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Maronite Catholic Church



September 14-15, 2019

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER HOLY CROSS



SERVING OTHERS IN THE TRUE CHRISTIAN SPIRIT

"Helping a person in need is good in itself. But the degree of goodness is hugely affected by the attitude with which it is done. If you show resentment because you are helping the person out of a reluctant sense of duty, then the person may receive your help, but may feel awkward and embarrassed. This is because he will feel beholden to you. If, on the other hand, you help the person in a spirit of joy, then the help will be received joyfully. The person will feel neither demeaned nor humiliated by your help, but rather will feel glad to have caused you pleasure by receiving your help. And joy is the appropriate attitude with which to help others because acts of

generosity are a source of blessing to the giver as well as the receiver."

St. John Chrysostom

Helping others is a foundational part of Catholic teaching. It is our obligation and our duty. **But, do we ever stop and consider our attitudes and approach when offering that help? Do we offer those in need a sincere smile and make them feel special...as we would desire someone to act if we needed help??** The quote from St. John Chrysostom has been on my mind this week and I have reflected on the numerous opportunities I have had to help others. I would grade myself a C+ and see significant room for improvement. On occasion, I have allowed fatigue, stress, selfishness and my busy schedule to form obstacles to

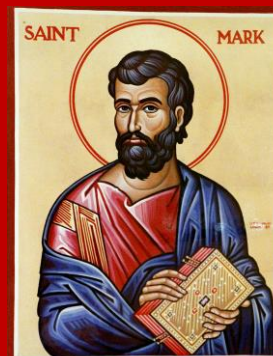
allowing my joy and genuine desire to help others shine through. I own this and am determined to be more mindful of it in my prayers and at Reconciliation.

How about you? When our kids need homework help after a long and tiring day, do they see us at our best or our worst? Do we make a call to the friend in career transition and offer encouragement? Do we cook a meal for our sick neighbor? Do our co-workers feel comfortable coming to us when they are struggling? Do we pray for those in need?

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve."

Gospel of Saint Mark



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OFFICE HOURS: The Church office will be open Monday through Thursday from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm.

We have countless opportunities during the week to help others and how we respond makes all the difference. To see this is as a burden is to completely miss the point of selfless giving. We should also turn this around and consider how we would like it if we felt others only helped us in our hour of need out of a reluctant sense of duty. Let's pray that we bring more genuine joy to our opportunities to serve others and remember St. John Chrysostom's words: "...acts of generosity are a source of blessing to the giver as well as the receiver."

<http://www.integratedcatholiclife.org/2010/10/hain-some-thoughts-on-helping-others/>

As I prepare to leave my assignment in Philadelphia, I look back to August 2011. Serving others is a call that I have been entrusted with and I hope a call I was able to share with you. It certainly has been a pleasure for the past 8 years but as I read this article I would have to agree that I have room for improvement. That being said, I thought this would be a great opportunity to expound on that idea of service. What does it mean to us? What does it mean to the Church? Service to others comes from the heart. And when service is truly given from the heart it is given with joy. I am very mindful that service to others can come at a bad time. Perhaps we had a long day at work or with family; perhaps we are going through personal trials and tribulations that put us in a position where we can't find the joy in serving others at that moment; perhaps we just don't want to serve others and are only thinking about ourselves and our wants and needs. Whatever the case, there is always room for improvement.

As we await the arrival of Fr. Habib, I thought this will be a good time to ask ourselves "how can I better serve others? How can I better serve the Church?" During this transition, it is important to stay unified as a community. Of course it is always important to be unified, but especially during this time. When a community is unified, service to others comes naturally. It comes with a great satisfaction that we are serving others because we truly care about others.

So as we prepare to welcome Fr. Habib, let us consider how we can improve our service to others and to the Church. Everyone has a role to play as a member of this community. "Jesus came not to be served but to serve." Let us serve with the same love and zeal that Jesus continues to serve us and out of that will come a greater love for one another and a greater love for your Church. God bless all of you always.

SECOND COLLECTION

As per the directive of the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn, there will be a second collection for the Catholic University of America. This collection provides funding for academic scholarships at CUA. Our own seminarians are given a 50% discount on tuition as well. Thank you for your generosity and help.

WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY

This past week we entrusted the soul of Ben Uzzo to our Lord. We extend our deepest sympathy to his wife Marilyn Uzzo and his extended family Dany and Rania Cherfane and family. We ask Almighty God to welcome Ben into His kingdom and may his soul rest in peace. Allah yerhammo.

SAINT SHARBEL FESTIVAL

St. Sharbel Church, Newtown Square, PA, will host their annual festival, on Friday, September 13, 2019 (4:00PM – 11:00P) Saturday, September 14, 2019 (12:00PM – 11:00PM) and Sunday, September 15, 2019 (1:00PM – 9:00PM). The Church address is 3679 Providence Road, Newtown Square, PA 19073. Please show our support to our friends in Newtown Square.

ORDER OF ST. SHARBEL

This year, October 13 is designated as "Order of Saint Sharbel Sunday" in our Eparchy. On October 13, all Maronite parishes will be promoting the Order. The Order of Saint Sharbel is vitally important in providing financial and spiritual support for our seminarians, who are crucial for the future of our Maronite Church. Please prayerfully consider joining the Order. You may enroll online at www.orderstsharbel.org or ask Father for more information.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DAY OF SERVICE

I would like to thank those of you who came for the Day of Service last Saturday. Your help with getting things cleaned and fixed in preparation for Fr. Habib and the CCD children was a great help. May God bless you and bless this community of Saint Maron.

NEW OFFICE HOURS
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019
Effective October 1, 2019, the Church office will begin with the following new office hours: Tuesday through Friday, 10:00am – 4:00pm. The office will be closed on Mondays.

DIVINE LITURGIES

Saturday, September 14, @ 6:00 PM, (Feast of St. Abda) liturgy is being offered for the Harry Garcia requested by Alexandra Jozefowski. May his soul rest in peace.

Sunday, September 15, @ 11:00 AM, (Feast of St. Simon the Stylite) liturgy is being offered for the souls of Rose and John Kouri requested by their family. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Peter Koway requested by Deb, Annette, Lori, and Robert Mosier. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered as a 40 day memorial for the soul of Tanios Zeinoun requested by Mary Salloum and Alfred Zeinoun and their families. May his soul rest in peace.

Saturday, September 21, @ 6:00 PM, liturgy is being offered for the soul of Dionne Reynolds requested by Ida Farhat. May her soul rest in peace.

Sunday, September 22, @ 11:00 AM, liturgy is being offered for the soul of Bassam Isawa requested by his family. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Tanios Zeinoun requested by Dany and Rania Cherfane and family. May his soul rest in peace.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

Please know that confession is available before liturgies. You may also call to set up an appointment.

OCTOBER MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

On Sunday, October 6, Fr. Habib will lead the rosary at 10:30 AM, prior to Divine Liturgy. As we begin the Month of the Rosary honoring our Blessed Mother for her protection, we welcome Fr. Habib as he begins his new ministry at Saint Maron Church. May our Lady protect Fr. Habib and the community of Saint Maron Church always.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **St. Sharbel Church, Newtown Square PA,** will host their annual festival, from Friday, September 13, 2019 to Sunday, September 15, 2019. The Church address is 3679 Providence Road, Newtown Square, PA 19073. Please mark your calendars.
- **Fall Hafli Beef and Beer Dance to the Oldies Night,** Saturday, October 19, 7:00 PM – Midnight. Hot roast beef and pulled pork sandwiches, beer, and DJ Gio, playing oldies but goodies music.
- **Saint Jude Novena, October 20-28,** ending with a pasta dinner after the final novena on October 28.

WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR September 7-8, 2019

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| Collection | \$ 1,376.00 |
| Memorial | \$ 470.00 |
| Coffee | \$ 28.00 |
| Total: | \$ 1,874.00 |

IN OUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers David Joseph Cook, Walter “Chip” Meixner, Eddie Tayoun, Martha Simon Casella, Manirva Labbad, Dante Panichi, Dennis Strelchuk, Anthony Leuzzi, Ann O’Mara, Carol Krestos, Gladys Dalcourt, Denise Furey, Chucky Simon, Michael Winter, Kevin McCrea, Fran LoCastro, Kevin Khoury, Mirta Ruiz, Tina Grassi, Rita Impo, Lisa and Henry Schaffer, Jade Kellam, Marion Thomas Branca, Francesca Impo, Raja Kaldany, Lucy DiLuce, Cat Niven Glaze, Laurent Chidiac, Tom Hart, John Hart, Fadi Jaber, Joseph Realdine, Emily Stone, Roseann Anthony, Elaine Nader, Eddie Gussin, Lisa Alestra, John Nader, Amine Skaf, Yasmine Myers, Joey Gdowick, Francis Joseph Kerns, Samer Chokeir, Kathy Newman, Rita Arrigale, Helen Freedenberg, Maryann Bratton, Renee Sahar, Sister Nahida Al Sawa, Rose De Jesse, James Cordisio, Stacey Fuentes, Debbie Freedenberg, Noel Andjuhar, Angel Salerno, Dennis McGiney, and Bonnie Sabatini. We ask Almighty God to bless them with good health so that they may join us in the Church and give glory and thanksgiving to God. Please notify the Church office of any family member who is ill so that we may remember them in our daily prayers and on our altar of intentions.



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First Reading

2 Timothy 2:1-10

A reading from the Second letter of Saint Paul to the Timothy. Your blessing father...

Brothers and Sisters:

Be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus; and what you have heard from me through many witnesses entrust to faithful people who will be able to teach others as well. Share in suffering like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No one serving in the army gets entangled in everyday affairs; the soldier's aim is to please the enlisting officer. And in the case of an athlete, no one is crowned without competing according to the rules. It is the farmer who does the work who ought to have the first share of the crops. Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in all things. 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.

Praise be to God always.

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الثانية إلى طيموتاوس

يا إخواني، وأنت، يا أبنائي، تشدد بالنعمة التي في المسيح يسوع. وما سمعته مني بحضور شهود كثيرين، استودعه أناساً أمناء، جديرين هم أيضاً بأن يعلموا غيرهم. شاركني في احتمال المشقات كجندٍ صالح للمسيح يسوع. وما من جندٍ ينهمك في الأمور المعيشية، إذا أراد أن يرضي من جنده. ومن يصارع لا ينال إكليل إلا إذا صارع بحسب الأصول. والحارث الذي يتعب له الحق بالنصيب الأول من الثمر. تأمل في ما أقول: والرب سيعطيك فهماً في كل شيء! تذكر يسوع المسيح الذي قام من بين الأموات، وهو من نسل داود، بحسب إنجيلي، الذي فيه احتمل المشقات حتى القيود كمجرم، لكن كلمة الله لا تقيد. لذلك أضرب على كل شيء من أجل المختارين، ليحصلوا هم أيضاً على الخلاص في المسيح يسوع مع المجد الأبدي.

والتسبيح لله دائماً.

Gospel Reading

Saint Mark 10:35-45

The Apostle Writes:

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus and said to him, 'Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.' And he said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' And they said to him, 'Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.' But Jesus said to them, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?' They replied, 'We are able.' Then Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.' When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, 'You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

مِنْ إِنْجِيلِ الْقَدِيسِ مَرْقُسَ

دَنَا مِنْ يَسُوعَ يَعْقُوبَ وَيُوحَنَّا، ابْنَا رَبْدَى ، وَقَالَا لَهُ: «يَا مُعَلِّمَ، نُرِيدُ أَنْ تَصْنَعَ لَنَا كُلَّ مَا نَسْأَلُكَ». فَقَالَ لَهُمَا: «مَاذَا تُرِيدَانِ أَنْ أَصْنَعَ لَكُمَا؟». قَالَا لَهُ: «أَعْطِنَا أَنْ نَجْلِسَ فِي مَجْدِكَ، وَاحِدٌ عَنْ يَمِينِكَ، وَوَاحِدٌ عَنْ يَسَارِكَ». فَقَالَ لَهُمَا يَسُوعَ: «إِنَّكُمَا لَا تَعْلَمَانِ مَا تَطْلُبَانِ: هَلْ تَسْتَطِيعَانِ أَنْ تَشْرَبَا الْكَأْسَ الَّتِي أَشْرَبُهَا أَنَا؟ أَوْ أَنْ تَتَّعَمَّدَا بِالْمَعْمُودِيَّةِ الَّتِي أَتَّعَمَّدُ بِهَا أَنَا؟». قَالَا لَهُ: «نَسْتَطِيعُ». فَقَالَ لَهُمَا يَسُوعَ: «الْكَأْسُ الَّتِي أَنَا أَشْرَبُهَا سَتَشْرَبَانِهَا، وَالْمَعْمُودِيَّةُ الَّتِي أَنَا أَتَّعَمَّدُ بِهَا سَتَتَّعَمَّدَانِ بِهَا. أَمَّا الْجُلُوسُ عَنْ يَمِينِي أَوْ عَنْ يَسَارِي، فَلَيْسَ لِي أَنْ أَمْنَحَهُ إِلَّا لِلَّذِينَ أَعِدَّ لَهُمْ». وَلَمَّا سَمِعَ الْعَشْرَةُ الْآخَرُونَ، بَدَأُوا يَغْتَاطُونَ مِنْ يَعْقُوبَ وَيُوحَنَّا. فَدَعَاهُمُ يَسُوعُ إِلَيْهِ وَقَالَ لَهُمْ: «تَعْلَمُونَ أَنَّ الَّذِينَ يُعْتَبَرُونَ رُؤَسَاءَ الْأُمَمِ يَسُودُونَهُمْ، وَعُظَمَاءُ هُمْ يَتَسَلَّطُونَ عَلَيْهِمْ. أَمَّا أَنْتُمْ فَلَيْسَ الْأَمْرُ بَيْنَكُمْ هَكَذَا، بَلْ مَنْ أَرَادَ أَنْ يَكُونَ فِيكُمْ عَظِيمًا، فَلْيَكُنْ لَكُمْ خَادِمًا. وَمَنْ أَرَادَ أَنْ يَكُونَ الْأَوَّلَ بَيْنَكُمْ، فَلْيَكُنْ عَبْدًا لِلْجَمِيعِ؛ لِأَنَّ ابْنَ الْإِنْسَانِ أَيْضًا لَمْ يَأْتْ لِيُخْدَمَ، بَلْ لِيُخْدَمَ، وَيَبْذُلَ نَفْسَهُ فِدَاءً عَنْ كَثِيرِينَ».

حَقًّا وَالْأَمَانُ لْجَمِيعِكُمْ.