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**Subdeacon Adonis El-Asmar**

**THIRD**

**SUNDAY OF**

**THE RESURRECTION**

**Third Sunday of the Resurrection  
April 14th, 2024**

<b>Sun., April 14</b>	<b>Third Sunday of the Resurrection / St. Hermenegild the King</b> <b>9 am for Bob Jumper</b> <b>11: 30 am for Fadia Esper Zahran</b>	<b>by Mr. &amp; Mrs. Ed Manassa</b> <b>by Mr. &amp; Mrs. Salim Shaia</b>
Mon., April 15	NO LITURGY Pope St. Barlaam	
Tues., April 16	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Bernadette Soubirous	
Wed., April 17	10 am Divine Liturgy Pope St. Agapitus	
Thurs., April 18	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Thais the Penitent	
Fri., April 19	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Timon the Deacon	
Sat., April 20	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Nathanael the Hermit	
<b>Sun., April 21</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of the Resurrection / St. Anselm</b> <b>9 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners</b> <b>11: 30 am for Michel Merhej</b>	<b>by the Merhej Family</b>

**March 2024 Financial Standing**

**Ordinary Income**

- ◆ Collections on Sundays & Holy Days: **\$13,970.44**
  - ◆ Cathedral Stipends from Marriages & Funerals, Hall Rent, Candles, Breakfast, Luncheon, Raffle, Dues, Religious Education, Flowers ....**\$51,597.11**
- Total Ordinary Income: \$65,567.55**

**Ordinary Expenses**

- ◆ Payroll, Gas, Electricity, Building Insurance and Medical Insurance, Leasing Equipment, TV, Phone, Internet, Supplies for Church, Hall & Office, Postage, Regular Maintenance, Charity, Eparchial Appeal, Insurance....**\$44,874.35**
- Total Ordinary Expenses: \$44,874.35**

**Total Ordinary Income vs Expenses: \$20,693.20**

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**Do you know? A couple of basic monthly expenses:  
The Monthly Eparchial Assessment & Bishop's Appeal has increased from \$2,125 to \$2,670 a month starting January 2024.**

**The Cathedral's Building Insurance increased 14.3% in 2023, and we paid \$46,122 for the year. It has gone up another 8% in 2024, so we pay \$49,313.00 . The Cathedral monthly building insurance is now \$4,109.41**

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

**HELP LEBANON!**



**BY CHECK:**  
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.

**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 [here](#) to sponsor a family.

## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Confraternity & Knights Meeting**

The Confraternity and Knights will have their monthly meeting this Sunday after the 11:30 am Divine Liturgy.

### **The 2023 Eparchial Lenten Appeal**

Thanks for all your generous contributions. We were asked to raise \$8,000 to participate in this awesome mission of the Eparchy and we have collected the full amount.

### **Promoting Vocations**

The Eparchy is trying to bring more awareness to the different vocations in life: priesthood, consecrated life, diaconate, married life and generous single life. For this reason, an icon of the Holy Family along with a prayer will be given to a different family each week for prayer every night so God may guide us to discern and promote the various vocations. Please register [here](#) and see Fr. Chuck for more information.

### **Beatification of Estephan El Douaihy**

His Holiness Pope Francis has authorized the Dicastery for the Causes of Saints to promulgate the decree regarding the miracle attributed to the intercession of the Venerable Servant of God Estephan El Douaihy, Patriarch of Antioch of the Maronite Church (1670-1704). This decree will pave the way for his beatification which will be held in Lebanon on August 2nd.

### **Interested in Joining the Choir?**

The choir of the Cathedral would like to welcome anyone interested in joining them to praise the Lord in a more dedicated way. We are also looking for someone who knows the Maronite music to play the organ. Members of the Choir meet on Zoom every Wednesday to plan for Sunday. Please make sure to see Christiane Merhej after the 11:30 Divine Liturgy if you would like to join.

### **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.

### **Reception for the Friends of the Lebanese Franciscan Sisters of the Cross**

The Chargé d'Affaires Majdi Ramadan has the pleasure of inviting you to a reception for the Friends of the Lebanese Franciscan Sisters of the Cross on May 9th, 2024, from 6pm to 8pm. The keynote speaker is Dr. Francois Nader, Chairman of the BenevolentAI and Jersa Foundation, as well as board director of Moderna. He will share insights into the intersection of innovation, compassion, and support for humanitarian efforts.

### **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 \$150.00 per household a month will help meet the Church's budget.

### **Sixth Pastoral Letter of Bishop Gregory Mansour**

[\*The Man of God Is a Man for Others\*](#) is the most recent pastoral letter of Bishop Gregory. The Bishop said, "The words were born in my heart out of love from one man to another. But I hope my words will also be helpful to women as well." Please click [here](#) to read the letter.

### **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](#) for more details.

### **Eparchial Vocation Video**

A vocation is a gift and an opportunity to make a positive impact in the world. It is a calling, a unique path that God has designed for each one of us. It can manifest in various forms—as a priest, a religious sister, a monk, or as lay faithful. To listen to the whisper of one's heart which might be calling one towards a special life of service, love, and purpose, Bishop Gregory is inviting you to view and share [this video](#) produced by Nadim Khalid, one of our seminarians, with the help of our eparchy vocation team, and to discover and nurture the vocation that God has placed within you, and be faithful to his call no matter where it leads.

### **Bulletin Advertisements**

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*The Order of Deacons  
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**FROM THE BISHOP'S OFFICE ON THE YEAR OF PRAYER**

5 March 2024

Prot. No. 058/1/24  
Cir.24.32

Dear Brother Priests, Deacons and Subdeacons, Consecrated Men and Women, Lay Faithful,

On January 21, 2024, Pope Francis opened the **Year of Prayer** in anticipation of the Jubilee Year 2025. The Holy Father's intention is to have us look closely at how we relate to the Church, to the family, and to the world, according to the wisdom of the Second Vatican Council, and then apply this practically to our own life of prayer.

As you know, Pope Saint Paul VI beatified Saint Sharbel at the end of the Second Vatican Council in 1965, along with a missionary priest martyr, Jacques Berthieu, who served in Madagascar. What an honor for us as Maronites, to have shared in this spotlight, and what a message the Saintly Pontiff gave to the world (and to us!) that prayer, silence, sacrifice, and a missionary spirit are the ways forward to the renewal of the Church, the family, and the world!

In the Apostolic Letter by which Sharbel was declared blessed, we read this:

"We should mention that we recently decreed the same honors (Beatification) for Jacques Berthieu, who won the prize by struggling in the action of life as though in a spiritual combat. Now, a monk, removed from all human association and given over to contemplation of divine things in solitude, is extolled. Both lives are commended by the Church.... Sharbel who represented anew the life, distinguished by the sanctity of the ancient hermits, kept his mind unperturbed...so that from the happiness of his soul would flow the cheerfulness of his countenance."

Brothers and Sisters in Christ, during this Year of Prayer, let us use this opportunity, in the same spirit that animated Pope Saint Paul VI at the end of the Second Vatican Council when he pointed to Saint Sharbel as a model of prayer and devotion, so that we may keep our "minds unperturbed" and thus from the "happiness of our soul" God will cause to "flow the cheerfulness of our countenance."

+ Gregory

## 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 تيموثاوس 2: 8-13  
يا إخواني، وأنت يا انبي، تذكّر يسوع المسيح الذي قام من بين الأموات، وهو من نسل داود، بحسب إنجيلي، الذي فيه أحتمل المسقات حتى القيود كمجرم، لكن كلمة الله لا تُقيد. لذلك أصبر على كل شيء من أجل المختارين، ليحصلوا هم أيضاً على الخلاص في المسيح يسوع مع المجد الأبدي. صديقة هي الكلمة: إن متنا معه نحى معه، وإن صبرنا نملك معه، وإن أنكرناه يُنكرنا، وإن كنا غير أمناء فهو يبقى أميناً، لأنه لا يقدر أن ينكر نفسه!

إنجيل القديس لوقا 24: 13-35

في اليوم عينه، كان اثنان من التلاميذ ذاهبين إلى قرية تدعى عماؤس، 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، وأنتما تسيران؟». «فوقفا عايسين. وأجاب أحدهما، واسمه كليوباس، فقال له: «هل أنت وحدك غريب عن اورشليم، فلا تعلم ما حدث فيها هذه الأيام؟». «فقال له: «وما هي؟». «فقالا له: «ما يتعلق بيسوع الناصري، الذي كان رجلاً نبياً قوياً بالقول والفعل، فدأّم الله والشعب كله. وكيف أسلمه أخبارنا ورؤسائنا ليحكم عليه بالموت، وكيف صلبوه! وكنا نحن نرجو أن يكون هو الذي سيقي إسرائيل. ولكن مع هذا كله، فهذا هو اليوم الثالث بعد تلك الأحداث. لكن بعض النساء من جماعتنا ذهبننا، 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، وبطيبي القلب في الإيمان بكل ما تكلم به الأنبياء! أما كان يجب على المسيح أن يعانى تلك الآلام، ثم يدخل في مجده؟». «وفسر لهما ما يتعلق به في كل الكتب المقدسة، مبنياً 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 متكئاً معهما، أخذ الخبز، وبارك، وكسر، وتناولهما. فانفتحت أعينهما، وعرفاه، فإذا هو قد توارى عنهما. فقال أحدهما للآخر: «أما كان قلبنا مضطرباً فينا، حين كان يكلمنا في الطريق، ويسخر لنا الكُتب؟». «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 يُخبران بما حدث في الطريق، وكيف عرفا يسوع عند كسر الخبز.

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