



# Saint Maron

## Maronite Catholic Church



July 11-12, 2020

# SEVENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST



Be "Apostles of Mercy"

### TODAY'S CHALLENGES...

What has changed today? Is it no longer urgent? Can we take the time to get ready, and take the precautions we consider appropriate if we encounter wolves? Or maybe we have the technologies to evaluate and study our mission as Christians? It is difficult today to meet with Christians who are suffering and exhausted due to the necessity of announcing the coming of the Kingdom. The individual's personal joy is above everything...

Isn't this our responsibility today and until the end of time? Isn't it urgent to introduce many people to Jesus' voice, which is thinner than the breeze, before they leave life in vain? There are hundreds of people who have not accepted, heard, or yet recognized this

beautiful news, the good news of salvation in Christ. It is our responsibility, as his apostles, to be that current that collects the spikes and introduces them to the word of the Father.

To be a Christian means to be responsible, to be aware of what you are doing, and to bear the consequences of everything

you do under the eyes of the Father. This means you "married" the presence of the Father in your depths, in a relationship of love that exceeds all human concepts and has priority in your life.

Are you Christians? Do not lay between spikes in the fields of the world, but be careful, be ready to work at all times, be a responsible person, deserving the trust from the one who entrusted it to you. Otherwise, the snakes will sting you while you are in the depth of your dreams, and die hugging the soil on which you are laying down.

Be confident that you are not alone in your work, in collecting the harvest. The Spirit of God is with all of you so don't be afraid of being a lamb among wolves!

Fr. Samir Chebli

### 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, July 11, @ 6:00PM,  
(Feast of St. Benedict)**

**Sunday, July 12, @ 11:00AM,**  
liturgy is being offered for the soul of Elias Said Dawlabani requested by his family. May his soul rest in peace.

### **SAINT SHARBEL DIVINE LITURGIES**

**Tuesday, July 14, @ 12:00PM,  
Wednesday, July 15 @**

**12:00PM,**

**Thursday, July 16, @  
12:00PM,**

**Friday, July 17, @ 12:00PM,**

**Saturday, July 18, @ 6:00PM,  
Sunday, July 19, @ 11:00AM,**

**(Celebration of St. Sharbel)**  
liturgy is being offered for the souls of Nadia Sara requested by her family. May her soul rest in peace.

## **CELEBRATION OF SAINT SHARBEL**

As a celebration of St. Sharbel, we will have daily liturgies from **Tuesday, July 14 to Friday, July 17 at 12:00PM.** Also, next weekend, **Saturday, July 18 and Sunday, July 19,** Divine Liturgies will be a "Healing Mass" with the intercession of Saint Sharbel. Please join us in prayers for St. Sharbel so God may grant us the healing of all our illnesses.

## **GREEN PHASE IS POSTPONED**

Philadelphia officials are postponing the transition to the green phase until early August. Therefore, we will keep the same precautions of the yellow phase of the reopening of the Church.

## **"REMEMBER ME IN YOUR KINGDOM"**

**The First Tuesday of each 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.

## **IN OUR PRAYERS**

Please keep in your prayers Roseann Carmalingo, 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.

## **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.

## **WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR July 4-5, 2020**

<b>Collection</b>	<b>\$ 1015.00</b>
<b>Donation</b>	<b>\$ 650.00</b>
<b>Online(07/01-07/06)</b>	<b>\$ 50.00</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 1,715.00</b>

## **WHY I WEAR A MASK AT CHURCH**

Jesus has called me to love my neighbor. There are vulnerable people in my congregation. The virus is real and it is dangerous. If I'm wrong, there's no harm. If I choose not to wear a mask, people could get sick and possibly die. So, I choose to wear a mask as a way to serve, as a way to love, and as a way to do my part to protect the most vulnerable people in our congregation.

## **DIVINE LITURGY DURING THE YELLOW PHASE**

Philadelphia will postpone the transition to the green phase of reopening until early August. Therefore, we will keep the same precautions of the YELLOW PHASE to limit the spread of COVID-19. Please read carefully the following requirements. 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 congregate 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 50% during

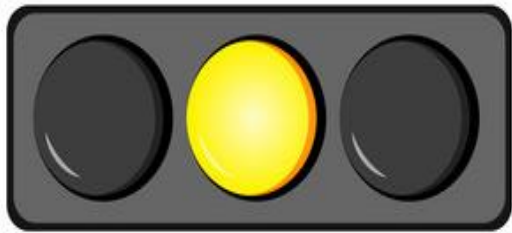
the yellow phase. Therefore, we will be able to accommodate **50 parishioners** at each Liturgy.

- Parishioners wishing to attend Divine Liturgy will be able to **SIGN UP** through the parish website: [www.saintmaron.org](http://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!

Hopefully soon we will turn to the Green Phase

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### First Reading

#### 2 Corinthians 3:1-6

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

Brothers and Sisters:

Are we beginning to commend ourselves again? Surely we do not need, as some do, letters of recommendation to you or from you, do we? You yourselves are our letter, written on our hearts, to be known and read by all; and you show that you are a letter of Christ, prepared by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts. Such is the confidence that we have through Christ towards God. Not that we are competent of ourselves to claim anything as coming from us; our competence is from God, who has made us competent to be ministers of a new covenant, not of letter but of spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

**Praise be to God always.**

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الثانية إلى أهل قورنتس

يا إخوتي، أَعُوذُ نَبْدًا فَنُوصِيكُمْ بِأَنْفُسِنَا، أَمْ تَرَانَا نَحْتَاجُ، كَبَعْضِ النَّاسِ، إِلَى رَسَائِلِ تَوْصِيَةِ إِلَيْكُمْ أَوْ مِنْكُمْ؟ إِنَّ رِسَالَتَنَا هِيَ أَنْتُمْ، وَهِيَ مَكْتُوبَةٌ فِي قُلُوبِنَا، يَعْرِفُهَا وَيَقْرَأُهَا جَمِيعُ النَّاسِ. أَجَلٌ، لَقَدْ اتَّضَحَ أَنَّكُمْ رِسَالَةُ الْمَسِيحِ، الَّتِي خَدَمْنَاهَا نَحْنُ، وَهِيَ مَكْتُوبَةٌ لَا بِالْحَبْرِ بَلْ بِرُوحِ اللَّهِ الْحَيِّ، لَا عَلَى أَلْوَاحٍ مِنْ حَجَرٍ، بَلْ عَلَى أَلْوَاحٍ مِنْ لَحْمٍ أَيْ فِي قُلُوبِكُمْ. تِلْكَ هِيَ النِّقَّةُ الَّتِي لَنَا بِالْمَسِيحِ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ، وَهِيَ أَنَّنَا لَا نَقْدِرُ أَنْ نَدَّعِيَ شَيْئًا كَأَنَّهُ مِنَّا، بَلْ إِنَّ قُدْرَتَنَا هِيَ مِنْ اللَّهِ، فَهُوَ الَّذِي قَدَّرَنَا أَنْ نَكُونَ خُدَّامًا لِلْعَهْدِ الْجَدِيدِ، لَا لِلْحَرْفِ بَلْ لِلرُّوحِ، لِأَنَّ الْحَرْفَ يَقْتُلُ أَمَّا الرُّوحُ فَيُحْيِي.

والتسبيح لله دائماً.

## Gospel Reading

Saint Luke 10:1-7

### The Apostle Writes:

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house.

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

### مِنْ إِنْجِيلِ الْقَدِيسِ لَوْقَا

بَعْدَ ذَلِكَ عَيَّنَ الرَّبُّ اثْنَيْنِ وَسَبْعِينَ آخَرِينَ، وَأَرْسَلَهُمْ اثْنَيْنِ اثْنَيْنِ أَمَامَ وَجْهِهِ إِلَى كُلِّ مَدِينَةٍ وَمَوْضِعٍ كَانَ مُزْمِعًا أَنْ يَذْهَبَ إِلَيْهِ. وَقَالَ لَهُمْ: «إِنَّ الْحِصَادَ كَثِيرٌ، أَمَّا الْفَعْلَةُ فَقَلِيلُونَ. أُطْلُبُوا إِذَا مِنْ رَبِّ الْحِصَادِ أَنْ يُخْرِجَ فَعْلَةً إِلَى حِصَادِهِ. إِذْهَبُوا. هَا إِنِّي أُرْسِلُكُمْ كَالْحُمَلَانَ بَيْنَ الذِّئَابِ. لَا تَحْمِلُوا كَيْسًا، وَلَا زَادًا، وَلَا حِذَاءً، وَلَا تُسَلِّمُوا عَلَى أَحَدٍ فِي الطَّرِيقِ. وَأَيَّ بَيْتٍ دَخَلْتُمُوهُ، قُولُوا أَوَّلًا: السَّلَامُ لِهَذَا الْبَيْتِ. فَإِنْ كَانَ هُنَاكَ ابْنُ سَلَامٍ فَسَلَامُكُمْ يَسْتَقِرُّ عَلَيْهِ، وَإِلَّا فَيَرْجِعُ إِلَيْكُمْ. وَأَقِيمُوا فِي ذَلِكَ الْبَيْتِ تَأْكُلُونَ وَتَشْرَبُونَ مِمَّا عِنْدَهُمْ، لِأَنَّ الْفَاعِلَ يَسْتَحِقُّ أُجْرَتَهُ. وَلَا تَنْتَقِلُوا مِنْ بَيْتٍ إِلَى بَيْتٍ. حَقًّا وَالْأَمَانُ لِكُلِّكُمْ.