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Fourth Sunday of the Resurrection May 8th, 2022

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 for Joseph Saikaly for all the mothers of the Cathedral	by Mr. & Mrs. Salim Shaya by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Saikaly
Mon., May 9	NO DIVINE LITURGY Isaiah the Prophet / The Second Council of Constantinople	
Tues., May 10	10 am Divine Liturgy for Shahid Besheer St. Simon the Zealot / St. Damien of Molokai	by Mrs. Salma Vahdat
Wed., May 11	10 am Divine Liturgy for Karim Merjeh St. Pontius	by Renee Merjeh
Thurs., May 12	10 am Divine Liturgy for Karim Merjeh St. Epiphanius, Bishop of Cyprus	by Renee Merjeh
Fri., May 13	10 am Divine Liturgy for Karim Merjeh St. Addai, one of the Seventy-two Disciples / Our Lady of Fatima	by Renee Merjeh
Sat., May 14	10 am Divine Liturgy for Karim Merjeh Sts. Boniface & Aglaë & their Twenty Companions	by Renee Merjeh
Sun., May 15	Fifth Sunday of the Resurrection / Our Lady of the Harvest 9 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners 11:30 am for the First Communicants for Msgr. Sami Hayek	by Christine Chartouni

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

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Dear Parishioners & Friends,

Two Sundays ago, I reflected in my column on the Church as a trusted mother whose teachings might challenge us. But this does not mean there is something wrong or incorrect about what is taught or presented.

Last Sunday I participated in the dedication of a Church in the Eparchy. Bishop Gregory was consecrating the building to become a Church and its altar a table of sacrifice. Toward the end of the rite of consecration, a red ribbon was put up encircling the inside of the Church all around. The Bishop in his remarks at the banquet afterwards spoke of another wonderful characteristic of Holy Mother Church: the Church as a gift. The red ribbon hung on the walls wrapping the Church possibly helped the Bishop imagine the Church as a gift. When I asked later about this fantastic analogy, he told me it was not only the red ribbon that inspired him, but he referenced a hymn as well chanted in the rite itself. The hymn reads, "I was amazed at the feast that Christ prepared for the blessed Church, his bride. As I entered, I saw there: prophets, martyrs, and the just, the apostles with the priests, then Baptism and the cross. On the altar, there was placed Christ's own Body and his Blood, for the pardon of all sins." As the Bishop entered the new Church to be dedicated, the people in the pews were for him prophets, martyrs, the just, apostles and priests and had become those through the graces of baptism, the cross, the altar and the Eucharist.

This perspective has been lost in our society today. Our primary goal and emphasis is on becoming doctors, lawyers, engineers and accountants. Parents do everything in their power to send their children to the best colleges and universities. Prophets, martyrs, the just, apostles and priests are replaced today by lawyers, engineers and accountants while baptism, the cross, the altar and the Eucharist are replaced by Columbia, Harvard, NYU, and Notre Dame. Education, jobs and careers are important, but not the most important thing in life.

This reminds me of Jesus' words in the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 6: 31-33: "Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' For it is the gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

The Church is one of the most precious gifts that God has given to his people. And like all gifts, the Church brings joy to its children and is a source of great satisfaction and appreciation for the receivers. Not only that, but when God is gifting, he goes big.

My friends, I often feel that many of us have not yet unwrapped the gift of the Church granted to us by God the Father. We look at it from afar as a gift sitting on the shelf or in the corner of the room waiting to be opened, but we get distracted by other shiny presents whose brightness fades quickly.

And we pray, "Blessed are you, O Church, garden of the Beloved! From a mustard seed, the smallest of all seeds, you have grown. Your roots are in firm soil, sheltered from the winds. In your branches are the martyrs; they are a display of blood shed for the faith. The birds quench their thirst at this marvel. Psalms and prophecies fill your vast space. You are the land of the Spirit, the meeting place of the nations. Blessed are you, dwelling place of the guest, neighbor of the One who is near."

Abegna Dominique

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.

Knights Saji Breakfast

The Knights of St. Maron will be sponsoring a Saji breakfast on Sunday, May 21st after the 11:30 am Divine Liturgy.

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. Please pick up a bottle in the Church's vestibule.

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 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 [here](#). It was determined that a minimum of \$125.00 per household a month will help meet the Church's budget.

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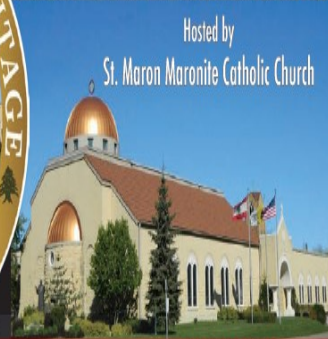
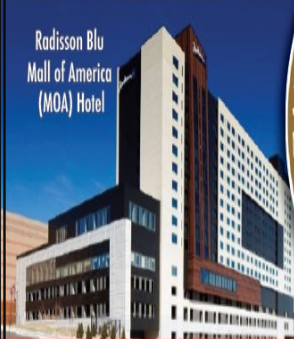


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Thursday, July 14
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Fr. Anthony Salim, a retired Maronite priest who has been serving our Eparchies for close to five decades and author of Captivated by Your Teachings.

Friday, July 15
On the Footsteps of Jesus in Lebanon



Jeff Cavins is a nationally known television host, famous author, Holy Land pilgrimage leader and a dynamic Bible teacher.

Saturday, July 16
National Eucharist Revival
"My Flesh for the Life of the World"



Bishop Andrew Cozzens, Bishop of Crookston, MN and USCCB Chairman on Evangelization and Catechesis.

Saturday, July 16
Commission on Lebanon



Open discussion on the great challenges Lebanon faces and the efforts that have been made in the US to support a free, sovereign, and democratic Lebanon.



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Sunday Readings

قراءات الأحد

The Fourth Sunday of the Resurrection

Letter to the Hebrews 13: 18-25

Pray for us; we are sure that we have a clear conscience, desiring to act honorably in all things. I urge you all the more to do this, so that I may be restored to you very soon. Now may the God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do his will, working among us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever and ever. Amen. I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, bear with my word of exhortation, for I have written to you briefly. I want you to know that our brother Timothy has been set free; and if he comes in time, he will be with me when I see you. Greet all your leaders and all the saints. Those from Italy send you greetings. Grace be with all of you.

The Gospel according to Saint John 21: 1-14

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.' He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

الأحد الرابع من زمن القيامة

لرسالة إلى العبرانيين 13: 18-25

يا إخوتي، صلوا من أجلنا، فأبنا واتقون أن ضميرنا صالح، ونحن نريد أن نسلك مسلكاً حسناً في كل شيء. وأطلب إليكم بالأحاح أن تفعلوا ذلك، حتى يردني الله إليكم سريعاً! وإله السلام، الذي أصعد من بين الأموات ربنا يسوع، زاعي الخراف العظيم بدم عهد أبدي، هو يجعلكم كاملين في كل صلاح، لتعملوا بمشيئته، وهو يعمل فينا ما هو مرضي في عينيه، بيسوع المسيح، له المجد إلى أبد الأبد. أمين. وأناشدكم، أيها الإخوة، أن تحتملوا كلام التسجيع، فإني كتبت إليكم بإيجاز! إعلموا أن أخانا طيموثاوس قد أحل سبيله، فإن أسرع في مجيئه، سادهب معه وأراكم. سلموا على جميع مدبريكم وجميع القديسين. يسلم عليكم الإخوة الذين في إيطاليا. النعمة معكم أجمعين!

إنجيل القديس يوحنا 21: 1-14

بعد ذلك، ظهر يسوع لتلاميذه مرة أخرى على بحيرة طبرية، وهكذا ظهر: كان سمعان بطرس، وثوما الملقب بالنوام، ونثنائيل الذي من قانا الجليل، وأبنا زبدي، وتلميذان آخران من تلاميذ يسوع، مجتمعين معاً. قال لهم سمعان بطرس: «أنا ذاهب أصطاد سمكاً.» «قلوا له:» «ونحن أيضاً نأتي معك.» فخرجوا وركبوا السفينة، فما أصابوا في تلك الليلة شيئاً. ولما طلع الفجر، وقفت يسوع على الشاطئ، ولكن التلاميذ لم يعلموا أنه يسوع. فقال لهم يسوع: «يا فتيان، أما عندكم قليل من السمك؟» «أجابوه:» «لا.» «فقال لهم:» «ألقوا الشبكة إلى يمين السفينة تجدوا.» وألقوها، فما قدروا على اجتذابها من كثرة السمك. فقال ذلك التلميذ الذي كان يسوع يجبه لبطرس: «إنه الرب.» فلما سمع سمعان بطرس أنه الرب، إثرر بنوبه، لأنه كان غريئاً، وألقى بنفسه في البحيرة. أما التلميذ الآخر فجاؤوا بالسفينة، وهم يسحبون الشبكة المملوءة سمكاً، وما كانوا بعيدين عن البر إلا نحو منتي ذراع. ولما نزلوا إلى البر، رأوا جمراً، وسمكاً على الجمر، وخبزاً. قال لهم يسوع: «هاتوا من السمك الذي أصبتموه الآن.» فصعد سمعان بطرس إلى السفينة، وجذب الشبكة إلى البر، وهي مملوءة سمكاً كبيراً، مئة وثلاثاً وخمسين. ومع هذه الكثرة لم تتمزق الشبكة. قال لهم يسوع: «هلموا نعدوا.» «ولم يجزؤ أحد من التلاميذ أن يسأله:» «من أنت؟» «لأنهم علموا أنه الرب.» وتقدم يسوع وأخذ الخبز وناولهم. ثم فعل كذلك بالسمك. هذه مرة ثالثة ظهر فيها يسوع لتلاميذ بعد أن قام من بين الأموات.

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