parishes with a vocation form that Bishop Gregory would like everyone to consider completing. Please click on the <u>link</u> and consider submitting a name of one or two young people, whom the Vocation Team can pray for, and possibly accompany on their vocation journey. The Vocation Team and Bishop Gregory will intentionally pray for those whose names are submitted, and, if given permission, we will follow up with them to see how we can support them in their ongoing discernment.

Please click <u>here</u> for our vocation prayer card and icon to aid our young people, families, and parishes to come together as the Body of Christ to pray for vocations.

#### Pilgrimage in the Footsteps of St. John Paul II

Join us on an 11-day/9-night pilgrimage to Eastern Europe *In The Footsteps of St. John Paul II* from October 06–16, 2025, including Prague, Wroclaw, Krakow, Wieliczka Salt Mines, Auschwitz, Wadowice, Brno & Vienna. \$4,298 per person/double occupancy, including airfare from New York. Please call Marleine 1-917-608-2996 or Tony 1-917-206-3995.

# Maronite Servants of Christ the Light Monthly Discernment

The Maronite Servants of Christ the Light are now hosting monthly discernment calls via Zoom for single young adult women (ages 18-39) discerning their vocation and open to learning more about the call to religious life. If any young adult women are interested or have questions, they are welcome to reach out to Sr. Therese Maria, Vocation Director, by email or by calling 508-996-1753. More information can also be found on the website here.

#### **Promoting Vocations**

The Eparchy is trying to bring more awareness to the different vocations in 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. See Fr. Chuck for more information. To register, please click <a href="https://example.com/here/bearth-life">here</a>.





Our Lady of Lebanon Cathedral has been designated as a holy site for the 2025 Jubilee Year. Catholics who visit the Cathedral with a sincere heart free from attachment to sin, and who fulfill the following conditions, can obtain a plenary indulgence:

- 1. Receive Holy Communion.
- 2. Participate in the Sacrament of Penance (Confession).
- 3. Pray for the intentions of the Holy Father.

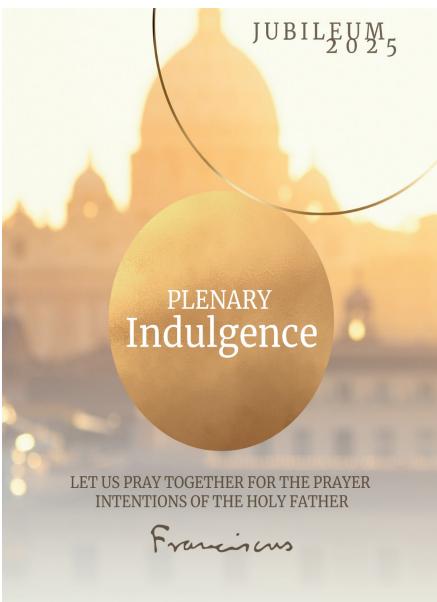
A plenary indulgence grants the complete remission of all temporal punishment due to sin, restoring the soul to the purity it had at baptism.

### The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen

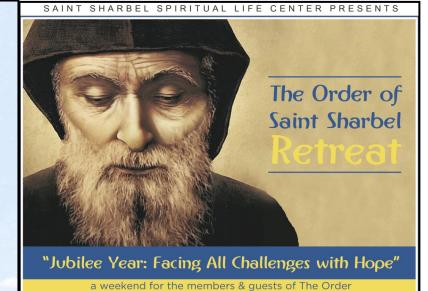












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### Sunday Readings قراءات الأحد

#### 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 القدّيسين بطرس وبولس الرسولين

رسالة القديس بولس الثانية إلى 21:11-30 يا إخوتي، أَقُولُ وأَخْبَل، كَما لَو كُنَّا ضُعَفَاء! وأَقُولُ كَجَاهِل: إِنَّ كُلَّ مَا يَجْرُؤُ عَلَيْهِ هؤلاء، أَجْرُؤُ عَلَيْهِ أَنَا أَيْضًا: أَهْم عِبْرَانِيُون؟ أَنا أَيْضًا عِبْرَانِيِّي! أَهُم اللهُ إِبْرَاهِيم؟ أَنا إِسْرَائِيلِيِّ! أَهُم نَسْلُ إِبْرَاهِيم؟ أَنا أَيْضًا لَسِلُ إِبْرَاهِيم؟ أَنا أَيْضًا نَسْلُ إِبْرَاهِيم؟

أَيْضًا نَسْلُ إِبْرَاهِيمِ! أَيْضًا نَسْلُ إِبْرَاهِيمِ! أَهُم خُدَّامٌ لِلمَسِيحِ؟ أَقُولُ كَمَنْ فَقَدَ صَوَابَهُ: أَنا أَكْثَر! في الأَتْعَابِ أَكْثَر! في السُّجُونِ أَكْثَر! في الضَّرَبَاتِ أَكْثَرُ جِدًّا! في أَخْطَارِ المَوْتِ أَكْثَرُ بِمَرَّاتٍ كَثِيرَة! تَلَقَّيْتُ الجَلْدَ مِنَ اليَهُودِ خَمْسَ مَرَّات، كُلُّ مَرَّةٍ أَرْبَعِينَ جَلْدَةً إِلاَّ

ضُربْتُ بِالعِصِيِّ ثَلاثَ مَرَّات! رُجِمْتُ مَرَّةً وَاحِدَة! الْخَمْرَتْ بِيَ السَّفِينَةُ ثَلاثَ مَرَّات! قَضَيْتُ في عُرْضِ البَحْرِ لَيْلَةً وَنَهَارًا! قُمْتُ بِأَسْفَارٍ كَثِيْرَة، كُنْتُ في أَخْطَارٍ مِنَ اللَّصُوص، أَخْطَارٍ مِنْ اللَّصُوص، أَخْطَارٍ مِنْ اللَّصُوص، أَخْطَارٍ مِنْ اللَّصُوص، أَخْطَارٍ مِنْ المَّتِينَة، أَخْطَارٍ في المَدِينَة، أَخْطَارٍ في المَدَنِبَة، أَخْطَارٍ في المَدَنِبَة، أَخْطَارٍ في الكَذَبَة! عَانَيْتُ النَّعَبَ، والكَدَّ، والسَّهُرَ مَرَّاتٍ كَثِيرَة، والبَرْدَ، والمَّوْمَ مَرَّاتٍ كَثِيرَة، والبَرْدَ، والبَعْرُيُ! أَضِعُ لَى وَلَى اللَّهُ مَا عَلَيَّ مِنَ الأَعْبَاءِ كُلَّ يَوْم، والأَهْتِمْ وَلا أَحْبَوْ وَلا أَضْعُفُ ولا أَضْعُفُ بَرَ الْ كَانَ لا بُدَّ مِنَ الأَقْتِخَار، فأَنا أَقْتَخِرُ بِأَوهَانِي!

إنجيل القديس متى 16: 13-20

مَاءَ يَسُوعُ إِلَى نُواحِي قَيْصَرِيَّةِ فِيْلِبُّسَ فَسَأَلَ تَلامِيْدَهُ فَالِلَّ: »مَنْ يَقُولُ النَّاسُ إِنِي أَنَا الْبِثُ الإِنْسَانِ؟ . «فَقَالُوا: »بَعْضُهُم يَقُولُون: يُوحَنَّا الْمَعْمَدَان؛ و أَخَرُون: إِنْلِيَّا؛ وغَيْرُهُم: إِرْمِيَا أَو أَحَدُ الأَنْبِيَاء. «قَالَ لَهُم: »و أَنْثُم مَنْ تَقُولُونَ إِنِي أَنَا؟ . «فَأَجَابَ سِمْعَانُ بُطْرُسُ وقَال: أَنْتَ هُوَ المَسِيحُ آبْنُ اللهِ الحَيِّ!. « فَوَالَ لَهُ: »طُوبِي لَكَ يَا سِمْعَانُ بِنَ يُونَا! فَأَجَابَ بَسُوعُ وقَالَ لَهُ: »طُوبِي لَكَ يَا سِمْعَانُ بِنَ يُونَا! فَأَجَابَ بَسُوعُ وقَالَ لَهُ: »طُوبِي لَكَ يَا سِمْعَانُ بِنَ يُونَا! لِأَنَّهُ لا لَحْمَ ولا دَمَ أَظُهْرَ لَكَ ذَلِكَ، بَلْ أَبِي الذِي في السَّمَاوَات. و أَنَا أَيْضَنَا أَقُولُ لَكَ: أَنْتَ هُو بُطْرُسُ، أَي السَّمَاوَات. و أَنَا أَيْضَنَا أَقُولُ لَكَ: أَنْتَ هُو بُطْرُسُ، أَي السَّمَاوَات. و أَنَا أَيْضَنَا أَقُولُ لَكَ: أَنْتَ هُو بُطْرُسُ، أَي اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ عَلَى اللَّمَاوَات، فَكُلُ مَا تَرْيُطُهُ عَلَى الأَرْضِ يَكُونُ مَذُلُولًا في السَّمَاوَات، فَكُلُ مَا تَرْيُطُهُ عَلَى الأَرْضِ يَكُونُ مَخُلُولًا في السَّمَاوَات، فَكُلُ مَا تَرْيُطُهُ عَلَى الأَرْضِ يَكُونُ مَخُلُولًا في السَّمَاوَات، ومَا تَحُلُهُ على الأَرْضِ يَكُونُ مَخُلُولًا في

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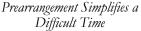
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