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Fourth Sunday of the Resurrection & Feast of Our Lady of Lebanon May 3, 2020

Sun., May 3	4th Sunday of the Resurrection & Feast of Our Lady of Lebanon Private Divine Liturgy Livestreamed at 10:00 am	
Mon., May 4	NO LITURGY	St. Monica
Tues., May 5	Private Divine Liturgy	
Wed., May 6	Private Divine Liturgy	St. Dominic Savio
Thurs., May 7	Private Divine Liturgy	
Fri., May 8	Private Divine Liturgy Michel Merhej	St. John the Evangelist Req. by Mr. & Mrs. William Safi & Family
Sat., May 9	Divine Liturgy	Isaiah the Prophet, The Second Council of Constantinople
Sun., May 10	5th Sunday of the Resurrection Private Divine Liturgy Livestreamed at 10:00 am	

Financial Standing March 2020

Ordinary Income

Sundays & Holy Days Collections: **\$10,070.00**

Cathedral Stipends from Marriages & Funerals, Lower Hall Rent, Candles, Breakfast, Luncheon, Bake Sale, Dues, Religious Education, flowers, **\$4,757.00**

Total Ordinary Income: \$14,847.00

Ordinary Expense

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 Expense: \$20,308.36

Total Ordinary Income vs Expense: -\$5,461.36

We also brought in some extraordinary income in the amount of: \$42,116.67 (which included Library Rent, Donations for specific projects, or the Capital Campaign)

Thus, we had to use extraordinary income for ordinary expense to make “ends meet.” It is our hope that ALL extraordinary expense could be set aside for major improvements for the Cathedral. Thus, we need everyone’s help.

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

Hope and Healing

There are literally millions of women and men who, alone and abandoned, suffer some of the most serious psychological and spiritual consequences of abortion. If you are one of them, **we understand and are here to help.** There is hope. There is healing. There is a way out of your pain. You can find acceptance, healing and unconditional love in a safe, confidential environment. Please check our [Post Abortion Healing page](#) of the Family and Sanctity of Life website.

For more information about our ministry
Check [here and watch the video.](#)

Dear Beloved Parishioners: Please read below a letter from Bishop Gregory

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Our hearts go out to our brothers and sisters in Lebanon who are enduring their greatest difficulties since the civil war. The economic situation has deteriorated over the past year, the banking system is straining, and the COVID-19 crisis has pushed Lebanon to the brink.

Please consider joining with me in helping some Catholic and other institutions doing important work in helping the poor in Lebanon. I am personally familiar with each of these organizations, know their leadership and have observed their work in action over the last few years. Generally speaking, they help the “poorest of the poor”, and the people who most need help. The Eparchy can assist you if you wish to support one of these worthy causes. You can send us a check and designate which agency you want to help. We will be sure it gets there.

Thank you for considering their needs, and responding generously. May God bless you!

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. www.Caritas.org.lb

Tele-Lumiere/Noursat. Tele-Lumiere/Noursat, the “Television of Light”, is the first established Christian Television network in Lebanon and the Middle East. It was founded in 1991 by a group of committed lay people. Tele-Lumiere/Noursat has become a daily bread and hope for the Christian minorities in the Middle East, as well as a source of peace for many viewers from different denominations. www.noursat.tv

Missionary Sisters of the Very Holy Sacrament. The Missionary Sisters of the Very Holy Sacrament, founded in 1966, is an order of religious Sisters that operated several ministries: schools for poor children, orphanages, free health clinics for the poor in rural villages, and a retirement home for the aged, among others. These people served by the Sisters would not receive help from anyone else. www.smssacrament.org

Oum El Nour. Oum el Nour is a Lebanese not-for-profit, nongovernmental organization that is committed to serving individuals suffering from drug addiction. Oum El Nour “Mother of the Light” provides a home for those who need shelter, help, understanding, and a place away to recover so that they can begin to live a full life, free of their past shackles. www.oumelnour.org/

SESOBEL. The name “SESOBEL” is an abbreviation from French – Service Social pour le Bienetre de L’Enfant au Liban – Social Service for the Well-Being of the Child in Lebanon. SESOBEL’s mission is to assist children suffering from mental and physical disabilities by improving their quality of life and supporting their families. SESOBEL cares for over 400 children annually and has helped thousands of families. With over 34 years of experience, SESOBEL has a shining reputation of service in the Middle East. sesobel.org

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul. Founded in 1833 by a group of young laymen, the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is a lay Catholic organization of women and men who put their faith into action. The Society is very close to the people. Most parishes and villages have a Society that is active. From the start, the Society has been under the patronage of Saint Vincent de Paul, a great saint, well-known for his works of charity. www.stvincent-lb.org/vincent/

Antonine Social Orientation School – Mrouj, Lebanon. The school educates and cares for orphans and poor children living in difficult circumstances. It also promotes intellectual, human, social and spiritual formation. Due to the bad socio-economic situations in Lebanon, we need financial support in order to keep operating. All donations must be sent to our Chancery to assist them.

Oraunion. Oraunion helps build communities and civil society in Lebanon through several initiatives: Labora, which provides job training and employment to young people in order to stem emigration from Lebanon; Groact, which supports civil society associations in cities, towns and villages; Ucipliban, which supports the free press; and Aulib, which supports Lebanese universities. <http://www.oraunion.org/>

Cénacle de La Lumière. CDLL works in the field of rehabilitation for people suffering from drug and alcohol addiction. It was founded in 2006 as a volunteer initiative when a group of concerned friends came together to help individuals who were losing their lives to drugs. <https://www.cdll.org.lb/>

Our three Maronite Catholic Eparchies (Dioceses) in Syria:

Archeparchy of Aleppo. The Maronite Catholic Archeparchy of Aleppo is an archeparchy of the Maronite Church currently governed by Archbishop Joseph Tobji. All donations must be sent to our Chancery to forward to him.

Archeparchy of Damascus. The Maronite Catholic Archeparchy of Damascus is an archeparchy of the Maronite Church currently governed by Archbishop Samir Nassar. All donations must be sent to our Chancery to forward to him.

Eparchy of Latakia. The Maronite Catholic Eparchy of Latakia is an eparchy of the Maronite Catholic Church governed by Bishop Antoine Chbeir. All donations must be sent to our Chancery to forward to him.

We pray that our effort will continue to bear good fruit for Lebanon and God’s people. Thank you.

+Gregory John Mansour

Bishop of the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn



Save the Date

Thursday, October 1, 2020

Join us for the
*Eleventh Annual Benefit Dinner for
The Eparchy of Saint Maron*

At The Water Club, New York

Details to follow

Order of Saint Sharbel Matching Grant

Good news: Catholic Extension Society recently announced that it will make a \$25,000 grant to our Eparchy in 2020 for our Seminarian Endowments – if certain conditions are met!

Each Eparchy can earn the \$25,000 grant if they enroll at least 15 new Perpetual Members in the Order of Saint Sharbel by December 31. Membership dues and donations must be received by December 31, 2020 to qualify.

This is not the first time that the Eparchies have received matching grants from Catholic Extension. Similar grants were made in 2012, 2013, 2015 and 2016 after the Order of Saint Sharbel met similar challenges. The Eparchies were selected after a competitive application process each time.

Order of Saint Sharbel President Jim Abdo of Minneapolis immediately put out a call to Members of the Order to invite their friends, family members and fellow parishioners to join or to recruit new Members or to make a gift of Membership, saying, “We do not want to waste this great opportunity!”

Perpetual Membership in the Order requires a donation of \$5,000. The payment can be made in one lump sum, or in four quarterly installments over the course of a year. Information on enrolling in the Order can be found on the Order of St. Sharbel’s website, www.orderstsharbel.org, or obtained by contacting any of the following people:

- James Abdo, President of the Order (jabdo@abdobooks.com)
- Charlene Hiffa, Vice President, Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn (mchiffa@bellsouth.net)
- John Kurey, Stewardship Director, Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn and the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon (718-237-9913 / 314-231-1021; or saintmaron@yahoo.com / maroniteswest@yahoo.com).

TO SUPPORT THE EDUCATION OF MARONITE SEMINARIANS
AND HELP BUILD THE FUTURE OF THE MARONITE CHURCH

Meet this year’s Seminarists for the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn



Sunday Readings

قراءات الأحد

The Fourth Sunday of the Resurrection

Letter to the Hebrews 13: 18-25

Pray for us; we are sure that we have a clear conscience, desiring to act honorably in all things. I urge you all the more to do this, so that I may be restored to you very soon. Now may the God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do his will, working among us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever and ever. Amen. I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, bear with my word of exhortation, for I have written to you briefly. I want you to know that our brother Timothy has been set free; and if he comes in time, he will be with me when I see you. Greet all your leaders and all the saints. Those from Italy send you greetings. Grace be with all of you.

The Gospel according to Saint John 21: 1-14

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. 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. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.' He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

الأحد الرابع من زمن القيامة

رسالة إلى العبرانيين 13: 18-25

يا إخوتي، صلوا من أجلنا، فإبتنا واثقون أن ضميرنا صالح، ونحن نريد أن نبتلك مسلكا حسنا في كل شيء. وأطلب إليكم بالخاص أن تفعلوا ذلك، حتى يرُدني الله إليكم سريعا! وإله السلام، الذي أصعد من بين الأموات ربنا يسوع، زاعي الخراف العظيم بدم عهد أبدي، هو يجعلكم كاملين في كل صلاح، لتعملوا بمشيئته، وهو يعمل بيننا ما هو مرضي في عينيه، بيسوع المسيح، له المجد إلى أبد الأبدن. آمين. وأناشدكم، أيها الإخوة، أن تحتملوا كلام التشجيع، فإني كتبت إليكم بإيجاز! إعلموا أن أخانا طيموثاوس قد أحلني سبيله، فإن أسرع في مجيئه، سأذهب معه وأراكم. سلموا على جميع مدبريكم وجميع القديسين. يسلم عليكم الإخوة الذين في إيطاليا. النعمة معكم أجمعين!

إنجيل القديس يوحنا 21: 1-14

بعد ذلك، ظهر يسوع لتلاميذه مرة أخرى على بحيرة طبرية، وهكذا ظهر: كان سمعان بطرس، وثوما الملقب بالنوام، وتناثايل الذي من قانا الجليل، وأبنا زبدي، وتلميذان آخران من تلاميذ يسوع، مجتمعين معا. قال لهم سمعان بطرس: «أنا ذاهب أصطاد سمكا». «قالوا له:» «نحن أيضا نأتي معك». «فخرجوا وركبوا السفينة، فما أصابوا في تلك الليلة شيئا. ولما طلع الفجر، وقفت يسوع على الشاطئ، ولكن التلاميذ لم يعلموا أنه يسوع. فقال لهم يسوع: «يا فتيان، أما عندكم قليل من السمك؟» «أجابوه:» «لا». «فقال لهم:» «ألقوا الشبكة إلى يمين السفينة تجدوا». «وألقوها، فما قيروا على أخذها من كثرة السمك. فقال ذلك التلميذ الذي كان يسوع يجبه لبطرس: «إنه الرب». «فلما سمع سمعان بطرس أنه الرب، اترز بنوبه، لأنه كان عريانا، وألقى بنفسه في البحيرة. أما التلميذ الآخر فجاؤوا بالسفينة، وهم يسحبون الشبكة المملوءة سمكا، وما كانوا يعيدون عن البر إلا نحو مئتي ذراع. ولما نزلوا إلى البر، رأوا جمرا، وسمكا على الجمر، وخبزا. قال لهم يسوع: «هاتوا من السمك الذي أصبتموه الآن.» فصعد سمعان بطرس إلى السفينة، وجذب الشبكة إلى البر، وهي مملوءة سمكا كبيرا، مئة وثلاثا وخمسين. ومع هذه الكثرة لم تتمرق الشبكة. قال لهم يسوع: «هلتموا تجدوا». «ولم يجروا أحد من التلاميذ أن يسأله:» «من أنت؟»، «لأنهم علموا أنه الرب. وتقدم يسوع وأخذ الخبز وناولهم. ثم فعل كذلك بالسمك. هذه مرة ثالثة ظهر فيها يسوع للتلاميذ بعد أن قام من بين الأموات.

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