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Seventh Sunday of the Resurrection May 16th, 2021

Sun., May 16	Seventh Sunday of the Resurrection 11:30 am for Ghazala Kassab for the First Communion Class of 2021	St. Gennadius, Patriarch of Constantinople Req. by Dr. Mukhlis Hasso
Mon., May 17	NO LITURGY St. Serapion	
Tues., May 18	10 am Divine Liturgy for Michael Brady St. Theodotos & the Seven Martyrs	Req. by Deacon & Mrs. Peter Frangie
Wed., May 19	10 am Divine Liturgy for Desiree Bardaghchi St. Philoterus / St. Cyriaca & her Companions	Req. by Deacon & Mrs. Peter Frangie
Thurs., May 20	10 am Divine Liturgy for Jackeline & Gaby Jabbour St. Thalaleus of Lebanon	Req. by Deacon & Mrs. Peter Frangie
Fri., May 21	10 am Divine Liturgy for Renee Marjeh & her Family St. Constantine & his Mother St. Helen	Req. by Deacon & Mrs. Peter Frangie
Sat., May 22	10 am Divine Liturgy for the Salem Family St. Rita of Cascia	Req. by Deacon & Mrs. Peter Frangie
Sun., May 23	Pentecost Sunday 11:30 am Forty Day for Chebel Azar & Hanna El Adem	Tobias the Righteous Req. by Mr. & Mrs. Chaouki El Adem

April 2021 Financial Standing

Ordinary Income

- ♦ Collections on Sundays & Holy Days: **\$26,697.00**
- ♦ Cathedral Stipends from Marriages & Funerals, Hall Rent, Candles, Breakfast, Luncheon, Raffle, Dues, Religious Education, Flowers **\$12,169.00**

Total Ordinary Income: \$38,866.00

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: \$25,539.60

Total Ordinary Income vs Expenses: \$13,326.40

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

The Library is no longer renting the hall. The space was vacated at the end of October.

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In coordination with Caritas Lebanon, a family in the United States is now able to sponsor a family in Lebanon. The sponsorship varies from \$50 to \$100 per month depending on the size and the need of the family.

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Dear Parishioners & Friends,

The Wednesday General Audience of the Holy Father's have been of interest to me. These are catechetical formations that Pope Pius XII started in April 1939. The weekly audiences continued until World War II and the occupation of Rome in 1943 made them impossible. Pope John XXIII started again holding public audiences in 1958 while at Castel Gandolfo, the papal summer residence. Today, the audience, held in the Italian language, also includes summaries of the Pope's catechesis in English, French, Spanish, German, Portuguese, Arabic, and Polish, with individual papal greetings to pilgrims of different countries. From these Wednesday audiences came the famous teaching on the Theology of the Body of John Paul II that stretched from September 5, 1979 to November 28, 1984.

This week Pope Francis's General Audience *On Prayer: The Struggle of Prayer* touches on very important issues. The Holy Father said, "And speaking of prayer, Christian prayer, like all Christian life, is not a 'walk in the park.' None of the great people of prayer we meet in the Bible and in the history of the Church found prayer 'comfortable.' Yes, one can pray like a parrot – blah, blah, blah, blah – but that is not prayer. Prayer certainly gives great peace, but through inner struggle, at times hard, which can accompany even long periods of life. Praying is not something easy, and this is why we flee from it. Every time we want to pray, we are immediately reminded of many other activities, which at that moment seem more important and more urgent. This happens to me too! It happens to me. I go to pray a little ... and no, I must do this and that.... We flee from prayer, I don't know why, but that is how it is. Almost always, after putting off prayer, we realize that those things were not essential at all, and that we may have wasted time. This is how the Enemy deceives us."

The Pope continued talking about St. Anthony of the Desert's prayer life. "Saint Anthony the Abbot, the founder of Christian monasticism, also faced terrible times in Egypt, when prayer became a difficult struggle. His biographer, Saint Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria, recounts one of the worst episodes in the life of the hermit saint when he was about the age of thirty-five, a time of middle age that for many people involves a crisis. Anthony was disturbed by the ordeal, but resisted. When he finally became serene again, he turned to his Lord with an almost reproachful tone: 'But Lord, where were you? Why did you not come immediately to put an end to my suffering?' And Jesus answered: 'Anthony, I was there. But I was waiting to see you fight.' Fighting in prayer. And very often, prayer is combat."

Pope Francis concluded, "If in a moment of blindness we cannot see His presence, we will in the future. We will also end up repeating the same sentence that the patriarch Jacob said one day: 'Surely the Lord is in this place; and I did not know it' (Genesis 28:16). At the end of our lives, looking back, we too will be able to say: 'I thought I was alone, but no, I was not: Jesus was with me.'"

May Devotions to Mary

During the month of May, the Cathedral will pray the rosary after the 10 am Divine Liturgy from Tuesday to Saturday. On Sundays, the 11:30 am Divine Liturgy is concluded with the blessing of the icon of the Virgin Mary.

MYA Gala

The Brooklyn MYA is hosting its first annual gala on Friday, June 4th, at 8 pm at Sirico's Catering Hall. Please RSVP as soon as possible [here](#).

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. Please find the applications [here](#). We will give out the scholarships at the graduation Liturgy on June 13th.

Vaccinate Lebanon!

Lebanese American University (LAU), the American University of Beirut (AUB), l'Université Saint-Joseph (USJ), and Saint George Hospital University Medical Center (SGHUMC) are combining their purchasing power to secure over 200,000 vaccine doses from FDA-approved manufacturers. Click [here](#) to view the video and make a donation.

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 click here for [iTunes](#) and here for [Amazon](#)

Vocation Awareness Poster—Essay

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 only have two servers each Sunday helping on the altar. Please register your children with the Subdeacon.

Bulletin Advertisement

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Cathedral Cedar Remembrance Tree

Parishioners and friends can now remember their deceased and honor the living with their names on the commemorative tree located in our Cathedral Chapel vestibule. Please click [here](#) for more details.

Finance Council Recommendation

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

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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 أيضًا، وَقَدْ سَمِعْتُ بِإِيمَانِكُمْ بِالرَّبِّ يَسُوعَ، وَمَحَبَّتِكُمْ لِجَمِيعِ الإِخْوَةِ الْقَدِيسِينَ، لَا أَزَالُ أَشْكُرُ اللَّهَ مِنْ أَجْلِكُمْ، وَأَذْكُرُكُمْ فِي صَلَّاتِي، لِئُعْطِيَكُمْ إِلَهُ رَبَّنَا يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحَ، أَبُو الْمَجْدِ، رُوحَ الْحِكْمَةِ وَالْوَحْيِ فِي مَعْرِفَتِكُمْ لَهُ، فَيُنِيرَ عُيُونَ قُلُوبِكُمْ، لِتَعْلَمُوا مَا هُوَ رَجَاءُ دَعْوَتِهِ، وَمَا هُوَ غِنَى مَجْدِ مِيرَاثِهِ فِي الْقَدِيسِينَ، وَمَا هِيَ عَظَمَةُ قُدْرَتِهِ الْفَائِقَةِ مِنْ أَجْلِنَا، نَحْنُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ، بِحَسَبِ عَمَلِ عِزَّةِ قُوَّتِهِ، الَّذِي عَمَلَهُ فِي الْمَسِيحِ، إِذْ أَقَامَهُ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، وَأَجْلَسَهُ إِلَى يَمِينِهِ فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ، فَوْقَ كُلِّ رِئَاسَةٍ وَسُلْطَانٍ وَقُوَّةٍ وَسَيَادَةٍ، وَكُلِّ أَسْمٍ مُسَمًّى، لَا فِي هَذَا الدَّهْرِ وَحَسَبُ، بَلْ فِي الْآتِي أَيْضًا؛ وَأَخْضَعَ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ تَحْتَ قَدَمَيْهِ، وَجَعَلَهُ فَوْقَ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ، رَأْسًا لِلْكَنِيسَةِ، وَهِيَ جَسَدُهُ وَمِلْؤُهُ، هُوَ الَّذِي يَمْلَأُ الْكُلَّ فِي الْكُلِّ.

إنجيل القديس يوحنا 13: 31-35

لَمَّا خَرَجَ يَهُودَا الإِسْخَرْيُوطِيُّ قَالَ يَسُوعُ: «الآنَ مُجَدِّدُ ابْنِ الْإِنْسَانِ وَمُجَدِّدُ اللَّهِ فِيهِ. إِنْ كَانَ اللَّهُ قَدْ مُجَدِّدَ فِيهِ، فَاللَّهُ سَيُمَجِّدُهُ فِي دَائِهِ، وَحَالًا يُمَجِّدُهُ. يَا أَوْلَادِي، أَنَا مَعَكُمْ بَعْدَ زَمَنًا قَلِيلًا. سَتَطْلُبُونِي، وَلَكِنْ مَا قُلْتُهُ لِلْيَهُودِ أَقُولُهُ لَكُمْ الْآنَ: حَيْثُ أَنَا أَمْضِي لَا تَقْدِرُونَ أَنْ تَأْتُوا. وَصِيَّةٌ جَدِيدَةٌ أُعْطِيَكُمْ، أَنْ تُحِبُّوا بَعْضُكُمْ بَعْضًا. أَجَلْ، أَنْ تُحِبُّوا بَعْضُكُمْ بَعْضًا كَمَا أَنَا أَحْبَبْتُكُمْ. بِهِذَا يَعْرِفُ الْجَمِيعُ أَنَّكُمْ تَلَامِيذِي، إِنْ كَانَ فِيكُمْ حُبٌّ بَعْضِكُمْ لِبَعْضٍ.»

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