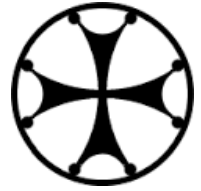




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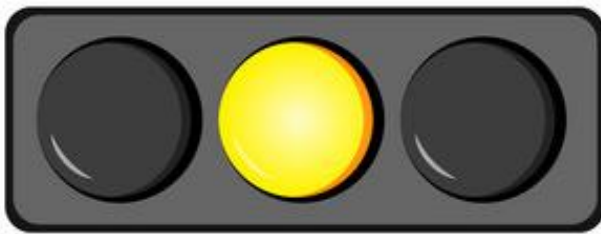
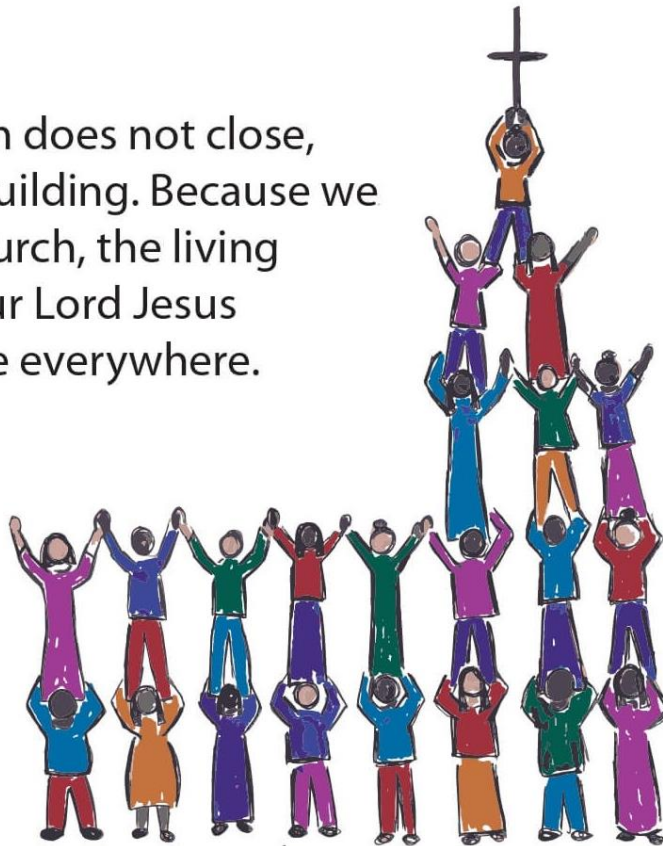
Maronite Catholic Church



June 13-14, 2020

THIRD SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

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WELCOME BACK TO CHURCH!

Hopefully soon we will turn to the Green Phase

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.

THE CELEBRATION OF DIVINE LITURGY DURING THE PENNSYLVANIA YELLOW PHASE

As of June 5, 2020, Philadelphia moved into the yellow phase of the reopening of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The yellow phase lifts many restrictions previously in place during the red phase, including Governor Wolf's *Stay at Home* order. With the yellow phase, it is now possible to assemble safely in our churches for Divine Liturgy and the celebration of the Sacraments. The yellow phase still requires precautions to limit the spread of COVID-19 and our corporate responsibility to observe them.

SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2020 will be our first Divine Liturgy open for public. Whoever is planning on attending Liturgy, please read carefully the following requirements to transition to the yellow phase. If we don't comply with these requirements, we will lose the privilege of being able to celebrate Divine Liturgy with your presence.

GENERAL POINTS

- The faithful continue to be dispensed by Bishop Gregory from the obligation to attend Divine Liturgy on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation until further notice.
- Those who are sick or compromised due to health conditions are not to come to church. Likewise, those who are at risk are not to exercise liturgical ministries.

- We will continue to Live Stream Divine Liturgies on Facebook and YouTube.
- Divine Liturgies will be celebrated in the Church Hall where we can accommodate a larger number of parishioners. In the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, houses of worship may be occupied up to 50% during the yellow phase. Therefore, we set up the hall respecting all social distance requirements and we will be able to accommodate **50 parishioners** to attend each Liturgy.
- Parishioners wishing to attend Divine Liturgy will be able to sign up through the parish website: www.saintmaron.org or through the link the following link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040548A9A822A3FD0-stmaron>. For those who don't have access to the internet you can call the church office and we will assist you to sign up.
- We will have ushers and greeters at every liturgy to assist with this transition phase and to answer your questions. We ask that you kindly respect what they ask of you. They are there to protect everyone's safety and health.
- Holy water fonts will remain empty.
- There will be **NO SOCIAL HOUR** after Divine Liturgy and no coffee will be offered.
- Only the single bathroom at the entrance of the hall will be open; this is a unisex bathroom. All others will be closed.

SANITATION

- All areas of the church hall will be sanitized routinely, according to the guidelines for sanitation provided by the CDC for houses of worship.
- Doors will be kept open before and after Liturgy.
- Doorknobs and handles will be sanitized after every Liturgy.
- Hand sanitizers will be available at the entrance of the church hall. We encourage everybody to bring their own hand sanitizer and wipes, as they are very difficult to find in the stores.

SOCIAL DISTANCING

- The guidelines for social distancing provided by the CDC for houses of worship will be endorsed. **SIX FEET** is the norm for social distancing.
- Everyone (except those 2 years of age and younger) attending is to **WEAR A FACE MASK** throughout the celebration of Divine Liturgy except for the reception of Holy Communion. The face covering or mask should be only removed for the reception of Holy Communion.
- Social distancing should be observed between members of different households.
- Members of the same household (such as families) do not need to observe social distancing among themselves and may sit together as normal.
- Gatherings of parishioners are not to take place before or after Divine Liturgy for any reason. As people arrive to the church hall, they are to go immediately to their place.
- While receiving Holy Communion we ask you to keep

a space of 6 feet distance between each other by standing on the marks indicated on the floor.

- The faithful may remove their face covering or mask only after they have left the church hall.

DIVINE LITURGY

- The Divine Liturgy is to be celebrated, as always, according to what is prescribed in the liturgical books.
- Priests and deacons are not expected to wear masks or gloves.
- Holy Communion is not to be distributed wearing gloves.
- Choir members will maintain physical distance and follow all safety measures throughout Divine Liturgy.
- Liturgical Books will not be available, we will use our hall projector to post the service and everybody will be able to pray with us.
- The Church Bulletin will not be printed, we will continue to email it and post it on Facebook.
- The procession with the Gifts during the Offertory is omitted.
- The collection baskets will be placed at the entrance of the hall where parishioners can place their offerings before or after Liturgy.
- The sign of the peace will be without contact throughout the church.
- **Distribution of Holy Communion:** To avoid a real risk of infection with COVID-19 for the priest and the parishioners, Holy Communion will be distributed in the **HAND** at this time.

DIVINE LITURGIES

Saturday, June 13, @ 6:00PM,
(Feast of St. Aquilina of Jbeil and St. Anthony of Padua)
liturgy is being offered for the soul of Marie Tilli. May her soul rest in peace.

Sunday, June 14, @ 11:00AM,
(Feast of St. Elisha the Prophet)

Saturday, June 20, @ 6:00PM,
Sunday, June 21, @ 11:00AM,
(Feast of St. Louis Gonzaga)
liturgy is being offered for the soul of Rahil Youssif requested by Peter and Ramona Semaan and family. May her souls rest in peace.

"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.

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

June 6-7, 2020

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| Collection by mail | \$ 1,485.00 |
| Online (06/03-06/09) | \$ 150.00 |
| Kibbi Platter | \$ 2,661.00 |
| Total: | \$ 4,296.00 |



IN OUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers Bonnie Gorman, 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, 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, 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.

BEEF SHAWARMA TAKE OUT

We are continuing with our small fundraisers while keeping everybody safe and respecting the social distancing.

Our next event is **Beef Shawarma Platters take out on Wednesday, June 17, 2020.**

The items you can order are the following:

- **Beef Shawarma Platter:** includes 1 1/2 lbs beef, tahini sauce, parsley, tomatoes, pickles and bread for \$40.00

Side Dishes

- **Baba Ghannouj:** 1lb. of Baba for \$6.00

- **French Fries:** 1 large order for \$5.00

Dessert

- **Rice Pudding:** each container for \$7.00

For everybody's safety, the Shawarma 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 **no later than Sunday, June 14, 2020.**

Thank you for your continuous support to Saint Maron Church.

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First Reading

1 Corinthians 2:1-10

A reading from the First letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians. Your blessing father...

Brothers and Sisters:

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, 'What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him' these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.

Praise be to God always.

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الأولى إلى أهل قورنثس

يا إِخْوَتِي، أَنَا، لَمَّا أَتَيْتُكُمْ لِأُبَشِّرْكُمْ بِسِرِّ اللَّهِ، لَمْ آتِ بِبِرَاعَةِ الْكَلَامِ أَوْ الْحِكْمَةِ؛ لِأَنِّي قَرَّرْتُ أَنْ لَا أَعْرِفَ بَيْنَكُمْ شَيْئًا إِلَّا يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحَ، وَإِيَّاهُ مَصْلُوبًا! وَقَدْ جِئْتُ إِلَيْكُمْ بِضَعْفٍ وَخَوْفٍ وَرِعْدَةٍ شَدِيدَةٍ. وَلَمْ يَكُنْ كَلَامِي وَتَبَشِيرِي بِكَلِمَاتِ الْحِكْمَةِ وَالِإِقْنَاعِ، بَلْ بِبُرْهَانِ الرُّوحِ وَالْقُدْرَةِ، لِئَلَّا يَكُونَ إِيمَانُكُمْ قَائِمًا عَلَى حِكْمَةِ النَّاسِ، بَلْ عَلَى قُدْرَةِ اللَّهِ. غَيْرَ أَنَّنَا نَنْطِقُ بِالْحِكْمَةِ بَيْنَ الْكَامِلِينَ، وَلَكِنْ لَا بِحِكْمَةِ هَذَا الدَّهْرِ، وَلَا بِحِكْمَةِ رُؤَسَاءِ هَذَا الدَّهْرِ الَّذِينَ مَصِيرُهُمْ إِلَى الزَّوَالِ. بَلْ نَنْطِقُ بِسِرِّ حِكْمَةِ اللَّهِ الْمَخْجُوبَةِ، الَّتِي سَبَقَ اللَّهُ فَحَدَّدَهَا قَبْلَ الدُّهُورِ لِمَجْدِنَا. وَهِيَ الْحِكْمَةُ الَّتِي لَمْ يَعْرِفْهَا أَحَدٌ مِنْ رُؤَسَاءِ هَذَا الدَّهْرِ، لِأَنَّهُمْ لَوْ عَرَفُوهَا لَمَّا صَلَبُوا رَبَّ الْمَجْدِ. وَلَكِنْ، كَمَا هُوَ مَكْتُوبٌ: "مَا لَمْ تَرَهُ عَيْنٌ، وَلَمْ تَسْمَعْ بِهِ أُذُنٌ، وَلَمْ يَخْطُرْ عَلَى قَلْبٍ بَشَرٌ، قَدْ أَعَدَّهُ اللَّهُ لِلَّذِينَ يُحِبُّونَهُ". لَكِنَّ اللَّهَ أَعْلَنَهُ لَنَا بِرُوحِهِ، لِأَنَّ الرُّوحَ يَسْبُرُ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ حَتَّى أَعْمَاقَ اللَّهِ.

والتسبيح لله دائماً.

Gospel Reading

Saint John 14:21-27

The Apostle Writes:

They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.' Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, 'Lord, how is it that you will reveal yourself to us, and not to the world?' Jesus answered him, 'Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. 'I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

مِنْ إِنْجِيلِ الْقَدِّيسِ يُوْحَنَّا

قَالَ الرَّبُّ يَسُوعُ لِتَلَامِيذِهِ: "مَنْ كَانَتْ لَدَيْهِ وَصَايَايَ وَيَحْفَظُهَا، هُوَ الَّذِي يُحِبُّنِي. وَمَنْ يُحِبُّنِي يُحِبُّهُ أَبِي، وَأَنَا أُحِبُّهُ وَأُظْهِرُ لَهُ ذَاتِي". قَالَ لَهُ يَهُوذَا، لَا ذَاكَ الْإِسْخَرْيُوطِيَّ: "يَا رَبِّ، مَاذَا جَرَى حَتَّى تُظْهِرَ ذَاتَكَ لَنَا، لَا لِلْعَالَمِ؟". أَجَابَ يَسُوعُ وَقَالَ لَهُ: "مَنْ يُحِبُّنِي يَحْفَظُ كَلِمَتِي، وَأَبِي يُحِبُّهُ وَإِلَيْهِ نَأْتِي، وَعِنْدَهُ نَجْعَلُ لَنَا مَنْزِلًا. مَنْ لَا يُحِبُّنِي لَا يَحْفَظُ كَلِمَتِي. وَالْكَلِمَةُ الَّتِي تَسْمَعُونَهَا لَيْسَتْ كَلِمَتِي، بَلْ كَلِمَةُ الْآبِ الَّذِي أَرْسَلَنِي. كَلَّمْتُكُمْ بِهَذَا، وَأَنَا مُقِيمٌ عِنْدَكُمْ. لَكِنَّ الْبَرَقْلَيْطَ، الرُّوحَ الْقُدُسَّ، الَّذِي سَيُرْسِلُهُ الْآبُ بِأَسْمِي، هُوَ يُعَلِّمُكُمْ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ، وَيَذَكِّرُكُمْ بِكُلِّ مَا قُلْتُهُ لَكُمْ. السَّلَامُ أَسْتَوْدِعُكُمْ، سَلَامِي أُعْطِيكُمْ. لَا كَمَا يُعْطِيهِ الْعَالَمُ أَنَا أُعْطِيكُمْ. لَا يَضْطَرِبُ قَلْبُكُمْ وَلَا يَخَفُ!

حَقًّا وَالْأَمَانُ لِكُلِّكُمْ.