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# *Fifth Sunday of the Resurrection*

## *May 10, 2020*

Sun., May 10	5th Sunday of the Resurrection Private Divine Liturgy livestreamed at 10:00 am Elias Varous & Mike Varous	St. Simon the Zealot & St. Damien of Molokai For All Mothers in the Church Req. by the Family
Mon., May 11	NO LITURGY	
Tues., May 12	Private Divine Liturgy Salwa Ache	St. Epiphanius, the Bishop of Cyprus Req. by Mr. & Mrs. Adib Howayek
Wed., May 13	Private Divine Liturgy Fouad Baghdadi	Our Lady of Fatima & St. Adai, One of the 72 Disciples Req. by Mr. & Mrs. Adib Howayek
Thurs., May 14	Private Divine Liturgy Nasrallah Saad	Req. by Mr. & Mrs. Adib Howayek
Fri., May 15	Private Divine Liturgy	Our Lady of the Harvest
Sat., May 16	Private Divine Liturgy	
Sun., May 17	5th Sunday of the Resurrection Private Divine Liturgy livestreamed at 10:00 am	

### **Financial Standing April 2020**

#### **Ordinary Income**

Sundays & Holy Days Collections: **\$12,608.12**

Cathedral Stipends from Marriages & Funerals, Lower Hall Rent, Candles, Breakfast, Luncheon, Bake Sale, Dues, Religious Education, flowers, ....: **\$920.00**

**Total Ordinary Income: \$13,528.12**

#### **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: \$13,877.08**

**Total Ordinary Income vs Expense: -\$348.96**

**We also brought in some extraordinary income in the amount of: \$42,091.67** (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**

### **What are you saying Yes to?**

Today's culture promotes promiscuity, adultery, pornography, etc. People seek love in the wrong places and are often left empty and wounded. Say yes to virtue!! Everyone is called to live it according to his/her own state of life whether married, celibate, single or religious. To learn more about what you are saying yes to when you embrace this virtue, check here [our chastity webpage](#).

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

## Dear Beloved Parishioners:

The Vatican is making available a book entitled "Strong in the Face of Tribulation," containing prayers, supplications and the Pope's homilies as "a sure support in time of trial." It includes one of the most famous hymns of the Greek Church dedicated to the Theotokos (Mother of God). The hymn is called *A-kathistos* which in Greek means "not-seated" because it is sung or recited while standing as a sign of reverence for Mary, the Holy Mother of God. The structure is inspired by the description of the heavenly Jerusalem in chapters 21-22 of the Revelation to St. John. It sings about Mary in her identification with the Church, the Virgin Bride of the Lamb. The hymn is comprised of 24 stanzas which is the numbers of letters in the Greek alphabet. It is planned in two parts - a narrative and a dogmatic one - in which the beauty of Mary, Mother of Christ and Believers, shines through.

Here are some verses that we can pray this week:  
Rejoice, through you is our joy made resplendent.  
Rejoice, through you is our curse now eclipsed.  
Rejoice, the saving of Adam who fell.  
Rejoice, annulment of tears of Eve.  
Rejoice, inaccessible summit beyond understanding.  
Rejoice, wondrous deepness of depth for the knowledge of angels.  
Rejoice, holy place where the King did establish His Throne.  
Rejoice, who gave birth to the Life and Sustainer of all.  
Rejoice, the Star who announces the Dawn.  
Rejoice, the Womb wherein God is made Flesh.  
Rejoice, for through you is Creation made new.  
Rejoice, for its Maker is a Child born through you.

Rejoice, the guide to the planning of God.  
Rejoice, the light of a mystery profound.  
Rejoice, the first of the wonders of Christ.  
Rejoice, in whom all His Truths are brought forth.  
Rejoice, stair of Heaven, providing the pathway to God.  
Rejoice, for you span the great gulf between Heaven and Man.  
Rejoice, splendid sign whom the choirs of angels proclaim.  
Rejoice, fearful scourge of the legions and powers of ill.  
Rejoice, O Bearer of ineffable Light.  
Rejoice, sole keeper of the means of this sign.  
Rejoice, ever greater than knowledge of sages.  
Rejoice, in the hearts of the faithful you shine.

You may find this entire hymn on page 32 of the [booklet here](#).

May the prayers of Our Lady be with us during this month of May.



## The 2020 Eparchial Charities Appeal

The Eparchial Charities Appeal will continue to be collected until August 15. We are asked to raise \$5,500 to participate in this awesome mission of the Eparchy. We have collected \$2,277 so far. You may donate [here](#). Thanks for your generosity.

## Covid-19 SALAM Club Fundraising

The club decided to undertake a fundraising campaign in view of the Covid-19 pandemic. We wanted to recognize and support the healthcare workers and first responders on the front lines as well as seniors and others in need during these trying times. Any support will be highly appreciated and will be used to help our heroes and our community. You may make your donation [by clicking here](#). Thank you in advance for your contribution and together we can make a difference for our community.

## High School & College Scholarships

Students, currently enrolled or about to start attending high school or graduating from high school to college, are eligible to apply for either [the Confraternity of the Immaculate Conception](#), [Knights of St. Maron](#), or [the Joulwan Family](#) scholarships. [Please see the forms online](#). Students may also apply for the SALAM Club Scholarship.

## Bulletin Advertisement

Business owners who would like to advertise their businesses in the Church bulletin that reaches over 600 households via email. For more information [click here](#) and call the rectory at 718-624-7228.

## The Cathedral 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](#) from more details.

## Recommendation of the Finance Council

The Finance Council recommends that parishioners set their Church donation up 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](#).

## Postponement of the Greece Pilgrimage

Due to the coronavirus, the planned Greece Pilgrimage in the Footsteps of St. Paul was postponed to October 11. It will be the same itinerary as before, but we will be joining another group and hopefully by then this situation will be under control.

## Free Online NFP Session

In order to make sure that couples gain proper understanding of Natural Family Planning, per the Statutes of the Eparchy (No. 71), a free online session is offered to learn an overview of NFP methods and the introductory session to the Creighton Model FertilityCare System presenting the theology and the scientific aspect of NFP. The following are the dates and times: Tuesday May 19, Monday June 8 at 7:30pm. To sign up for one of the sessions please contact Marise Frangie at 914-393-8907 or [sanctityoflife@live.com](mailto:sanctityoflife@live.com).





# 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](http://www.orderstsharbel.org), or obtained by contacting any of the following people:

- James Abdo, President of the Order ([jabdo@abdobooks.com](mailto:jabdo@abdobooks.com))
- Charlene Hiffa, Vice President, Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn ([mchiffa@bellsouth.net](mailto: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](mailto:saintmaron@yahoo.com) / [maroniteswest@yahoo.com](mailto:maroniteswest@yahoo.com)).

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



## 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 2:1-10

يا اخوتي، وأنتم، فقد كنتم أمواتاً بزلاتكم وخطاياكم، التي سلكنتم فيها من قبل بحسب إله هذا العالم، بحسب رئيس سلطان الجوّ، أي الرّوح الذي يعمل الآن في أبناء العُصيان؛

ومنهم نحن أيضاً جميعنا قد سلكننا من قبل في شهوات إنساننا الجسديّ، عاملين برغباته وأفكاره، وكنا بالطبيعة أولاد الغضب كالباقين؛ لكن الله، وهو الغني برحمته، فلكرمة محبته التي أحبنا بها، وقد كنا نحن أيضاً أمواتاً بزلاتنا، أحياناً مع المسيح، وبالنعمة أنتم مخلصون؛ ومعه أقامنا وأجلسنا في السماوات في المسيح يسوع، ليظهر في الأجيال الآتية غنى نعمته الفائقة، بلطفه لنا في المسيح يسوع.

فبالنعمة أنتم مخلصون بواسطة الإيمان: وهذا ليس منكم، إنّه عطية الله.

ولا هو من الأعمال، لئلا يفتخر أحد؛ لأننا نحن صنعوه، قد خلقنا في المسيح يسوع للأعمال الصالحة، التي سبق الله فأعدّها لكي نسلك فيها.

##### إنجيل القديس يوحنا 21:15-19

بعد الغداء، قال يسوع لسمعان بطرس: «يا سمعان بن يونا، أحببني أكثر مما يحبني هؤلاء؟». «قال له: نعم، يا رب، أنت تعلم أي أحبك». «قال له يسوع: «إزع حملاني.»

قال له مرة ثانية: «يا سمعان بن يونا، أحببني؟». «قال له: نعم يا رب، أنت تعلم أي أحبك». «قال له يسوع: «إزع نعاجي.»!

قال له مرة ثالثة: «يا سمعان بن يونا، أحببني؟». «فحزن بطرس، لأن يسوع قال له ثلاث مرّات: أحببني؟ فقال له: «يا رب، أنت تعلم كل شيء، وأنت تعرف أي أحبك.»

قال له يسوع: «إزع جزافي! الحقّ الحقّ أقول لك: حين كنت شاباً، كنت تشدّ جزامك بيديك وتسير إلى حيث تريد. ولكن حين تشيخ، ستبسط يديك وأخر يسدّ لك جزامك، ويذهب بك إلى حيث لا تريد.»

قال يسوع ذلك مشيراً إلى الميثة التي سيمجد بها بطرس الله. ثم قال له: «اتبعني.»!



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