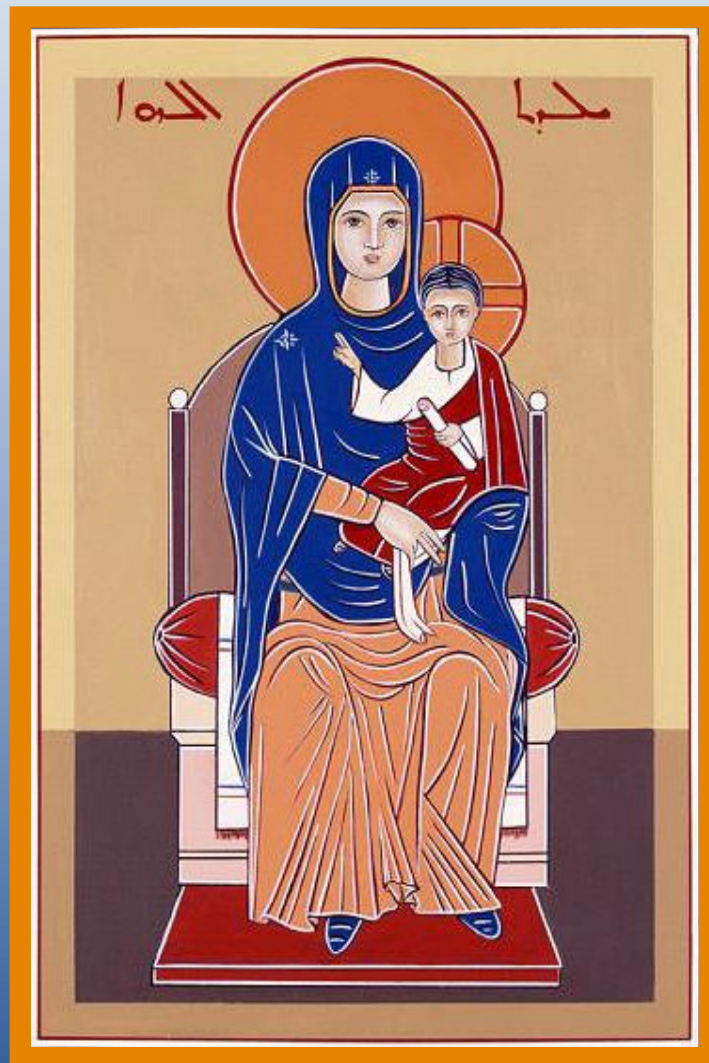


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Sixth Sunday of the Resurrection

May 17, 2020

Sun., May 17	6th Sunday of the Resurrection Private Divine Liturgy livestreamed at 10:00 am	St. Serapion
Mon., May 18	NO LITURGY	
Tues., May 19	Private Divine Liturgy Michel Merhej	Req. by Gioviani Giarrusso
Wed., May 20	Private Divine Liturgy	
Thurs., May 21	Feast of Ascension of Our Lord Private Divine Liturgy 7pm St. Constantine and his Mother St. Helen	
Fri., May 22	Private Divine Liturgy	St. Rita of Cascia
Sat., May 23	Private Divine Liturgy	Tobias the Righteous
Sun., May 24	7th Sunday of the Resurrection Private Divine Liturgy livestreamed at 10:00 am 40 Days of Michel Merhej	Req. by the Merhej Family.

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**

Add

SPICE to your relationship

The Catholic Church believes our sexuality is a gift from God, and that it is good. We need to cherish and protect it and value its goodness. We don't buy into the world's view of sexuality, which focuses almost entirely on the physical and leaves people feeling empty and used, aware deep in their hearts that something is missing. The Creighton Model Fertility Care System teaches us that our sexuality is multidimensional and is referred to as SPICE. To learn more about SPICE and how you can add SPICE to your relationships or use it for self care, please check [our SPICE page in Family Life Section](#)

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

Dear Beloved Parishioners:

John 21 is an additional chapter to the original Gospel of John. The last few verses of John 20 are clear evidence that the book could well have ended there. John 20: 30 - 31 reads, "Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name." Nonetheless, chapter 21 picks up again with another appearance of Jesus to seven disciples by the Sea of Galilee or Tiberias, but most importantly the account emphasizes Jesus' reaffirmation of his mission to the disciples and especially to Simon Peter.

"I am going fishing," said Peter to the other disciples and they went with him that day. The last time Peter went fishing is recorded in Matthew 17: 27 when the collectors of the temple taxes were asking whether his teacher was paying what he owed. Jesus asked Simon to "go to the sea and cast a hook; take the first fish that comes up; and when you open its mouth, you will find a coin; take that and give it to them for you and me." Thus, after three years of not doing any serious fishing, Simon Peter decided to go back to his old trade when it seemed that his Lord had disappointed him by dying on the cross like a criminal. The original call of Jesus to make the disciples fishers of men had fallen through the cracks of anger, fear and despair after the death of their master. The three years of discipleship spent with Jesus seemed not applicable anymore and becoming fishers of men was not a thing they, especially Simon Peter, wanted to pursue.

At least three or four of the seven disciples along with Simon Peter were experienced fishermen, but that day, strangely, they caught nothing. They must have felt stuck between a rock and a hard place: they had kind of lost what they were good at, fishing, and could no longer continue with their mission of becoming fishers of men because Jesus was not there to bring people to him. Their minds were confused and might be going 100 miles an hour. In fact, this state of confusion is hinted at by the expression "just after daybreak." That is the time of the day when the eyes cannot see clearly and darkness is still dominating the light of the sun. Their fuzzy vision at daybreak represented foginess of mind as they encountered the risen Lord at the seashore. Nonetheless, upon the miraculous catch of a net full of large fish ordered by Jesus, the disciples did not only recognize their Lord, but also that being fishermen was not what they were called to do, that their mission had changed. Failing at being fishermen made them rediscover anew that they were invited by Jesus to be fishers of men. But as the developing day made everything clearer and clearer, this also would change especially for Simon Peter, who in addition to being a fisher of men, would become their shepherd.



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.



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).

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Sunday Readings

قراءات الأحد

Sixth Sunday of the Resurrection

Letter to the Romans 10: 1-13

Brothers and sisters, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. I can testify that they have a zeal for God, but it is not enlightened. For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God, and seeking to establish their own, they have not submitted to God's righteousness. For Christ is the end of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes. Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that 'the person who does these things will live by them.' But the righteousness that comes from faith says, 'Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?"' (that is, to bring Christ down) 'or "Who will descend into the abyss?"' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? 'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

The Gospel according to Saint Luke 24: 36-48

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.'

الأحد السادس من زمن القيامة

رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل رومة 10: 1-13
يا إخوتي، إنَّ بُغْيَةَ قَلْبِي وَتَضَرُّعِي إِلَى اللَّهِ مِنْ أَجْلِ
بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ لِيُخَلِّصُوا. فَأَنَا أَشْهَدُ لَهُمْ أَنَّ فِيهِمْ غَيْرَةَ
لِلَّهِ، وَلَكِنْ بِدُونِ مَعْرِفَةِ صَاحِبَةِ. فَقَدْ جَهِلُوا بِرَّ اللَّهِ،
وَحَاوَلُوا أَنْ يُنْشِئُوا بِرَّ أَنْفُسِهِمْ، فَلَمْ يَخْضَعُوا لِبِرِّ اللَّهِ؛ لِأَنَّ
غَايَةَ الشَّرِيعَةِ أَنَّمَا هِيَ الْمَسِيحُ، لِكَيْ يَتَبَرَّرَ بِهِ كُلُّ
مُؤْمِنٍ. وَقَدْ كَتَبَ مُوسَى عَنِ الْبِرِّ الَّذِي هُوَ مِنَ الشَّرِيعَةِ
قَالَ: «مَنْ يَعْمَلُ بِأَحْكَامِ الشَّرِيعَةِ يَحْيَا بِهَا». «أَمَّا عَنِ
الْبِرِّ الَّذِي هُوَ مِنَ الْإِيمَانِ فَيَقُولُ: «لَا تَقُلْ فِي قَلْبِكَ: مَنْ
يَصْعَدُ إِلَى السَّمَاءِ؟»، أَيْ لِيُنْزَلَ الْمَسِيحُ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ.
وَلَا تَقُلْ: «مَنْ يَهْبِطُ إِلَى الْهَابِوَةِ؟»، أَيْ لِيُصْعَدَ الْمَسِيحُ
مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ. بَلْ مَاذَا يَقُولُ؟ «الْكَلِمَةُ قَرِيبَةٌ مِنْكَ،
فِي فَمِكَ وَقَلْبِكَ»، أَيْ كَلِمَةُ الْإِيمَانِ، الَّتِي تُنَادِي بِهَا.
فَإِنْ اعْتَرَفْتَ بِفَمِكَ أَنَّ يَسُوعَ هُوَ الرَّبُّ، وَأَمَنْتَ بِقَلْبِكَ
أَنَّ اللَّهَ أَقَامَهُ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، تَخَلَّصَ. فَالْإِيمَانُ بِالْقَلْبِ
يَقُودُ إِلَى الْبِرِّ، وَالْاعْتِرَافُ بِالْفَمِ يَقُودُ إِلَى الْخَلَاصِ؛
لِأَنَّ الْكِتَابَ يَقُولُ: «كُلُّ مَنْ يُؤْمِنُ بِهِ لَا يُخْزَى». «فَلَا
فَرْقَ بَيْنَ يَهُودِيٍّ وَيُونَانِيٍّ، لِأَنَّ الرَّبَّ هُوَ نَفْسُهُ
لِجَمِيعِهِمْ، يُفِيضُ غِنَاهُ عَلَى جَمِيعِ الَّذِينَ يَدْعُونَهُ. فَكُلُّ
مَنْ يَدْعُو اسْمَ الرَّبِّ يَخْلُصَ.

إنجيل القديس لوقا 24: 36-48

فِيمَا الرُّسُلُ يَتَكَلَّمُونَ بِهَذَا، وَقَفَ يَسُوعُ فِي وَسْطِهِمْ،
وَقَالَ لَهُمْ: «السَّلَامُ لَكُمْ». «فَارْتَاغُوا، وَأَسْتَوْلَى عَلَيْهِمُ
الْخَوْفُ، وَكَانُوا يَطْنُونَ أَنَّهُمْ يُشَاهِدُونَ رُوحًا. فَقَالَ لَهُمْ
يَسُوعُ: «مَا بِالْكُمْ مُضْطَرِبِينَ؟ وَلِمَاذَا تُخَالِجُ هَذِهِ
الْأَفْكَارُ قُلُوبَكُمْ؟ أَنْظَرُوا إِلَى يَدَيَّ وَرِجْلَيَّ، فَإِنِّي أَنَا هُوَ.
جُسُونِي، وَأَنْظَرُوا، فَإِنَّ الرُّوحَ لَا لَحْمَ لَهُ وَلَا عِظَامَ كَمَا
تَرَوْنَ لِي». «إِقَالَ هَذَا وَأَرَاهُمْ يَدَيْهِ وَرِجْلَيْهِ. وَإِذْ كَانُوا
بَعْدَ غَيْرِ مُصَدِّقِينَ مِنَ الْفَرَحِ، وَمُتَعَجِّبِينَ، قَالَ لَهُمْ:
«هَلْ عِنْدَكُمْ هُنَا طَعَامٌ؟». «فَقَدَّمُوا لَهُ قِطْعَةً مِنْ سَمَكٍ
مَشْوِيٍّ، وَمِنْ شَهْدٍ عَسَلٍ. فَأَخَذَهَا وَأَكَلَهَا بِمَرَأَى مِنْهُمْ،
وَقَالَ لَهُمْ: «هَذَا هُوَ كَلَامِي الَّذِي كَلَّمْتُكُمْ بِهِ، وَأَنَا بَعْدُ
مَعَكُمْ. كَانَ يَنْبَغِي أَنْ يَتِمَّ كُلُّ مَا كَتَبَ عَنِّي فِي تَوْرَةِ
مُوسَى، وَالْأَنْبِيَاءِ وَالْمَزَامِيرِ». «جِيئِيذِ فَتَحْ أَذْهَانِي
لِيَفْهَمُوا الْكِتَابَ. ثُمَّ قَالَ لَهُمْ: «هَكَذَا مَكْتُوبٌ أَنَّ الْمَسِيحَ
يَتَأَلَّمُ، وَيَقُومُ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ فِي الْيَوْمِ الثَّلَاثِ. وَيَأْسَمُهُ
يُكْرَرُ بِالنُّوبَةِ لِمَغْفِرَةِ الْخَطَايَا، فِي جَمِيعِ الْأُمَمِ، ابْتِدَاءً
مِنْ أَوْسَلِيمَ. وَأَنْتُمْ شُهُودٌ عَلَى ذَلِكَ.

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