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# Third Sunday of the Resurrection / Our Lady of Lebanon May 1st, 2022

Sun., May 1	Third Sunday of the Resurrection / Our Lady of Lebanon / Jeremiah the Prophet 9 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners	
	11:30 am for Berte & Tofic Alk	by Mrs. Viviane Akl
Mon., May 2	NO DIVINE LITURGY St. Athanasius the Bishop	
Tues., May 3	10 am Divine Liturgy for Karim Merjeh St. Timothy and his wife Maura	by Renee Merjeh
Wed., May 4	10 am Divine Liturgy for Karim Merjeh St. Monica, Mother of St. Augustine	by Renee Merjeh
Thurs., May 5	10 am Divine Liturgy for Karim Merjeh St. Irene	by Renee Merjeh
Fri., May 6	10 am Divine Liturgy for Karim Merjeh St. Dominic Savio	by Renee Merjeh
Sat., May 7	10 am Divine Liturgy for Karim Merjeh St. Antonino, Bishop of Florence	by Renee Merjeh
Sun., May 8	Fourth Sunday of the Resurrection / St. John the Evangelist 9 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners	
	11:30 am 40 Day for Fadia Zahran Esper	by Mr. & Mrs. Salim Shay

# **April 2022 Financial Standing**

## **Ordinary Income**

- Collections on Sundays & Holy Days: \$37,123.00
- Cathedral Stipends from Marriages & Funerals, Hall Rent, Candles, Breakfast, Luncheon, Raffle, Dues, Religious Education, Flowers .... \$38,175.00 Total Ordinary Income: \$75,298.00

## **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: \$31,281.22

Total Ordinary Income vs Expenses: \$44,016.78

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 2020.

Thank you for your contribution in helping maintain the Church and in planning different activities

# **HELP LEBANON!**

# PRAY FOR LEBANON



Make your donation to Lebanon by sending a check to the Eparchy of St. Maron of Brooklyn and in the memo designate your charity either to Caritas, Lebanon, Saint Vincent de Paul or The Franciscan Sisters of the Holy Cross.

**BY CHECK:** 

## **ONLINE:**

You may also donate online by clicking here.

## FAMILY-TO-FAMILY HELP THROUGH CARITAS LEBANON

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.

Please click <u>here</u> to sponsor a family and for additional information. Dear Parishioners & Friends,

The Gospel that was proclaimed last Sunday spoke of Thomas believing in the resurrected Lord with a wonderful affirmation, "My Lord and My God." We usually attribute to Thomas the characteristic of being doubting. But was he more skeptical that the other disciples? The answer is no. The other ten were also as suspicious of the resurrection as was Thomas. John 20: 19-20 reads, "When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, ... Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord." The disciples were able to see the marks of the crucifixion on Jesus' resurrected body. However, Thomas was not with them to witness this great event, "so the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe'" (John 20: 25). Thomas did not believe in what the other disciples told him about the resurrection. But if, in fact, he had been with them to begin with, he would have believed in the resurrection like them. The problem for Thomas was his distrust in the report of the other disciples who had had the chance to see their Lord before he did.

The ten disciples, in my opinion, represent the Church preaching to the whole world and Thomas is an image of many of us Christians, who more and more throughout history, question different Church teachings. Not only that, but they sometimes do all they can to disqualify what the Church is saying to prove it incorrect instead of working on finding the reasoning behind it in order to clarify and strengthen a particular truth.

The Church, like a mother, wants the good and the growth of her children, the people of God, and harmony in the world. Therefore, the Church would not ask us to believe or follow a teaching that in the end would not benefit us. Now, its application at first might be inconvenient for us and we might not be able to see the reason behind it at this point, but that does not make the teaching incorrect or false. This is similar to a mother who passes on her shortcake recipe to her daughter. Now, when the daughter, following the recipe step by step, tries to bake the cake, it might not taste exactly like her mother's. That does not mean that the mother gave her the wrong recipe or tried to mislead her. The more the daughter grapples with it, the more the shortcake tastes like that of her mother. The premise is that the teaching of the Church is always true, correct and is offered to better her people and their dignity and to serve the common good. If we have a problem with a teaching, instead of dismissing it and trying to dispute it, why not try to wrestle with it and be challenged by it, so as to come to terms with its "tough" beauty?

## CHIRST IS RISEN!!!

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#### The 2022 Eparchial Lenten Appeal

Thanks for all your generous contributions. We were asked to raise \$5,500 to participate in this awesome mission of the Eparchy and we have collected the full amount.

#### The Rosary during the Month of May

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.

#### Abouna Dominique Out of Town

From April 30th to May 2nd, Abouna Dominique will be out of town. He will be participating in the dedication of St. Joseph Maronite Church in Atlanta, GA. Fr. Michael Barone will cover for him on Sunday.

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

It is time for all those who joined our faith community and more than 12,000 Catholic communities across the United States in a life-changing Lenten journey to bring their CRS Rice Bowl back. Please deposit your family's Rice Bowl in the sacristy or give it to one of the ushers.

#### **Baby Bottle Campaign**

Expectant Mother Care Pregnancy Centers are having their yearly Baby Bottle Campaign to fundraise from Mother's Day to Father's Day. **EMC** provides testing, counseling and a support system for mothers in need. Please make sure to take a bottle from the Church and bring it back with your contribution on Father's Day. Give your change for change and save a life.

#### 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 <u>Confraternity of the Immaculate</u> <u>Conception, Knights of St. Maron, or the Joulwan Family</u> scholarships. Please find the applications <u>here</u>. We will give out the scholarships at the graduation liturgy on June 12th.

#### Pilgrimage: In The Footsteps of Paul

A 10-day/8-night trip to **Greece** including a **3-day cruise** to the **Greek Islands** and **Turkey**, visiting Athens, Corinth, Mykonos, Ephesus, Patmos, Crete, Santorini, Meteora, Veria, Vergina, Salonica, and Philippi departs **September 25th**, **2022** - **\$3,498** per person/ double occupancy from New York, including fuel surcharge and port taxes. If you register with \$500 by July 29th, you save \$100. For more information please call Marleine Aflak at 917-608-2996 or Tony Tannousis at 718-987-3900.

#### **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 <u>here</u>. It was determined that a minimum of \$125.00 per household a month will help meet the Church's budget.

# **Easter Flower Donations**

Mrs. Phyllis Simon The Merhej Family Mrs. Marion Ciaccia Mrs. Salma Vahdat Mr. & Mrs. Chaouki El Adem

Edgard & Mirna Abi Daher Mr. & Mrs. Patrick O'Sullivan Mr. & Mrs. Adib El Howayek Mrs. Lydia Gordon Mr. & Mrs. Fady Njeim Emile Ayli & Brenda Yueh Lorraine & Joe Padallino Mrs. Dolores Ayoub John & Ilyana Shaia The Abi Habib Family Pierre & Norma Haddad Mr. & Mrs. William Safi & Family Mr. John Shakal Mrs. Linda Case Mr. & Mrs. Eddie Revuelta Mr. & Mrs. John Kahaly Ed & Martha Manassa Mr. & Mrs. Charly Ayoub Mr. & Mrs. Samir Hosri Mr. & Mrs. Etienne Njeim Mr. Salim Batrouni Mrs. Marie Schepis Ms. Mary Ann Joulwan Mr. & Mrs. Tony Tannousis

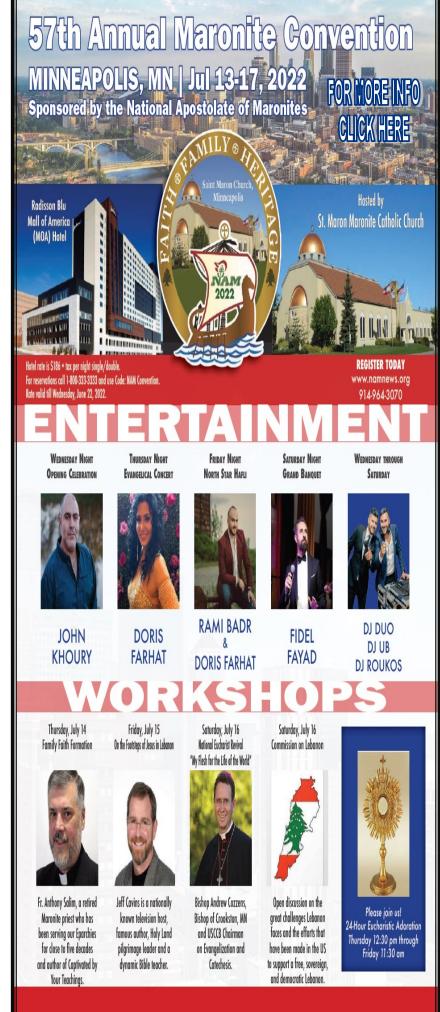
The Jure Family Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Hatem The Jabour Family Mrs. Debbie Hamid Zygmunt In memory of the Simon & Raphael Families In memory of Michel, Jacob, Hanna & Saliba Merhej In memory of Ronald Ciaccia & Joseph & Helen Sahadi In memory of the Besheer & Azizi Families In memory of George, Margo & Elias Allaham & Hanah Eladem & Salwa Fallows

In memory of Lodi Nabhan In memory of Georges T. Mouawad In honor of their Family In memory of James Gordon In memory of Michael, Ghassan, Amal, Linda & Hikmat Njeim In memory of Lambert, Norma & Vera Yueh & Elias Salemeh Ayli In memory of Najib & Linda Akel In memory of Raymond Ayoub In memory of Philip & Lorraine Shaia In memory of Youssef Abi Habib In memory of the deceased of the Family In memory of Joseph & Dalal El-Hawa In memory of the deceased of the Family In memory of William Shakal In memory of Selma & Victor Revuelta In memory of the Kahaly Family In memory of Helen Smith In memory of Salam Moussa In memory of the deceased of the Family In memory of Kamal Njeim In memory of Maro & Rita Batrouni In memory of Violet & Michael Owen In memory of the Joulwan Family In memory of John & Maria Maurides; Michael & Eleni Tannousis & Michael & Anna Cari In memory of Anthony Jure

In memory of Anthony Jure In memory of the deceased of the Family In memory of Elie Sarkis In memory of Henry Hamid



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# Proudly announces Scholarship Program for 2022-2023

## High School Graduate Scholarships

MYO -- John A. Solomon Two for High School Seniors \$2000 Massabki Brothers One for High School Seniors \$2000

Naomi & Paul Kassouf Two for High School Seniors \$2000 Bouna sharbel One for High School Seniors \$2000

## Undergraduate Scholarships

Gilbert Chagoury Undergraduate One for College Student \$2000 Thomas & Jennie Ayoub One for College Students \$2000

## Grad & Professional Scholarship

Gilbert Chagoury Graduate One for Graduate Student \$2000

Study Abroad in Lebanon Opportunities

Notre Dame University-Louaize Up to 10 scholarships total for Fall 2022 or Spring 2023

The Holy Spirit University of Kaslik Up to 12 students for Summer 2023 Semester

For more information and applications visit www.namnews.org, namscholarships@gmail.com, or call NAM at 330-212-9207 <u>Application Deadline: May 31, 2022</u>

## 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.

رسالة القديس بولس الثانية إلى طيموتاوس 2: 8-13 يا إخوَتِي، وأَنْتَ يا ابْنِي، تَنَكُّرُ يَسُوعَ المَسِيحَ الَّذِي قَامَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الأَمْوَات، و هُوَ مِنْ نَسْلُ دَاوُد، بِحَسَبِ الْجِيلِي، الَّذِي فِيهِ أَحْتَمِلُ المَشَقَّاتِ حَتَّى الْقُيُودَ كَمُجْرِم، لَكِنَّ كَلِمَةَ اللهِ لا تُقَيَّد. لِذلِكَ أَصْبِرُ على كُلَّ شَيْءٍ مِنْ المَسِيح يَسُوعَ مَعَ المَحْدِ الأَبْدِيَ . صَادِقَةً هِيَ الكَلَمَةِ إِنْ مُتْنَا مَعَهُ نَحْيَ مَعَهُ، وإنْ صَبَرُ عَا عَلَى الْحَلَّمَ فِي يُنْكُرُنَا، وإنْ كُنَّا غَير أَمَنَاءَ فَهُوَ يَبْقَى أَمِينًا، لأَنَّكُرْ نَاهُ أَنْ نُنْكَرَ نَفْسَهُ!

الأحد الثالث من زمن القيامة

إنجيل القديس لوقا 24: 13-35 فِي اليَوْمِ عَينِهِ، كَانَ ٱنْثَانِ مِنَ التَّلِامِيذِ ذَاهِبَيْنِ إِلَى قَرْيَةٍ مَنْ مَنْ مَنْ مَنْ مَنْ تَبْعُدُ نَحْوَ سَبَبْعَةِ أَمْيَالٍ عَنْ أَوْرَ شَلِيم . تَدْعَى عِمَاؤُس، تَبْعُدُ نَحْوَ سَبَبْعَةِ أَمْيَالٍ عَنْ أَوْرَ شَلِيم . وَكانَا يَتَحادَثَان بِكُلِّ تِلْكَ الْأُمُورَ الَّتِي حَدَثَتْ . وَفَيَمَا هُمَا يَتَحَادَثَانِ وَيَتَسَاءَلان، إِذَا يَسُوعُ نَفْسُهُ قَدِ اقْتَرَبَ مِنْهُمَا، وَرَاحَ بَسَبِيرُ مَعَهُمًا . وَلَكِنَّ أَعْنِنَهُمَا أَمْسِكَتْ عَنْ مَعْرِفَتِهِ أَمَّا هُوَ فَقَالَ لَهُمَا: »مَا هذا الكَلامُ الّذي تَتَحَادَثَان بَهِ، وَأَنْتُمَا تَسِيرَانٍ؟ .<<فَوَقَفَا عَابِسَينٍ وَأَجَابَ أَحَدُهُمَاً، وِٱسْمُهُ كِلْيُوبَاس، فَقَالَ لَهُ: ﴾ هَلْ أَنْتَ وَحْدَكَ غَرِيبٌ عَنْ أُورَ شَلِيم، فَلا تَعْلَمَ مَا حَدَثَ فِيهَا هَذِهِ إِلاَّيَّام؟ . ﴿فَقَالَ لَهُمَا: »وَمَا هِيَ؟ . «فَقَالا لَهُ: »مَا يَتَعَلَّقُ بَيَسُوعَ النَّاصِرِيّ، الَّذِي كَانَ رَجُلاً نَبِيًّا قِوِيًّا بِالقَوُّلِ وَٱلْفِعْل، قُدَّامَ الله وَالنَّتَّعْبِ كُلِّهِ . وِكَيْفَ أَسْلَمَهُ أَخْبَارُنا وَرُؤَسَاؤُنَا لِيُحَكِّمَ عَلَيْهِ بِالْمَوْتِ، وَكَيْفَ صَلَبُوهُ ! وَكُنًّا نَحْنُ نَرْجُو أَنْ يَكُونَ هُوَ الَّذِي سَيَفْدِي إِسْرَائِيلٌ. وَلَكِنْ مَعَ هَذَا كُلِّهِ، فَهَذَا هُوَ البَوْمُ الثَّآلِثُ بَعْدَ تِلْكَ الأُحْدَاتْ. لَكْنَ بَعْضَ ٱلنِّسَاءِ مِنْ جَمَاعَتِنَا أَدْهَشْنَنَا، لأَنَّهُنَّ ذَهَبْنَ إِلَى القَبْرِ عِنْدَ الفَجْرِ، وَلَمْ يَجِدْنَ جَسِدَ يَسُوع، فَرَجَعْنَ وَقُلْنَ إِنَّهُنَّ شَاهَدْنَ مَلائِكَةُ تَرَاءَوْا لَهُنَّ وَقَالُوا إِنَّهُ حَيٍّ! وَمَصْمَى قَوْمٌ مِنَ الَّذِينَ مَعَنَّا إِلَى القَبْرِ، فَوَجَدُوهُ هكذا كَمَا قَالَتِ النِّسَاءُ، وَأَمَّا يَسُوعُ فَلَمْ يَرَوْه. ﴿فَقَالَ لَهُمَا يَسُوع: »بَا عَدِيمَي الفَهْم، وَبَطِيئَي الْقُلْبِ فِي الإِيْمَانِ بِكُلَ مَا تَكْلَمُ بِهُ الْإِيْمَانِ بِكُلٌ مَا تَكَلَمُ بِهِ الأَيْبِيَاء ! أَمَا كَانَ يَجِبُ عَلَى المَسِيحِ أَنْ يُعَانِي تِلْكُ الآلام، ثُبُمَ يَدْخُلَ فِي مَجْدِهِ؟ ِ . ﴿ وَفَسَّرَ لَهُمَّا مَّا يَتَعَلَّقُ بِهِ فِي كُلِّ الكُتُبَ المُقَدَّسَة، مُبْتَدِنًا بِمُوسَى وَجَمِيع الأُنْبِيَاء . و ٱقْتَرَبَا مِنَ القَرْيَةِ الَّتِي كَانَا ذَاهِبَيْنِ إِلَيْهَا، فَتَظَاهَرَ يَسُوعُ بِأَنَّهُ ذَاهِبٌ إَلَى مَكَّانٍ أَبْعَد . فَتَمَسَّكَا بِهِ قَائِلَينَ: »أَمْكَتْ مَعَنَا، فَقَدْ حَانَ المَسَاءِ، وَمَالَ النَّهَارِ.« فَدَخَلَ لِيَمْكُثَ مَعَهُمًا . وفِيمًا كَانَ مُتَّكِئًا مَعَهُمًا، أَخَذَ الْخُبْزَ، وبَارَكَ، وَكَسَرَ، ونَاوَلَهُمَا فَأَنْفَتَحَتْ أَعْبُنُهُمَا، وَعَرَفَاهُ، فَأَذَا هُوَ قَدْ تَوَارَى عَنْهُما . فَقَالَ أَحَدُهُمَا لِلآخَر: ٧/ أَمَا كَانَ قَلْبُنَا مُضْطَرِمًا فِينَا، حِينَ كَانَ يُكَلِّمُنَا في الطَّرِيقِ، مُجْتَمِعِينَ، وَهِمْ يَقُولُون: »حَقًّا إِنَّ الرَّبَّ قَامٍ، وتَرَاءَى لِسِمْعَانَ . ﴿ إِأَمَّا هُمَا فَكَانَا يُخْبِرُ أَنَّ بِمَا حَدَثُ فَي الطَّرِيق، وَكَيْفَ عَرَفَا يَسُوعَ عَنْدَكَسْرِ الْخُبْزِ.



