



Saint Maron

Maronite Catholic Church



June 27-28, 2020

FIFTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul



CALLING YOU

Jesus called the Apostles

Jesus, the Living God, who wanted to save us according to our will, our heart, our soul and our body, so he gave the power to save ourselves through Him. The first pillar of building salvation, is accepting the call to uphold our home and reconcile with ourselves no matter how fragile our view may be. Christ invited the disciples personally; He didn't invite them because of their position, their college degree or their wealth; He called simple people, and established a direct personal relationship with them. They accepted according to their will and

followed Him with confidence. Afterwards, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they went out to proclaim the good news all over the world.

Today, who is invited?

We are all called without exception, because we were born with holiness. When we underestimate it or invoke our ineligibility to it, we are evading the responsibility of this fact for which we were created, and by which we ascend to heaven with the participation of the Son through His Holy Spirit present in us. Is the participation of the Holy Spirit and the Son under the eyes of the Father?

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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Yes, of course; God's love for his children makes him yearn for them with all his possibilities, and will provide them with all that they need for a life full of peace, joy, and sufficiency. He wants them to realize how important they are for Him. No matter where they are, no matter the abilities and talents they have, even the poorest of the poor, are accepted by the Father; His fatherhood doesn't have any exception.

How do we become witnesses of God?

How do we become witnesses in our world where everything is different from the time of the Apostles, the Wanderers, and the forum arenas? As Pope Benedict XVI said, "The best testimony of Christ, and the best revelation, always lie in the lives of true Christians" at all times and all places.

Our Christian families that radiate faith in the presence of God crystallize, which attracts the person who is stranger from God's presence. This will get him to raise questions and will lead him to invite God to his life because He is the reason of peace and reassurance. Then he discovers the truth through the simplicity of the Christian life that is based on the conscious of faith and practiced by work even by doing the smallest things. The Gospel will deeply touch him. Then, he discovers that the gospel is a real life that combines sweet and joy, and despair has no room in it. Because the feet are steady on the land of hope, without being afflicted in the clouds of feelings and drowning in the interpretation of secrets, so we gage ourselves as having risen to the highest levels of spiritual perfection.

To whom do we carry Jesus?

One way or another, our mission is to bring Jesus to the people of this time. We accomplish it through our behaviors and by dealing with the others with Christian love toward every ignorant and indifferent and toward every lukewarm or confusion. Let us be steadfast people on the ground, and let us live together the joys of one family in the Universal Church because it has one love: the love of the Father. And finally, **Jesus' call doesn't stop by at twelve apostles, but the call is still active and will last forever. Hear the voice calling you:**

Theresa, Michael, Angela, Denise, John, Ann, George, Elias, Joseph, Pascal, Samar, Margarette, Ziad, Sara, Rima, Roger, Yasmine, Pierre, Jimmy, Majed, Christina, Frank, Peter, Sophie, Christelle, Stephanie, Maria, Anthony, Zeina, Philip, John-Paul, Tony, Suzanne, Syrine, Denise, William, Micheline, Summer, Paul, Debbie, Joe, Ricardo, Nai, Ruby, Kelly, Ghaleb, Nadeem, Elissa, Claudia, Gael, Chris, Nicole, Joyce, Ida, Dany, Carol, Layal, Sandro, Tina, Maya, Juliano, Norma, Angelo, Tamara, Eddy, May, Jennifer, Nicholas, Reese, Joelle, Elio, Samira, Natalie, Lareine, Daniel, Katie, Jessica, Mariam, Ryan, Samar, Mathew, Rony, Laila, Robert, Albert, Patricia, Rosemarie, Helen, Barbara, Salema, Georgette, Patrick, Jano, Christopher, Jocelyne, Amal, Paul, Sharbel, Craig, Sylvia, Eva, Cynthia, Gracy, Solaine, Vincent, Jean-Marc, Gabriel, Habib, Adib, Mary, James, Rose, Serge, Wissam, Steve, Linda, Emile, Rania, Margo, Samir,...

Fr. Samir Chebli

DIVINE LITURGIES

Saturday, June 27, @ 6:00PM,
Sunday, June 28, @ 11:00AM,
(Feast of St. Irenaeus) liturgy is being offered for the soul of Peter Koway requested by Terri Koway. May his soul rest in peace.

Saturday, July 4, @ 6:00PM,
NO DIVINE LITURGY

Sunday, July 5, @ 11:00AM,
 liturgy is being offered for the souls of Fouad and Shushan Raie requested by Khalil and Madline Raie and family. May their souls rest in peace.

NO DIVINE LITURGY

The Independence Day of American falls on **Saturday, July 4, 2020**. Therefore, there will be NO DIVINE LITURGY on that Saturday. Happy Independence Day!

"REMEMBER ME IN YOUR KINGDOM"

Tuesday, July 7 at 6PM, 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 June 20-21, 2020

Collection	\$ 907.00
Donation	\$ 50.00
Online (06/20-06/23)	\$ 350.00
Shawarma Sales	\$ 1,041.05
Total:	\$ 2,348.05

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, 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 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.



DIVINE LITURGY DURING THE GREEN PHASE

FRIDAY, JULY 3, 2020

Philadelphia will enter the GREEN PHASE of reopening. Therefore, few restrictions will be lifted and some precautions will still be required to limit the spread of COVID-19. Please read carefully the following requirements of the transition to the green phase. If we don't comply with these requirements, we will lose the privilege of being able to celebrate Divine Liturgy with your presence.

Similar to the CDC Guidelines for houses of worship, the guidance from commonwealth of Pennsylvania makes some exceptions for houses of worship:

"Churches, synagogues, temples, mosques and other places of congregated worship are specifically excluded from the limitations established by this Guidance (cf. the June 1, 2020 document found on the website of the Pennsylvania Department of Health) these instructions are strongly encouraged to institute social distancing and other mitigation measures like masking at their gathering."

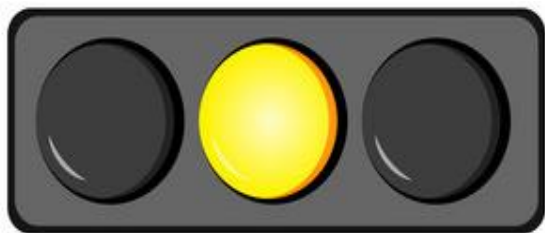
- The faithful continue to be dispensed by Bishop Gregory from the obligation to attend Divine Liturgy on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation until further notice.
- Those who are sick or compromised due to health conditions are still asked not to come to church.
- We will continue to Live Stream Divine Liturgies on Facebook and YouTube.
- Divine Liturgies will still 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 75% during the green phase. Therefore, we will be able to accommodate **75 parishioners** at 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.
- **EVERYONE** (except those 2 years of age and younger) attending is to **WEAR A FACE MASK** throughout the celebration of Divine Liturgy. The face covering or mask should be only removed for the reception of Holy Communion. The faithful may remove their face covering or mask only after they have left the church hall.
- **SIX FEET** distance between individuals is the norm for social distancing.
- 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.
- Holy water fonts will remain empty.
- Doors will be kept open before and after Liturgy.
- There will be **NO SOCIAL HOUR** after Divine Liturgy and no coffee will be offered.
- 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.
- Only the single bathroom at the entrance of the hall will be open;

this is a unisex bathroom. All others will be closed.

- All areas of the church hall will be sanitized routinely, according to the guidelines for sanitation provided by the CDC for houses of worship.
- 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.
- Priests and deacons are not expected to wear masks or gloves.
- **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.
- 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.
- 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 sign of the peace will be without contact throughout the church.
- The collection baskets will be placed at the entrance of the hall where parishioners can place their offerings before or after Liturgy.



WELCOME BACK!

July 3, 2020
Start of the **GREEN PHASE**

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First Reading

Philippians 3:7-14

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

Brothers and Sisters:

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Praise be to God always.

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل فيلبّي

يا إخوتي، إنّ كلّ هذه الأمور التي كانت لي ربحاً، حسبتها من أجل المسيح خسراناً. بل إنّني أحسب كلّ شيء أيضاً خسراناً، إزاء الربّ الأعظم وهو معرفة المسيح يسوع ربّي، الذي من أجله خسرت كلّ شيء، وأحسبته نقاية لأربح المسيح، وأوجد فيه مبرراً لا بالبرّ الذي من الشريعة، بل بالبرّ الذي من الإيمان بالمسيح، والذي هو من الله، والقائم على الإيمان. وذلك لكي أعرفه وأعترف قوّة قيامته، وأسترك في آلامه، متشبّهاً به في موته، لعلّي أبلغ القيامة من بين الأموات. ولا أدعي أنني قد حصلت على ذلك، أو أنني بلغت إلى الكمال، لكنني أسعى لعلّي أدركه، لأنّ المسيح يسوع أدركني! أيّها الإخوة، أنا لا أظن أنني أدركت، ولكن يهمني أمر واحد، وهو أن أنسى ما ورائي، وأمتدّ إلى ما أمامي. فأسعى إلى الهدف لأفوز بالجائزة العليا التي يدعونا الله إليها في المسيح يسوع.

والتسبيح لله دائماً.

Gospel Reading

Saint Matthew 10:1-7

The Apostle Writes:

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax-collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: 'Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, "The kingdom of heaven has come near."

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

مِنْ إِنْجِيلِ الْقَدِيسِ مَتَّى

دَعَا يَسُوعُ تَلَامِيذَهُ الْاِثْنَيْ عَشَرَ، فَأَعْطَاهُمْ سُلْطَانًا يَطْرُدُونَ بِهِ الْأَرْوَاحَ النَّجِسَةَ، وَيَشْفُونَ الشَّعْبَ مِنْ كُلِّ مَرَضٍ وَكُلِّ عِلَّةٍ. وَهَذِهِ أَسْمَاءُ الرُّسُلِ الْاِثْنَيْ عَشَرَ: الْأَوَّلُ سِمْعَانُ الَّذِي يُدْعَى بُطْرُسَ، وَأَنْدَرَاوُسُ أَخُوهُ، وَيَعْقُوبُ بْنُ زَبْدَى، وَيُوحَنَّا أَخُوهُ، وَفِيلِيبُّسُ وَبَرْثُولَمَاوُسُ، وَتُومَا وَمَتَّى الْعَشَّارُ، وَيَعْقُوبُ بْنُ حَلْفَى وَتَدَّائُوسُ، وَسِمْعَانُ الْعَيُورُ وَيَهُوذَا الْإِسْخَرْيُوطِيُّ الَّذِي أَسْلَمَ يَسُوعَ. هَؤُلَاءِ الْاِثْنَا عَشَرَ أَرْسَلَهُمْ يَسُوعُ، وَقَدْ أَوْصَاهُمْ قَائِلًا: «لَا تَسْلُكُوا طَرِيقًا إِلَى الْوَتَنِيِّينَ، وَلَا تَدْخُلُوا مَدِينَةً لِلْسَّامِرِيِّينَ، بَلْ اذْهَبُوا بِالْحَرِيِّ إِلَى الْخَرَافِ الضَّالَّةِ مِنْ بَيْتِ إِسْرَائِيلَ. وَفِيمَا أَنْتُمْ ذَاهِبُونَ، نَادُوا قَائِلِينَ: لَقَدْ اقْتَرَبَ مَلَكُوتُ السَّمَاوَاتِ. حَقًّا وَالْأَمَانُ لِكُلِّكُمْ.