

Saint Maron

Maronite Catholic Church



September 21-22, 2019

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER HOLY CROSS

UNITY OF A COMMUNITY

Being unified in one common goal should be enough to steer our thoughts and prayers to helping one another. But first we must ask ourselves "What is our common goal?" I am mindful that not everyone will have the same affection for others in any community or organization. Whether it is our ego, our need to always be right, our inability to admit our wrongs, or even our disdain for others in the community. Whatever the reason, our common goal should be one of unity---unity of the Church and for each other.

What is the importance of the Church in our lives? What role do we want the Church to play in our family's lives? What do we want to get out of coming to Church? What are we doing to bring this common goal to fruition? These are just some of the questions we should be asking ourselves.

When we are raising our families, most, if not all parents, talk about family unity and the importance of being united as a family. This is the basis of keeping the family together in good times and in difficult times. Every parent wants their home to be a safe haven filled with peace, love, and mutual respect because this is what unifies a family. We all want order and mutual respect and we also

want our children to understand that sometimes things go in a direction we wish they did not go. We want our children to understand that even when we disagree with others or are confronted with a conflict with others, there is a way to handle such situations. It is not by cutting ourselves off from those we may have a difficulty with. It is not by ignoring that there is an issue that needs to be addressed. It is not by thinking that we are in the right and they are in the wrong. All of these things bring disunity to a community and to one another.

With change there is always a feeling that people will be going in different directions causing disunity and uncertainty. There is a sense of anxiety as to what lays in store for the future. As my father always told me, "the most difficult thing we will have to face is change." And the change that my father was talking about encompassed all change, whether it was a death of a loved one, the separation of those we love, the changing of a school, the changing of a priest, change affects everyone of us.

Change can be a good thing---usually it turns out to be for the best. But, nonetheless, change can be difficult. How best can we deal with change? This may seem like a very difficult question to answer. But really it is quite simple. The best

way to deal with change is to be "UNITED". Why do I say this? When a community is united with the same common goal, then that community can withstand the most difficult and challenging times. Isn't this true in our families? When our families are faced with difficult situations, doesn't unity ease the hurt and the pain? Doesn't it usually bring a family together with the same common goal which is to help each other during those difficult times? The same is true for any community or organization that we belong to and one of the most important communities where unity is necessary is called the "Church". And the reason is quite evident. If we listen to sacred scripture, we are informed that, just as the early disciples were responsible for one another and responsible for the

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"The most powerful
weapon to conquer the devil
is humility. For, as he does
not know at all how to
employ it, neither does he
know how to defend himself
from it."*

St. Vincent de Paul

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community in which they served, we are also responsible for not only our families but for one another in our Church.

My transfer may have caused some to be upset or uncertain about the future. It may seem that some have a different feeling about what will happen on October 1. It may even seem that some have understood that my transfer came about for different reasons which could be misinterpreted among this community. Whatever the reasons, in the end none of that really matters.

What does matter is that this community must remain united no matter who your pastor is or what circumstances may arise. *"If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand."*

Mark 3:24-25

If there is one certainty that we have all been a witness to, it is that a unified community can accomplish much. There will always be some conflicts along the way. The apostles had them and we have them. But what makes us different is that we want to follow Jesus in the best possible way. We want to listen to His teachings and strive to be the best Christians we can be. And the way we can accomplish that is in "Unity" with the Church and with each other.

Now is the time to set aside the differences we have with others. We need to be examples to our children that when conflicts arise there is a way to repair them. If things don't go our way, there is a way to move on. It is my hope and prayer, that after all that we have been through over the past eight years, that when we have been in unity with one another, our community and our children win.



**FEAST OF SAINT VINCENT
DE PAUL**

St. Vincent de Paul was born to a poor peasant family in the French village of Pouy on April 24, 1581. His first formal education was provided by the Franciscans. He did so well, he was hired to tutor the children of a nearby wealthy family. He used the monies he earned teaching to continue his formal studies at the University of Toulouse where he studied theology. He was ordained in 1600 and remained in Toulouse for a time. In 1605, while on a ship traveling from Marseilles to Narbone, he was captured, brought to Tunis and sold as a slave. Two years later he and his master managed to escape and both returned to France. St. Vincent went to Avignon and later to Rome to continue his studies. While there he became a chaplain to the Count of Goigny and was placed in charge of distributing money to the deserving poor. He became pastor of a small parish in Clichy for a short period of time, while also serving as a tutor and spiritual director. From that point forward he spent his life preaching missions to and providing relief to the poor. He even established hospitals for them. This work became his passion. He later extended his concern and ministry to convicts. The need to evangelize and

assist these souls was so great and the demands beyond his own ability to meet that he founded the Ladies of Charity, a lay institute of woman, to help, as well as a religious institute of priests - the Congregation of Priests of the Mission, commonly referred to now as the Vincentians. This was at a time when there were not many priests in France and what priests there were, were neither well-formed nor faithful to their way of life. Vincent helped reform the clergy and the manner in which they were instructed and prepared for the priesthood. He did this first through the presentation of retreats and later by helping develop a precursor to our modern day seminaries. At one point his community was directing 53 upper level seminaries. His retreats, open to priests and laymen, were so well attended that it is said he infused a "Christian spirit among more than 20,000 persons in his last 23 years." The Vincentians remain with us today with nearly 4,000 members in 86 countries. In addition to his order of Vincentian priests, St. Vincent cofounded the Daughters of Charity along with St. Louise de Marillac. There are more than 18,000 Daughters today serving the needs of the poor in 94 countries. He was eighty years old when he died in Paris on September 27, 1660. He had "become the symbol of the successful reform of the French Church". St. Vincent is sometimes referred to as "The Apostle of Charity" and "The Father of the Poor". His incorrupt heart can be found in the Convent of the Sisters of Charity and his bones have been embedded in a wax effigy of the Saint located at the Church of the Lazarist Mission. Both sites are located in Paris, France. Two miracles have been attributed to St Vincent - a nun cured of ulcers and a laywoman cured of paralysis. As a result of the first, Pope Benedict XIII beatified him on August 13, 1729.

Less than 8 years later (on June 16, 1737) he was canonized by Pope Clement XIII. The Bull of Canonization recognized Vincent for his charity and reform of the clergy, as well as for his early role in opposing Jansenism. It has been reported that St. Vincent wrote more than 30,000 letters in his lifetime and that nearly 7,000 had been collected in the 18th century. There are at least five collections of his letters in existence today. The feast day for St. Vincent, the patron of all charitable societies, is September 27.

https://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=326

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.

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.

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.

DIVINE LITURGIES

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. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Johnathan Smalley requested by Nan Farhat. May his 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.

Saturday, September 28, @ 6:00 PM, (Feast of St. Abda) liturgy is being offered for the soul of William Michael requested by Dolores Tayoun and family. May his soul rest in peace.

Sunday, September 29, @ 11:00 AM, (Feast of St. Simon the Stylite) liturgy is being offered for the soul of Robert Cherfane requested by his family. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Fidelia Tavani requested by her daughters Suzanne and Deebianne Tavani. May her soul rest in peace.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Welcome Reception for Fr. Habib, Sunday, October 6, immediately following Divine Liturgy.**
- **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.

CONFESSION

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

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, Aminee 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.

WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR September 14-15, 2019

Collection	\$ 2,158.00
2nd Collection	\$ 236.00
Coffee	\$ 19.00
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First Reading

1 Corinthians 15:19-34

A reading from the First letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians. Your blessing father...

Brothers and Sisters:

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own 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 God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler 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. For 'God has put all things in subjection under his feet.' But when it says, 'All things are put in subjection', it is plain that this does not include the one who put all things in subjection under him. When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to the one who put all things in subjection under him, so that God may be all in all. Otherwise, what will those people do who receive baptism on behalf of the dead? If the dead are not raised at all, why are people baptized on their behalf? And why are we putting ourselves in danger every hour? I die every day! That is as certain, brothers and sisters, as my boasting of you a boast that I make in Christ Jesus our Lord. If with merely human hopes I fought with wild animals at Ephesus, what would I have gained by it? If the dead are not raised, 'Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.' Do not be deceived: 'Bad company ruins good morals.' Come to a sober and right mind, and sin no more; for some people have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame.

Praise be to God always!

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الأولى إلى أهل كورنثوس

يا إِخْوَتِي، إِنَّ كُنَّا نَرْجُو الْمَسِيحَ فِي هَذِهِ الْحَيَاةِ وَحَسَبُ، فَنَحْنُ أَشَقَى النَّاسِ أَجْمَعِينَ! وَالْحَالُ أَنَّ الْمَسِيحَ قَامَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، وَهُوَ بَاكُورَةُ الرَّاقِدِينَ. فَبِمَا أَنَّ الْمَوْتَ كَانَ بِوَاسِطَةِ إِنْسَانٍ، فَبِوَاسِطَةِ إِنْسَانٍ أَيْضًا تَكُونُ قِيَامَةُ الْأَمْوَاتِ. فَكَمَا أَنَّهُ فِي آدَمَ يَمُوتُ الْجَمِيعُ، كَذَلِكَ فِي الْمَسِيحِ سَيَحْيَا الْجَمِيعُ، كُلُّ وَاحِدٍ فِي رُتْبَتِهِ: الْمَسِيحُ أَوَّلًا، لِأَنَّهُ الْبَاكُورَةُ، ثُمَّ الَّذِينَ هُمْ لِلْمَسِيحِ، عِنْدَ مَجِيئِهِ. وَبَعْدَ ذَلِكَ تَكُونُ النَّهَائِيَّةُ، حِينَ يُسَلِّمَ الْمَسِيحُ الْمُلْكَ 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. وَآخِرَ عَدُوٍّ يُبْطَلُ هُوَ الْمَوْتُ. لَقَدْ أَخْضَعَ اللَّهُ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ تَحْتَ قَدَمَيْهِ. وَحِينَ يَقُولُ الْكِتَابُ: «أَخْضَعَ لَهُ كُلُّ شَيْءٍ»، فَمِنْ الْوَاضِحِ أَنَّهُ يَسْتَتِيهِ اللَّهُ الَّذِي أَخْضَعَ لَهُ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ. وَمَتَى أَخْضَعَ لِلْآبِ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ، فَحِينَئِذٍ يَخْضَعُ الْآبَنُ نَفْسَهُ لِلَّذِي أَخْضَعَ لَهُ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ، حَتَّى يَكُونَ اللَّهُ الْكُلُّ فِي الْكُلِّ. وَإِلَّا فَمَاذَا يَفْعَلُ الَّذِينَ يَتَعَمَّدُونَ مِنْ أَجْلِ الْأَمْوَاتِ؟ إِنْ كَانَ الْأَمْوَاتُ لَا يَقُومُونَ أَبَدًا، فَلِمَاذَا يَتَعَمَّدُونَ مِنْ أَجْلِهِمْ؟ وَنَحْنُ، فَلِمَاذَا نَعْرِضُ أَنْفُسَنَا كُلَّ سَاعَةٍ لِلْخَطَرِ؟ أَفَسِمُ، أَيُّهَا الْإِخْوَةُ، بِمَا لِي مِنْ فَخْرٍ بِكُمْ فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ رَبِّنَا، أَنِّي أَوَاجِهُ الْمَوْتَ كُلَّ يَوْمٍ. إِنْ كُنْتُ صَارَعْتُ الْوُحُوشَ فِي أَفْسُسَ، لِعَايَةِ بَشَرِيَّةٍ، فَأَيُّ نَفْعٍ لِي؟ وَإِنْ كَانَ الْأَمْوَاتُ لَا يَقُومُونَ، فَلِنَأْكُلْ وَنَشْرَبْ، لِأَنَّنَا غَدًا سَنَمُوتُ! لَا تَضِلُّوا! إِنَّ الْمَعَاشِرَاتِ السَّيِّئَةَ تُفْسِدُ الْأَخْلَاقَ السَّالِمَةَ! أَيْقِظُوا قُلُوبَكُمْ بِالنُّفُوسِ، وَلَا تَخْطُوا، فَإِنَّ بَعْضًا مِنْكُمْ يَجْهَلُونَ اللَّهَ! أَقُولُ هَذَا

لِإِخْبَالِكُمْ!

والتسبيح لله دائماً.

Gospel Reading

Saint Matthew 24:1-14

The Apostle Writes:

As Jesus came out of the temple and was going away, his disciples came to point out to him the buildings of the temple. Then he asked them, 'You see all these, do you not? Truly I tell you, not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.' When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, 'Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?' Jesus answered them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray. For many will come in my name, saying, "I am the Messiah!" and they will lead many astray. And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars; see that you are not alarmed; for this must take place, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places: all this is but the beginning of the birth pangs. 'Then they will hand you over to be tortured and will put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of my name. Then many will fall away, and they will betray one another and hate one another. And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. And because of the increase of lawlessness, the love of many will grow cold. But anyone who endures to the end will be saved. And this good news of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the world, as a testimony to all the nations; and then the end will come.

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

مِنْ إِنْجِيلِ الْقَدِيسِ مَتَّى

خَرَجَ يَسُوعُ مِنَ الْهَيْكَلِ وَمَضَى. فَدَنَا مِنْهُ تَلَامِيذُهُ يُفْتَشُونَ نَظَرَهُ إِلَى أُبْنِيَةِ الْهَيْكَلِ. فَأَجَابَ وَقَالَ لَهُمْ: "أَلَا تَنْظُرُونَ هَذَا كُلَّهُ؟ أَلَحَقَّ أَقُولُ لَكُمْ: لَنْ يُتْرَكَ هُنَا حَجَرٌ عَلَى حَجَرٍ إِلَّا وَيُنْقَضُ". وَفِيمَا هُوَ جَالِسٌ عَلَى جَبَلِ الزَيْتُونِ، دَنَا مِنْهُ التَّلَامِيذُ عَلَى أَنْفَرَادٍ قَائِلِينَ: "قُلْ لَنَا مَتَى يَكُونُ هَذَا، وَمَا هِيَ عَلَامَةُ مَجِيئِكَ وَنِهَايَةِ الْعَالَمِ؟". فَأَجَابَ يَسُوعُ وَقَالَ لَهُمْ: "إِحْذَرُوا أَنْ يُضِلَّكُمْ أَحَدٌ! فكَثِيرُونَ سَيَأْتُونَ بِأَسْمِي قَائِلِينَ: "أَنَا هُوَ الْمَسِيحُ! وَيُضِلُّونَ الْكَثِيرِينَ. وَسَوْفَ تَسْمَعُونَ بِحُرُوبٍ وَبِأَخْبَارِ حُرُوبٍ، أَنْظَرُوا، لَا تَرْتَعِبُوا! فَلَإِنَّ بَدْءَ أَنْ يَحْدُثَ هَذَا. وَلَكِنْ لَيْسَتْ النِّهَايَةُ بَعْدَ! سَتَقُومُ أُمَّةٌ عَلَى أُمَّةٍ، وَمَمْلَكَةٌ عَلَى مَمْلَكَةٍ، وَتَكُونُ مَجَاعَاتٌ وَزَلَزَلٌ فِي أَمَاكِنَ شَتَّى، وَهَذَا كُلُّهُ أَوَّلُ الْمَخَاضِ. حِينَئِذٍ يُسْلِمُونَكُمْ إِلَى الصَّبِيقِ، وَيَقْتُلُونَكُمْ، وَيُبَغِضُكُمْ جَمِيعُ الْأُمَمِ مِنْ أَجْلِ اسْمِي. وَحِينَئِذٍ يَرْتَدُّ الْكَثِيرُونَ عَنِ الْإِيمَانِ، وَيُسَلِّمُ بَعْضُهُمْ بَعْضًا، وَيُبَغِضُ بَعْضُهُمْ بَعْضًا. وَيَقُومُ أَنْبِيَاءُ كَذِبَةٌ كَثِيرُونَ وَيُضِلُّونَ الْكَثِيرِينَ. وَلِكثَرَةِ الْإِثْمِ تَقْصُرُ مَحَبَّةُ الْكَثِيرِينَ. وَمَنْ يَصْبِرُ إِلَى النِّهَايَةِ يَخْلُصُ. وَيُكْرَزُ بِإِنْجِيلِ الْمَلَكُوتِ هَذَا فِي الْمَسْكُونَةِ كُلِّهَا شَهَادَةً لِّجَمِيعِ الْأُمَمِ، وَحِينَئِذٍ تَأْتِي النِّهَايَةُ.

حَقًّا وَالْأَمَانُ لِّجَمِيعِكُمْ.