



# Saint Maron Maronite Catholic Church



May 15-16, 2021

## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

Pope Benedict XVI HOMILY

Sunday, 20 May 2012



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Forty days after the Resurrection — according to the Book of the Acts of the Apostles — Jesus ascended into Heaven, that is he returned to the Father, by whom he had been sent into the world. In many countries this mystery is celebrated not on Thursday but today, the following Sunday. The Ascension of the Lord marks the fulfillment of salvation that started with the Incarnation. After he had instructed his disciples for the last time, Jesus was taken up into Heaven (cf. Mk 16:19). He, however, “was not separated from our condition” (cf. Preface); indeed, in his humanity, he took man with him into the intimacy of the Father and thus revealed the final destination of our earthly pilgrimage. As he descended from Heaven for us, and for us suffered and died on the Cross, so for us he rose and ascended to God, who, therefore, is no longer far away.

St Leo the Great explains that with this mystery “not only is the immortality of the soul proclaimed, but also that of the body. Today in fact, not only are we confirmed as possessors of paradise, but in Christ have also penetrated the heights of Heaven” (De Ascensione Domini, Tractatus 73, 2.4: CCL 138 A, 451.453). This is why the disciples, when they saw the Master rise from the ground and ascend upwards, they were not disheartened, as one might expect, instead, they were overcome with joy and felt compelled to proclaim Christ’s victory over death (cf. Mk 16:20). And the Risen Lord worked in each of them, bestowing on each his own charism. St Paul writes further: “He gave gifts to men ... and his gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers ... for building up of the body of Christ ... to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ” (Eph 4:8, 11-13).

Dear friends, the Ascension tells us that in Christ our humanity is brought to the heights of God; thus, every time we pray, earth is united to Heaven. And like incense, burning, its scent is carried on high, hence, when we raise our prayer to the Lord with confidence in Christ, it travels across Heaven and reaches God himself and is heard and answered by Him. In the well-known work by St John of the Cross, *The Ascent of Mount Carmel*, we read that “in order to obtain the fulfillment of the petitions which we have in our hearts, there is no better way than to direct the energy of our prayer to the thing that most pleases God. For then not only will He give that which we ask of Him, which is salvation, but also that which He sees to be fitting and good for us, although we pray not for it” (Book III, ch. 44, n. 2).

Finally let us beseech the Virgin Mary, that she may help us to contemplate the heavenly goods, which the Lord promises us, and to become ever more credible witnesses of his Resurrection, of true Life.

(pope Benedict XVI Sunday, 20 May 2012)

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## DIVINE LITURGIES

**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.

**Saturday, May 22, @ 6:00PM,**  
liturgy is offered for the soul of Fouad Zeinoun requested by family. May his soul rest in peace.

**Sunday, May 23, @ 11:00AM, PENTECOST SUNDAY,** Liturgy is offered as a 40-Day memorial for the soul of John Joseph requested by family. May his soul rest in peace.

## THANK YOU

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## WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR May 8-9, 2021

<b>Sunday Collection</b>	<b>\$ 530.00</b>
<b>Donations</b>	<b>\$ 1,300.00</b>
<b>Memorials</b>	<b>\$ 100.00</b>
<b>Online Collection</b>	<b>\$ 360.00</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 2,290.00</b>
<b>Weekly Budget</b>	<b>\$ 3,950.00</b>
<b>Deficit</b>	<b>- \$ 1,660.00</b>

## ELDERLY COMMUNION

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

## SANCTUARY CANDLE

This week's Sanctuary Candle is burning for a **special intention**.

## IN OUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers Jimmy Romeo, Monique Ciancaglini, 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,

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**May Procession**

**Sunday, May 30, 2021**

**12:00PM**

**Following Divine Liturgy**

**Street Procession  
around the Church**



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# May Take Out

## Saturday, May 22, 2021

### 11 AM – 7 PM

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#### **Kabob Platter \$25.00**

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

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

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# Saint Maron

## Maronite Catholic Church



May 15-16, 2021

### First Reading

#### Ephesians 1:15-23

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

Brothers and Sisters:

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

**Praise be to God always.**

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل أفسس

يا إخواني، أنا أيضًا، وقد سمعتُ بإيمانكم بالربِّ يسوع، ومحبتكم لجميع الإخوة القديسين، لا أزال أشكرُ الله من أجلكم، وأذكركم في صلواتي، ليعطيكم إله ربنا يسوع المسيح، أبو المجد، روح الحكمة والوحي في معرفتكم له، فينبير عيون قلوبكم، لتعلموا ما هو رجاء دعوته، وما هو غنى ميراثه في القديسين، وما هي عظمة قدرته الفائقة من أجلنا، نحن المؤمنين، بحسب عمل عزة قوته، الذي عمله في المسيح، إذ أقامه من بين الأموات، وأجلسه إلى يمينه في السموات، فوق كل رئاسة وسلطان وقوة وسيادة، وكل اسم مسمى، لا في هذا الدهر وحسب، بل في الآتي أيضًا؛ وأخضع كل شيء تحت قدميه، وجعله فوق كل شيء، رأسًا للكنيسة، وهي جسده وملؤه، هو الذي يملأ الكل في الكل.

والتسبيح لله دائمًا.



## Gospel Reading

### Saint John 13:31-35

#### The Apostle Writes:

When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

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

#### مِنِ انْجِيلِ الْقَدِيسِ يُوْحَنَّا

لَمَّا خَرَجَ يَهُودَا الْاِسْخَرِيوطِيّ قَالَ يَسُوعُ: «الآنَ مُجِدِّ ابْنِ الْاِنْسَانِ وَمُجِدِّ اللّٰهِ فِيهِ. اِنْ كَانَ اللّٰهُ قَدْ مُجِدِّ فِيهِ، فَاللّٰهُ سَيَمَجِدُّهُ فِي ذَاتِهِ، وَحَالًا يَمَجِدُّهُ. يَا اَوْلَادِي، اَنَا مَعَكُمْ بَعْدُ زَمَنًا قَلِيْلًا. سَتَطْلُبُونِي، وَلَكِنْ مَا قُلْتُهُ لِلْيَهُودِ اَقُولُهُ لَكُمْ اَلآنَ: حَيْثُ اَنَا اَمْضِي لَا تَقْدِرُونَ اَنْتُمْ اَنْ تَأْتُوا. وَصِيَّةً جَدِيْدَةً اَعْطَيْكُمْ، اَنْ تُحِبُّوا بَعْضُكُمْ بَعْضًا. اَجَلٌ، اَنْ تُحِبُّوا بَعْضُكُمْ بَعْضًا كَمَا اَنَا اَحْبَبْتُكُمْ. بِهَذَا يَعْرِفُ الْجَمِيْعُ اَنَّكُمْ تَلَامِيْذِي، اِنْ كَانَ فِيكُمْ حُبٌّ بَعْضُكُمْ لِبَعْضٍ».

**حَقًّا وَالْاَمَانُ لَجَمِيْعِكُمْ.**