



Saint Maron

Maronite Catholic Church



May 8-9, 2021

SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

GOD BLESS OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS

This Sunday, four of our children (Elissa Saad, Claudia Capaldi, George Dabbour, and Christelle Matar) will complete the Mysteries of Christian Initiation. On this blessed day, our kids will be making their First Holy Communion.

Our Catechism teaches that the Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith. When we receive the Lord in the Eucharist, it is an act of thanksgiving to God. It recalls the Lord's Supper with His Apostles. The Eucharist is essential to the communal dimension of our faith. It is the nourishment that enables us to remain spiritually strong and healthy.

As members of Saint Maron Church community let us keep them in our prayers and support them in their journey with Jesus Christ. May they receive in increasing measure the treasures of the divine life and advance toward the perfection of Charity. And we remember the parents as well, who are the primary educators of the children in the ways of the faith.

It is my privilege to thank Mrs. Rosemarie Marrone who dedicated her time as the director of the religious education program and invested endless hours to prepare our children for First Holy Communion. And on this occasion, I take this opportunity to give thanks for all the teachers, relatives, and friends who have always showed their support to the CCD program.

May the peace and love of God be with them today and always.



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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 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.

Thursday, May 13, @ 6:00PM, ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

Saturday, May 15, @ 6:00PM, Liturgy is being offered for Minerva Labbad requested by Salema and Barbara Dahdah and family. May her soul rest in peace.

Sunday, May 16, @ 11:00AM, liturgy is offered for the soul of Alfred Cavallaro requested by his wife Elaine. May his soul rest in peace.

Liturgy is being offered as a 40-Day memorial for the soul of Anis El-Choli requested by family. May his soul rest in peace.

WELCOME TO THE FLOCK OF JESUS

Last weekend, we welcomed to the flock of Jesus

Ava Marie Aboukhater

Congratulations on your baptism and confirmation at Saint Maron Church. We also extend the congratulations to your parents and the entire family. May God bless you and may you be filled with wisdom and grow up healthy and strong in the grace of God.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

We will be celebrating Divine Liturgy of the Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord on **Thursday, May 13, at 6:00PM.**

ELDERLY COMMUNION

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



Loving God,
we thank you for the love of the mothers you have given us, whose love is so precious that it can never be measured, whose patience seems to have no end.

We pray for those mothers who fear they will run out of love or time, or patience. We ask you to bless them with your own special love.

Amen.

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SANCTUARY CANDLE

This week's Sanctuary Candle is burning for **our First Communicants.** May God send upon them the gifts of the Holy Spirit that they may be enriched and their hearts may be enlightened.

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.

WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR May 1-2, 2021

Sunday Collection	\$ 825.00
Memorials	\$ 950.00
Online Collection	\$ 410.00
Total:	\$ 2,185.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 3,950.00
Deficit	- \$ 1,765.00

2nd COLLECTION

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IN OUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers Ashley Iaconelli, 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 Chokeur, 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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GLOBAL PRAYER MARATHON LIST

Please find a list of the Sanctuaries throughout the world that will host the Rosary that Pope Francis has asked the Holy See to coordinate.

on

May 29, 2021

the Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon in Harissa

will be hosting.

May Our Lady continue to be for us the Help of Christians and the Cause of our Joy.

PONTIFICAL COUNCIL FOR PROMOTION OF THE NEW EVANGELIZATION

SHRINE LIST AND DAILY PRAYER INTENTIONS

Day	Sanctuary	Daily Prayer Intention
	Vatican Basilica	For the entire world wounded by this pandemic
1	Our Lady of Walsingham (England)	For all the deceased
2	Jesus the Saviour and Mother Mary (Nigeria)	For all those who have not been able to say goodbye to their deceased loved ones
3	Our Lady of Czestochowa (Poland)	For all those infected with the corona virus and all the sick
4	Basilica of the Annunciation (Israel)	For all expectant women and their unborn babies
5	Blessed Virgen del Rosario (South Korea)	For all children and adolescents
6	Our Lady of Aparecida (Brazil)	For all young people
7	Our Lady of Peace and Good Voyage (Philippines)	For all families
8	Our Lady of Luján (Argentina)	For all communication workers
9	Holy house of Loreto (Italia)	For all seniors
10	Our Lady of Knock (Ireland)	For all people with disabilities
11	Virgin of the Poor (Belgium)	For all the poor, the homeless, and the economically distressed
12	Our Lady of Africa (Algeria)	For all people who live alone and those who have lost hope
13	Blessed Virgen del Rosario (Portugal)	For all prisoners
14	Our Lady of Health (India)	For all scientists and medical research institutions

15	Our Lady Queen of Peace (Bosnia)	For all migrants
16	St. Mary's Cathedral (Australia)	For all victims of violence and human trafficking
17	Immaculate Conception (U.S.A.)	For all world leaders and for all heads of international organizations
18	Our Lady of Lourdes (France)	For all doctors and nurses
19	Mother Mary's House (Turkey)	For all people at war and for world peace
20	Our Lady of Charity of Copper (Cuba)	For all pharmacists and health care personnel
21	Our Lady of Nagasaki (Japan)	For all social workers
22	Our Lady of Montserrat (Spain)	For all volunteers
23	Our Lady of Cap (Canada)	For all law enforcement and military personnel and for all firefighters
24	To be confirmed	For all those who provide essential services
25	Basilica of the Blessed Virgin of Ta'Pinu (Malta)	For all teachers, students and educators
26	Our Lady of Guadalupe (Mexico)	For all workers and entrepreneurs
27	Mother of God (Ukraine)	For all the unemployed
28	Black Madonna of Altötting (Germany)	For the Holy Father, bishops, presbyters, and deacons
29	Our Lady of Lebanon (Lebanon)	For all consecrated men and women
30	Blessed Virgin of the Holy Rosary of Pompeii (Italia)	For the Church
31	Vatican Gardens	For the end of the pandemic and the resumption of our social and economic life



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First Reading

Romans 10:1-13

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

Brothers and Sisters:

Brothers and sisters, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. I can testify that they have a zeal for God, but it is not enlightened. For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God, and seeking to establish their own, they have not submitted to God's righteousness. For Christ is the end of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes. Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that 'the person who does these things will live by them.' But the righteousness that comes from faith says, 'Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?"' (that is, to bring Christ down) 'or "Who will descend into the abyss?"' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? 'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Praise be to God always.

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل رومة

يا إِخْوَتِي، إِنَّ بُغْيَةَ قَلْبِي وَتَضَرُّعِي إِلَى اللَّهِ مِنْ أَجْلِ بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ لِيَخْلُصُوا. فَأَنَا أَشْهَدُ لَهُمْ أَنَّ فِيهِمْ غَيْرَةَ لِلَّهِ، وَلَكِنْ بِدُونِ مَعْرِفَةٍ صَحِيحَةٍ. فَقَدْ جَهِلُوا بِرَّ اللَّهِ، وَحَاوَلُوا أَنْ يُنْبِتُوا بِرَّ أَنْفُسِهِمْ، فَلَمْ يَخْضَعُوا لِبِرِّ اللَّهِ؛ لِأَنَّ غَايَةَ الشَّرِيعَةِ إِنَّمَا هِيَ الْمَسِيحُ، لِكَيْ يَتَّبِرَّ بِهِ كُلُّ مُؤْمِنٍ. وَقَدْ كَتَبَ مُوسَى عَنِ الْبِرِّ الَّذِي هُوَ مِنَ الشَّرِيعَةِ فَقَالَ: «مَنْ يَعْمَلُ بِأَحْكَامِ الشَّرِيعَةِ يَحْيَا بِهَا». «أَمَّا عَنِ الْبِرِّ الَّذِي هُوَ مِنَ الْإِيمَانِ فَيَقُولُ: «لا تَقُلْ فِي قَلْبِكَ: مَنْ يَصْعَدُ إِلَى السَّمَاءِ؟»، أَيْ لِيُنْزَلَ الْمَسِيحُ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ. وَلا تَقُلْ: «مَنْ يَهْبِطُ إِلَى الْهَوَايَةِ؟»، أَيْ لِيُصْعِدَ الْمَسِيحُ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ. بَلْ مَاذَا يَقُولُ؟ «الْكَلِمَةُ قَرِيبَةٌ مِنْكَ، فِي فَمِكَ وَقَلْبِكَ»، أَيْ كَلِمَةُ الْإِيمَانِ، الَّتِي تُنَادِي بِهَا. فَإِنْ أَعْتَرَفْتَ بِفَمِكَ أَنَّ يَسُوعَ هُوَ الرَّبُّ، وَأَمَنْتَ بِقَلْبِكَ أَنَّ اللَّهَ أَقَامَهُ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، تَخَلَّصَ. فَالْإِيمَانُ بِالْقَلْبِ يَقُودُ إِلَى الْبِرِّ، وَالْأَعْتِرَافُ بِالْفَمِ يَقُودُ إِلَى الْخَلَّاصِ؛ لِأَنَّ الْكِتَابَ يَقُولُ: «كُلُّ مَنْ يُؤْمِنُ بِهِ لا يُخْزَى». «فلا فَرْقَ بَيْنَ يَهُودِيٍّ وَيُونَانِيٍّ، لِأَنَّ الرَّبَّ هُوَ نَفْسُهُ لِجَمِيعِهِمْ، يُفِيضُ غِنَاهُ عَلَى جَمِيعِ الَّذِينَ يَدْعُونَهُ. فَكُلُّ مَنْ يَدْعُو اسْمَ الرَّبِّ يَخْلُصَ.

والتسبيح لله دائماً.

Gospel Reading

Saint Luke 24:36-48

The Apostle Writes:

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

مِنِ انْجِيلِ الْقَدِيسِ لَوْقَا

فِيمَا الرُّسُلُ يَتَكَلَّمُونَ بِهَذَا، وَقَفَ يَسُوعُ فِي وَسَطِهِمْ، وَقَالَ لَهُمْ: "السَّلَامُ لَكُمْ!". فَأَرْتَاعُوا، وَأَسْتَوْلَى عَلَيْهِمُ الْخَوْفُ، وَكَانُوا يَظُنُّونَ أَنَّهُمْ يُشَاهِدُونَ رُوحًا. فَقَالَ لَهُمْ يَسُوعُ: "مَا بِالْكُمْ مُضْطَرِبِينَ؟ وَلِمَاذَا تُخَالِجُ هَذِهِ الْأَفْكَارُ قُلُوبَكُمْ؟ أَنْظِرُوا إِلَى يَدَيَّ وَرِجْلَيَّ، فَإِنِّي أَنَا هُوَ. جُسُونِي، وَأَنْظِرُوا، فَإِنَّ الرُّوحَ لَا لَحْمَ لَهُ وَلَا عِظَامَ كَمَا تَرَوْنَ لِي!". قَالَ هَذَا وَأَرَاهُمْ يَدَيْهِ وَرِجْلَيْهِ. وَإِذْ كَانُوا بَعْدُ غَيْرَ مُصَدِّقِينَ مِنَ الْفَرَحِ، وَمُتَعَجِّبِينَ، قَالَ لَهُمْ: "هَلْ عِنْدَكُمْ هُنَا طَعَامٌ؟". فَقَدَّمُوا لَهُ قِطْعَةً مِنْ سَمَكٍ مَشْوِيٍّ، وَمِنْ شَهْدِ عَسَلٍ. فَأَخَذَهَا وَأَكَلَهَا بِمَرَأَى مِنْهُمْ، وَقَالَ لَهُمْ: "هَذَا هُوَ كَلَامِي الَّذِي كَلَّمْتُكُمْ بِهِ، وَأَنَا بَعْدُ مَعَكُمْ. كَانَ يَنْبَغِي أَنْ يَتِمَّ كُلُّ مَا كُتِبَ عَنِّي فِي تَوْرَةِ مُوسَى، وَالْأَنْبِيَاءِ وَالْمَرَامِيرِ". حِينَئِذٍ فَتَحَ أَذْهَانَهُمْ لِيَفْهَمُوا الْكُتُبَ. ثُمَّ قَالَ لَهُمْ: "هَكَذَا مَكْتُوبٌ أَنَّ الْمَسِيحَ يَتَأَلَّمُ، وَيَقُومُ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ فِي الْيَوْمِ الثَّلَاثِ. وَبِاسْمِهِ يُكْرَزُ بِالتَّوْبَةِ لِمَغْفِرَةِ الْخَطَايَا، فِي جَمِيعِ الْأُمَمِ، إِبْتِدَاءً مِنْ أُورَشَلِيمِ. وَأَنْتُمْ شُهُودٌ عَلَى ذَلِكَ.

حَقًّا وَالْأَمَانَ لَجَمِيعِكُمْ.