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LITURGIES INTENTIONS

7th Sunday of the Resurrection

Daily Liturgies

Saturday, May 11 (Eng.) *St. Pontius*

4:00 pm + 1st Anniversary - Georges Abi Awad & + Raymond Gebrael, By their families
+ Fred & Rose Breehey, Mcarmy Syiek, Rasheedy Milan, Agnes Forsley, & Meralda McCann, By Karen Breehey

Sunday, May 12 *St. Epiphanius*

Liturgies 8:00 am , 9:30 am , 11:00 am are offered in honor of Living Mothers, and in Loving Memory for the Deceased Mothers.

Season of Glorious Pentecost Pentecost Sunday

Saturday, May 18 (Eng.) *St. Theodotos & the 7 Martyrs*

4:00 pm + Larry Kalil, By his wife, Linda Kalil, & family
+ Rita Hatem & her son, Gene Hatem, By their family

Sunday, May 19 *St. Philoterus,
St. Cyriaca and Her Companions*

8:00 am + Deceased members of the Hbaiter Family, By Mr. & Mrs Kamil Hbaiter & family
9:30 am + Charles Tarness, By his wife, Georgette, children & grandchildren
11:00 am + Baby Leo Alexander, By his parents, Danny & Chantale Maroun, big brother, Lucas, & family
+ Miguel, Salim, Gloria, Emilio, & Menne Jaar, By their family

Monday, May 13 (Ar.)

Our Lady of Fatima / Eph 4:1-13 / Jn 12:20-25

9:00 am + Patricia McKeever, By the Pastor
+ Antoun Saab, By his daughter, Rana Abi Samra, & family

Tuesday, May 14 (Eng.)

Sts. Boniface & Aglaë, & Their 20 Companions / Eph 4:17-24 / Jn 12:26-30

9:00 am + Deceased members of the Goulart & Pereira Families, By Dora Pereira.

Wednesday, May 15 (Ar.)

Our Lady of the Harvest / Eph 4:25-32 / Jn 12:31-36

7:00 pm + Baby Leo Alexander, By his parents, Danny & Chantale Maroun, big brother, Lucas, & family

Thursday, May 16 (Eng.)

St. Gennadius / Eph 5:1-7 / Jn 12:37-43

9:00 am + Hanna Daccache, By his daughter, Gretta Merheb & family

9:30 am – 12pm Adoration

Friday, May 17 - No Liturgy

St. Serapion / Eph 5:8-21 / Mk 12:28-34

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTION

Catholic Communications Campaign:
May 19, 2024

Please remember to remit your Fuel/Utilities Envelope.
Your contribution helps us keep the Heat on in the Winter and the AC on in the Summer. Thank you!

PLEASE NOTE

40 Day Liturgies are considered a priority.
When necessary, they will be scheduled with other previously reserved intentions.



In Honor of the High School and College Graduates.
Please submit the name of your child to be remembered in our Liturgy and published in our Weekly Bulletin.

Account Totals By Week
For 04/01/2023 - 04/30/2023

Week of 04/02/2023			
Candles	315.00	Easter Bake Sale	7,644.09
Easter Flower	30.00	Fuel	95.00
Good Friday-Holy Land	10.00	Holy Thursday	20.00
Lenten Raffle	2,870.00	Sunday Collection	6,702.01
			Total \$17,686.10
Week of 04/09/2023			
Baptism Donation	200.00	Candles	351.05
Catholic Home Missions Appeal	100.00	Donation	13.00
Donation for Masses	210.00	Easter Bake Sale	2,285.00
Easter Charity for Pastor	1,505.00	Easter Flower	5.00
Easter Lilies	320.00	Easter Offering	9,784.01
Fuel	1,057.00	Good Friday Flowers	1,943.00
Good Friday-Holy Land	2,835.00	Holy Thursday	1,404.14
In Memory of	650.00	Lenten Raffle	475.00
LoL Bible Camp	200.00	Sunday Collection	7,350.62
			Total \$30,687.82
Week of 04/16/2023			
Baptism Donation	200.00	Beirut Relief	800.00
Candles	124.00	CCD Registration	360.00
Donation for Masses	25.00	Easter Charity for Pastor	105.00
Easter Offering	165.00	Fuel	280.00
Good Friday-Holy Land	117.00	Holy Thursday	67.00
Lenten Raffle	10.00	Lenten Rice Bowl Collection	173.65
Sunday Collection	2,966.00		
			Total \$5,392.65
Week of 04/23/2023			
Candles	105.00	Catholic Home Missions Appeal	763.00
Donation	5,223.53	Donation for Masses	60.00
Easter Charity for Pastor	25.00	Easter Offering	1,020.00
Fuel	95.00	Good Friday-Holy Land	10.00
Holy Thursday	10.00	Stipend	170.00
Sunday Collection	3,417.00	Wedding Liturgy	500.00
			Total \$11,398.53
			Total \$65,165.10

OFFICE HOURS:
M-TH 10:00 am-3:00 pm
FRI 10:00 am-2:00 pm
SAT By Appointment
DAILY LITURGIES @ 9 am
MON & WED (Ar)
TUE & THU (Eng)

WEEKEND LITURGIES
SAT 4 pm (Eng)
SUN 8 am (Ar)- 9:30 am (Eng)
 11 am (Eng.& Ar)

1st Friday of the Month:
 6 pm - Confession / 7 pm - Liturgy
1st Sunday of the Month:
 Youth Liturgy @ 5:00 pm

Holy days of obligation:
 Vigil Liturgy @ 7:00 pm

MEET OUR PRIESTS:
Fr. Elie Mikhael (305) 807-9087
pastor@stanthonylawrence.org
Fr. Edgard -Neemtallah- Oneissy
 (857)390-4838
pv@stanthonylawrence.org

MEET OUR DEACONS:
Nadim Daou, James T. Demers & David Leard
Sub-Deacon: Antoine Nammour

CLERGY DAY OFF
Fr Elie: Mondays
Fr. Neemtallah: Wednesdays

SACRAMENTS
Baptism & Confirmation:
 1 month in advance with the Pastor,
Donations: Church: \$200
Priest: Free Will
Matrimony: Arrangements should be made by couples six months prior to the wedding date

Donations: Church \$500
Priest: Free Will

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Coming Soon

Registration & Calendar for 2024-2025

MARONITE YOUTH ORGANIZATION

MYO Co-Leaders: Geryes Geha & Gabrielle AbdulNour

Next Meeting:

Sunday, May 19, 2024 @ 6 - 7:30 pm

DAUGHTERS OF SAINT ANTHONY

Next Meeting:

Monday June 3 @ 12 Noon, Church Hall

KNIGHTS OF THE ALTAR

Next Meeting:

Saturday, May 11, 2024 @ 11 am- 12:30 pm

*Remember to bring your handbooks to the meetings
New applicants are always welcome*

FAMILY OF SAINT SHARBEL & Our Lady of Lebanon Sodality

**Weekly Zoom Prayer
Every Tuesday @ 8pm**

Zoom ID: 335616991

Passcode: 816342

Or you can join by clicking this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/335616991>

Thursday, May 16, 2024

Rosary @ 6:30pm followed by

The liturgy & procession

For more information email:

communications@familyofsaintsharbel.org



Family of Saint Sharbel ٢١٤٥

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

-St. Anthony Council 16204



KOC Next Meeting:

Tuesday May 14, 2024 @ 7pm, Church Hall

Men 18 yrs. and older are encouraged to attend.

For information email: KOC16204@gmail.com

ARABIC BIBLE STUDY – COMING SOON!

“المسيح احب الكنيسة، وأنت؟”

(قراءة لاهوتية في نص رسالة أفسس ٤-٥)

دراسات في الكتاب المقدس مع الاب ريمون باسيل عبر

الإنترنت. مداخلات شخصية من خلال Zoom



MAHRAJAN DABKE

~ Kids Troop

Mahrajan Kids Dabke group practice will begin on **May 6th** and will be held every Monday from 6 – 7 with **Reine Ata**. The kids Dabke age group will consist of participants from age 7 to 12.

If interested please scan the QR CODE to complete the registration form.

KNIGHTS OF MARY

Co-Chair: Colette Sadek & Gretta Merheb

Final Session: Celebration

Saturday, May 18th

Mass @ 4pm followed by pizza party till 6pm

SAVE THE DATE!
JULY 31-August 2

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SUMMER LITURGIES SCHEDULE

Please take notice:

Sunday, June 9th begins our Summer Liturgy schedule: 9:30 am (Eng) & 11 am (Eng & Ar)

There will be no 8 am Liturgy on Sundays.

OBSERVANCES

- ◆ **Memorial Day:** Monday, May 27, 2024
Liturgy @ 10am - Cemetery Ground -
WEATHER PERMITTING
- ◆ **Feast of Pentecost:** May 18 & 19, 2024 -
Vigil & Sunday Liturgies: Rite of Kneeling
with Blessing of Water

CONGRATULATIONS! Baptized & Confirmed

Zelda Belko

Daughter of John & Amanda Belko

"Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned." ~Mark 16:16



SHAWARMA LUNCH

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday May 19, 2024
Following 11 am Liturgy
All proceeds to support MYO National Retreat

MAHRAJAN 2024

The Mahrajan committee is soliciting interest and commitments from our parishioners and friends for our 52nd Annual Lebanese Mahrajan. Your support and generosity are always crucial to the success of this fundraiser. Please keep us in mind as we are undergoing the planning for a flourishing, successful Mahrajan 2024!

FIRST BANNES OF MARRIAGE

Nicholas Albert & Celine Ramey

BIRTHDAY WISHES

- May 11:** Maria Abi-Samra, Elias Gharios
- May 12:** Joey Abou Raad, Aylee Dagher, Peter El-Achkar, Robert Hall, Libnan Ramy, Valerie Sarkis, Charbel Tawitian
- May 13:** Tatiana Daher
- May 14:** Marta Abdou, Jean Mazraani, Marcus Mouawad, Gabriella Ramy, Joey Safi, Christopher Safi, Elias Yammine
- May 15:** Raymond Germanos, Yola Nammour, Mireille Tabet
- May 16:** Silvia Cadell, Edward Hatem, Ethan Homsey, Louise Martin, Carine Sadek,
- May 17:** Walid Awad, Michelle Martino, Cameron Pratt

ANNIVERSARY WISHES

- May 13:** Joseph & Linda Abraham, Ibrahim & Soline Geha
- May 15:** Michael & Rosemarie Davis
- May 16:** Jonathan & Meaghan Harvey
- May 17:** Kamal & Mireille Azzi

WHO ARE OUR REAL FAITH COMPANIONS? *By Ronald Rolheiser*

I work and move within church circles and find that most of the people there are honest, committed, and for the most part radiate their faith positively. Most churchgoers aren't hypocrites. What I do find disturbing in church circles though is that many of us can be bitter, mean-spirited, and judgmental in terms of defending the very values that we hold most dear.

It was Henri Nouwen who first highlighted this, commenting with sadness that many of the bitter and ideologically driven people he knew, he had met inside of church circles and places of ministry. Within church circles, it sometimes seems, almost everyone is angry about something. Moreover, within church circles, it is all too easy to rationalize that in the name of prophecy, as a righteous passion for truth and morals.

The algebra works this way: because I am sincerely concerned about an important moral, ecclesial, or justice issue, I can excuse a certain amount of anger, elitism, and negative judgment, because I can rationalize that my cause, dogmatic or moral, is so important that it justifies my mean spirit, that is, I have a right to be cold and harsh because this is such an important truth.

And so we justify a mean spirit by giving it a prophetic cloak, believing that we are warriors for God, truth, and morals when, in fact, we are struggling equally with our own wounds, insecurities, and fears. Hence we often look at others, even whole churches made up of sincere persons trying to live the gospel, and instead of seeing brothers and sisters struggling, like us, to follow Jesus, we see "people in error", "dangerous relativists", "new age pagans", "religious flakes", and in our more generous moments, "poor misguided souls". But seldom do we look at what this kind of judgment is saying about us, about our own health of soul and our own following of Jesus.

Don't get me wrong: Truth is not relative, moral issues are important, and right truth and proper morals, like all kingdoms, are under perpetual siege and need to be defended. Not all moral judgments are created equal, and neither are all churches.

But the truth of that doesn't override everything else and give us an excuse to rationalize a mean spirit. We must defend truth, defend those who cannot defend themselves, and be faithful in the traditions of our own churches. However, right truth and right morals don't all alone make us disciples of Jesus. What does?

What makes us genuine disciples of Jesus is living inside his Spirit, the Holy Spirit, and this is not something abstract and vague. If one were searching for a single formula to determine who is Christian and who isn't, one might look at the Epistle to the Galatians, Chapter 5. In it, St. Paul tells us that we can live according to either the spirit of the flesh or of the Holy Spirit.

We live according to the spirit of the flesh when we live in bitterness, judgment of our neighbor, factionalism, and non-forgiveness. When these things characterize our lives, we shouldn't delude ourselves and think that we are living inside of the Holy Spirit.

Conversely, we live inside of the Holy Spirit when our lives are characterized by charity, joy, peace, patience, goodness, longsuffering, constancy, faith, gentleness, and chastity. If these do not characterize our lives, we should not nurse the illusion that we are inside of God's Spirit, irrespective of our passion for truth, dogma, or justice.

This may be a cruel thing to say, and perhaps more cruel not to say, but I sometimes see more charity, joy, peace, patience, goodness, and gentleness among persons who are Unitarian or New Age (people who are often judged by other churches as being wishy-washy and as not standing for anything) than I see among those of us who do stand so strongly for certain ecclesial and moral issues that we become mean-spirited and non-charitable inside of those convictions. Given the choice of whom I'd like as a neighbor or, more deeply, the choice of whom I might want to spend eternity with, I am sometimes conflicted about the choice. Who is my real faith companion? The mean-spirited zealot at war for Jesus or cause, or the gentler soul who is branded wishy-washy or "new age"? At the end of the day, who is living more inside the Holy Spirit?

We need, I believe, to be more self-critical vis-a-vis our anger, harsh judgments, mean-spirit, exclusiveness, and disdain for other ecclesial and moral paths. As T.S. Eliot once said: The last temptation that's the greatest treason is to do the right thing for the wrong reason. We may have truth and right morals on our side, but our anger and harsh judgments towards those who don't share our truth and morals may well have us standing outside the Father's house, like the older brother of the prodigal son, bitter both at God's mercy and at those who are, seemingly without merit, receiving it.



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Seventh Sunday of the Resurrection: New Commandment

Book of Leviticus 13,1-2.11-18.

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy. You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; and you shall not lie to one another. And you shall not swear falsely by my name, profaning the name of your God: I am the LORD. You shall not defraud your neighbor; you shall not steal; and you shall not keep for yourself the wages of a labourer until morning. You shall not revile the deaf or put a stumbling-block before the blind; you shall fear your God: I am the LORD. You shall not render an unjust judgement; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the LORD. You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

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.

Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ 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.'

LECTORS SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 11 - 4 pm - Patricia Ferguson

Sunday, May 12-

8:00 am - Hitaf Nammour

9:30 am - Michael Faris

11:00 am - (Eng) Angela Dahbour

(Ar) Gisele Dahbour

LECTORS SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 18 - 4 pm - Anthony Merheb

Sunday, May 19 -

8:00 am - Mouna Hbaiter

9:30 am - Brady Barry

11:00 am - (Eng) Mansour Chaya

(Ar) Amale Chantiri

الأحد السابع من زمن القيامة : وصية يسوع الجديدة

سفر الأحبار 19: 1-2-11-18

كَلَّمَ الرَّبُّ مُوسَى قَائِلًا: «مُرْ كُلَّ جَمَاعَةِ بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ وَقُلْ لَهُمْ: كُونُوا قِدِّيسِينَ، لِأَنِّي أَنَا الرَّبُّ الْهُكْمُ قُدُّوسٌ. لَا تَسْرِفُوا، وَلَا تَكْذِبُوا وَلَا يَخْدَعُ أَحَدٌ قَرِيبَهُ. وَلَا تَحْلِفُوا بِاسْمِي كَذِبًا، فَتُدَيْسَ اسْمَ إِلَهِكَ: أَنَا الرَّبُّ. لَا تَطْلُمَ قَرِيبَكَ وَلَا تَسْلُبْهُ، وَلَا تَبْتَ أَجْرَةَ الْأَجِيرِ عِنْدَكَ إِلَى الْغَدِ. لَا تَلْعَنَ الْأَصَمَّ، وَأَمَامَ الْأَعْمَى لَا تَضَعُ مَعْتَرَةً، وَاتَّقِ إِلَهَكَ: أَنَا الرَّبُّ. لَا تَجُورُوا فِي الْحُكْمِ، وَلَا تُحَابِ وَجَهَ الْفَقِيرِ وَلَا تُكْرِمَ وَجَهَ الْعَظِيمِ، بَلْ بِالْعَدْلِ تَحْكُمْ لِقَرِيبِكَ. لَا تَسْعَ بِالنَّمِيمَةِ بَيْنَ شَعْبِكَ، وَلَا تَطَالِبَ بَدَمَ قَرِيبِكَ: أَنَا الرَّبُّ. لَا تَبْغِضَ أَخَاكَ فِي قَلْبِكَ، بَلْ عَاتِبْ قَرِيبَكَ عِتَابًا، فَلَا تَحْمِلْ خَطِيئَةً بِسَبَبِهِ. لَا تَنْتَقِمَ وَلَا تَحْقِدْ عَلَى أَبْنَاءِ شَعْبِكَ، وَأَحِبِّبْ قَرِيبَكَ حُبَّكَ لِنَفْسِكَ: أَنَا الرَّبُّ.»

رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل أفسس 1: 15-23

يَا إِخْوَتِي، أَنَا أَيْضًا، وَقَدْ سَمِعْتُ بِإِيمَانِكُمْ بِالرَّبِّ يَسُوعَ، وَمَحَبَّتِكُمْ لِجَمِيعِ الْإِخْوَةِ الْقِدِّيسِينَ، لَا أَزَالُ أَشْكُرُ اللَّهَ مِنْ أَجْلِكُمْ، وَأَذْكُرُكُمْ فِي صَلَوَاتِي، لِئُعْطِيَكُمْ إِلَهَ رَبَّنَا يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحَ، أَبُو الْمَجْدِ، رُوحَ الْحِكْمَةِ وَالْوَحْيِ فِي مَعْرِفَتِكُمْ لَهُ، فَيُنِيرَ عِيُونَ قُلُوبِكُمْ، لِتَعْلَمُوا مَا هُوَ رَجَاءُ دَعْوَتِهِ، وَمَا هُوَ غِنَى مَجْدِ مِيرَاتِهِ فِي الْقِدِّيسِينَ، وَمَا هِيَ عَظْمَةُ 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 اسْمٍ 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 يَمَلَأُ الْكُلَّ فِي الْكُلِّ.

إنجيل القديس يوحنا 13: 31-35

لَمَّا خَرَجَ يَهُوذَا الْإِسْخَرِيوُطِيُّ قَالَ يَسُوعَ: «الآنَ مُجِدَّ ابْنُ الْإِنْسَانِ وَمُجِدَّ اللَّهُ فِيهِ. إِنْ كَانَ اللَّهُ قَدْ مُجِدَّ فِيهِ، فَاللَّهُ سَيَمَجِدُّهُ فِي ذَاتِهِ، وَحَالًا يَمَجِدُّهُ. 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. بِهَذَا يَعْرِفُ الْجَمِيعُ أَنَّكُمْ تَلَامِيذِي، إِنْ كَانَ فِيكُمْ حُبٌّ بَعْضُكُمْ لِبَعْضٍ.»



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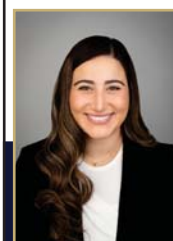
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