



SAINT ANTHONY MARONITE CHURCH

A Parish Family of the Eparchy of St. Maron of Brooklyn, NY

كنيسة مار أنطونيوس المارونية

April 1, 2018

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OFFICE HOURS

M-TH: 9 AM - 4PM

Friday: Office is Closed

Saturdays: By Appointment

LITURGIES

Daily Liturgies:

M & W: 9 AM

T & TH: 7 PM

Weekend Liturgies:

Saturday

Vigil Liturgy @ 4 PM

Sunday Liturgies:

8:30 AM - Arabic

9:30 AM - English

11:30 AM - English & Arabic

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

Vigil Liturgy @ 7 PM

Feast Day @ 9 AM

Sacraments of

Baptism & Confirmation

1 month in advance with the Pastor

Sacrament of Matrimony

Couples should make arrangements six months prior to the wedding date

Sacrament of Reconciliation

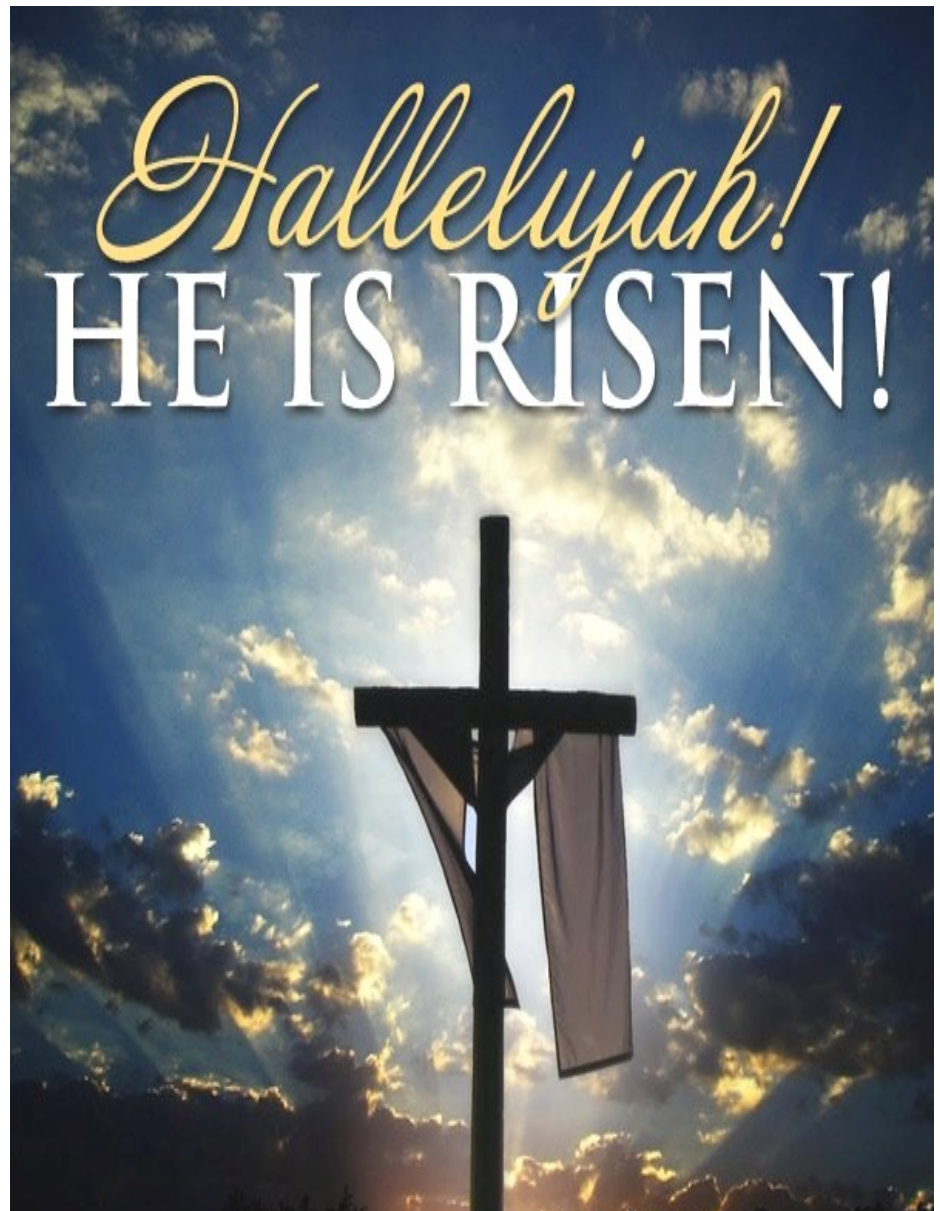
One hour Before Thursday & Saturday Liturgies, or by appointment

Anointing of the Sick

Please notify the Rectory if a member of your family is ill, hospitalized, or unable to come to Church and would like to receive communion at home

Please refer to our website for more Sacrament Celebrations Guidelines

Christ is Risen!! المسيح قام
Easter Sunday أحد الفصح المجيد



Facebook: Saint Anthony Maronite Church Lawrence, MA



Liturgies Intentions



Meet our staff:

Clergy

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pastor@stanthonylawrence.org

Father Tony Youssef,
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Parish Ministries

- ◆ Religious Education
ccd@stanthonylawrence.org
- ◆ Publishing: Bulletin
bulletin@stanthonylawrence.org

◆ Choirs (English, Arabic & Syriac)

◆ Kids Choir

◆ Knights of the Altar

◆ Knights of Mary

◆ Maronite Youth : MYO

◆ Maronite Young Adults

◆ Bereavement Ministry

◆ Cenacle of the Rosary
(Thursdays @ 6PM)

◆ Cenacle of Divine Mercy
(Sundays Before the Liturgies)

◆ Sacristan (s)

Easter Sunday

أحد أقيامة المجيدة

All Liturgies Intentions will be offered for
the good health and prosperity of our Parishioners

Saturday, March 31	4:00 PM	EASTER VIGIL LITURGY
Sunday, April 1	12AM	EASTER MIDNIGHT LITURGY
	9:30AM	EASTER DIVINE LITURGY
	11:30 AM	EASTER DIVINE LITURGY

Glorious Resurrection Week

أسبوع الحواريين

Monday, April 2 @ 7 PM	Feast of the Felicitation to Mary أحد تهنئة العذراء
Tuesday, April 3 @ 7 PM	Feast of the Annunciation أحد بشارة العذراء
Wednesday, April 4 @ 9AM	Private Intentions
Thursday, April 5 @ 7PM	Private Intentions.
Friday, April 6	No Liturgies—Office Closed

New Sunday

الأحد الجديد

Divine Mercy Sunday

أحد الرحمة الألهية

Saturday, April 7	4:00 PM	For: Philip, Roseanne & Melvin Gallant, By Mr. & Mrs. Josph Zappala
Sunday April 8	8:15AM	For: Jamile & Albert Merheb By Mrs. Laure of Amine Bourouphael & Family
	9:30AM	For: 40 Day Anniversary-Alice T. Roderigues By her Husband Albert, Daughter Missy and grand Children.
	11:30 AM	For:+ 40 Day Anniversary- Alfonse P. Coury, By the Coury Family.



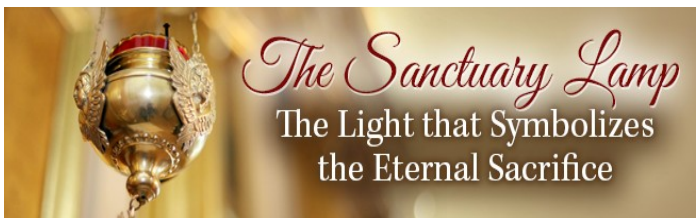
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 Contribute to Our Parish Growth. Apply Online:
<http://stanthonylawrence.org/donate-now/>

TITHES & OFFERINGS - March 25, 2018

Sunday Collection (& Online)	\$ 12,278.50
Fuel	\$ 125.00
Candles	\$ 163.00
Bishop's Appeal	\$ 415.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 680.00
Palm Sunday Bake Sale	\$ 4,623.00
Miscellaneous (Holy Week, Registrations,)	\$ 255.00
Total Deposit	\$ 18,309.50

2ND COLLECTIONS

GOOD FRIDAY (March 30): For the Christians in Holy Land according to the order and wishes of Saint Pope John Paul II
Easter Sunday (March 31 & April 1): Easter Pastor Charities



Right Sanctuary Lamp

This week's Sanctuary Lamp will burn
For the good health of our Children.

Left Sanctuary Lamp

This week's Sanctuary Lamp will burn for
For the good health of our Parishioners.

Monthly Operational Expenses - April 2017

Health Insurance , Retirement & Disability	\$4,020.00
Total Household (Table Expense,)	\$896.95
Salaries	
Clergy (Base Salary, Table & Auto Expense)	\$5,650.00
Organist / Singers (9:30am & Funerals)	\$500
Secretarial	\$2,200.00
Payroll Expenses	\$169.54
Eparchial Assessment	\$2,500.00
Donations to Others	\$700.00
Maintenance & Repairs (Cleaning, Dumpster , Janitorial Supplies & ..)	\$4,164.14
Religious Supplies (Candles, Hosts & Wines,	\$280.60
Utilities (Phone, Cable, Internet, Electric, Fuel, Sewer & Water)	\$1,210.52
Decorations and Flowers	\$526.99
Office Administration (supplies, Postage, Printing, Subscription)	\$2,631.94
Parish Programs (Knights of Mary, MYO, MYA, Sunday Coffee Hours)	\$610.76
Advertisement & Public Relations	\$638.13
Furniture & Equipment	\$2,274.44
Total Monthly Expenses	\$28,974.01
Net Income needed to Balance per Week	\$7,243.51

Help Support the Maronite Monks in Petersham

Here is a list of our current food requests:

- healthy breakfast cereal (we like Kashi brand, but others are fine)
- granola
- pumpernickel (black) bread
- coffee cake or similar for Sunday
- dried plums (prunes)
- raisins
- other dried fruit
- lebni
- condensed milk (sweetened) (canned)
- pasta sauce
- relish
- canned mushrooms
- crackers
- canola oil
- refried beans (Mexican style)
- salsa
- napkins

We will be collecting items for the Maronite Monks on **Sunday, April 7 & 8** Following each of the Morning Liturgies.

POPE PRAYER INTENTIONS—April - 2018

Formation in Spiritual Discernment: That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.

PARISH MINISTRIES & NEWS

Religious Education

- First Communion: Upcoming Preparations**
- **Saturday, May 5** Reconciliation at 10am.
 - **Sunday May 6** Crowning of Mary. Grade 2 will help serve at the 9:30 or 11:30 liturgies Parents will chose which liturgy works for their family. Children should be prepared to wear their First Communion outfits. We will do a practice at 10:30 in lieu of CCD between liturgies that day.
 - **FRIDAY, May 18** will be rehearsal for First Communion with parents. This will begin at 5:30 p.m. and last approximately an hour.
 - **Saturday May 19 at 10:30 a.m.** First Communion Celebration.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.
Susan Veilleux, ccd@stanthonylawrence.org

SAVE THE DATE

Mother's Day
SUNDAY BRUNCH

SATURDAY MAY 12
11AM - 3PM



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
ST ANTHONY'S COUNCIL 16204
PRESENTS THE 3RD ANNUAL

Spring To Life
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APRIL 21, 2018

St. Anthony's Maronite Church
145 Amesbury St.
Lawrence, MA 01841

Adults \$40
Kids (under 12) \$20

Dinner & Entertainment

FEATURING

ANDRE KEEDY

WITH MAESTRO BACHIR
AND DEEJAY RIKON

Doors open at 7pm

Cash Bar & Raffles

FOR TICKETS & INFORMATION CONTACT:
WISSAM MERHEB 978.653.5145
ELIAS AZZI 978.420.7606



MYA -Maronite Young Adults

Next Meeting : Sunday April 8th @ 7PM

Children's Choir

Saturdays: April 7 & April 21

Practices are held from -5:00PM - 6:30PM

Knights of Mary Schedule

Upcoming Meetings: April 14th: From 5PM - 7PM
After 4PM Liturgy *Dates are Subject to change*

MYO -Maronite Youth Organization

Friday April 13th :Youth Liturgy & Faith Formation
Faith Formation Events run from 5PM - 7PM

Daughters' Meeting

Monday, April 9th 2018, 12:00 noon

Lunch will be at 12 NOON @ Shadi's Restaurant.

Contact Elaine Ferris @ 978-682-2112

with any questions and to reserve.

Rosary Group

الأربعاء من كل أسبوع الساعة السادسة مساء

صلاة المسبحة الوردية

Every Wednesday @ 6PM

Bible Study

English Session: Tuesdays 7PM

Arabic Session: Wednesdays 7PM

تعاود السهرات الأتجيلية بعد عيد الفصح المجيد

Will Resume after Easter

Eucharistic Adoration: Thursday, April 12th

Saint Basil Seminary

Wishing Saint Anthony's Parish
HAPPY EASTER
love, and health & the renewal of life

Saint Basil Seminary, 30 East St. Methuen, MA 01844

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Given By

In Loving Memory Of

The Safi Family
 Sleiman Antar, Mirna & Anthony
 Mr. John Belko, Sr.
 Mary & Rodney Pica
 Antoine & Hitaf Nammour
 Mansour and Barbara Boustani
 Cecelia Hatem
 Abdou Abou Raad
 Mr. & Mrs. Tony Ata & Family
 Donna & Christine Kattar
 Nada Hashem & Family
 Michael G. Faris
 Beverly & Bob Schiripo
 Amal Feghali
 Therese Jbeily
 Samie Atie
 Victor C. Azzi
 Mabel Beshara
 Radwan & May Maroun
 Charles W. Chory
 Mrs. Barbara Kramer
 Barbara & Louann Bistany
 Mrs. Therese Solomon & Family
 John Jr., Joshua and John Belko, Sr.
 Phyllis Thomas
 Ramsis Khalil & Sister Maggie
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 Lorraine, Evelyn, & Joan
 Elias Yammine & Family
 Mr. & Mrs. Constantine
 Mr. & Mrs. Daoud Ramy
 Jamie Gabriel & Family
 Elaine Ferris
 James Hajj
 The Khoury Family
 The Kalil Family
 His Loving Family
 Tuffic Hatem & Family

Kamel & Yvonne Safi - Hanna Aoun
 Therese Moussa & Fouad Antar
 Joyce Marie Belko
 Sadie Souma
 Joseph Bou Sanayeh - Romanos Nammour
 Zigmund and Bernice Zostak
 Msgr. Khoury, Billy Hatem & Family
 Abou-Raad Family - Azzi Families
 Habib Aoun, Farid & Elizabeth Ata
 Thomas & Victoria Kattar, Frances Coccozza
 Mikhael El-Hachem - Rabih El-Hachem
 George & Elsie Faris - Deceased Members of Faris & Ead Families
 Rose & Peter Lucchesi - Mary Shadeed - Stephanie & Fred Schiripo
 Raymond Feghali - Gebran Najem
 Elias Jbeil - Habib Abou Fayssal
 Jamal & Marie Atie - Sleiman Bou Karam - Selim & Afify Barakat
 Mr. & Mrs. Kahlil S. Azzi - Mr. & Mrs. James Yameen
 Mr. & Mrs. Elias Naffah - Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Naffah
 Deceased Members (Family) - Deceased Members Beshara Family
 Joseph & Kalikia Maroun - Gebrane Najem
 Charles G. Chory
 Bomar G. Kramer
 Samuel & Louise Bistany
 Mr. Edmond Solomon - Mr. & Mrs. Fred Faris
 Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Solomon - Mr. & Mrs. Philip Hatem
 Joyce Marie (Daher) Belko
 John Thomas
 Mrs. Mahasses Naoum Khalil, Mom - Mr. Elias Khalil, Dad
 Mr. Fawzi Ash, Son - Mrs. Zahra Zaher, Aunt (Mom side)
 Mr. Rafic Zaher, Uncle (Mom side) - Mrs. Mary Zakka, Grandmother (Mom)
 Late Dear Brother, Fahed - Uncle, Naim Naoum (Mother) -
 Joe Lahage, Friend - Tom Saab, Friend - +Relative - Helen, his wife
 Jeanette Lahoud - Antoine Abou Ezzi
 Michael & Marie Noel Nassar
 Philip, Julia & Frederick Taga
 Fares Yammine - Romanos Nammour - Georges Yammine
 My mom, Salwa Nassif, Law & Daughter
 Miriam, Aida, Mauel Escobar
 William, Rita, Craig & Jack Wallace—Emile & Stella Dumont
 Ferris & Ricci Family
 Margaret Hajj
 Edmond and May Hashem
 Eli & Helen Kalil, Carol Ann Kalil-Margaret Kalil McDonough, Alice
 Touma Roderigues
 Fred Ganem
 Diana B. Hatem

Easter
Flowers

Easter Flowers



Lectors

<u>Given By</u>	<u>In Honor Of</u>
Mansor & Laliberte Families	Elias & Rose Mansor Mansor Siblings
Charles W. Chory	Rita T. Chory
Dr. & Mrs. George Abou Ezzi	Our children, Marc, Monica, Michael & Mia
Mr. & Mrs. Constantine	Elie Khoury & Aboud Kassarji - Stephanie & Patricia Pascal - Yvonne, Salem, Elio, Graziella, Geo

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Lectors</u>
Saturday, March 31	4:00 PM	Roy Rossi
Sunday, April 1	11:59 AM	English: Carla Khoder Arabic: Sleiman Ramey
Sunday, April 1	9:30 AM	Jamie Gabriel
Sunday, April 1	11:30 AM	English: Anabelle Owaida Arabic: Gretta Merheb

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Lectors</u>
Saturday, April 7	4:00 PM	Alexa Ata
Sunday, April 8	8:15 AM	Guita Bou Habib
Sunday, April 8	9:30 AM	Ryan Naaman
Sunday, April 8	11:30 AM	English: Marie Charabati Arabic: Ajia Elia

KINDLY READ CAREFULLY ALL SACRAMENTAL GUIDELINES

Baptism & Confirmation: (Check our Website)

- ◆ Guidelines : <http://stanthonylawrence.org/guidelines/>
- ◆ Registration Form : <http://stanthonylawrence.org/online-registration-form/>

Sacrament of Marriage: (Check our Website)

- ◆ Guidelines : <http://stanthonylawrence.org/guidelines-2/>
- ◆ FOCCUS: <http://stanthonylawrence.org/foccus/>
- ◆ Pre-Cana: <http://stanthonylawrence.org/pre-cana/>

Banquet Hall Guidelines:

- ◆ Contract Form (Check our Website)
- ◆ Banquet Hall Usage Donations:
 1. \$500 (For 6 Hours)
 2. \$250 For Registered & Active parishioners (with contribution history)
 3. Security Deposit \$250 (Returned after the event, if no Damages)
 4. Cleaning Donations: \$100

Burial Guidelines

Burial Charges and Fees: (Check our Website)

- <http://stanthonylawrence.org/charges-and-fees/>

Lot Sales:

- <http://stanthonylawrence.org/lots-sales/>

ALTAR SERVERS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Lectors</u>
Saturday, March 31	4:00 PM	Volunteers
Sunday, April 1	11:59 AM	Volunteers
Sunday, April 1	9:30 AM	Logan Gabriel Thomas Demers
Sunday, April 1	11:30 AM	Anthony ElHachem, Anthony Sadek Charbel Sadek, Rudy Bouraphael

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
Saturday, April 7	4:00 PM	Elias Saab Sharbel Saab
Sunday, April 8	8:15 AM	Volunteers
Sunday, April 8	9:30 AM	Caleb Hassan Joseph Safi
Sunday, April 8	11:30 AM	Charbel Yammine, George ElHachem Rudy Bouraphael, Ryan El Khoury

Membership Registration:

<http://stanthonylawrence.org/member-information-form/>

Online Donation:

<http://stanthonylawrence.org/donate-now/>

Upcoming Events:

<http://stanthonylawrence.org/upcoming-events/>

Monthly Calendar:

<http://stanthonylawrence.org/upcoming-events/calendar/>

Saint Anthony Maronite Church, Lawrence, MA, Sunday, April 1, 2018

Income Statement for Year 2017

Ordinary Income/Expense		Expense	
Income		Bank Service Charges	1.11
Donation to Church for Wedding	380.00	Contributions St. George Dover	2,565.30
Various Fees Collected	600.00	Contribution to Social Security	1,429.71
Church Hall Income	1,210.00	Benefits Insurance - Disability	1,300.00
Liturgical Music	400.00	Insurance - Medical	
Auxiliary Receipts		Employee Health Insurance	5,385.00
Bank Fee Reversal	152.00	Medical Co-Pay	38.85
Candles / Other Devotional Item	6,652.18	Insurance - Medical - Other	<u>15,600.00</u>
Fuel	12,555.00	Total Insurance - Medical	21,023.85
Interest & Dividends	305.62	Medical Reimbursements	565.83
Miscellaneous	5,503.79	Pension Plan Contr to Eparchy	6,500.00
Parking Lot Donations	16,415.00	Social Security Reimbursement	<u>2,543.00</u>
Sunday Coffee Hour	<u>733.00</u>	Total Benefits	31,932.68
Total Auxiliary Receipts	42,316.59	Extraordinary Expenditures	
Extraordinary Income		Cemetery Land Improvement	17,211.50
Annual Bishop's Appeal	12,190.00	Furniture & Equipment	25,607.96
Burial / Opening & Closing	16,725.00	Major Repairs/Renovat - Hall	3,400.00
Donation to Charity	600.00	Major Repairs/Renovat - Other	1,605.00
Donations for Pastor Charities	2,367.00	Major Repairs/Renovat. - Church	9,041.46
Donations from Individuals		Opening & Closing Grave Expense	8,330.00
Donations for DeirDourit Church	0.00	Extraordinary Expenditures - Other	<u>260.00</u>
Donations from Individuals - Other	<u>48,400.43</u>	Total Extraordinary Expenditures	65,455.92
Total Donations from Individuals	48,400.43	Fund Raising Events	
Donations In Memory of...	8,825.00	Hafli	425.41
Donations to Church for Baptism	2,000.00	Mahrajan	<u>54,685.91</u>
Funeral Clergy Stipend	1,600.00	Total Fund Raising Events	55,111.32
Funeral Donation to Church	6,100.00	Funeral Reimbursements	945.00
Other Extraordinary		Household	16,123.32
Cemetery Plot Purchase	16,300.00	Insurance on Personal Belonging	174.75
Decorations/Flowers	5,414.00	Ordinary Expenditures	
Other Extraordinary - Other	<u>200.00</u>	Salaries	<u>86,765.00</u>
Total Other Extraordinary	21,914.00	Total Ordinary Expenditures	86,765.00
Wedding Donation to Church	<u>100.00</u>	Other Ordinary	177,193.50
Total Extraordinary Income	120,821.43	Parish Office Administration	31,404.38
Fund Raising		Parish Programs	
Bake Sale	8,202.36	Daughters of St. Anthony	250.00
Calendars	-350.00	Choir	55.17
Special Events Breakfast	264.00	Families in need help	1,950.00
Special Events Hafli	8,913.00	Knights of Mary	280.64
Special Events Mahrajan	<u>149,053.60</u>	Knights of the Altar	542.22
Total Fund Raising	166,082.96	Men's Club	1,560.00
Ordinary Income		Miscellaneous Programs	2,009.81
Regular Collections		MYA	110.87
2nd Collections to be forwarded	4,705.60	MYO	3,152.38
Sunday & Holy Day Collections	166,295.60	Religious Education	
Regular Collections - Other	<u>2,469.00</u>	First Holy Communion	1,030.64
Total Regular Collections	<u>173,470.20</u>	Religious Education - Other	<u>6,279.28</u>
Total Ordinary Income	173,470.20	Total Religious Education	7,309.92
Programs		Sunday Coffee Hour	62.98
Knights of Mary	660.00	Veterans Day event	975.00
Men's Club Proceeds	1,960.00	Women's Club	903.96
MYA Proceeds	25.00	Parish Programs - Other	<u>87.03</u>
MYO Proceeds	1,240.00	Total Parish Programs	19,249.98
Religious Education Income	3,520.00	Payroll Expenses	1,955.80
Women's Club Proceeds	2,340.00	Reimbursable Expenses	65.34
Programs - Other	<u>379.90</u>	Special Events	
Total Programs	10,124.90	Children Christmas Party	499.60
Restricted Receipts		Pastoral Visit	135.00
Scholarship Income	<u>200.00</u>	Special Events - Other	<u>153.73</u>
Total Restricted Receipts	<u>200.00</u>	Total Special Events	<u>788.33</u>
Total Income	<u>515,606.08</u>	Total Expense	<u>491,161.44</u>
Gross Profit	515,606.08	Net Ordinary Income	<u>24,444.64</u>

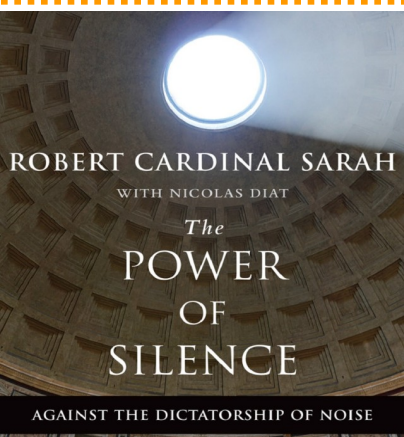
Easter Vigil Readings: Philippians 2:1-11—Matthew 28:1-10

If there is any encouragement in Christ, any solace in love, any participation in the Spirit, any compassion and mercy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, with the same love, united in heart, thinking one thing. Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but (also) everyone for those of others. Have among yourselves the same attitude that is also yours in Christ Jesus, Who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

يا إخواني، إن كان لكم تشجيع في المسيح، أو تعزية في المحبة، أو شركة في الروح، أو حنان أو رحمة، فأكملوا فرحي بأن تكونوا على رأي واحد، ومحبة واحدة، ونفس واحدة، وفكر واحد. لا تفعلوا شيئاً عن خصام ولا بعجب، بل بانضاع، وليحسب كل واحد منكم غيره أفضل منه. ولا تنظروا كل واحد إلى ما هو لنفسه، بل بالحري إلى ما هو لغيره. ليكن فيكم من الأفكار ما هو في المسيح يسوع. فهو، مع كونه في صورة الله، لم يحسب مساواته لله غنيمة، بل أخلى ذاته، متخذاً صورة العبد، صائراً في شبه البشر. ولما ظهر في هيئة إنسان، واضع ذاته، وصاراً مطيعاً حتى الموت، الموت على الصليب. فلذلك رفعه الله جداً، ووهبه الاسم الذي يعلو كل اسم، لكي تجتوب باسم يسوع كل ركبة، في السماء وعلى الأرض وتحت الأرض، ويعترف كل لسان أن يسوع المسيح هو الرب لمجد الله الأب.

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, approached, rolled back the stone, and sat upon it. His appearance was like lightning and his clothing was white as snow. The guards were shaken with fear of him and became like dead men. Then the angel said to the women in reply, "Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him.' Behold, I have told you." Then they went away quickly from the tomb, fearful yet overjoyed, and ran to announce this to his disciples. And behold, Jesus met them on their way and greeted them. They approached, embraced his feet, and did him homage. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

قال متى الرسول: لما انفضى السبت وطلع فجر الأحد، جاءت مريم المجدلية ومريم الأخرى تعابنان القبر، وإذا زلزلة عظيمة حدثت، لأن ملاك الرب نزل من السماء، ودنا فدحرج الحجر، وجلس عليه. وكان منظره كالبرق، ولباسه أبيض كالثلج. فارتعد الحراس خوفاً منه، وصاروا كالأموات. فأجاب الملاك وقال للمراتين: «أنتما، لا تخافا! أنا أعلم أنكما تطلبان يسوع المصلوب. فهو ليس هنا، لأنه قام مثلما قال. تعاليا وأنظرا المكان الذي كان موضوعاً فيه. وادهباً حالاً إلى تلاميذه وقولا لهم: إنه قد قام من بين الأموات! وها هو يسبقكم إلى الجليل، وهناك ترونه. ها أنا قد قلت لكم». فغادرتا القبر مسرعين، وهما في خوف وفرح عظيم، تركضان حاملتين البشري إلى التلاميذ، فإذا يسوع يلاقيهما ويقول: «السلام لكم!». فنقدمتا وأمسكتا بقدميه ساجدتين له. حينئذ قال لهما يسوع: «لا تخافا! اذهبا وبشرا إخواني ليذهبا إلى الجليل، وهناك يرونني».



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..... The modern world generates so much noise, he says, that seeking moments of silence has become both harder and more necessary than ever before.

Silence is the indispensable doorway to the divine, ... Can those who do not know silence ever attain truth, beauty, or love? Do not wisdom, artistic vision, and devotion spring from silence, where the voice of God is heard in the depths of the human heart?

..... "Silence is more important than any other human work," he says, "for it expresses God. The revolution comes from silence; it leads us toward God and others so as to place ourselves humbly and generously at their service."

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Easter Morning Readings: 1 Corinthians 15:12-26 – Mark 16:1-8

But if Christ is preached as raised from the dead, how can some among you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then neither has Christ been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, then empty (too) is our preaching; empty, too, your faith. Then we are also false witnesses to God, because we testified against God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if in fact the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, neither has Christ been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is vain; you are still in your sins. Then those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are the most pitiable people of all. But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead came also through a human being. For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order: Christ the first fruits; then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ; then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to his God and Father, when he has destroyed every sovereignty and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

يا إخواني، إن كان المسيح يُبَسَّرُ بِهِ أَنَّهُ قَامَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، فَكَيْفَ يَقُولُ بَعْضُ مِنْكُمْ أَنْ لَا قِيَامَةَ لِلْأَمْوَاتِ؟ فَإِنْ كَانَ لَا قِيَامَةَ لِلْأَمْوَاتِ، فَالْمَسِيحُ أَيْضًا لَمْ يَقُمْ! وَإِنْ كَانَ الْمَسِيحُ لَمْ يَقُمْ، فَباطِلٌ تَبَشِيرُنَا وَباطِلٌ إِيْمَانُكُمْ، وَتَكُونُ نَحْنُ شُهُودَ زُورٍ عَلَى اللَّهِ، لِأَنَّنا شَهِدْنَا عَلَى اللَّهِ أَنَّهُ أَقَامَ الْمَسِيحَ، وَهُوَ مَا أَقَامَهُ، إِنْ صَحَّ أَنَّ الْأَمْوَاتَ لَا يَقُومُونَ. فَإِنْ كَانَ الْأَمْوَاتُ لَا يَقُومُونَ، فَالْمَسِيحُ أَيْضًا لَمْ يَقُمْ! وَإِنْ كَانَ الْمَسِيحُ لَمْ يَقُمْ، فَباطِلٌ إِيْمَانُكُمْ، وَتَكُونُونَ بَعْدُ فِي خَطَايَاكُمْ. إِذَا قَالَدَيْنَ رَقَدُوا فِي الْمَسِيحِ قَدْ هَلَكُوا. إِنْ كُنَّا نَرْجُو الْمَسِيحَ فِي هَذِهِ الْحَيَاةِ وَحَسْبُ، فَكُنَّا نَشْفَى النَّاسَ أَجْمَعِينَ! وَالْحَالُ أَنَّ الْمَسِيحَ قَامَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، وَهُوَ بَأَكْوَرةِ الرَّاقِدِينَ. قِيَمًا أَنْ الْمَوْتَ كَانَ بِوَأَسْطَةِ إِنْسان، فَبِوَأَسْطَةِ إِنْسان أَيْضًا تَكُونُ قِيَامَةُ الْأَمْوَاتِ. فَكَمَا أَنَّهُ فِي آدَمَ يَمُوتُ الْجَمِيعُ، كَذَلِكَ فِي الْمَسِيحِ سَيَحْيَا الْجَمِيعُ، كُلُّ وَاحِدٍ فِي رُتْبَتِهِ: الْمَسِيحُ أَوَّلًا، لِأَنَّهُ الْبَأَكْوَرةِ، ثُمَّ الَّذِينَ هُمْ لِلْمَسِيحِ، عِنْدَ مَحِيئِهِ. وَبَعْدَ ذَلِكَ تَكُونُ النِّهَايَةُ، حِينَ يُسَلِّمُ الْمَسِيحُ الْمَلِكَةَ إِلَى اللَّهِ الْآبِ، بَعْدَ أَنْ يَكُونَ قَدْ أَبْطَلَ كُلَّ رِئَاسَةٍ وَكُلَّ سُلْطَانٍ وَقُوَّةٍ، لِأَنَّهُ لَا بُدَّ لِلْمَسِيحِ أَنْ يَمْلِكَ، إِلَى أَنْ يَجْعَلَ اللَّهُ جَمِيعَ أَعْدَائِهِ تَحْتَ قَدَمَيْهِ.

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary, the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go and anoint him. Very early when the sun had risen, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb. They were saying to one another, "Who will roll back the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back; it was very large. On entering the tomb they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a white robe, and they were utterly amazed. He said to them, "Do not be amazed! You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Behold the place where they laid him. But go and tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you.'" Then they went out and fled from the tomb, seized with trembling and bewilderment. They said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

لَمَّا أَنْقَضَى السَّبْتِ، أَشْتَرَتْ مَرِيَمُ الْمَجْدَلِيَّةِ، وَمَرِيَمُ أُمُّ يَعْقُوبَ، وَسَالُومَةَ، طَيُوبًا لِإِيْتَانِ وَيُطَيِّبِينَ جَسَدَ يَسُوعَ. وَفِي يَوْمِ الْأَحَدِ بَأَكْوَرةِ جِدًّا، أَتَيْنَ إِلَى الْقَبْرِ مَعَ طُلُوعِ الشَّمْسِ. وَكُنَّ يَقُلْنَ فِيمَا بَيْنَهُنَّ: «مَنْ يَدُخْرِجُ لَنَا الْحَجَرَ عَنْ بَابِ الْقَبْرِ؟». وَتَفَرَّسْنَ فَشَاهَدْنَ الْحَجَرَ قَدْ دُحِرَجَ، وَكَانَ كَبِيرًا جِدًّا. وَدَخَلْنَ الْقَبْرَ، فَرَأَيْنَ شَابًّا جَالِسًا عَنِ الْيَمِينِ، مَتَوَشِّحًا حُلَّةً بِيضَاءَ، فَأَنْدَهَلْنَ. فَقَالَ لَهُنَّ: «لَا تَنْدَهَلْنَ! أَنْتُنَّ تَطْلُبْنَ يَسُوعَ النَّاصِرِيَّ الْمَصْلُوبَ. إِنَّهُ قَامَ، وَهُوَ لَيْسَ هُنَا. وَهِيَ هِيَ الْمَكَانُ الَّذِي وَضَعُوهُ فِيهِ. أَلَا أَذْهَبِينَ وَقُلْنَ لِتِلْمِذِيهِ وَابْطَرُسَ: إِنَّهُ يَسْبِقُكُمْ إِلَى الْجَلِيلِ. وَهُنَاكَ تَرَوْنَهُ، كَمَا قَالَ لَكُمْ فَخَرَجْنَا مِنَ الْقَبْرِ وَهَرَبْنَا مِنْ شِدَّةِ الرَّعْدَةِ وَالذُّهُولِ. وَمِنْ خَوْفِهِنَّ لَمْ يَقُلْنَ لِأَحَدٍ شَيْئًا

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