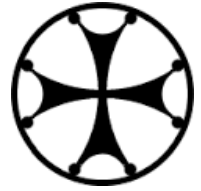




# Saint Maron

## Maronite Catholic Church



May 23-24, 2020

### SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION



#### Love

Love without Borders

Love without Justifications

Love without Conditions

Jesus' commandment for us is "to love one another so everyone may know we are His Disciples."

The question is:

To love or not to love?

To be loved or not to be loved?

The symbol of Jesus' love for us is the cross and his crucifixion, to give us the eternal life.

So, what is the human love?

How and what should we love?

How the real love should be?

Can we do the same like Jesus?

Can we, at least, try to do it and to live it?

Jesus forgave all human's sins.

Can we do the same?

When we understand that "the fear of God does not keep us away from Him but it attracts us

to Him", then we will be able to love one another like Jesus asked us to do.

This one commandment will change the world if we live it:

The love of the parents to their children.

The love of the children to their parents.

The love and respect of our elderly.

The love of teaching.

The love of studying.

The love of working.

The love of the rules and regulations.

The love of humanities.

The love of your homeland.

Saint Augustine said "Love and do what you want". This is one of the most known sayings of Saint Augustine that gives a true definition of the real identity of God which is Love.

Glory be to God. Amen.

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

**Sunday, May 24, @ 11:00AM,**

**Wednesday, May 27, @ 6:00PM,** liturgy is being offered for the Graduates of our parish. May God bless them.

**Saturday, May 30, @ 6:00PM,** liturgy is being offered for the soul of Matthew Mockewich and Frank & Agnes Muto requested by Marlene Mockewich. May their souls rest in peace.

**Sunday, May 31, @ 11:00AM,** (Pentecost Sunday)

## 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.

## 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.**

## "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](mailto:office@saintmaron.org) the names of your beloved ones that you would like us to include during liturgy. May their souls rest in peace.

## 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.

## WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR May 16-17, 2020

Collection by mail	\$ 1,110.00
Shawarma Sales	\$ 2,026.46
Online (04/29-05/05)	\$ 155.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 3,291.46</b>

## 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.



# Class of 2020

## 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE GRADUATES

### **Samira Akkari**

Graduated from Merchantville Elementary School and will be attending Haddon heights High School

### **Gracy Zeinoun**

Graduated from St. Anthony of Padua School and will be attending Neumann Goretti High School

## HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

### **Sophie Cherfane**

Graduated from Cherry Hill High School West and will be attending Rutgers University

### **Ryan Cherfane**

Graduated from Cherry Hill High School East and will be attending West Virginia University

### **Gael Zeinoun**

Graduated from Neumann Goretti High School and will be attending Temple University

### **Maria Cherfane**

Graduated from Cherry Hill High School East and will be attending Stockton University

### **Alex Cherfane**

Graduated from Cherry Hill High School East and will be attending Rutgers University

### **Matthew Cherfane**

Graduated from Moorestown Friends School will be attending Drexel University

## COLLEGE GRADUATES

### **Sarah Labbad**

Graduated Magna Cum Laude from Fox Business School Temple University. Bachelor of Business Administration in Management Information Systems



# Congratulations!





## PUT A SMILE ON YOUR FACE!

The priest knocked on the door, and the owner of the house did not open, so he left a card under the door that read “Revelation 3:20,” so the answer came on Sunday on the same card: “Genesis 3:10”

The new priest started his visits to the parishioners. He got to a house and knocked on the door. It was very clear that someone was in the house, but no one opened. The priest insisted on the ways of the Pope, but no answer. So he took a card and wrote on it: "Revelation 3:20" and put it under the door and went. On Sunday after the Mass, he found in the tray his tag that he had placed under the door with an answer saying: "Genesis 3:10"... He immediately took the Bible and searched, and fell to the ground from laughter !!!

The Priest's Message - Revelation 3:20 says: "Behold, I am standing on the door knocking, if someone hears my voice and opens the door, I enter into it and dine with it." As for

the answer that came from the owner of the house, it was Genesis 3:10, in which: "I heard your voice in heaven (the

garden), and I was afraid because I was naked and I went into hiding" 😊



# The First Rosary

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### First Reading

#### Ephesians 1:15-23

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

Brothers and Sisters:

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

**Praise be to God always.**

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل أفسس

يا إِخْوَتِي، أَنَا أَيْضًا، وَقَدْ سَمِعْتُ بِإِيمَانِكُمْ بِالرَّبِّ يَسُوعَ، وَمَحَبَّتِكُمْ لِجَمِيعِ الإِخْوَةِ الْقَدِيسِينَ، لَا أَزَالُ أَشْكُرُ اللَّهَ مِنْ أَجْلِكُمْ، وَأَذْكُرْكُمْ فِي صَلَوَاتِي، لِيُعْطِيَكُمْ إِلَهُ رَبَّنَا يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحَ، أَبُو الْمَجْدِ، رُوحَ الْحِكْمَةِ وَالْوَحْيِ فِي مَعْرِفَتِكُمْ لَهُ، فَيُنِيرَ عُيُونَ قُلُوبِكُمْ، لِتَعْلَمُوا مَا هُوَ رَجَاءُ دَعْوَتِهِ، وَمَا هُوَ غِنَى مَجْدِ مِيرَاثِهِ فِي الْقَدِيسِينَ، وَمَا هِيَ عَظَمَةُ قُدْرَتِهِ الْفَائِقَةِ مِنْ أَجْلِنَا، نَحْنُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ، بِحَسَبِ عَمَلِ عِزَّةِ قُوَّتِهِ، الَّذِي عَمِلَهُ فِي الْمَسِيحِ، إِذْ أَقَامَهُ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، وَأَجْلَسَهُ إِلَى يَمِينِهِ فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ، فَوْقَ كُلِّ رِئَاسَةٍ وَسُلْطَانٍ وَقُوَّةٍ وَسِيَادَةٍ، وَكُلِّ اسْمٍ مُسَمًّى، لَا فِي هَذَا الدَّهْرِ وَحَسَبُ، بَلْ فِي الْآتِي أَيْضًا؛ وَأَخْضَعَ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ تَحْتَ قَدَمَيْهِ، وَجَعَلَهُ فَوْقَ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ، رَأْسًا لِلْكَنِيسَةِ، وَهِيَ جَسَدُهُ وَمِلْؤُهُ، هُوَ الَّذِي يَمْلَأُ الْكُلَّ فِي الْكُلِّ.

والتسبيح لله دائماً.

## Gospel Reading

### Saint John 13:31-35

#### The Apostle Writes:

When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

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

#### مِنْ إِنْجِيلِ الْقَدِّيسِ يُوْحَنَّا

لَمَّا خَرَجَ يَهُوذَا الْإِسْخَرْيُوطِيُّ قَالَ يَسُوعُ: «الآنَ مُجِدَّ ابْنُ الْإِنْسَانِ وَمُجِدَّ اللَّهُ فِيهِ. إِنْ كَانَ اللَّهُ قَدْ مُجِدَّ فِيهِ، فَاللَّهُ سَيَمَجِّدُهُ فِي ذَاتِهِ، وَحَالاً يَمَجِّدُهُ. يَا أَوْلَادِي، أَنَا مَعَكُمْ بَعْدَ زَمَنٍ قَلِيلًا. سَتَطْلُبُونِي، وَلَكِنْ مَا قُلْتُهِ لِلْيَهُودِ أَقُولُهُ لَكُمْ الْآنَ: حَيْثُ أَنَا أَمْضِي لَا تَقْدِرُونَ أَنْ تَأْتُوا. وَصِيَّةٌ جَدِيدَةٌ أُعْطِيكُمْ، أَنْ تُحِبُّوا بَعْضُكُمْ بَعْضًا. أَجَلْ، أَنْ تُحِبُّوا بَعْضُكُمْ بَعْضًا كَمَا أَنَا أَحْبَبْتُكُمْ. بِهِذَا يَعْرِفُ الْجَمِيعُ أَنَّكُمْ تَلَامِيذِي، إِنْ كَانَ فِيكُمْ حُبٌّ بَعْضُكُمْ لِبَعْضٍ».

**حَقًّا وَالْأَمَانُ لَجَمِيعِكُمْ.**