



Saint Maron

Maronite Catholic Church



May 9-10, 2020

FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY



PRAYERS ON MOTHER'S DAY



**To all moms here on
earth**

Dear Jesus up in heaven
Bless my mother and all
mothers here on earth.

You give my spirit
earthly life.

My mother gave me
birth.

She follows in your
footsteps; her heart

♥ is full of love ♥

Please keep her in your
loving care and bless her
from above.

To all moms in heaven

We thought of you today,
but that is nothing new.

We thought about you
yesterday, and days
before that too.

We think of you in
silence, we often speak
your name.

Now all we have
memories and your
picture in a frame. Your
memory is our keepsake,
with which we'll never
part.

God has you in his
keeping, we have you in
our heart.

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.

PUT A SMILE ON YOUR FACE!

Humor is a great blessing. Every time we are able to find some humor in a difficult time, we win! Put a smile on your face no matter how hard it may seem. Jesus always smiled!

Saint John XXIII, who was canonized on April 27, 2014 is remembered by many for his warmth, simplicity, social conscience and sense of humor. The Italian Pope John was guided by his cheerful disposition, his simple, peasant background and tongue-in-cheek, wisecracking Italian culture.

Here's a look at some of this saint's funny quips:

1. Visiting a hospital, he asked a boy what he wanted to be when he grew up. The boy said either a policeman or a pope. "I would go in for the police if I were you," the pope said. "Anyone can become a pope, look at me!"
2. "It often happens that I wake up at night and begin to think about the serious problems afflicting the world and I tell myself, I must talk to the pope about it. Then the next day when I wake up I remember that I am the pope."
3. In reply to a reporter who asked, "How many people work in the Vatican?", he reportedly said: "About half of them."
4. When a cardinal complained that a rise in Vatican salaries meant a particular usher earned as much as the cardinal, the pope remarked: "That usher has 10

children; I hope the cardinal doesn't."

5. When he went to visit a friend at the nearby Hospital of the Holy Spirit in the evening, the nun answering the door said: "Holy Father, I'm the mother superior of the Holy Spirit." He replied: "Lucky you! What a job! I'm just the 'servant of the servants of God.'"

6. Not long after he was elected pope, Saint John was walking in the streets of Rome. A woman passed him and said to her friend, "My God, he's so fat!" Overhearing what she said, he turned around and replied, "Madame, I trust you understand that the papal conclave is not exactly a beauty contest."

7. He once wrote: "There are three ways to face ruin: women, gambling and farming. My father chose the most boring one."

8. When he was cardinal and patriarch of Venice, the future pope was talking with a wealthy city resident and told him, "You and I have one thing in common: money. You have a lot and I have nothing at all. The difference is I don't care about it."

9. When a journalist asked the then-patriarch of Venice what he would be if he could live his life all over again, the future pope said, "Journalist." Then he said with a smile, "Now let us see if you have the courage to tell me that, if you could do it all over again, you'd be the patriarch!"

10. A Vatican official told the pope it would be "absolutely impossible" to open the Second

Vatican Council by 1963. "Fine, we'll open it in 1962," he answered. And he did.

<https://www.ncronline.org/news/people/jokes-quips-wisecracks-john-xxiii-lived-keen-sense-humor>

PASSING OF NADIA SARA

We are sorry to inform you that Nadia Sara passed away on May 2, 2020 in NJ. Nadia will be remembered by her husband Ghassan and her children Yola, George, and Ghassan jr. We extend our deepest sympathy to the Sara family. May Almighty God welcome her into His kingdom and may her soul rest in peace. Allah yerhamma.

DIVINE LITURGY FOR THE WELL-BEING OF THE SICK

During these difficult times, we will offer a Divine Liturgy on **Wednesday, May 20th at 6:00PM** for the well-being of all the sick members of the parish as well as all the patients struggling from the COVID-19. We are asking you to please email us to office@saintmaron.org the names of the individuals you would like to pray for by Tuesday, May 19, 2020. May almighty God grant all of them good health.

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.

DIVINE LITURGIES

Saturday, May 9, @ 6:00PM,
(Feast of Isaiah the Prophet)
liturgy is being offered for the souls in purgatory. May their souls rest in peace.

Sunday, May 10, @ 11:00AM,
(Feast of St. Simon the Zealot and St. Damien of Molokai)
liturgy is being offered for the souls of Marie and Francis Dib requested by George and Micheline Dib and Family. May their souls rest in peace.

Wednesday, May 13, @ 6:00PM,
(Feast of Our Lady of Fatima and St. Adai) liturgy is being offered for our Choir Members. May God bless them.

Saturday, May 16, @ 6:00PM,
Sunday, May 17, @ 11:00AM,
(Feast of St. Serapion)

OUR CHOIR MEMBERS

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Message of Peace
to our parishioners



For the whole month of
May 2020

We are asking you to put the
Blessed Mother of God
on your front windows
as a symbol of Consecration of
Mary to our homes

MESSAGE OF PEACE

On Friday, May 1, the Catholic Bishops of the United States and Canada consecrated our respective nations to the care of the Blessed Mother under the title of Mary, Mother of the Church. We prayed that through the prayers of Our Lady, her son may grant us healing and strength during this pandemic.

In the same spirit, we ask you to put the Blessed Mother of God on your windows for the whole month of May, as a symbol of Consecration of our homes to Mary. Please email us a picture of your window to office@saintmaron.org so we can add it to the picture album we created on Facebook.

"REMEMBER ME IN YOUR KINGDOM"

Every First Tuesday of the month we will offer a Divine Liturgy for the souls of the deceased members of the parish. Please email us to office@saintmaron.org the names of your beloved ones that you would like us to include during liturgy. May their souls rest in peace.

SPECIAL LITURGIES INTENTIONS

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

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.

WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR

May 2-3, 2020

Collection by mail	\$ 1,210.00
Donations	\$ 520.00
Online (04/29-05/05)	\$ 410.00
Falafel Platters	\$ 1,454.46
Total:	\$ 3,594.46

CLASS OF 2020

Dear Graduates,

We love you and you deserve all our respect. We will offer a special Divine Liturgy in your intention on Wednesday, May 27, 2020 at 6:00PM.

Please send us the names of our **8th Grade Graduates** and the name of the school they are graduating from.

Also, please send us the names of our **Highschool Graduates**, the School they are graduating from and the college they will be attending next year.

Also, please send us the names of our **College Graduates**, the name of the college they are graduating from and the degree they are receiving.

Always remember that Jesus Loves you. God bless you and stay safe.

Fr. Samir

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, 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, 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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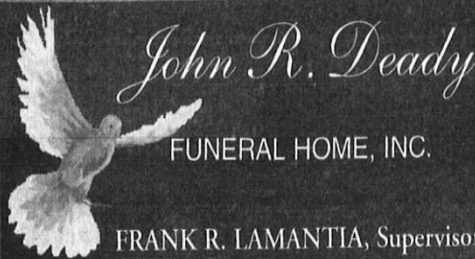
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First Reading

Ephesians 2:1-10

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

Brothers and Sisters:

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ by grace you have been saved and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness towards us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Praise be to God always.

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل أفسس

يا إِخْوَتِي، وَأَنْتُمْ، فَقَدْ كُنْتُمْ أَمْوَاتًا بِزِلَاتِكُمْ وَخَطَايَاكُمْ، الَّتِي سَلَكْتُمْ فِيهَا مِنْ قَبْلُ بِحَسَبِ إِلَهٍ هَذَا الْعَالَمِ، بِحَسَبِ رَئِيسِ سُلْطَانِ الْجَوِّ، أَيِ الرُّوحِ الَّذِي يَعْمَلُ الْآنَ فِي أَبْنَاءِ الْعُصْيَانِ؛ وَمِنْهُمْ نَحْنُ أَيْضًا جَمِيعُنَا قَدْ سَلَكْنَا مِنْ قَبْلُ فِي شَهَوَاتِ إِنْسَانِنَا الْجَسَدِيِّ، عَامِلِينَ بِرَغَبَاتِهِ وَأَفْكَارِهِ، وَكُنَّا بِالطَّبِيعَةِ أَوْلَادَ الْعَضْبِ كَالْبَاقِينَ؛ لَكِنَّ اللَّهَ، وَهُوَ الْغَنِيُّ بِرَحْمَتِهِ، فَلِكثْرَةِ مَحَبَّتِهِ الَّتِي أَحَبَّنَا بِهَا، وَقَدْ كُنَّا نَحْنُ أَيْضًا أَمْوَاتًا بِزِلَاتِنَا، أَخْيَانًا مَعَ الْمَسِيحِ، وَبِالنِّعْمَةِ أَنْتُمْ مُخَلَّصُونَ؛ وَمَعَهُ أَقَامْنَا وَأَجَلَسْنَا فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ، لِيُظْهِرَ فِي الْأَجْيَالِ الْآتِيَةِ غِنَى نِعْمَتِهِ الْفَائِقَةِ، بِلُطْفِهِ لَنَا فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ. فَبِالنِّعْمَةِ أَنْتُمْ مُخَلَّصُونَ بِوَسِطَةِ الْإِيمَانِ: وَهَذَا لَيْسَ مِنْكُمْ، إِنَّهُ عَطِيَّةُ اللَّهِ. وَلَا هُوَ مِنَ الْأَعْمَالِ، لِئَلَّا يَفْتَخَرَ أَحَدٌ؛ لِأَنَّنا نَحْنُ صُنْعُهُ، قَدْ خُلِقْنَا فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ لِلْأَعْمَالِ الصَّالِحَةِ، الَّتِي سَبَقَ اللَّهُ فَأَعَدَّهَا لِكَيْ نَسْلُكَ فِيهَا.

والتسبيح لله دائماً.

Gospel Reading

Saint John 21:15-19

The Apostle Writes:

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?’ He said to him, ‘Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Feed my lambs.’ A second time he said to him, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me?’ He said to him, ‘Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Tend my sheep.’ He said to him the third time, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me?’ Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, ‘Do you love me?’ And he said to him, ‘Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.’ (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, ‘Follow me.’

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

مِنْ إِنْجِيلِ الْقَدِّيسِ يُوْحَنَّا

بَعْدَ الْغَدَاءِ، قَالَ يَسُوعُ لِسِمْعَانَ بُطْرُسَ: «يَا سِمْعَانُ بَنَ يُونَا، أَتُحِبُّنِي أَكْثَرَ مِمَّا يُحِبُّنِي هَؤُلَاءِ؟». قَالَ لَهُ: «نَعَمْ، يَا رَبِّ، أَنْتَ تَعْلَمُ أَنِّي أُحِبُّكَ». قَالَ لَهُ يَسُوعُ: «إِرْعَ حُمْلَانِي». قَالَ لَهُ مَرَّةً ثَانِيَةً: «يَا سِمْعَانُ بَنَ يُونَا، أَتُحِبُّنِي؟». قَالَ لَهُ: «نَعَمْ يَا رَبِّ، أَنْتَ تَعْلَمُ أَنِّي أُحِبُّكَ». قَالَ لَهُ يَسُوعُ: «إِرْعَ نِعَاجِي!». قَالَ لَهُ مَرَّةً ثَالِثَةً: «يَا سِمْعَانُ بَنَ يُونَا، أَتُحِبُّنِي؟». فَحَزَنَ بُطْرُسُ، لِأَنَّ يَسُوعَ قَالَ لَهُ ثَلَاثَ مَرَّاتٍ: أَتُحِبُّنِي؟ فَقَالَ لَهُ: «يَا رَبِّ، أَنْتَ تَعْلَمُ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ، وَأَنْتَ تَعْرِفُ أَنِّي أُحِبُّكَ». قَالَ لَهُ يَسُوعُ: «إِرْعَ خِرَافِي! أَلْحَقَّ أَقُولُ لَكَ: حِينَ كُنْتَ شَابًّا، كُنْتَ تَشُدُّ حِرَامَكَ بِيَدَيْكَ وَتَسِيرُ إِلَى حَيْثُ تُرِيدُ. وَلَكِنْ حِينَ تَشِيخُ، سَتَنْبَسُطُ يَدَيْكَ وَآخَرُ يَشُدُّ لَكَ حِرَامَكَ، وَيَذْهَبُ بِكَ إِلَى حَيْثُ لَا تُرِيدُ». قَالَ يَسُوعُ ذَلِكَ مُشِيرًا إِلَى الْمَيَّةِ الَّتِي سَيَمَجِدُ بِهَا بُطْرُسُ اللَّهَ. ثُمَّ قَالَ لَهُ: «إِتَّبِعْنِي!».

حَقًّا وَالْأَمَانُ لِكُلِّكُمْ.