



# Saint Maron

## Maronite Catholic Church



April 18-19, 2020

## SECOND SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION NEW SUNDAY - DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous.  
Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for —

# GOD IS WITH YOU WHEREVER YOU GO.

JOSHUA 1:9

### GOD DOESN'T EXIST?!

I recently received several phone calls, and I was asked about the existence of God, especially during this COVID-19 time.

Do I have the right answer? Can I talk about God while thousands of people in the world are suffering from this pandemic?

I'm not going to talk about the health issues, the financial situations or anything negative. I want to believe in God the ETERNAL LOVE. He is the LIGHT in this Darkness. God is

inside every individual helping in reducing the pandemic effect. He is inside each mother and father, brother and sister, and every family member. He is in doctors, nurses, custodians, policemen and policewomen, firemen and firewomen.

God is everywhere, we only see His love and mercy by looking at the amount of love and sacrifice spreading all over the world.

Fr. Samir

### PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*O Divine Ocean of Mercy and Compassion, be with us in our time of trial and difficulties. Today I make an act of spiritual communion with you, the Life-Giving Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. At this time, I am not able to receive the sacred body and blood of my Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ, but I choose to live in union with him and in the unity of the Holy Spirit. I offer my day, my daily life, my joys and sorrows to you, for those around me, and for the whole world. Be with us O life-giving Triune God, for we know that nothing in this world has power over us. O Lover of all people, have mercy on us and on the whole world.*

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

## **DIVINE LITURGIES**

**Saturday, April 18, @ 6:00PM,** liturgy is being offered for the well-being of all the medical staff of St. Maron Church. May God bless you always.

**Sunday, April 19, @ 11:00AM, (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)** liturgy is being offered for the soul of Raymond Matar requested by Rony Matar and family. May his soul rest in peace.

**Wednesday, April 22, @ 6:00PM,** liturgy is being offered for our Parish Council and the Finance Committee members. May God bless them.

**Saturday, April 25, @ 6:00PM, (Feast of St. Mark the Evangelist)** liturgy is being offered for the souls of Joseph and Bella Caruso and Joseph Caruso Jr. requested by Marlene Mockewich. May their souls rest in peace.

**Sunday, April 26, @ 11:00AM,** liturgy is being offered for our First Communicants. May God bless them.

## **LITURGY FOR THE DECEASED**

Every first Tuesday of the month at 6:00 PM we will offer a liturgy for the souls of the deceased members of the parish. Please email us the names of your loved ones that you would like us to include during liturgy. May their souls rest in peace.

## **OUR HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS**

Deebianne Tavani  
Dena Mgrdichian  
Pascal Jabbour  
Sanaa Rizk  
Jacques Abi Rached  
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## **OUR PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS**

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Barbara Dahdah-Anderson  
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Tony Frangie  
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## **OUR FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

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Ziad Labbad  
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Deebianne Tavani

## **SANCTUARY CANDLE**

The Sanctuary candle is burning for a special intention.

## **SPECIAL LITURGIES INTENTIONS**

For the next 4 weeks we will have liturgies with special intentions as follows:

**Wednesday, April 22, @ 6:00 PM,** Liturgy will be offered for the Parish Council and the Finance Committee members of St. Maron Church.

**Sunday, April 26, @ 11:00 Am,** Liturgy will be offered for the First Communicants of St. Maron Church.

**Wednesday, April 29, @ 6:00 PM,** Liturgy will be offered for the MYO of St. Maron Church.

**Wednesday, May 6, @ 6:00 PM,** Liturgy will be offered for the CCD Teachers and Children of St. Maron Church.

**Wednesday, May 13, @ 6:00 PM,** Liturgy will be offered for the Choir members of St. Maron Church.

## **THANK YOU**

Thank you for everyone who donated to the Church this past week.

As you know, our Church's finances rely on the generosity of our community, including Sunday collections and donations. If you are able to donate at this time, please do so via the following link: <https://saintmaron.org/donate> or you can always mail your weekly envelopes / donations to the Church office.

We appreciate your generosity and thank you for your continuous support during these challenging times.



## **PRAYER TO THE VIRGIN MARY**

**Most Glorious Queen of  
Heaven and Mother of God,  
You whom the Blessed  
Trinity has crowned with  
unequalled glory.**

**You are the Sovereign Queen  
over all God's Creation. I  
place myself and all my  
loved ones under the power,  
protection and sovereignty of  
your Crown.**

**Under the protection of your  
crown I will fear no other  
crown and through your  
immense intercessory power  
I ask you to spare us all from  
the effects of the corona  
virus.**

**Dearest Mother and Queen,  
(more Mother than Queen),  
We, your children Christ  
Jesus,**

**Ask you to obtain for us an  
end to the spread of the  
virus.  
Amen.**

## **WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR**

**April 11-12, 2020**

Collection by mail	\$ 1,670.00
Donation	\$ 500.00
Online Donation 04/10	\$ 50.00
Online Donation 04/11	\$ 125.00
Online Donation 04/12	\$ 1,100.00
Bake Sales (Maamoul)	\$ 1,883.36
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 5,328.36</b>

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**In accordance with local laws  
regarding group events and to  
keep everyone safe, we will not  
be having any of the Church  
Events.**

## **IN OUR PRAYERS**

Please keep in your prayers  
Kevin Khoury, Charles  
Vicarelli, Joseph Trelli, Sue  
Flacco, Joe Maglio, Marie  
McCrea, Kathy Dale, Suzanne  
Haney, Donna Maglio, Nicole  
Giordano, Peter Perri, Neil  
Bohley Sr., Luke Farrell Jr.,  
Linda DiBernardo, Patty  
Reynolds, Joan Speck, David  
Joseph Cook, Eddie Tayoun,  
Minarva Labbad, Dante Panichi,  
Dennis Strelchuk, Carol  
Krestos, Gladys Dalcourt,  
Denise Furey, Chucky Simon,  
Michael Winter, Kevin McCrea,  
Kevin Khoury, Mirta Ruiz, Tina  
Grassi, Rita Impo, Jade Kellam,  
Marion Thomas Branca,  
Francesca Impo, Lucy DiLuce,  
Cat Niven Glaze, Laurent  
Chidiac, Tom Hart, John Hart,  
Fadi Jaber, Joseph Realdine,  
Emily Stone, Elaine Nader,  
Eddie Gussin, Lisa Alestra, John  
Nader, Yasmine Myers, Joey  
Gdowick, Francis Joseph Kerns,  
Samer Chokeir, Kathy Newman,



Rita Arrigale, Maryann Bratton, Renee Sahar, Sister Nahida Al-Sawa, Rose DeJesse, 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 Corinthians 5:11-21

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

Brothers and Sisters:

Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore, all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So, we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

**Praise be to God always.**

#### فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الثانية إلى أهل كورنثوس

يا إخواني، بما أننا نعرف مخافة الرب، نحاول أن نقنع الناس. ونحن معروفون لدى الله، ولكني آمل أن نكون معروفين أيضًا في ضمائركم. ولأننا نعود فنوصيكم بأنفسنا، بل نعطيكُمْ فرصةً للافتخار بنا تجاه الذين يفتخرون بالمظهر لا بما في القلب. فإن كنا مجانين فله، وإن كنا عقلاء فلأجلكم؛ إن محبة المسيح تأسرنا، لأننا أدركنا هذا، وهو أن واحدًا مات عن الجميع، فالجميع إذاً ماتوا. لقد مات عن الجميع، لكي لا يحيا الأحياء من بعد لأنفسهم، بل للذي مات عنهم وقام من أجلهم. إذا فمُنذُ الآن نحن لا نعرف أحدًا معرفةً بشريةً، وإن كنا قد عرفنا المسيح معرفةً بشريةً، فالآن ما عدنا نعرفه كذلك. إذا، إن كان أحد في المسيح فهو خلق جديد: لقد زال القديم، وصار كل شيء جديدًا. وكل شيء هو من الله، الذي صالحنا مع نفسه بالمسيح، وأعطانا خدمة المصالحة؛ لأن الله صالح العالم مع نفسه بالمسيح، ولم يُحاسب الناس على زلاتهم، وأودعنا كلمة المصالحة. إذا فنحن سفراء المسيح، وكأن الله نفسه يدعوكم بواسطة. فنسألُكم باسم المسيح: تصالحوا مع الله! إن الذي ما عرف الخطيئة، جعله الله خطيئةً من أجلنا، لنصير نحن فيه برًا لله. والتسبيح لله دائماً.

## Gospel Reading

Saint John 20:26-31

### The Apostle Writes:

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

### مِنْ إِنْجِيلِ الْقَدِّيسِ يُوْحَنَّا

بَعْدَ ثَمَانِيَةِ أَيَّامٍ، كَانَ تَلَامِيذُ يَسُوعَ ثَانِيَةً فِي الْبَيْتِ، وَثُومًا مَعَهُمْ. جَاءَ يَسُوعُ، وَالْأَبْوَابُ مُغْلَقَةً، فَوَقَفَ فِي الْوَسْطِ وَقَالَ: "السَّلَامُ لَكُمْ!". ثُمَّ قَالَ لِثُومًا: "هَاتِ إَصْبَعَكَ إِلَى هُنَا، وَأَنْظُرْ يَدَيَّ. وَهَاتِ يَدَكَ، وَضَعْهَا فِي جَنْبِي. وَلَا تَكُنْ غَيْرَ مُؤْمِنٍ بَلْ كُنْ مُؤْمِنًا!". أَجَابَ ثُومًا وَقَالَ لَهُ: "رَبِّي وَإِلَهِي!". قَالَ لَهُ يَسُوعُ: "لَأَنَّكَ رَأَيْتَنِي آمَنْتَ؟ طُوبَى لِمَنْ لَمْ يَرَوْا وَآمَنُوا!". وَصَنَعَ يَسُوعُ أَمَامَ تَلَامِيذِهِ آيَاتٍ أُخْرَى كَثِيرَةً لَمْ تُدَوَّنْ فِي هَذَا الْكِتَابِ. وَإِنَّمَا دُوِّنَتْ هَذِهِ لِكَيْ تُؤْمِنُوا أَنَّ يَسُوعَ هُوَ الْمَسِيحُ ابْنُ اللَّهِ، وَلِكَيْ تَكُونُوا لَكُمْ، إِذَا آمَنْتُمْ، الْحَيَاةَ بِأَسْمِهِ.

**حَقًّا وَالْأَمَانُ لِكُلِّكُمْ.**