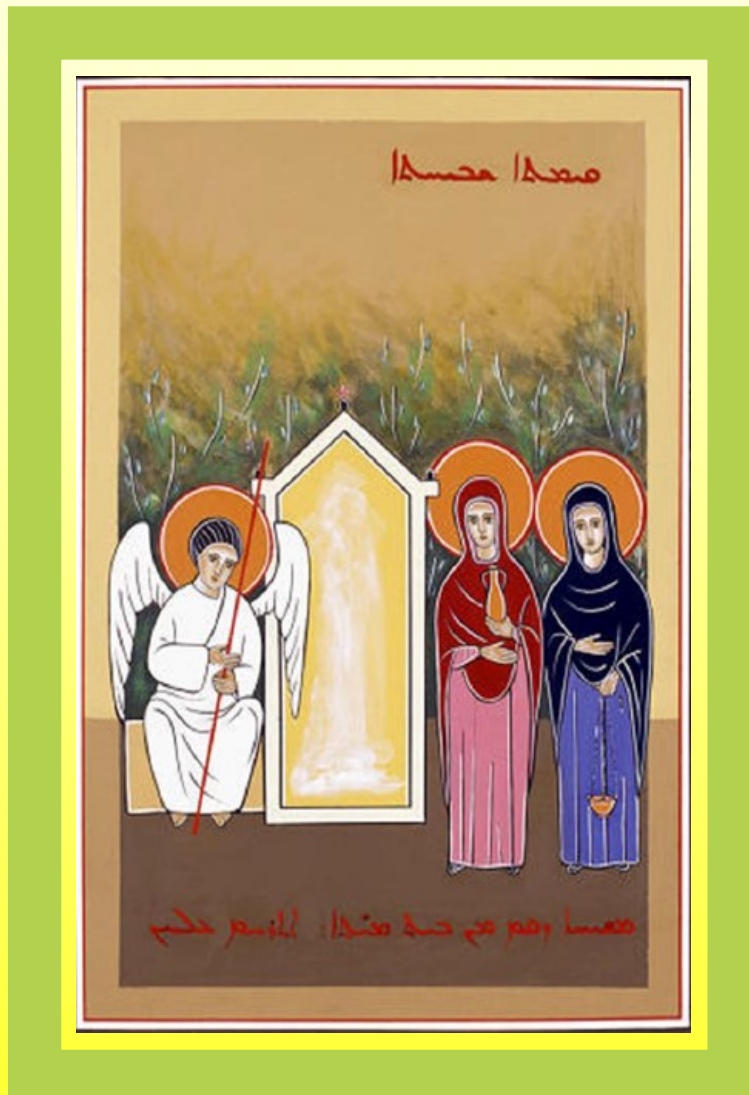


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## Third Sunday of the Resurrection April 18th, 2021

Sun., April 18	Third Sunday of the Resurrection 11:30 am for Michel Merhej for Maron Fakhoury for Georges & Rose Matli (passed away on Mon. in Lebanon)	St. Thaïs the Penitent Req. by the Merhej Family Req. by His wife, Lina Fakhoury Req. by Ghassan Matli & family
Mon., April 19	NO LITURGY St. Timon the Deacon	
Tues., April 20	10 am Divine Liturgy for Deacon Michael Nehmi St. Nathanael the Hermit	Req. by Sami Nehmi
Wed., April 21	10 am Divine Liturgy for Deacon Michael Nehmi St. Anselm, Doctor of the Church	Req. by Sami Nehmi
Thurs., April 22	10 am Divine Liturgy for Deacon Michael Nehmi St. Theodore of Sykeon	Req. by Sami Nehmi
Fri., April 23	10 am Divine Liturgy for Michel Merhej St. George	Req. by the Merhej Family
Sat., April 24	10 am Divine Liturgy for Michel Merhej St. Saba the Commander	Req. by the Merhej Family
Sun., April 25	Fourth Sunday of the Resurrection 11:30 am for Khalil Haddad & Rosa Maher Forty Day for Sharifa Shehade Wardan Karim Choueiry (passed away recently in Lebanon)	Req. by the Ache Family Req. by Milad Wardan & Family Req. by Salam Jure & Family

### March 2021 Financial Standing

#### Ordinary Income

- ♦ Collections on Sundays & Holy Days : **\$22,867.72**
- ♦ Cathedral Stipends from Marriages & Funerals, Hall Rent, Candles, Breakfast, Luncheon, Raffle, Dues, Religious Education, Flowers .... **\$32,537.82**

**Total Ordinary Income: \$55,405.54**

#### Ordinary Expenses

- ♦ 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 Expenses: \$23,961.81**

**Total Ordinary Income vs Expenses: \$31,443.73**

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**Do you know? A couple of basic monthly expenses:**

**Cathedral monthly building insurance: \$3,484.00**

**Monthly Eparchial Assessment & Bishop's Appeal: \$2,125.00**

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Dear Parishioners & Friends:

The Gospel from last Sunday recounted Thomas meeting the risen Christ and coming to believe in the resurrection of Jesus. He had expressed his doubt to the disciples after Jesus' earlier appearance to them when Thomas was not there. The two appearances happened eight days apart and in both of them, John writes, "Jesus came and stood in their midst and said, 'Peace be with you'" (John 20: 19, 26). Thomas' refusal to believe in the resurrection after the first appearance while he was away from the community turned into a wonderful profession of faith when he cried, "My Lord and my God" when Thomas saw Jesus among the disciples in the Upper Room. The two post-resurrectional phrases "in their midst" and "peace be with you" are reflected in the constitution of the early Church. It is within the Church and not on his own that Thomas came to believe in the resurrection and, among the apostles, his peaceful heart declared "My Lord and my God." Like the laboratory for scientists, the Church for believers is a place where truths about the faith become clear. People can doubt and question Church teachings, but unless they do their questioning inside the Church in the midst of the community, their confusion will grow and their doubt will continue while their peace vanishes.

A good analogy is that of the stained glass windows of churches. Those who look at them from outside cannot clearly see the scenes depicted in them. It is only when they come inside the church as the sunlight shines in that the unfathomable becomes comprehensible to the eye and the mind. In fact, people will also come to discover the richness and beauty and meaning of the stained glass windows the more time they spend inside the church.

Doubt, for some, will always be an imperative step to stronger faith. Their minds operate in a way where they question truths about the faith that have been around for centuries. It is their option to refuse to accept and to put to the test Church teachings and doctrines. This was true not only for Thomas but for other disciples as well. In Matthew 28: 16-20, we read, "The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; **but some doubted**. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'" In these last verses of the Gospel of Matthew, the author did not shy away from mentioning that some doubted, yet Jesus gave all of them despite their doubt the great commission to go forth, baptize and teach.

In conclusion, I would like to answer two questions: Can we worship the risen Lord while we have doubts? YES. Can we be disciples of Jesus and his Church while we have doubts? YES.



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### **Catholic Relief Services Lenten Rice Bowl**

Please bring your RICE BOWL to the Church within the next two weeks, so we can send our contribution to Catholic Relief Services Office. Your donation helps to eliminate hunger and malnutrition in our human family, and to take action to end this global injustice.

### **The 2021 Eparchial Annual Lenten Appeal**

Thanks for your contribution to the 2021 Eparchial Annual Lenten Appeal. We were asked to raise \$5,500 to help the Eparchy with Priests Retirement Funds, tuitions for the seminarians and charities in the Middle East especially Lebanon. We have met the Appeal. Thanks for your generosity.

### **High School & College Scholarships**

Students who are graduating from middle school to high school and 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. Applications will be on the website next week.

### **New Movie: Roe v. Wade**

The new movie Roe v. Wade is on Amazon and iTunes. Even though it is currently number one in drama, some platforms are making it impossible to find it. Please let us support this movie to uncover the lies behind the industry of abortion. Please follow the links <https://itunes.apple.com/us/movie/roe-v-wade/id1559069549> <https://www.amazon.com/dp/B091KL32HD>

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Students grades K to 12 are encouraged to participate in the Vocations Awareness Poster—Essay Multimedia Contest through NAM. Click [here](#) for guidelines and information. Also you can ask Subdeacon Adonis El-Asmar or Marian Ciaccia for more information. This year let us have more students take part in the contest.

### **Altar Server Schedule**

Subdeacon Norbert Vogl puts together the schedule for the altar servers. We will only have two servers each Sunday helping on the altar. Please register your children with the Subdeacon.

### **Bulletin Advertisement**

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## Sunday Readings

### قراءات الأحد

#### Third Sunday of the Resurrection

##### Second Letter to Timothy 2: 8-13.

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore, I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful for he cannot deny himself.

##### The Gospel according to Saint Luke 24: 13-35.

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

#### الأحد الثالث من زمن القيامة

رسالة القديس بولس الثانية إلى طيموثاوس 2: 8-13  
يا إخوتي، وأنت يا ابني، تذكر يسوع المسيح الذي قام من بين الأموات، وهو من نسل داود، بحسب إنجيلي، الذي فيه احتمل المشقات حتى القيود كمجرم، لكن كلمة الله لا تقيد. لذلك أصبر على كل شيء من أجل المختارين، ليحصلوا هم أيضًا على الخلاص في المسيح يسوع مع المجد الأبدي. صادقة هي الكلمة: إن متنا معه نحيا معه، وإن صبرنا نملك معه، وإن أنكرناه ينكرنا، وإن كنا غير أمناء فهو يثبت أمينًا، لأنه لا يقدر أن ينكر نفسه!

إنجيل القديس لوقا 24: 13-35  
في اليوم عينه، كان اثنان من التلاميذ ذاهبين إلى قرية تدعى Emmaus، تبعد نحو سبعة أميال عن اورشليم. وكانا يتحادثان بكل تلك الأمور التي حدثت. وفيما هما يتحادثان ويتساءلان، إذا يسوع نفسه قد اقترب منهما، وراح يسير معهما. ولكن أعينهما أمسكت عن معرفته. أما هو فقال لهما: «ما هذا الكلام الذي تتحادثان به، وأنتم تسيران؟» فوفقا عابسين. وأجاب أحدهما، وأسمه كليوباس، فقال له: «هل أنت وحدك غريب عن اورشليم، فلا تعلم ما حدث فيها هذه الأيام؟» فقال لهما: «وما هي؟» فقالا له: «ما يتعلق بيسوع الناصري، الذي كان رجلاً نبياً قوياً بالقول والفعل، قدام الله والشعب كله. وكيف أسلمه أخبارنا ورؤساؤنا ليحكم عليه بالموت، وكيف صلبوه! وكنا نحن نرجو أن يكون هو الذي سيفدي إسرائيل. ولكن مع هذا كله، فهذا هو اليوم الثالث بعد تلك الأحداث. لكن بعض النساء من جماعتنا ذهبن، لأنهن ذهبن إلى القبر عند الفجر، ولم يجدن جسد يسوع، فرجعن وقلن إنهن شاهدن ملائكة ترأوا لهن وقالوا إنه حي! ومضى قوم من الذين معنا إلى القبر، فوجدوه هكذا كما قالت النساء، وأما يسوع فلم يروه.» فقال لهما يسوع: «يا عديمي الفهم، وتبطئي القلب في الإيمان بكل ما تكلم به الأنبياء! أما كان يجب على المسيح أن يعاني تلك الآلام، ثم يدخل في مجده؟» ففسر لهما ما يتعلق به في كل الكتب المقدسة، مبتدئاً بموسى وجميع الأنبياء. واقتربا من القرية التي كانا ذاهبين إليها، فتظاهر يسوع بأنه ذاهب إلى مكان أبعد. فتمسكا به قائلين: «أمكث معنا، فقد حان المساء، ومال النهار.» فدخل ليمكث معهما. وفيما كان مكمًا معهما، أخذ الخبز، وبارك، وكسر، وناول لهما. فالتفتحت أعينهما، وعرفاه، فإذا هو قد توارى عنهما. فقال أحدهما للآخر: «أما كان قلبنا مضطرباً فينا، حين كان يكلمنا في الطريق، ويشرح لنا الكتب؟» وقاما في تلك الساعة عينها، ورجعا إلى اورشليم، فوجدوا الأحد عشر والذين معهم مجتمعين، وهم يقولون: «حقاً إن الرب قام، وترأى لسمعان.» أما هما فكانا يخبران بما حدث في الطريق، وكيف عرفا يسوع عند كسر الخبز.



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