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# Seventh Sunday of the Resurrection

## May 24, 2020

Sun., May 24	7th Sunday of the Resurrection Private Divine Liturgy livestreamed at 10:00 am 40 Days of Michel Merhej Khaled Abdelahad Michael & Eleni Tannousis	Req. by the Merhej Family Req. by his wife Req. by Mr. & Mrs. Tony Tannousis
Mon., May 25	NO LITURGY	
Tues., May 26	Private Divine Liturgy Peachtree Ridge High School	Req. by Barbara Leon
Wed., May 27	Private Divine Liturgy Damon & Mariana Smith Family	Req. by Barbara Leon
Thurs., May 28	Private Divine Liturgy All members of the Leon-Cheon Family	Req. by Barbara Leon
Fri., May 29	Private Divine Liturgy Massoud Vahdat	St. Theodosia of Tyre & Pope St. Paul VI Req. by Salma Vahdat
Sat., May 30	Private Divine Liturgy	
Sun., May 31	Pentecost Sunday 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**

### 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:

And he became a shepherd.

On a morning of the resurrection, Jesus proved to the seven disciples with Simon Peter as their head, after they had caught nothing fishing all night, that they needed his intervention. After a huge catch, all of them sat down to eat together. When they had finished, Jesus asked Simon Peter three times if he loved him. And each time Simon answered the question in the affirmative, Jesus replied, "Feed my lambs." "Tend my sheep." "Feed my sheep."

While a few verses back Jesus had asked Peter, the fisherman, if he had caught some fish, now he is asking him to tend and feed his sheep. Did Jesus change his mind and want Peter to be more a shepherd than a fisherman? Is a shepherd better than a fisherman?

Most of God's chosen figures of the Old Testament that led his people were shepherds and not fisherman. Eve bore Cain who became a tiller of the soil, but Abel was a keeper of sheep. Genesis 4: 3 - 5 reads, "In the course of time, Cain brought to the Lord an offering of the fruit of the ground, and Abel for his part brought of the firstlings of his flock, their fat portions. And the Lord had regard for Abel and his offering, but for Cain and his offering he had no regard." After God called Abraham to leave Haran, a famine struck the land, so he chose to go down to Egypt to find food. Knowing that the Egyptians would kill him if they knew he was Sarah's husband because of her beauty and Pharaoh's desire to marry her, he decided to say that she was his sister. As a consequence, he gained sheep, oxen, asses, servants and camels. This plan was discovered when God sent plagues on Pharaoh who was angry at Abraham and asked him to leave Egypt with his wife and all he had. The result, however, was that Abraham was now rich in sheep, among other things, picking up the shepherd culture of Israel (Genesis 12: 20). We cannot forget that David was also a shepherd before becoming a king. In 1 Samuel 16, the Lord asked the prophet Samuel to fill his horn with oil and go to the house of Jesse in Bethlehem, the father of young David, for he had provided a king from among his sons. When the first seven sons came before Samuel and were not chosen, Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And Jesse said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." Then Samuel said, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." Upon seeing him, the Lord said to Samuel, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." More examples can be found in the Old Testament narrating the story of a shepherd who was called by God to play an important role in the history of salvation.

It is worthy to note at this point a few differences between a fisherman and a shepherd. There is no interaction between a fisherman and the fish he catches. Fish are caught, die and are eaten. On the other hand, the relationship of a shepherd with his sheep can be protective and loving.

In the line of God's elected leaders of the Old Testament and most importantly in an imitation of Christ, Jesus is investing Peter with the title of shepherd. Jesus said in John 10: 11 - 16, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd."

Peter is called to continue in the line of shepherds of old reminding the disciples and Christ's early followers that he is encompassing all those leaders who shepherded their flocks.

## 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.

## 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.

*Abgana  
Dominique*



# 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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## Sunday Readings

### قراءات الأحد

#### Seventh Sunday of the Resurrection

##### Letter to the Ephesians 1: 15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

##### The Gospel according to Saint John 13: 31-35

When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

#### الأحد السابع من زمن القيامة

##### رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل أفسس 1: 15-23

يا إخوتي، أنا أيضا، وقد سمعتُ بإيمانكم بالرب يسوع، ومحببتكم لجميع الإخوة القديسين، لا أزال أشكر الله من أجلكم، وأذكركم في صلواتي، ليعطيكم إله ربنا يسوع المسيح، أبو المجد، روح الحكمة والوحي في معرفتكم له، فيبين عيون قلوبكم، لتعلموا ما هو رجاء دعوتيه، وما هو غنى مجد ميراثه في القديسين، وما هي عظمة قدرته الفائقة من أجلنا، نحن المؤمنین، بحسب عمل عزة قوته، الذي عمله في المسيح، إذ أقامه من بين الأموات، وأجلسه إلى يمينه في السموات، فوق كل رئاسة وسلطان وقوة وسيادة، وكل اسم مسمى، لا في هذا الدهر وحسب، بل في الآتي أيضا؛ وأخضع كل شيء تحت قدميه، وجعله فوق كل شيء، راسا للكنيسة، وهي جسده وملؤه، هو الذي يملأ الكل في الكل.

##### إنجيل القديس يوحنا 13: 31-35

لما خرج يهوذا الإسخريوطي قال يسوع: «الآن مجد ابن الإنسان ومجد الله فيه. إن كان الله قد مجد فيه، فالله سيمجده في ذاته، وحالا يمجده. يا أولادي، أنا معكم بعد زما قليلا. ستطلبوني، ولكن ما قلته لليهود أقوله لكم الآن: حيث أنا أمضي لا تفدرون أنتم أن تأتيوا. وصية جديدة أعطيتكم، أن تحبوا بعضكم بعضا. أجل، أن تحبوا بعضكم بعضا كما أنا أحببتكم. بهذا يعرف الجميع أنكم تلاميذي، إن كان فيكم حب بعضكم لبعض.»

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