



Saint Maron Maronite Catholic Church



April 3-4, 2021

GLORIOUS RESURRECTION Al Massih Kam ... Hakkan Kam



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The Joy of Easter

In the American Musical, *Fiddler on the Roof*, a wedding takes place in the midst of the many difficulties faced by their tiny community. In one of the lines from the wedding song, entitled *To Life*, they sing:

“God would like us to be joyful, even though our hearts lie panting on the floor”

These famous lines remind me of this Easter (and also last Easter!) in the midst of all the troubles of the world. Yes, “God would like us to be joyful” even in the midst of all the troubles we face. The verse of the Negro Spiritual also comes to mind: “Nobody knows the troubles I face, nobody knows, but Jesus”.

Brothers and Sisters, the Church has faced troubles in every age, and will face troubles until the return of her spouse, Jesus Christ. Nonetheless, Christ has not left us orphaned (John 14:8). He has given us his Holy Spirit, has bequeathed to us his Church and his Blessed Mother (John 19:26), and has given us the example of how to stand before the “powers” of this world and to say “you have no power over me”, as he said to Pontius Pilate (John 19:11).

In fact, by his grace and example we are fully equipped to face every difficulty, and to say with Saint Paul, “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me” (Phil 4:13).

Easter is a time to reaffirm once again that we who have been baptized into Christ, have also been baptized into his death:

“All of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death, so that just as Christ was raised from the dead to the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life”. (Rom 6:3-4)

What a blessing it is for us to be born anew in the waters of Baptism! In fact, it is such a blessing that we can indeed say that God has enabled us “to be joyful, even though our hearts lie panting on the floor”.

Happy Easter to all!

+ Gregory

+ Gregory John Mansour

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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, April 3, @ 6:00PM,
Sunday, April 4, @ 11:00AM,
GLORIOUS RESURRECTION
liturgy is being offered for the souls of the deceased members of the Tavani, Joseph, Mosey and Rohanna families requested by Deebianne and Suzanne Tavani. May their souls rest in peace. And we remember in a special way the Parishioners of Saint Maron Church.

Saturday, April 10, @ 6:00PM,
liturgy is offered for the soul of deceased members of the Devito Family and for the soul of James Stone requested by Chucky Simon. May their souls rest in peace.

Sunday, April 11, @ 11:00AM,
liturgy is offered for the soul of Akram Ajina and the deceased members of the Ajina family requested by Philip and Vivian Rai and family. May their souls rest in peace.

THANK YOU

Thank you for everyone who donated to the Church this past week. 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. Thank you for your continuous support during these challenging times.



ELDERLY COMMUNION

If you wish to receive communion at home, please contact the Church Office at 215-389-2000.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers John Joseph, Stephen Bressi, Pierre Khoury, Tina Grassia, Michelle Raymond, Elissar Ayoub, Lou Iovino, Ralph Passio, Joanne Simon-Turing, Diane McLaughlin, Bonnie Gorman, Kevin Khoury, Marie McCrea, Suzanne Haney, Luke Farrell Jr., Linda DiBernardo, Joan Speck, David Joseph Cook, Eddie Tayoun, Minarva Labbad, Dante Panichi, Dennis Strelchuk, Carol Krestos, Gladys Dalcourt, Denise Furey, Chucky Simon, Mirta Ruiz, Rita Impo, Jade Kellam, Marion Thomas Branca, Francesca Impo, Lucy DiLuce, Laurent Chidiac, Tom Hart, John Hart, Fadi Jaber, Joseph Realdine, Emily Stone, 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, and Angel Salerno. 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 intention.

WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR March 27-28, 2021

Sunday Collection	\$ 974.00
Donation	\$ 500.00
Online Collection	\$ 60.00
Total:	\$ 1,534.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 3,950.00
Deficit	- \$ 2,416.00

BISHOP'S APPEAL

TOTAL RECEIVED	\$ 3,340.00
GOAL	\$ 3,500.00
BALANCE	\$ 160.00

Divine Liturgies will be in the Church.
Seating is limited to **50 people**.

Please "SignUp" before attending.

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 Dear Parishioners,

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The Sisters are in a dire situation and in great need of financial and every other support possible. They go into debt daily in order to serve the most vulnerable. We would welcome any financial, or service, solidarity you can offer to them, even if a symbolic one.

The following link is a very informative video of Fr. Michel Abboud, President of Caritas Lebanon, talking about the Sisters' incredible work serving Christ's poor. www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yc_mo4F3ouI

Donations can be made by sending a check payable to the Eparchy of Saint Maron, 109 Remsen Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201 (please note "Franciscan Sisters" in the memo section), or online at www.stmaron.org/donate-for-lebanon.

Thank you always for your support for the Eparchy and beyond! May you have a very blessed Triduum.

+Gregory

ROSARY BY ZOOM

The Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn invites all of you to join and pray the Rosary every second Monday of the month via Zoom. The first meeting will be on Monday, February 8, 2021 at 8pm. Everybody is invited to join. All details are mentioned in the following flyer:



" I am the Lady of the Rosary. Continue always to pray the Rosary every day" -*Our Lady of Fatima*



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First Reading

1 Corinthians 15:12-26

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

Brothers and Sisters:

If Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Praise be to God always.

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الأولى إلى أهل كورنثوس

يا إِخْوَتِي، إِنْ كَانَ الْمَسِيحُ يُبَشِّرُ بِهِ أَنَّهُ قَامَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، فَكَيْفَ يَقُولُ بَعْضُ مِنْكُمْ أَنْ لَا قِيَامَةَ لِلْأَمْوَاتِ؟ فَإِنْ كَانَ لَا قِيَامَةَ لِلْأَمْوَاتِ، فَالْمَسِيحُ أَيْضًا لَمْ يَقُمْ! وَإِنْ كَانَ الْمَسِيحُ لَمْ يَقُمْ، فَباطِلٌ تَنْبَشِيرُنَا وَباطِلٌ إِيمَانُكُمْ، وَتَكُونُ نَحْنُ شُهُودَ زُورٍ عَلَى اللَّهِ، لِأَنَّنَا شَهِدْنَا عَلَى اللَّهِ أَنَّهُ أَقَامَ الْمَسِيحَ، وَهُوَ مَا أَقَامَهُ، إِنْ صَحَّ أَنَّ الْأَمْوَاتِ لَا يَقُومُونَ. فَإِنْ كَانَ الْأَمْوَاتُ لَا يَقُومُونَ، فَالْمَسِيحُ أَيْضًا لَمْ يَقُمْ! وَإِنْ كَانَ الْمَسِيحُ لَمْ يَقُمْ، فَباطِلٌ إِيمَانُكُمْ، وَتَكُونُونَ بَعْدَ فِي خَطَايَاكُمْ. إِذَا فَالَّذِينَ رَقَدُوا فِي الْمَسِيحِ قَدْ هَلَكُوا. إِنْ كُنَّا نَرْجُو الْمَسِيحَ فِي هَذِهِ الْحَيَاةِ وَحَسْبُ، فَنَحْنُ أَشَقَى النَّاسِ أَجْمَعِينَ! وَالْحَالُ أَنَّ الْمَسِيحَ قَامَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، وَهُوَ بَاكُورَةُ الرَّاقِدِينَ. فَبِمَا أَنَّ الْمَوْتَ كَانَ بِوَأَسِطَةِ إِنْسَانٍ، فَوَأَسِطَةُ إِنْسَانٍ أَيْضًا تَكُونُ قِيَامَةَ الْأَمْوَاتِ. فَكَمَا أَنَّهُ فِي آدَمَ يَمُوتُ الْجَمِيعُ، كَذَلِكَ فِي الْمَسِيحِ سَيَحْيَا الْجَمِيعُ، كُلُّ وَاحِدٍ فِي رُتْبَتِهِ: الْمَسِيحُ أَوَّلًا، لِأَنَّهُ الْبَاكُورَةُ، ثُمَّ الَّذِينَ هُمْ لِلْمَسِيحِ، عِنْدَ مَجِيئِهِ. وَبَعْدَ ذَلِكَ تَكُونُ النِّهَايَةُ، حِينَ يُسَلِّمُ الْمَسِيحُ الْمُلْكَ إِلَى اللَّهِ الْآبِ، بَعْدَ أَنْ يَكُونَ قَدْ أَبْطَلَ كُلَّ رِئَاسَةٍ وَكُلَّ سُلْطَانٍ وَقُوَّةٍ، لِأَنَّهُ لَا بُدَّ لِلْمَسِيحِ أَنْ يَمْلِكَ، إِلَى أَنْ يَجْعَلَ اللَّهُ جَمِيعَ أَعْدَائِهِ تَحْتَ قَدَمَيْهِ. وَآخِرُ عَدُوٍّ يُبْطَلُ هُوَ الْمَوْتُ.

والتسبيح لله دائماً.

Gospel Reading

Saint Mark 16:1-8

The Apostle Writes:

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.' So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

مِنْ إِنْجِيلِ الْقَدِيسِ مَرْقَسِ

لَمَّا أَنْقَضَى السَّبْتِ، أَشْتَرَتْ مَرْيَمُ الْمَجْدَلِيَّةِ، وَمَرْيَمُ أُمُّ يَعْقُوبَ، وَسَالُومَةَ، طُيُوبًا لِيَأْتِيَنَّ وَيُطَيِّبَنَّ جَسَدَ يَسُوعَ. وَفِي يَوْمِ الْأَحَدِ بَاكِرًا جِدًّا، أَتَيْنَ إِلَى الْقَبْرِ مَعَ طُلُوعِ الشَّمْسِ. وَكُنَّ يَقُلْنَ فِيمَا بَيْنَهُنَّ: "مَنْ يَدُخِرُ لَنَا الْحَجَرَ عَنِ بَابِ الْقَبْرِ؟". وَتَقَرَّسْنَ فَشَاهَدْنَ الْحَجَرَ قَدْ دُخِرَ، وَكَانَ كَبِيرًا جِدًّا. وَدَخَلْنَ الْقَبْرَ، فَرَأَيْنَ شَابًّا جَالِسًا عَنِ الْيَمِينِ، مُتَوَشِّحًا حُلَّةً بَيْضَاءَ، فَأَنْذَهَلْنَ. فَقَالَ لَهُنَّ: "لَا تَنْذَهَلْنَ! أَنْتُنَّ تَطْلُبْنَ يَسُوعَ النَّاصِرِيِّ الْمَصْلُوبِ. إِنَّهُ قَامَ، وَهُوَ لَيْسَ هُنَا. وَهَذَا هُوَ الْمَكَانُ الَّذِي وَضَعُوهُ فِيهِ. أَلَا أَذْهَبَنَّ وَقُلْنَ لِتَلَامِيذِهِ وَلِبَطْرُسَ: إِنَّهُ يَسْبِقُكُمْ إِلَى الْجَلِيلِ. وَهُنَاكَ تَرَوْنَهُ، كَمَا قَالَ لَكُمْ". فَخَرَجْنَ مِنَ الْقَبْرِ وَهَرَبْنَ مِنْ شِدَّةِ الرِّعْدَةِ وَالذُّهُولِ. وَمِنْ خَوْفِهِنَّ لَمْ يَقُلْنَ لِأَحَدٍ شَيْئًا...
حَقًّا وَالْأَمَانُ لِجَمِيعِكُمْ.