

# Saint Maron

## Maronite Catholic Church



October 12-13, 2019

### FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER HOLY CROSS



#### REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL READING

But at midnight there was a cry, 'Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.'"

Jesus compares the kingdom of God to ten Virgins went out to meet the bridegroom.

The background is an eastern wedding in which the bridegroom, and not the bride, is the center of attention. This passage stresses on few points and movements that we have to highlight and understand. The first movement of the story is one of a common expectation. Here is group of people who are waiting for someone. Life seems to be made up of a great deal of waiting... These Virgins were waiting for the coming of the bridegroom. They were waiting for the coming of Jesus Christ. "Five of them were foolish,

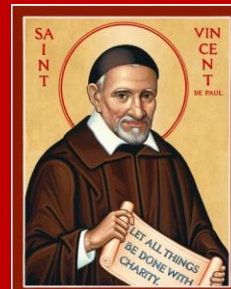
and five were wise. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps." This group of Virgins is united in expectation but, quite divided in the way it conducts the waiting. Five virgins have brought along extra oil, and five have not. This does not represent a division between good and bad, between the wise and the foolish? Someone has said; there are only two kinds of people in this world: the righteous and the unrighteous; what kind of them Am I? All of them were agreed on the importance of the oil and were all using it for its proper purpose- the giving of light. What the oil represents we shall see in a moment, the wise slept as well as the foolish! While these wise and foolish virgins were sleeping, their thoughts were diverted; they were waiting for the

bridegroom's coming, even while they were sleeping. For a voice was saying; "Behold! The bridegroom! Come out to meet him." The fourth movement of the story brings a crisis. In it is revealed the wisdom of the wise and the foolishness of the foolish: "Then all those maidens rose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'Perhaps there will not be enough for us and for you; go rather to the dealers and buy for

#### 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.*

*Saint Vincent de Paul*



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yourselves." The reply of the wise indicates that oil is not something that can be borrowed or loaned. Whatever it may represent, it is an individual matter. "And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, It is to tell us that there is something we cannot borrow or buy for the next life, either we have it or keep it or not. For the oil, The oil here signifies the lack of an adequate supply of oil that made these foolish virgins to hear these words, "I do not know you." They did, have some oil at the start but it was not enough. Oil, in the Old Testament, is used as a symbol of the Holy Spirit. Kings and priests were anointed with oil as a sign of their consecrated lives. Zechariah, the prophet, was shown a vision of a great golden lampstand with two olive trees standing beside it. The trees dripped oil into the bowls of the lampstand, and Zechariah was told: "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the LORD of hosts" (Zechariah 4:6). The oil symbolized the Spirit of God by which the light of testimony could be maintained in the hour of

darkness. The supreme ministry of the Spirit is to impart to men the knowledge of Jesus Christ. In John 16:13,14, Jesus said of him: "When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his authority, but...will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you." The foolish ones, for sure they had the Holy Spirit at one point but did not take care for His presence in their live. They were so taken with the worldly considerations, jobs, business; entertainment, and had not deep thinking and relationship with God. However, the wise have found that deeper level. Deeper relationship with God, that is why, they have had an extra reservoir of oil which continually feeds the flame of their life, never letting it loose strength or gutter out in darkness. They have found a friend who sticks closer than a brother. They have a hidden supply of the mystic oil that lights the flame of life. Amen.

Fr. El-Badaoui Habib

## WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Our condolences go to Mina and Costa Mansour on the passing the Mina's brother in law Ernesto Macedo who passed away in Alaska. We ask almighty God to accept Ernesto into His kingdom and may his soul rest in peace.

## 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](http://www.orderstsharbel.org) or ask Father for more information.

## BEEF & BEER NEW DATE

The Beef & Beer Party is rescheduled to **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2019 at 7:00PM.** The tickets are available in the church hall on Sundays

## SAINT JUDE NOVENA SCHEDULE

			Intensions
Sunday, October 20, 2019	7:00 PM	Discipleship	
Monday, October 21, 2019	7:00 PM	Obscurity	For the well and good health of Walter (Chip) Meixner requested by Diane Kiddy
Tuesday, October 22, 2019	7:00 PM	Fidelity	In memory of Joseph Esposito requested by his family
Wednesday, October 23, 2019	7:00 PM	Hope	In memory of Antonio Mangini requested by the friends of St. Jude
Thursday, October 24, 2019	7:00 PM	Religion	In memory of Frank and Mary Macrina requested by their family
Friday, October 25, 2019	7:00 PM	Family	
Saturday, October 26, 2019	7:00 PM	Martyrdom	In memory of the deceased members of the Felici and Eddis families requested by family
Sunday, October 27, 2019	7:00 PM	Healing	In memory of Mary Felici and James Eddis requested by Chucky Simon
Monday, October 28, 2019	7:00 PM	Evangelization	In memory of Michael (Chubby) Simon requested by Chucky Simon

## **DIVINE LITURGIES**

**Saturday, October 12, @ 6:00 PM, (Feast of St. Edno)**

**Sunday, October 13, @ 11:00 AM,** liturgy is being offered for the souls of Gaby and Hanna Mourad requested by Boutros and Ramona Semaan and family. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is also being offered as a 40 day memorial for the soul of Benjamin Uzzo requested by Marilyn Uzzo. May his soul rest in peace.

**Tuesday, October 15, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of St. Teresa of Avila)**

**Wednesday, October 16, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of St. Longinus)**

**Thursday, October 17, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Sts. Cosmas and Damian)**

**Friday, October 18, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of St. Luke the Evangelist)**

**Saturday, October 19, @ 6:00 PM, (Feast of St. Aaron of Antioch)** liturgy is being offered for the soul of Carol George requested by her husband and children. May her soul rest in peace.

**Sunday, October 20, @ 11:00 AM, (Feast of St. Shallita)** liturgy is being offered for the soul of Carmen Marrone requested by his family. May his soul rest in peace.

## **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)**

Please know that confession is available half an hour before Divine Liturgies. You may also call to set up an appointment.

## **SICK AND OLD PEOPLE OF THE PARISH**

Please notify the Church office of any family member who is old or ill and can't come to the church and Fr. El-Badaoui Habib will be glad to visit and give them communion.

## **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.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **Saint Jude Novena, October 20-28,** ending with a pasta dinner after the final novena on October 28.
- **Halloween Party for the CCD Children and MYO,** Friday, October 25, 7:00PM – 10:00 PM.
- **Fall Hafli Beef and Beer Dance to the Oldies Night,** Saturday, November 30, 7:00 PM – Midnight. Hot roast beef and roast pork sandwiches, beer, and DJ Gio, playing oldies but goodies music.

## **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 28-29, 2019**

<b>Collection</b>	<b>\$ 1,903.00</b>
<b>Coffee</b>	<b>\$ 50.00</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 1,953.00</b>



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### First Reading

#### Philippians 2:12-18

**A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians. Your blessing father...**

Brothers and Sisters:

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure. Do all things without murmuring and arguing, so that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, in which you shine like stars in the world. It is by your holding fast to the word of life that I can boast on the day of Christ that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. But even if I am being poured out as a libation over the sacrifice and the offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you and in the same way you also must be glad and rejoice with me.

**Praise be to God always.**

**فصل من رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل فيلبّي**

يا إِخْوَتِي، إِعْمَلُوا لِخَلَاصِكُمْ بِخَوْفٍ وَرِعْدَةٍ، كَمَا أَطَعْتُمْ دَائِمًا، لَا فِي حُضُورِي فَحَسْبَ، بَلْ بِالْأُخْرَى وَبِالْأَكْثَرِ الْآنَ فِي غِيَابِي. فَإِنَّهُ هُوَ الَّذِي يَجْعَلُكُمْ تُرِيدُونَ وَتَعْمَلُونَ بِحَسَبِ مَرْضَاتِهِ. إِفْعَلُوا كُلَّ شَيْءٍ بِغَيْرِ تَذَمُّرٍ وَجِدَالٍ، لِكَيْ تَصِيرُوا بُسْطَاءَ لَا لَوْمَ عَلَيْكُمْ، وَأَبْنَاءَ لِلَّهِ لَا عَيْبَ فِيكُمْ، وَسَطَ جِيلٍ مُعَوَّجٍ وَمُنْحَرِفٍ، تُضِيئُونَ فِيهِ كَالنَّيِّرَاتِ فِي الْعَالَمِ، مُتَمَسِّكِينَ بِكَلِمَةِ الْحَيَاةِ، لِأَفْتِخَارِي فِي يَوْمِ الْمَسِيحِ، بِأَنِّي مَا سَعَيْتُ وَلَا تَعَبْتُ بَاطِلًا. لَوْ أَنَّ دَمِي يُزَاقُ عَلَى ذَبِيحَةِ إِيمَانِكُمْ وَخِدْمَتِهِ، لَكُنْتُ أَفْرَحُ وَأَبْتَهِجُ مَعَكُمْ جَمِيعًا. فَأَفْرَحُوا أَنْتُمْ أَيْضًا وَأَبْتَهِجُوا مَعِي.

**والتسبيح لله دائماً.**



## Gospel Reading

### Saint Matthew 25:1-13

#### The Apostle Writes:

‘Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

**This is the truth. Peace be with you.**

#### مِنْ إِنْجِيلِ الْقَدِيسِ مَتَّى

قَالَ الرَّبُّ يَسُوعُ: «يُشَبِّهُ مَلَكُوتُ السَّمَاوَاتِ عَشْرَ عَذَارَى أَخَذْنَ مَصَابِيحَهُنَّ وَخَرَجْنَ إِلَى لِقَاءِ الْعَرِيسِ، خَمْسٌ مِنْهُنَّ جَاهِلَاتٌ، وَخَمْسٌ حَكِيمَاتٌ. فَالْجَاهِلَاتُ أَخَذْنَ مَصَابِيحَهُنَّ وَلَمْ يَأْخُذْنَ مَعَهُنَّ زَيْتًا. أَمَّا الْحَكِيمَاتُ فَأَخَذْنَ زَيْتًا فِي أَنْبِيَةٍ مَعَ مَصَابِيحِهِنَّ. وَأَبْطَأَ الْعَرِيسُ فَتَعَسَّنَ جَمِيعُهُنَّ، وَرَقَدْنَ. وَفِي مُنْتَصَفِ اللَّيْلِ، صَارَتِ الصَّيْحَةُ: هُودَا الْعَرِيسُ! أَخْرُجُوا إِلَى لِقَائِهِ! حِينَئِذٍ قَامَتِ أُولَئِكَ الْعَذَارَى كُلُّهُنَّ، وَزَيَّنَّ مَصَابِيحَهُنَّ. فَقَالَتِ الْجَاهِلَاتُ لِلْحَكِيمَاتِ: أَعْطِينَنَا مِنْ زَيْتِكُنَّ، لِأَنَّ مَصَابِيحَنَا تَنْطَفِئُ. فَأَجَابَتِ الْحَكِيمَاتُ وَقُلْنَ: قَدْ لَا يَكْفِينَا وَيَكْفِيكُنَّ. إِذْهَبْنَ بِالْأُخْرَى إِلَى الْبَاعَةِ وَأَبْتَعْنَ لَكُنَّ. وَلَمَّا ذَهَبْنَ لِيَبْتَعْنَ، جَاءَ الْعَرِيسُ، وَدَخَلَتِ الْمُسْتَعِدَّاتُ إِلَى الْعُرْسِ، وَأُغْلِقَ الْبَابُ. وَأَخِيرًا جَاءَتِ الْعَذَارَى الْبَاقِيَاتُ وَقُلْنَ: يَا رَبُّ، يَا رَبُّ، افْتَحْ لَنَا! فَأَجَابَ وَقَالَ: الْحَقُّ أَقُولُ لَكُنَّ، إِنِّي لَا أَعْرِفُكُنَّ! إِسْهَرُوا إِذَا، لِأَنَّكُمْ لَا تَعْلَمُونَ الْيَوْمَ وَلَا السَّاعَةَ.

**حَقًّا وَالْأَمَانُ لِكُلِّكُمْ.**