



# Saint Maron

## Maronite Catholic Church



April 10-11, 2021

## SECOND SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

### NEW SUNDAY – DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



The Second Sunday of the Season of the Resurrection is known as New Sunday in the Maronite Church. In John 20:26 we learn that a week later Jesus appeared to his disciples who were hidden away in the Upper Room. The opening hymn of the liturgy highlights that:

*On the eighth day, full of joy, gathered in the Upper Room, the apostles all proclaimed: “Christ has risen from the dead!” ... Jesus stood before their eyes; “Thomas, see my hands and side, and come touch my wounds. Do not doubt, but now believe.”*

And that is an invitation to the whole world to believe in the Risen Lord, the Light from Light, True God from True God. Today as we struggle behind closed doors, we are invited to have full confidence in the Resurrected Lord Jesus Christ who brought Salvation to the world and granted us life.

In addition to that, today is the Divine Mercy Sunday as Pope St. John Paul II named it at the canonization of St. Faustina on April 30, 2000. Divine Mercy Sunday focuses on the gift of mercy and love given through Christ’s death, burial, and resurrection by which we can overcome sin and endure all difficulties and trials.

On this blessed day let us pray:

*Jesus, the Light of the just and Joy of the upright, enlighten our eyes with the light of the Blessed Resurrection so that we may have the undoubting faith of the holy women and apostles. May we have full confidence in you and be worthy to obtain from you the joy you grant to those who have believed without having seen. We shall praise and glorify You, your Father, and your Holy Spirit forever. Amen.*

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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 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.

**Saturday, April 17, @ 6:00PM,**  
**Sunday, April 18, @ 11:00AM,** liturgy is being offered for the souls of the deceased members of the Starr / Bittner families requested by Salema and Barbara Dahdah and family. May their souls rest in peace.

## OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest sympathy to:

- The Tavani, Joseph, and Calabrese families on the passing of their beloved John Joseph.
- The Sholy, Rai families on the passing their beloved Anis El-Choli.
- And to the Labbad Family on the passing of their beloved Minerva Labbad

May almighty God welcome them into his kingdom and their souls rest in peace.

## ANNUAL BAKE SALE THANK YOU

Thank you to all the volunteers who worked hard for making this year's Bake Sale Take Out another success. Your continuous support and dedication for St. Maron are greatly appreciated. God bless you always.

## 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 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, Panichi, Dennis Strelchuk, 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 April 3-4, 2021

Sunday Collection	\$ 2,392.00
Easter	\$ 1,000.00
Memorial	\$ 400.00
Online Collection	\$ 260.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 4,052.00</b>
Weekly Budget	\$ 3,950.00
<b>Surplus</b>	<b>\$ 102.00</b>

## BAKE SALE

TOTAL INCOME	\$ 2,743.49
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 543.13
<b>PROFIT</b>	<b>\$ 2,200.36</b>

## GOOD FRIDAY

Good Friday Col.	\$ 637.00
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## BISHOP'S APPEAL

TOTAL RECEIVED	\$ 3,420.00
GOAL	\$ 3,500.00
BALANCE	\$ 80.00

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

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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](http://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](http://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

## COME AWAY & PRAY



The Maronite Servants of Christ the Light are opening their convent in Dartmouth, Massachusetts, for young adult women (ages 18-35) to come and visit during the week of May 1-8, 2021. This will be an opportunity to make a mini retreat, participate with the sisters in their day-to-day life and be rejuvenated in the Lord.

The sisters encourage any woman open to serving the Lord in a special way interested to contact Sister Marla Marie for more information.

Please RSVP by April 17, 2021 by Phone: 508-996-1753

or by Email: [sister@maroniteservants.org](mailto:sister@maroniteservants.org)

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### First Reading

#### 2 Corinthians 5:11-21

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

Brothers and Sisters:

Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore, all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So, we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

**Praise be to God always.**

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الثانية إلى أهل قورنتس

يا إخوتي، بما أننا نعرف مخافة الرب، نحاول أن نقتنع الناس. ونحن معروفون لدى الله، ولكني أمل أن نكون معروفين أيضًا في ضمائركم. ولسنا نعود فنوصيكم بأنفسنا، بل نعطيكم فرصة للافتخار بنا تجاه الذين يفتخرون بالمظهر لا بما في القلب. فإن كنا مجانين فله، وإن كنا عقلاء فلأجلكم؛ إن محبة المسيح تأسرنا، لأننا أدركنا هذا، وهو أن واحدًا مات عن الجميع، فالجميع إذا ماثوا. لقد مات عن الجميع، لكي لا يحيا الأحياء من بعد لأنفسهم، بل للذي مات عنهم وقام من أجلهم. إذا فمئذ الآن نحن لا نعرف أحدًا معرفة بشرية، وإن كنا قد عرفنا المسيح معرفة بشرية، فالآن ما عدنا نعرفه كذلك. إذا، إن كان أحد في المسيح فهو خلق جديد: لقد زال القديم، وصار كل شيء جديدًا. وكل شيء هو من الله، الذي صالحنا مع نفسه بالمسيح، وأعطانا خدمة المصالحة؛ لأن الله صالح العالم مع نفسه بالمسيح، ولم يحاسب الناس على زلاتهم، وأودعنا كلمة المصالحة. إذا فنحن سفراء المسيح، وكأن الله نفسه يدعوكم بواسطةنا. فنسألكم باسم المسيح: تصالخوا مع الله! إن الذي ما عرف الخطيئة، جعله الله خطيئة من أجلنا، لنصير نحن فيه برًا لله. والتسبيح لله دائمًا.



## Gospel Reading

Saint John 20:26-31

### The Apostle Writes:

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

### مِنِ انْجِيلِ الْقَدِيسِ يُوْحَنَّا

بَعْدَ ثَمَانِيَةِ أَيَّامٍ، كَانَ تَلَامِيذُ يَسُوعَ ثَانِيَةً فِي الْبَيْتِ، وَتُومًا مَعَهُمْ. جَاءَ يَسُوعُ، وَالْأَبْوَابُ مُعْلَقَةً، فَوَقَفَ فِي الْوَسْطِ وَقَالَ: "السَّلَامُ لَكُمْ!". ثُمَّ قَالَ لِتُومًا: "هَاتِ إِصْبَعَكَ إِلَى هُنَا، وَأَنْظُرْ يَدَيَّ. وَهَاتِ يَدَكَ، وَضَعْهَا فِي جَنْبِي. وَلَا تَكُنْ غَيْرَ مُؤْمِنٍ بَلْ كُنْ مُؤْمِنًا!". أَجَابَ تُومًا وَقَالَ لَهُ: "رَبِّي وَالْهِي!". قَالَ لَهُ يَسُوعُ: "لَأَنَّكَ رَأَيْتَنِي آمَنْتَ؟ طُوبَى لِمَنْ لَمْ يَرَوْا وَآمَنُوا!". وَصَنَعَ يَسُوعُ أَمَامَ تَلَامِيذِهِ آيَاتٍ أُخْرَى كَثِيرَةً لَمْ تُدَوَّنْ فِي هَذَا الْكِتَابِ. وَإِنَّمَا دُوِّنَتْ هَذِهِ لِكَيْ تُؤْمِنُوا أَنَّ يَسُوعَ هُوَ الْمَسِيحُ ابْنُ اللَّهِ، وَلِكَيْ تَكُونَ لَكُمْ، إِذَا آمَنْتُمْ، الْحَيَاةَ بِأَسْمِهِ.

**حَقًّا وَالْأَمَانَ لَجَمِيعِكُمْ.**