



Saint Maron

Maronite Catholic Church



April 25-26, 2020

THIRD SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION



OUR JOURNEY

We should not be worried and afraid during this journey because we are not alone; Jesus Christ is with us. All we have to do, is open our hearts and our eyes to be able to see and feel the truth, that Jesus has risen to give us the eternal life.

Life is a journey; it could be interesting and fruitful or, it could be negative and pessimistic.

Jesus is smiling and happy. Following Him to the end will give us the opportunity to share with Him the real and only truth, that God is love.

We have a lot of work to do. Each one of us is called into the

ministry of Jesus in some way. We are called to be like Jesus Christ, and to be willing to confess and spread to the world the love of God and His care for His people. We may never know if we succeeded or not, but it is necessary to always do our best. God has some work to do that can only be accomplished through each one of us. In time of prayer, we ask that we put our gifts and talents in God's service.

Don't miss your chance. Jesus gives all of us the power and the wisdom of His Holy spirit; we should use this gift to plan for a better future.

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 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.

Wednesday, April 29, @ 6:00PM, (Feast of St. Catherine of Siena) liturgy is being offered for our MYO members and teachers. May God bless them.

Saturday, May 2, @ 6:00PM, (Feast of St. Athanasius the Bishop)

Sunday, May 3, @ 11:00AM, (Feast of Our Lady of Lebanon) liturgy is being offered for the soul of Amina Skaf requested by Dany and Rania Cherfane and family. May her soul rest in peace.

WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY

We are sorry to inform you that Joseph Trelli, passed away on April 22, 2020. We extend our deepest sympathy to Phyllis Fox, Christine Snyder (his daughter), and Joseph A. Trelli (his son) and the entire family. May Almighty God welcome him into His kingdom and may his soul rest in peace. Allah yerhammo.

OURFIRST COMMUNICANTS

Sara Abi Rached
Joyce Dabbour
Christina Dawlabani
Chris Haifa
Nicole Sawan
Frank Simon

Their Teacher:
Sr. Marie Rafka Boulos

OUR MYO MEMBERS

Maria Topalian
Jennifer Haifa
Angelo Homsy
Nicholas Dib
Reese Cherfane
Joelle Najm
Elio Dib
Samira Akkari
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George Sawan
Christina Kouyoumdji
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May Sukkarieh
Jessica Haddad
Debbie Semaan
Mariam Mgrdichian
Ryan Cherfane

OUR MYO TEACHERS

Zeina Topalian
Anne Tayoun
Amal Kouyoumdji
Nahi Rai
Micheline Dib
Colleen Akkari

LITURGY FOR THE DECEASED

Tuesday, May 5, 2020 at 6:00PM, we will offer a Divine 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 before Monday, May 4, 2020. May their souls rest in peace.

SPECIAL LITURGIES INTENTIONS

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

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.

Wednesday, May 20, @ 6:00 PM, Liturgy will be offered for all the sick of the parish. May God give them good health.

Wednesday, May 27, @ 6:00PM. Liturgy will be offered for the High School and College Graduates of the parish.

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.

Saint Maron Church
Falafel Platter
Take Out

Friday, May 1, 2020



Falafel Platter

1 Doz. Falafel with Tahini Sauce,
 Parsley, Tomatoes and Pickles

\$18.00

or

Plain Falafel

1 Doz. Falafel with Tahini Sauce

\$15.00

Please place your order before
Wednesday, April 29, 2020

office@saintmaron.org or (215) 389 - 2000

FALAFEL TAKE OUT

Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Maron,

"Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much"

In the spirit of keeping our parish active and connected, and because we won't be able to have our festival until this pandemic is over, we will continue having a series of fundraisers while keeping everybody safe and respecting the social distancing. These fundraisers will also serve as a financial support for our Church that is needed during these challenging times.

After a very successful Maamoul sales, I would like to thank everyone's support.

Our second event will be falafel platters take out on **Friday, May 1, 2020.**

The same way we did the maamoul, the kitchen will be sanitized before any cooking activity and limited number to

four parishioners will be preparing and cooking the falafel.

We will be offering them in two ways: you can order 1 dozen of fried falafel with tahini sauce for \$15.00 or a platter which includes 1 dozen of fried falafel, tahini sauce, parsley, tomatoes and pickles for \$18.00 (you may also request it as uncooked)

In order to avoid waste, we encourage you to **pre-order between now and Wednesday, April 29, at 5:00PM.** Unfortunately,

we won't be able to accept any orders beyond this deadline since we will purchase just what we need to fill the orders we would have received.

For your safety and the safety of the Church staff, the Falafel platters will be ready for pick up, by appointment only.

You may order your platters by calling the Church office at (215) 389-2000, or by emailing us at office@saintmaron.org.

I would like to thank all of you for your continued support to Saint Maron Church, your second home.

God bless you and stay safe,
 Fr. Samir Chebli

WEEKLY COLLECTION
FOR
April 18-19, 2020

Collection by mail	\$	529.00
Donation	\$	670.00
Online (04/14-04/19)	\$	380.00
Total:	\$	1,579.00

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.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers Kevin Khoury, Charles Viccarelli, 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 Timothy 2:8-13

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

Brothers and Sisters:

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. The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful for he cannot deny himself.

Praise be to God always.

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الثانية إلى طيموتاوس

يا إخواني، وأنت يا ابني، تذكّر يسوع المسيح الذي قام من بين الأموات، وهو من نسل داود، بحسب إنجيلي، الذي فيه أحتمل المشقات حتى القيود كمجرم، لكن كلمة الله لا تُقيد. لذلك أضبر على كل شيء من أجل المختارين، ليحصلوا هم أيضًا على الخلاص في المسيح يسوع مع المجد الأبدي. صادقة هي الكلمة: إن متنا معه نحيا معه، وإن صبرنا نملك معه، وإن أنكرناه يُنكرنا، وإن كنا غير أمناء فهو يبقي أمينًا، لأنه لا يقدر أن ينكر نفسه!

والتسبيح لله دائمًا.

Gospel Reading

Saint Luke 24:13-35

The Apostle Writes:

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

مِنْ إِنْجِيلِ الْقَدِيسِ لَوْقَا

فِي الْيَوْمِ عَيْنِهِ، كَانَ اثْنَانِ مِنَ التَّلَامِيذِ ذَاهِبَيْنِ إِلَى قَرْيَةٍ تُدْعَى عِمَاوُسَ، تَبْعُدُ نَحْوَ سَبْعَةِ أَمْيَالٍ عَنِ أُورَشَلِيمَ. وَكَانَا يَتَحَادَثَانِ بِكُلِّ تِلْكَ الْأُمُورِ الَّتِي حَدَّثَتْ. وَفِيمَا هُمَا يَتَحَادَثَانِ وَيَتَسَاءَلَانِ، إِذَا يَسُوعُ نَفْسُهُ قَدْ أَقْتَرَبَ مِنْهُمَا، وَرَاحَ يَسِيرُ مَعَهُمَا. وَلَكِنَّ أَعْيُنَهُمَا أُمْسِكَتْ عَنْ مَعْرِفَتِهِ. أَمَا هُوَ فَقَالَ لَهُمَا: «مَا هَذَا الْكَلَامُ الَّذِي تَتَحَادَثَانِ بِهِ، وَأَنْتُمَا تَسِيرَانِ؟». فَوْقًا عَابِسَيْنِ. وَأَجَابَ أَحَدُهُمَا، وَأَسْمُهُ كَلِيُوبَاسَ، فَقَالَ لَهُ: «هَلْ أَنْتَ وَحَدِّكَ غَرِيبٌ عَنِ أُورَشَلِيمَ، فَلَا تَعْلَمُ مَا حَدَّثَ فِيهَا هَذِهِ الْأَيَّامَ؟». فَقَالَ لَهُمَا: «وَمَا هِيَ؟». فَقَالَ لَهُ: «مَا يَتَعَلَّقُ بِيَسُوعَ النَّاصِرِيِّ، الَّذِي كَانَ رَجُلًا نَبِيًّا قَوِيًّا بِالْقَوْلِ وَالْفِعْلِ، قُدَّامَ اللَّهِ وَالشَّعْبِ كُلِّهِ. وَكَيْفَ أَسْلَمَهُ أَحْبَارُنَا وَرُؤَسَاؤُنَا لِيُحْكَمَ عَلَيْهِ بِالْمَوْتِ، وَكَيْفَ صَلَبُوهُ! وَكُنَّا نَحْنُ نَرْجُو أَنْ يَكُونَ هُوَ الَّذِي سَيَقْدِمُ إِسْرَائِيلَ. وَلَكِنْ مَعَ هَذَا كُلِّهِ، فَهَذَا هُوَ الْيَوْمُ الثَّلَاثُ بَعْدَ تِلْكَ الْأَحْدَاثِ. لَكِنَّ بَعْضَ النِّسَاءِ مِنْ جَمَاعَتِنَا أَذْهَشْنَنَا، لِأَنَّهُنَّ ذَهَبْنَ إِلَى الْقَبْرِ عِنْدَ الْفَجْرِ، وَلَمْ يَجِدْنَ جَسَدَ يَسُوعَ، فَرَجَعْنَ وَقُلْنَ إِنَّهُنَّ شَاهِدْنَ مَلَائِكَةً تَرَاءَوْا لَهُنَّ وَقَالُوا إِنَّهُ حَيٌّ! وَمَضَى قَوْمٌ مِنَ الَّذِينَ مَعَنَا إِلَى الْقَبْرِ، فَوَجَدُوهُ هَكَذَا كَمَا قَالَتِ النِّسَاءُ، وَأَمَا يَسُوعُ فَلَمْ يَرَوْهُ». فَقَالَ لَهُمَا يَسُوعُ: «يَا عَدِيمِي الْفَهْمِ، وَبَطِيئِي الْقَلْبِ فِي الْإِيمَانِ بِكُلِّ مَا تَكَلَّمَ بِهِ الْأَنْبِيَاءُ! أَمَا كَانَ يَجِبُ عَلَى الْمَسِيحِ أَنْ يُعَانِيَ تِلْكَ الْأَلَامَ، ثُمَّ يَدْخُلَ فِي مَجْدِهِ؟». وَفَسَّرَ لَهُمَا مَا يَتَعَلَّقُ بِهِ فِي كُلِّ الْكُتُبِ الْمُقَدَّسَةِ، مُبْتَدِئًا بِمُوسَى وَجَمِيعِ الْأَنْبِيَاءِ. وَأَقْتَرَبَا مِنَ الْقَرْيَةِ الَّتِي كَانَا ذَاهِبَيْنِ إِلَيْهَا، فَتَظَاهَرَ يَسُوعُ بِأَنَّهُ ذَاهِبٌ إِلَى مَكَانٍ أَبْعَدَ. فَتَمَسَّكَ بِهِ قَائِلِينَ: «أَمْكُتْ مَعَنَا، فَقَدْ حَانَ الْمَسَاءُ، وَمَالَ النَّهَارُ». فَدَخَلَ لِيَمْكُتَ مَعَهُمَا. وَفِيمَا كَانَ مُتَمَسِّكًا مَعَهُمَا، أَخَذَ الْخُبْزَ، وَبَارَكَ، وَكَسَرَ، وَنَاوَلَهُمَا. فَأَنْفَتَحَتْ أَعْيُنُهُمَا، وَعَرَفَاهُ، فَإِذَا هُوَ قَدْ تَوَارَى عَنْهُمَا. فَقَالَ أَحَدُهُمَا لِلْآخَرَ: «أَمَا كَانَ قَلْبُنَا مُضْطَرِمًّا فِينَا، حِينَ كَانَ يُكَلِّمُنَا فِي الطَّرِيقِ، وَيَشْرَحُ لَنَا الْكُتُبَ؟». وَقَامَا فِي تِلْكَ السَّاعَةِ عَيْنَهَا، وَرَجَعَا إِلَى أُورَشَلِيمَ، فَوَجَدَا الْأَحَدَ عَشَرَ وَالَّذِينَ مَعَهُمْ مُجْتَمِعِينَ، وَهُمْ يَقُولُونَ: «حَقًّا إِنَّ الرَّبَّ قَامَ، وَتَرَاءَى لِسِمْعَانَ!». أَمَا هُمَا فَكَانَا يُخْبِرَانِ بِمَا حَدَّثَ فِي الطَّرِيقِ، وَكَيْفَ عَرَفَا يَسُوعَ عِنْدَ كَسْرِ الْخُبْزِ.

حَقًّا وَالْأَمَانَ لَجَمِيعِكُمْ.