



Saint Maron

Maronite Catholic Church



May 16-17, 2020

SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

REMEMBERING OUR PRIESTS

Today, Sunday May 17, 2020 we are remembering an important part in the life of our parish.

We are celebrating the Divine Liturgy for the souls of the priests who served this blessed parish; "Saint Maron".

We pray out of respect for their memory and their missionary work and, we pray for the first parishioners of Saint Maron who accompanied them; our parents and grandparents. We ask God to have mercy on them and may he accept them in His Kingdom. All these priests and believers heard the voice of the Lord calling them to proclaim the good news, so they answered the invitation like the apostles.

Our responsibility today is more difficult than ever. We are responsible to preserve this legacy and complete the march with love and forgiveness.

Open your hearts to the voice of the Lord like our ancestors did and be ready to accept the challenge of being worth bearing this torch, carrying the good

news and preserving the traditions.

We cannot forget to pray also for all the living priests who served this parish with love and dignity: Bishop Gregory Mansour, Fr. Michael Marrone, Fr. Vincent Farhat Fr. EL-Badaoui Habib and Fr. David Fisher.

To God only be the Glory now and forever.

Fr. Samir

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.

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.

Deceased Priests who served at Saint Maron Church

May their Souls Rest in Peace!



**Chorbishop Stephen
Corkemaz**
1895-1907 (Pastor)



**Chorbishop Joseph
Yazbek**
1907-1925 (Pastor)



**Rev. Joseph Keirallah
Yazbek**
1913-1915 (Asst. Pastor)



**Chorbishop Louis
Zouain**
1925-1931 (Pastor)



**Chorbishop Joseph
John Shaheen**
1969-1974 (Pastor)



Msgr. Sharbel Lischaa
1974-2010 (Pastor)



**Chorbishop George
Zouain**
1927-1930 (Asst. Pastor)



**Msgr. Joseph
Bistany**
1968-1969 (Administrator)



**Rev. Emmanuel
ElKhoury Hanna**
1931-1934 (Pastor)



**Chorbishop Louis
Risha**
1948-1968 (Pastor)



**Rev. John
Nehme**
1936-1948 (Pastor)



**Rev. Anthony Peter
Yazbek**
1920-1924 (Asst. Pastor)
1934-1936 (Pastor)

DIVINE LITURGIES

Saturday, May 16, @ 6:00PM, liturgy is being offered for the Middle East.

Sunday, May 17, @ 11:00AM, (Feast of St. Serapion) liturgy is being offered for all the priests who served Saint Maron Church.

Wednesday, May 20, @ 6:00PM, (Feast of the Ascension of our Lord) liturgy is being offered for healing of the sick members of the parish. May God grant them good health.

Saturday, May 23, @ 6:00PM, (Feast of St. Tobias the Righteous) liturgy is being offered for a special intention.

Sunday, May 24, @ 11:00AM, (Feast of St. Simon the Zealot and St. Damien of Molokai) liturgy is being offered for the soul of Nadia Sara requested by her family. May her soul rest in peace.

SPECIAL LITURGIES INTENTIONS

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

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.

ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

We will celebrate Divine Liturgy for the Ascension of Our Lord on **Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at 6:00PM.** Join us in prayer on Facebook and YouTube to celebrate this Holy Day.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

The feast of Pentecost will be on **Sunday, May 31.** We will celebrate Divine Liturgy at 11:00AM. Join us and pray with us on that Holy Day through the Live Stream on Facebook and YouTube. Happy Pentecost!

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.

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.

MAY PROCESSION

On **Saturday, May 30, 2020 at 4:00PM** we will have a car procession with the Blessed Mother few blocks around the Church and we will Live Stream it on Facebook and YouTube. Please join us in prayer for the Holy Mother of God.

"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.

WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR

May 9-10, 2020

Collection by mail	\$ 1,150.00
Donations	\$ 780.00
Online (04/29-05/05)	\$ 450.00
Total:	\$ 2,380.00

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,

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.

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.

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.

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Let's Learn from Our Pope!



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First Reading

Romans 10:1-13

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

Brothers and Sisters:

Brothers and sisters, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. I can testify that they have a zeal for God, but it is not enlightened. For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God, and seeking to establish their own, they have not submitted to God's righteousness. For Christ is the end of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes. Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that 'the person who does these things will live by them.' But the righteousness that comes from faith says, 'Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?"' (that is, to bring Christ down) 'or "Who will descend into the abyss?"' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? 'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Praise be to God always.

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل رومة

يا إِخْوَتِي، إِنَّ بُغْيَةَ قَلْبِي وَتَضَرُّعِي إِلَى اللَّهِ مِنْ أَجْلِ بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ لِيَخْلُصُوا. فَأَنَا أَشْهَدُ لَهُمْ أَنَّ فِيهِمْ غَيْرَةَ لِلَّهِ، وَلَكِنْ بِدُونِ مَعْرِفَةٍ صَحِيحَةٍ. فَقَدْ جَهِلُوا بِرَّ اللَّهِ، وَحَاوَلُوا أَنْ يُثْبِتُوا بِرَّ أَنْفُسِهِمْ، فَلَمْ يَخْضَعُوا لِبِرِّ اللَّهِ؛ لِأَنَّ غَايَةَ الشَّرِيعَةِ إِنَّمَا هِيَ الْمَسِيحُ، لِكَيْ يَتَبَرَّرَ بِهِ كُلُّ مُؤْمِنٍ. وَقَدْ كَتَبَ مُوسَى عَنِ الْبِرِّ الَّذِي هُوَ مِنَ الشَّرِيعَةِ فَقَالَ: «مَنْ يَعْمَلُ بِأَحْكَامِ الشَّرِيعَةِ يَحْيَا بِهَا». أَمَّا عَنِ الْبِرِّ الَّذِي هُوَ مِنَ الْإِيمَانِ فَيَقُولُ: «لَا تَقُلْ فِي قَلْبِكَ: مَنْ يَصْعَدُ إِلَى السَّمَاءِ؟»، أَيْ لِيُنْزِلَ الْمَسِيحَ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ. وَلَا تَقُلْ: «مَنْ يَهْبِطُ إِلَى الْهَوَايَةِ؟»، أَيْ لِيُصْعِدَ الْمَسِيحَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ. بَلْ مَاذَا يَقُولُ؟ «الْكَلِمَةُ قَرِيبَةٌ مِنْكَ، فِي فَمِكَ وَقَلْبِكَ»، أَيْ كَلِمَةُ الْإِيمَانِ، الَّتِي تُنَادِي بِهَا. فَإِنْ اعْتَرَفْتَ بِفَمِكَ أَنَّ يَسُوعَ هُوَ الرَّبُّ، وَآمَنْتَ بِقَلْبِكَ أَنَّ اللَّهَ أَقَامَهُ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، تَخْلُصُ. فَالْإِيمَانُ بِالْقَلْبِ يَقُودُ إِلَى الْبِرِّ، وَالْاعْتِرَافُ بِالْفَمِ يَقُودُ إِلَى الْخَلَاصِ؛ لِأَنَّ الْكِتَابَ يَقُولُ: «كُلُّ مَنْ يُؤْمِنُ بِهِ لَا يُخْزَى». فَلَا فَرْقَ بَيْنَ يَهُودِيٍّ وَيُونَانِيٍّ، لِأَنَّ الرَّبَّ هُوَ نَفْسُهُ لِكُلِّهِمْ، يُفِيضُ غِنَاهُ عَلَى جَمِيعِ الَّذِينَ يَدْعُونَهُ. فَكُلُّ مَنْ يَدْعُو اسْمَ الرَّبِّ يَخْلُصُ.

والتسبيح لله دائماً.

Gospel Reading

Saint Luke 24:36-48

The Apostle Writes:

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

مِنَ انْجِيلِ الْقَدِيسِ لَوْقَا

فِيمَا الرُّسُلُ يَتَكَلَّمُونَ بِهَذَا، وَقَفَ يَسُوعُ فِي وَسْطِهِمْ، وَقَالَ لَهُمْ: "السَّلَامُ لَكُمْ!". فَأَرْتَاغُوا، وَاسْتَوَلَى عَلَيْهِمُ الْخَوْفُ، وَكَانُوا يَظُنُّونَ أَنَّهُمْ يُشَاهِدُونَ رُوحًا. فَقَالَ لَهُمْ يَسُوعُ: "مَا بَالُكُمْ مُضْطَرِبِينَ؟ وَلِمَاذَا تُخَالِجُ هَذِهِ الْأَفْكَارُ قُلُوبَكُمْ؟ أَنْظَرُوا إِلَى يَدَيَّ وَرِجْلَيَّ، فَإِنِّي أَنَا هُوَ. جُسُونِي، وَأَنْظَرُوا، فَإِنَّ الرُّوحَ لَا لَحْمَ لَهُ وَلَا عِظَامَ كَمَا تَرَوْنَ لِي!". قَالَ هَذَا وَأَرَاهُمْ يَدَيْهِ وَرِجْلَيْهِ. وَإِذْ كَانُوا بَعْدُ غَيْرَ مُصَدِّقِينَ مِنَ الْفَرَحِ، وَمُتَعَجِّبِينَ، قَالَ لَهُمْ: "هَلْ عِنْدَكُمْ هُنَا طَعَامٌ؟". فَقَدَّمُوا لَهُ قِطْعَةً مِنْ سَمَكٍ مَشْوِيٍّ، وَمِنْ شَهْدِ عَسَلٍ. فَأَخَذَهَا وَأَكَلَهَا بِمَرَأَى مِنْهُمْ، وَقَالَ لَهُمْ: "هَذَا هُوَ كَلَامِي الَّذِي كَلَّمْتُكُمْ بِهِ، وَأَنَا بَعْدُ مَعَكُمْ. كَانَ يَنْبَغِي أَنْ يَتِمَّ كُلُّ مَا كُتِبَ عَنِّي فِي تَوْرَةِ مُوسَى، وَالْأَنْبِيَاءِ وَالْمَزَامِيرِ". حِينَئِذٍ فَتَحَ أَذْهَانَهُمْ لِيَفْهَمُوا الْكُتُبَ. ثُمَّ قَالَ لَهُمْ: "هَكَذَا مَكْتُوبٌ أَنَّ الْمَسِيحَ يَتَأَلَّمَ، وَيَقُومُ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ فِي الْيَوْمِ الثَّالِثِ. وَبِاسْمِهِ يُكْرَزُ بِالتَّوْبَةِ لِمَغْفِرَةِ الْخَطَايَا، فِي جَمِيعِ الْأُمَمِ، إِبْتِدَاءً مِنْ أُورُشَلِيمَ. وَأَنْتُمْ شُهُودٌ عَلَى ذَلِكَ.

حَقًّا وَالْأَمَانُ لَجَمِيعِكُمْ.