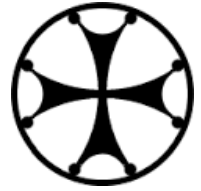




# Saint Maron

## Maronite Catholic Church



April 24-25, 2021

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

#### FEAST OF SAINT MARK

On April 25, we celebrate the Feast of Saint Mark the Evangelist. Although he was not a direct disciple of Jesus, Saint Mark is the author of one of the four Gospel accounts and played a vital role in spreading the Gospel as a missionary in the early church.

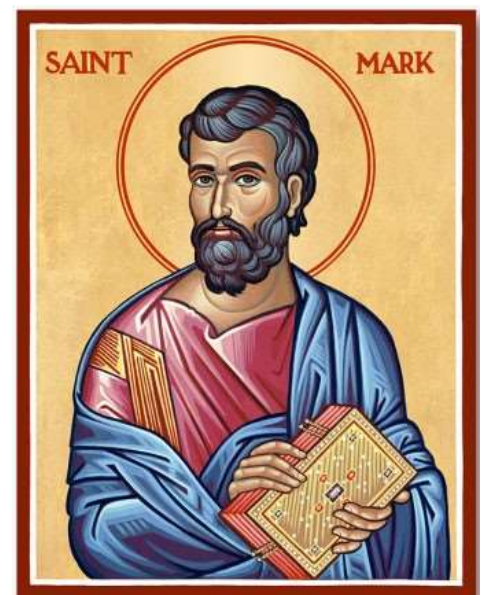
Saint Mark (also called John Mark) was born in Cyrene, Libya but his date of birth is unknown. He traveled with Saint Barnabas and Saint Paul on many religious missions, during which he founded the Church of Alexandria. He died circa April 25, 68 A.D. in Alexandria, Egypt. According to the Coptic Church, while celebrating Easter, he was attacked by a pagan mob, who after dragging him from his church, lynched him. Before he died, Jesus appeared to him, comforting him: "Peace be with you, Mark, my evangelist!"

The symbol for Mark is a winged lion. That is because his Gospel begins with the story of John the Baptist, a "voice crying in the wilderness" (Mark 1:3), like the roaring of a lion. Lions are called the kings of the jungle. Mark's Gospel tells us about Jesus' royalty as God's Son, a kingship we share through our Baptism.

He is the patron saint of many different topics, including lions, lawyers, notaries, opticians, pharmacists, painters, secretaries, interpreters, prisoners, and people dealing with insect bites.

May God give us, like Mark, the wisdom and grace to preach the Gospel of Christ:

Prayer for Wisdom  
*O God,  
who raised up Saint Mark,  
your Evangelist,  
and endowed him with the grace  
to preach the Gospel,  
grant we pray,  
that we may so profit from his teaching,  
as to follow faithfully in the footsteps of Christ.  
Who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.  
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 24, @ 6:00PM,**  
**Sunday, April 25, @ 11:00AM,**  
liturgy is offered for the of souls  
of the deceased members of the  
Dahdah and Anderson families  
requested by family. May their  
souls rest in peace.

**Saturday, May 1, @ 6:00PM,**  
Liturgy is being offered for the  
repose of soul of Joseph Trelli  
requested by Terri Koway and  
Deb Mosier. May his soul rest in  
peace.

**Sunday, May 2, @ 11:00AM,**  
liturgy is being offered as a 40-  
Day memorial for the soul of  
Carol Krestos requested by Bob  
and Mae Calabrese. May her soul  
rest in peace.

## SANCTUARY CANDLE

This week's Sanctuary Candle is  
burning for the well-being of  
Pierre Khoury. May God shower  
His mercy upon him and grant  
him good health.

## ELDERLY COMMUNION

If you wish to receive communion  
at home, please contact the  
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## THANK YOU

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week. Our Church's finances rely  
on the generosity of our  
community, including Sunday  
collections and donations. If you  
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envelopes/donations to the  
Church office. Thank you for  
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these challenging times.

## WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR April 17-18, 2021

Sunday Collection	\$	534.00
Memorials	\$	50.00
Donations	\$	250.00
Online Collection	\$	510.00
Total:	\$	1,344.00
Weekly Budget	\$	3,950.00
Deficit	- \$	2,606.00

## 2<sup>nd</sup> COLLECTION

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## BISHOP'S APPEAL

TOTAL RECEIVED\$	3,450.00
GOAL	\$ 3,500.00
BALANCE	\$ 50.00

## IN OUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers  
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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,  
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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  
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family member who is ill so that  
we may remember them in our  
daily prayers and on our altar of  
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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

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April 24-25, 2021

### First Reading

#### Hebrews 13:18-25

**A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews. Your blessing father...**

Brothers and Sisters:

Pray for us; we are sure that we have a clear conscience, desiring to act honorably in all things. I urge you all the more to do this, so that I may be restored to you very soon. Now may the God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do his will, working among us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever and ever. Amen. I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, bear with my word of exhortation, for I have written to you briefly. I want you to know that our brother Timothy has been set free; and if he comes in time, he will be with me when I see you. Greet all your leaders and all the saints. Those from Italy send you greetings. Grace be with all of you.

**Praise be to God always.**

#### فصل من الرسالة إلى العبرانيين

يا إِخْوَتِي، صَلُّوا مِن أَجْلِنَا، فَإِنَّا وَاثِقُونَ أَنَّ ضَمِيرَنَا صَالِحٌ، وَنَحْنُ نُرِيدُ أَنْ نَسْلُكَ مَسْلَكًا حَسَنًا فِي كُلِّ شَيْءٍ. وَأَطْلُبُ إِلَيْكُمْ بِالْحَاحِ أَنْ تَفْعَلُوا ذَلِكَ، حَتَّى يَرُدَّنِي اللَّهُ إِلَيْكُمْ سَرِيعًا! وَاللهُ السَّلَامُ، الَّذِي أَصْعَدَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ رَبَّنَا يَسُوعَ، رَاعِي الْخِرَافِ الْعَظِيمِ بِدَمِ عَهْدِ أَبَدِيٍّ، هُوَ يَجْعَلُكُمْ كَامِلِينَ فِي كُلِّ صَلاَحٍ، لِتَعْمَلُوا بِمَشِيئَتِهِ، وَهُوَ يَعْمَلُ فِينَا مَا هُوَ مَرْضِيٌّ فِي عَيْنَيْهِ، بِيَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ، لَهُ الْمَجْدُ إِلَى أَبَدِ الْأَبَدِينَ. آمِينَ. وَأُنَاشِدُكُمْ، أَيُّهَا الْإِخْوَةُ، أَنْ تَحْتَمِلُوا كَلَامَ التَّشْجِيعِ، فَإِنِّي كَتَبْتُ إِلَيْكُمْ بِإِيجَازٍ! إِغْلَمُوا أَنَّ أَحَانَا طِيمُوثَاوُسَ قَدْ أَخْلَى سَبِيلَهُ. فَإِنْ أَسْرَعَ فِي مَجِيئِهِ، سَأَذْهَبُ مَعَهُ وَأَرَاكُمْ. سَلِّمُوا عَلَى جَمِيعِ مُدَبِّرَيْكُمْ وَجَمِيعِ الْقَدِّيسِينَ. يُسَلِّمُ عَلَيْكُمْ الْإِخْوَةُ الَّذِينَ فِي إِيطَالِيَا. أَلْنِعْمَةُ مَعَكُمْ أَجْمَعِينَ!

والتسبيح لله دائماً.

## Gospel Reading

### Saint John 21:1-14

#### The Apostle Writes:

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.' He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

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

#### مِنْ إِنْجِيلِ الْقَدِيسِ يُوْحَنَّا

بَعْدَ ذَلِكَ، ظَهَرَ يَسُوعُ لِتَلَامِيذِهِ مَرَّةً أُخْرَى عَلَى بُحِيرَةِ طَبْرِیَّةَ، وَهَكَذَا ظَهَرَ: كَانَ سِمْعَانُ بُطْرُسُ، وَثُومَا الْمُلَقَّبُ بِالثَّوَمَا، وَنَتَّائِيلُ الَّذِي مِنْ قَانَا الْجَلِيلِ، وَأَبْنَا زَبْدَى، وَتِلْمِيزَانِ آخَرَانِ مِنْ تَلَامِيذِ يَسُوعَ، مُجْتَمِعِينَ مَعًا. قَالَ لَهُمْ سِمْعَانُ بُطْرُسُ: «أَنَا ذَاهِبٌ أَصْطَادُ سَمَكًا». قَالُوا لَهُ: «وَنَحْنُ أَيْضًا نَأْتِي مَعَكَ». فَخَرَجُوا وَرَكِبُوا السَّفِينَةَ، فَمَا أَصَابُوا فِي تِلْكَ اللَّيْلَةِ شَيْئًا. وَلَمَّا طَلَعَ الْفَجْرُ، وَقَفَ يَسُوعُ عَلَى الشَّاطِئِ، وَلَكِنَّ التَّلَامِيذَ لَمْ يَعْلَمُوا أَنَّهُ يَسُوعُ. فَقَالَ لَهُمْ يَسُوعُ: «يَا فِتْيَانِ، أَمَا عِنْدَكُمْ قَلِيلٌ مِنَ السَّمَكِ؟». أَجَابُوهُ: «لَا!». فَقَالَ لَهُمْ: «الْقُوا الشَّبَكَةَ إِلَى يَمِينِ السَّفِينَةِ تَجِدُوا». وَالْقَوْهَا، فَمَا قَدَرُوا عَلَى اجْتِدَابِهَا مِنْ كَثَرَةِ السَّمَكِ. فَقَالَ ذَلِكَ التَّلَامِيذُ الَّذِي كَانَ يَسُوعُ يُحِبُّهُ لِبُطْرُسَ: «إِنَّهُ الرَّبُّ». فَلَمَّا سَمِعَ سِمْعَانُ بُطْرُسُ أَنَّهُ الرَّبُّ، اِتَّزَرَ بِثَوْبِهِ، لِأَنَّهُ كَانَ عُرْيَانًا، وَأَلْقَى بِنَفْسِهِ فِي الْبُحِيرَةِ. أَمَّا التَّلَامِيذُ الْآخَرُونَ فَجَاؤُوا بِالسَّفِينَةِ، وَهُمْ يَسْحَبُونَ الشَّبَكَةَ الْمَمْلُوءَةَ سَمَكًا، وَمَا كَانُوا بَعِيدِينَ عَنِ الْبَرِّ إِلَّا نَحْوَ مِئَتَيْ ذِرَاعٍ. وَلَمَّا نَزَلُوا إِلَى الْبَرِّ، رَأَوْا جَمْرًا، وَسَمَكًا عَلَى الْجَمْرِ، وَخُبْزًا. قَالَ لَهُمْ يَسُوعُ: «هَاتُوا مِنَ السَّمَكِ الَّذِي أَصْبَنْتُمُوهُ الْآنَ». فَصَعِدَ سِمْعَانُ بُطْرُسُ إِلَى السَّفِينَةِ، وَجَذَبَ الشَّبَكَةَ إِلَى الْبَرِّ، وَهِيَ مَمْلُوءَةٌ سَمَكًا كَبِيرًا، مِئَةً وَثَلَاثًا وَخَمْسِينَ. وَمَعَ هَذِهِ الْكَثَرَةِ لَمْ تَتَمَرَّقِ الشَّبَكَةُ. قَالَ لَهُمْ يَسُوعُ: «هَلُمُّوا تَعِدُّوا». وَلَمْ يَجْزُوا أَحَدٌ مِنَ التَّلَامِيذِ أَنْ يَسْأَلَهُ: «مَنْ أَنْتَ؟»، لِأَنَّهُمْ عَالِمُونَ أَنَّهُ الرَّبُّ. وَتَقَدَّمَ يَسُوعُ وَأَخَذَ الْخُبْزَ وَنَآوَلَهُمْ. ثُمَّ فَعَلَ كَذَلِكَ بِالسَّمَكِ. هَذِهِ مَرَّةً ثَالِثَةً ظَهَرَ فِيهَا يَسُوعُ لِتَلَامِيذِهِ بَعْدَ أَنْ قَامَ مِنَ الْأَمْوَاتِ.

**حَقًّا وَالْأَمَانُ لَجَمِيعِكُمْ.**