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Pentecost Sunday

May 31, 2020

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| Sun., May 31 | Pentecost Sunday Private Divine Liturgy livestreamed at 10:00 am Sandra Richardoni | | Req. by Jocelyn & Jessica Jounis |
| Mon., June 1 | NO LITURGY | St. Justin | |
| Tues., June 2 | Private Divine Liturgy Emile El Raheb | The Four Evangelists | Req. by Deacon & Mrs. Frangie |
| Wed., June 3 | Private Divine Liturgy Assaad Khalil Frangie | St. Awtel | Req. by Deacon & Mrs. Frangie |
| Thurs., June 4 | Private Divine Liturgy The Salem Family | | Req. by Deacon & Mrs. Frangie |
| Fri., June 5 | Private Divine Liturgy Mae Safee | | Req. by Mr. & Mrs. Abdallah Safi |
| Sat., June 6 | Private Divine Liturgy | St. Dorotheus, Bishop of Tyre & St. Marcellin Champagnat | |
| Sun., June 7 | 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.

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in helping maintain the Church
and in planning different activities**

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

Dear Beloved Parishioners:

This Sunday we are celebrating the Feast of Pentecost. Happy Feast Day to all of you. As we celebrate this feast, the Church is alive through the Holy Spirit even though parishioners are not filling the pews.

One of the interesting characteristics of this feast is the Rite of Kneeling with its placement and content within the Divine Liturgy.

Most special rites we do in the Divine Liturgy take place right after the homily and before the anaphora except for the rite we celebrate on the Feast of Pentecost. This Rite of Kneeling is celebrated after the communion of the celebrant and before the communion of the people. So what are the significance and implication of this rite being celebrated right there and then?

Only ordinations to minor orders of subdeacon and major orders of deacons, presbyters and bishops are performed after the communion of the celebrant and before the people come forward to receive the body and blood of Christ. For example, when the Bishop is ordaining a priest, he, along with the concelebrant, receives communion, covers the mysteries – the chalice and the paten – with the veil and then proceeds with the ordination rituals. The timing of this means that the bishop is ordaining by the power of the Eucharist that he just received and not by his own power. The imposition of hands and the invocation of the Holy Spirit over the candidate by the bishop are a manifestation of the power of the Blessed Sacrament placed on the altar. At one point during the ordination, the bishop puts one hand on the chalice and the other on the head of the candidate to show that he is only a channel for the power coming from the Eucharist. Thus, the Rite of Kneeling celebrated on the Feast of the Pentecost is a rite of ordination by which the entire community shares in the priestly, prophetic and kingly mission of the ordained clerics. As a person being ordained to the priesthood, one of the functions he receives is to preach the Word of God in the name of the Church.

Today after the Rite of Kneeling, we will be given and reminded of the power that we have in preaching the Word of God. No matter what language we use in preaching the Word, God will work out the process of understanding with the other person to whom the Word is being preached. Now some are going to doubt you and say that you “are filled with new wine” like they said to the apostles on the day of Pentecost, but do not worry, the message will make it across.

The Rite consists of three adorations: to the Father where we kneel on the left knee, the Son where we kneel on the right knee and the Holy Spirit where we kneel on both knees. During the prayers addressed to the Father, we acknowledge that he sanctified and sent his holy apostles to bring all people to the knowledge of his divinity and to baptize them. The gift of tongues, or new languages, was poured upon the apostles, bringing us back from error. And through baptism, the door was opened for us to know more about the Father’s holiness and our ability to become holy like him.

The prayers dedicated to the Son asked him to have mercy on us. Jesus who knelt on our behalf, offered prayers for our sake, and raised us up from our fall to the state of grace. On this day, the divine anointing, taken away from Adam because of his disobedience, was restored to us. With it the disciples were anointed, people were forgiven, and all nations were granted salvation.

We ask the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete, in the last part of the rite to make us pure temples of his glory to serve him, for he is perfect and sanctifies our souls with his grace.

Even at home let us participate fully in the Rite of Kneeling and adore the Trinity. Let us lift up our heads and bless ourselves with the cross of light. Let us place in our souls the assistance and salvation that come from the Holy Spirit.

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](#).

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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.





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

Sunday Pentecost

Acts of the Apostles 2: 1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.' But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

The Gospel according to Saint John 14: 15-20

'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. 'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.

احد العنصرة

سفر أعمال الرسل 2: 1-21

يا اخوتي، في تمام اليوم الخمسين، كان الرسل معاً في مكان واحد. فحدثت بغثة دوي من السماء كأنه دوي ریح عاصفة، وملاً كل اللب حيث كانوا جالسين. وظهرت لهم اللبنة منقسمة كأنها من نار، واستقر على كل واحد منهم لسان. وأمتلأوا كلهم من الروح القدس، وبدأوا يتكلمون باللسنة اخرى، كما كان الروح يوتيهم أن ينطقوا. وكان يقم في اورشليم يهود، رجال اقباء من كل امة تحت السماء. فلما حدث ذلك الصوت، احتشد الجمع وأخذتهم الحيرة، لأن كل واحد منهم كان يسمعهم يتكلمون بلغته فدهشوا وتعجبوا وقالوا: «ليس هؤلاء المنكلمون جميعهم جليليين؟ فكيف يسمعهم كل واحد منا بالغة التي ولد فيها؟ ونحن فرثيون، وماديون، وعيلاميون، وسكان ما بين النهرين، واليهودية، وكبدونية، ونطس، وآسيا، وفرجية، وبمفيلية، ومصر، وتواجي لبيبة القريبة من قبروان، ورومانيون نزلاء، يهود ومهندون، وكريتيون وعرب، نسمعهم يتكلمون باللسنتنا عن أعمال الله العظيمة». «وكأنوا كلهم مدهوشين حائرين يقول بعضهم لبعض: «ما معني هذا؟». «لكن آخرين كانوا يقولون ساخرين: «إنهم قد أمتلأوا سلاقة». «فوقف بطرس مع الأحد عشر، ورفع صوته وخطبهم قائلاً: «أيها الرجال اليهود، ويا جميع المقيمين في اورشليم، ليكن هذا معلوماً عنكم، وأصغوا إلى كلامي، لا، ليس هؤلاء يسكاري، كما تظنون. فالساعة هي التاسعة صباحاً. بل هذا هو ما قيل بيوتيل النبي: ويكون في الأيام الأخيرة، يقول الله، أي أبيض من روجي على كل بشر، فيتنبأ بنوكم وبناتكم، ويرى شبانكم رؤي، ويحل شيوخكم أحلاماً. وعلى عبيدي وإمائي أيضاً أبيض من روجي في تلك الأيام فيتنبأون. وأعمل عجائب في السماء من فوق، وآيات على الأرض من أسفل، دماً وناراً وأعمدة من دخان. وتقلب الشمس ظلاماً والقمر دماً قبل أن يأتي يوم الرب، اليوم العظيم المجيد. فيكون أن كل من يدعو باسم الرب يخلص.

إنجيل القديس يوحنا 14: 15-20

قال الرب يسوع لتلاميذه: «إن تحبوني تحفظوا وصاياي. وأنا أسأل الأب فيعطيكم برقليطاً آخر مؤيداً يكون معكم إلى الأبد. هو روح الحق الذي لا يفدر العالم أن يقبله، لأنه لا يراه، ولا يعرفه. أما أنتم فتعرفونه، لأنه مقيم عنكم، وهو فيكم. لن أنترككم يتامى. إني آتي إليكم. عمّا قليل لن يراني العالم، أما أنتم فترونني، لأنني أنا حي وأنتم ستحيون. في ذلك اليوم تعرفون أنني أنا في أبي، وأنتم فيّ، وأنا فيكم.

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