



Saint Maron

Maronite Catholic Church



May 1-2, 2021

FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

Feast of Our Lady of Lebanon

The Month of May

The month of May is most well-known as “Mary’s Month,” a specific month of the year when the People of God express with particular intensity their love and devotion for the Blessed Virgin Mary our Heavenly Mother.

It has been a long-standing Catholic tradition to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary in May. In most Catholic churches (and even in many Catholic homes), a “May Altar” is erected with a statue or picture of Mary, flowers, and candles.

The custom of dedicating the month of May to Mary dates back to the 13th century. But it might come as a surprise to know that it wasn’t until the 18th century when this practice became popular. In 1945, Pope Pius XII solidified May as a Marian month. In his 1965 encyclical, “*Mense Maio*,” Pope Paul VI wrote about the importance of Mary’s intercession for all the world, explaining that those who encounter her, encounter her Son, Jesus.

This year, Pope Francis has called for a global prayer marathon for the entire month of May, praying for the end to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Each day in May, there will be a livestream from one of 30 chosen Marian shrines or sanctuaries to guide the prayer at 6 p.m. Rome time (noon EDT) on all Vatican media platforms.

The pope will open the month-long prayer May 1 and conclude it May 31.

PRAYER OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS TO MARY FOR THE MONTH OF MAY:

http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/prayers/documents/papa-francesco_preghiere_20200425_preghiera-mariana-maggio.html

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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, 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.

Saturday, May 8, @ 6:00PM, liturgy is offered for the soul of Anis El-Choli requested by Salema and Barbara Dahdah and family. May his soul rest in peace.

Sunday, May 9, @ 11:00AM, FIRST HOLY COMMUNION, Liturgy is offered for our first communicants.

ELDERLY COMMUNION

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

SECOND COLLECTION

As per the directive of the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn, we will have a second collection for the National Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon this weekend **May 1-2, 2021**. All funds collected are sent from the Chancery directly to our in North Jackson, OH, for maintenance and repairs. Thank you for your generosity.

Divine Liturgies will be in the Church.

Seating is limited to **50 people**.

Please "SignUp" before attending.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040548A9A822A3FD0->

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest sympathy for Zeinoun and Salloum families on the passing of Fouad Zeinoun (Mirna Zeinoun's dad). May almighty God welcome him into His Kingdom and may his soul rest in peace. Allah Yerhammo!

MYO THANK YOU

We would like to thank those who sponsored our MYO gathering on Friday, April 30, 2021. May God bless you always.

BISHOP'S APPEAL

Thank for always supporting the causes of the Church. By the grace of God, we were able to raise the full amount due for this year's Bishop's Appeal.

WELCOME TO THE FLOCK OF JESUS

In the month of April, we welcomed to the flock of Jesus

**Valerie King
Luca Haddad
Luca Truscillo
Ravenna Anthony
Lucas Anthony**

Congratulations on your baptism and confirmation at Saint Maron Church. We also extend the congratulations to their parents and their entire family.

May God bless them and may they be filled with wisdom and grow up healthy and strong in the grace of God.

WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR April 23-24, 2021

Sunday Collection	\$ 1,028.00
Memorials	\$ 650.00
Online Collection	\$ 60.00
Total:	\$ 1,738.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 3,950.00
Deficit	- \$ 2,212.00

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.

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.

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.



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May Take Out

Saturday, May 22, 2021

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I write to you on behalf of the Superior General of the Franciscan Sisters of the Holy Cross in Lebanon, Mother Marie Makhoulf. Their founder, Blessed Jacques Haddad, helped them establish 19 different institutions to serve the poor in Lebanon. Now with 183 nuns and hundreds of doctors, nurses and helpers, they represent the biggest charitable outreach in all of Lebanon, serving Christians and Muslims alike.

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

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May 01-02, 2021

First Reading

Ephesians 2:1-10

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

Brothers and Sisters:

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ by grace you have been saved and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness towards us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Praise be to God always.

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل أفسس

يا إِخْوَتِي، وَأَنْتُمْ، فَقَدْ كُنْتُمْ أَمْوَاتًا بِزِلَاتِكُمْ وَخَطَايَاكُمْ، الَّتِي سَلَكْتُمْ فِيهَا مِنْ قَبْلُ بِحَسَبِ إِلَهٍ هَذَا الْعَالَمِ، بِحَسَبِ رَئِيسِ سُلْطَانِ الْجَوِّ، أَيِ الرُّوحِ الَّذِي يَعْمَلُ الْآنَ فِي أَبْنَاءِ الْعُصْيَانِ؛ وَمِنْهُمْ نَحْنُ أَيْضًا جَمِيعُنَا قَدْ سَلَكْنَا مِنْ قَبْلُ فِي شَهَوَاتِ إِنْسَانِنَا الْجَسَدِيِّ، عَامِلِينَ بِرَغَبَاتِهِ وَأَفْكَارِهِ، وَكُنَّا بِالطَّبِيعَةِ أَوْلَادَ الْعَضْبِ كَالْبَاقِينَ؛ لَكِنَّ اللَّهَ، وَهُوَ الْغَنِيُّ بِرَحْمَتِهِ، فَلِكثْرَةِ مَحَبَّتِهِ الَّتِي أَحَبَّنَا بِهَا، وَقَدْ كُنَّا نَحْنُ أَيْضًا أَمْوَاتًا بِزِلَاتِنَا، أَخْيَانًا مَعَ الْمَسِيحِ، وَبِالنِّعْمَةِ أَنْتُمْ مُخَلَّصُونَ؛ وَمَعَهُ أَقَامْنَا وَأَجَلَسْنَا فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ، لِيُظْهِرَ فِي الْأَجْيَالِ الْآتِيَةِ غِنَى نِعْمَتِهِ الْفَائِقَةِ، بِلُطْفِهِ لَنَا فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ. فَبِالنِّعْمَةِ أَنْتُمْ مُخَلَّصُونَ بِوَسِطَةِ الْإِيمَانِ: وَهَذَا لَيْسَ مِنْكُمْ، إِنَّهُ عَطِيَّةُ اللَّهِ. وَلَا هُوَ مِنَ الْأَعْمَالِ، لِئَلَّا يَفْتَخَرَ أَحَدٌ؛ لِأَنَّنَا نَحْنُ صُنْعُهُ، قَدْ خُلِقْنَا فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ لِلْأَعْمَالِ الصَّالِحَةِ، الَّتِي سَبَقَ اللَّهُ فَأَعَدَّهَا لِكَيْ نَسْلُكَ فِيهَا.

والتسبيح لله دائماً.

Gospel Reading

Saint John 21:15-19

The Apostle Writes:

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?’ He said to him, ‘Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Feed my lambs.’ A second time he said to him, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me?’ He said to him, ‘Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Tend my sheep.’ He said to him the third time, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me?’ Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, ‘Do you love me?’ And he said to him, ‘Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.’ (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, ‘Follow me.’

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

مِنْ إِنْجِيلِ الْقَدِّيسِ يُوْحَنَّا

بَعْدَ الْغَدَاءِ، قَالَ يَسُوعُ لِسِمْعَانَ بُطْرُسَ: «يَا سِمْعَانُ بَنَ يُونَا، أَتُحِبُّنِي أَكْثَرَ مِمَّا يُحِبُّنِي هَؤُلَاءِ؟». قَالَ لَهُ: «نَعَمْ، يَا رَبِّ، أَنْتَ تَعْلَمُ أَنِّي أُحِبُّكَ». قَالَ لَهُ يَسُوعُ: «إِرْعَ حُمْلَانِي». قَالَ لَهُ مَرَّةً ثَانِيَةً: «يَا سِمْعَانُ بَنَ يُونَا، أَتُحِبُّنِي؟». قَالَ لَهُ: «نَعَمْ يَا رَبِّ، أَنْتَ تَعْلَمُ أَنِّي أُحِبُّكَ». قَالَ لَهُ يَسُوعُ: «إِرْعَ نِعَاجِي!». قَالَ لَهُ مَرَّةً ثَالِثَةً: «يَا سِمْعَانُ بَنَ يُونَا، أَتُحِبُّنِي؟». فَحَزَنَ بُطْرُسُ، لِأَنَّ يَسُوعَ قَالَ لَهُ ثَلَاثَ مَرَّاتٍ: أَتُحِبُّنِي؟ فَقَالَ لَهُ: «يَا رَبِّ، أَنْتَ تَعْلَمُ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ، وَأَنْتَ تَعْرِفُ أَنِّي أُحِبُّكَ». قَالَ لَهُ يَسُوعُ: «إِرْعَ خِرَافِي! أَلْحَقَّ أَلْحَقَّ أَقُولُ لَكَ: حِينَ كُنْتَ شَابًّا، كُنْتَ تَشُدُّ حِزَامَكَ بِيَدَيْكَ وَتَسِيرُ إِلَى حَيْثُ تُرِيدُ. وَلَكِنْ حِينَ تَشِيخُ، سَتَنْبَسُطُ يَدَيْكَ وَآخَرُ يَشُدُّ لَكَ حِزَامَكَ، وَيَذْهَبُ بِكَ إِلَى حَيْثُ لَا تُرِيدُ». قَالَ يَسُوعُ ذَلِكَ مُشِيرًا إِلَى الْمَيَّةِ الَّتِي سَيَمَجِدُ بِهَا بُطْرُسُ اللَّهَ. ثُمَّ قَالَ لَهُ: «إِتَّبِعْنِي!».

حَقًّا وَالْأَمَانُ لِكُلِّكُمْ.