



# Saint Maron

## Maronite Catholic Church



June 5-6, 2021

# THIRD SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

## BODY AND BLOOD

I share with you today what Blessed Lanfranc (1005-1089) wrote 1000 years ago:

“We believe that the earthly substances on the altar of the Lord, placed there for divine consecration by the priestly ministry, are ineffably, incomprehensibly, and wonderfully overturned by a heavenly power, and converted into the essence of the Body of the Lord, preserving the appearance and qualities of the species so as not to be perceived in a crude or bloody manner, which might terrify. One, rather, recognizes an increase in the reward of faith for him who believes: This is the very Body of the Lord who resides in heaven at the right hand of the Father, immortal, inviolate, entire, impeccable, and impassible. Thus, it may truly be said that we receive the very same Body, born of the Virgin, and yet it is not the same: It is indeed the same in essence, nature, and virtue. It is not in the sense that one sees the species of bread and wine while recognizing the higher gift (the Body and Blood). This is the faith that was held in ancient times and is now held by the Church, and has spread throughout the entire world by those of the Catholic name.”



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## DIVINE LITURGIES

**Saturday, June 5, @ 6:00PM,** liturgy is offered for the souls of Nicholas and Viola Stella requested by their daughter Linda. May their souls rest in peace.

**Sunday, June 6, @ 11:00AM,** Liturgy is offered for the soul of John Joseph requested by family. May his soul rest in peace.

**Saturday, June 12, @ 6:00PM,**

**Sunday, June 13, @ 11:00AM,** liturgy is offered for the soul of John Joseph requested by Salema and Barbara Dahdah and family. May his soul rest in peace

Liturgy is being offered as a 1-year anniversary for the soul Yasmine Myers requested by family. May her soul rest in peace.

## MAY TAKE OUT THANK YOU

Thank you to all the volunteers who worked hard for making our May Take Out a success.

A special thank you to Pierre Haifa, Jocelyne Haifa, Rosemarie Marrone, Vivian Rai, Theresa Barry, Raji Jebara, Jimmy Jebara, Jasmine Zateeny, Zeina Topalian, Simon Topalian, Richard Koway, John Azzi, Dib Family, ElHajal Family, and to all our youth who helped Maria Topalian, Nai Topalian, Peter Akkari, Jennifer Haifa, and Chris Haifa. Your support and dedication for St. Maron are greatly appreciated. God bless you always.

## SOCIAL GATHERING RESTRICTION LIFTED

As of June 2, 2021, the limits on capacity and social distancing requirements were lifted at pre-pandemic levels, The indoor mask mandate will remain in place, but could be lifted on June 11. Therefore, the Sign Up for Divine Liturgies will be discontinued. We advise everyone to keep safe at all 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 Renee McGinley, Jimmy Romeo, Natalie 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, 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.

## 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 29-30, 2021

<b>Sunday Collection</b>	<b>\$ 481.00</b>
<b>Memorial</b>	<b>\$ 4,080.00</b>
<b>Online Collection</b>	<b>\$ 460.00</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 5,021.00</b>
<b>Weekly Budget</b>	<b>\$ 3,950.00</b>
<b>Surplus</b>	<b>+ \$ 1,071.00</b>

## MAY TAKE OUT

<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 4,508.38</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 1,459.02</b>
<b>PROFIT</b>	<b>\$ 3,049.36</b>
<b>Sponsors</b>	<b>\$ 1,700.00</b>
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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thanks be to God, recently we have seen the lifting of many COVID-19 restrictions. Therefore, in the Eparchy Saint Maron of Brooklyn, on the celebration of the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, Sunday June 27, 2021 we will return to many of our usual liturgical practices.

- Holy Communion is to be given under both species, on the tongue, unless someone requests, for serious reasons, to receive on the hand. All Holy Water fonts are to be filled as normal. The obligation for all to attend Divine Liturgy on Sunday and Holy Days of obligations will be reinstated. Those who have serious concerns about their health, as well the health of those who may live with them, may discern to stay home as that has always been an option in the Church. Masks are optional unless required by local law.

We return to this quasi-normality as a sign of faith in God. We have all been so very careful during this pandemic. We have also suffered great loss and illness, yet God has been good to us. I thank the priests, deacons and subdeacons, and all the parishioners who have helped keep our churches safe and holy, sanctuaries of God's holy presence in our tabernacles. I ask that we continue to model prudence, flexibility and calm as there are still some health risks, and many who want to be more vigilant.

Barring anything unforeseen, we hope to return to the normal exchange of the Greeting of Peace and totally eliminate Holy Communion in the hand, as of August 15, 2021, the Feast of the Assumption.

During these difficult months I have seen so many of you dealing so graciously with the many concerns facing you. May God give us the grace to continue to walk this earthly pilgrimage according to his will.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ *Gregory*

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**Salt N Light**

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**June 26, 2021 4-6 PM EST (3-5PM CST, 1-3PM PST)**

**June 27, 2021 4-6:30PM EST (3-5:30PM CST, 1-3:30PM PST)**

Cost:

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### First Reading

#### 1 Corinthians 2:1-10

**A reading from the First letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians. Your blessing father...**

Brothers and Sisters:

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, 'What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him' these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.

**Praise be to God always.**

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الأولى إلى أهل قورنتس

يا إِخْوَتِي، أَنَا، لَمَّا أَتَيْتُكُمْ لِأُبَشِّرْكُمْ بِسِرِّ اللَّهِ، لَمْ آتِ بِبِرَاعَةِ الْكَلَامِ أَوْ الْحِكْمَةِ؛ لِأَنِّي قَرَّرْتُ أَنْ لَا أَعْرِفَ بَيْنَكُمْ شَيْئًا إِلَّا يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحَ، وَإِيَّاهُ مَضْلُوبًا! وَقَدْ جِئْتُ إِلَيْكُمْ بِضَعْفٍ وَخَوْفٍ وَرِعْدَةٍ شَدِيدَةٍ. وَلَمْ يَكُنْ كَلَامِي وَتَبَشِيرِي بِكَلِمَاتِ الْحِكْمَةِ وَالْإِقْنَاعِ، بَلْ بِبُرْهَانِ الرُّوحِ وَالْقُدْرَةِ، لِئَلَّا يَكُونَ إِيمَانُكُمْ قَائِمًا عَلَى حِكْمَةِ النَّاسِ، بَلْ عَلَى قُدْرَةِ اللَّهِ. غَيْرَ أَنَّنَا نَنْطِقُ بِالْحِكْمَةِ بَيْنَ الْكَامِلِينَ، وَلَكِنْ لَا بِحِكْمَةِ هَذَا الدَّهْرِ، وَلَا بِحِكْمَةِ رُؤَسَاءِ هَذَا الدَّهْرِ الَّذِينَ مَصِيرُهُمْ إِلَى الزَّوَالِ. بَلْ نَنْطِقُ بِسِرِّ حِكْمَةِ اللَّهِ الْمَخْجُوبَةِ، الَّتِي سَبَقَ اللَّهُ فَحَدَدَهَا قَبْلَ الدَّهْرِ لِمَجْدِنَا. وَهِيَ الْحِكْمَةُ الَّتِي لَمْ يَعْرِفْهَا أَحَدٌ مِنْ رُؤَسَاءِ هَذَا الدَّهْرِ، لِأَنَّهُمْ لَوْ عَرَفُوهَا لَمَا صَلَبُوا رَبَّ الْمَجْدِ. وَلَكِنْ، كَمَا هُوَ مَكْتُوبٌ: "مَا لَمْ تَرَهُ عَيْنٌ، وَلَمْ تَسْمَعْ بِهِ أُذُنٌ، وَلَمْ يَخْطُرْ عَلَى قَلْبِ بَشَرٍ، قَدْ أَعَدَّهُ اللَّهُ لِلَّذِينَ يُحِبُّونَهُ". لَكِنَّ اللَّهَ أَعْلَنَهُ لَنَا بِرُوحِهِ، لِأَنَّ الرُّوحَ يَسْبُرُ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ حَتَّى أَعْمَاقَ اللَّهِ.

والتسبيح لله دائماً.

## Gospel Reading

### Saint John 14:21-27

#### The Apostle Writes:

They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.’ Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, ‘Lord, how is it that you will reveal yourself to us, and not to the world?’ Jesus answered him, ‘Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. ‘I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

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

#### مِنِ انْحِيلِ الْقَدِيسِ يُوْحَنَّا

قَالَ الرَّبُّ يَسُوعُ لِتَلَامِيذِهِ: "مَنْ كَانَتْ لَدَيْهِ وَصَايَايَ وَيَحْفَظُهَا، هُوَ الَّذِي يُحِبُّنِي. وَمَنْ يُحِبُّنِي يُحِبُّهُ أَبِي، وَأَنَا أُحِبُّهُ وَأُظْهِرُ لَهُ ذَاتِي". قَالَ لَهُ يَهُوذَا، لَا ذَلِكَ الْإِسْخَرِيُوطِيُّ: "يَا رَبِّ، مَاذَا جَرَى حَتَّى تُظْهِرَ ذَاتَكَ لَنَا، لَا لِلْعَالَمِ؟". أَجَابَ يَسُوعُ وَقَالَ لَهُ: "مَنْ يُحِبُّنِي يَحْفَظُ كَلِمَتِي، وَأَبِي يُحِبُّهُ وَإِلَيْهِ نَأْتِي، وَعِنْدَهُ نَجْعَلُ لَنَا مَنْزِلًا. مَنْ لَا يُحِبُّنِي لَا يَحْفَظُ كَلِمَتِي. وَالْكَلِمَةُ الَّتِي تَسْمَعُونَهَا لَيْسَتْ كَلِمَتِي، بَلْ كَلِمَةُ الْآبِ الَّذِي أَرْسَلَنِي. كَلَّمْتُكُمْ بِهَذَا، وَأَنَا مُقِيمٌ عِنْدَكُمْ. لَكِنَّ الْبَرَقْلَيْطَ، الرُّوحَ الْقُدُسَ، الَّذِي سِيرْسِلُهُ الْآبُ بِأَسْمِي، هُوَ يُعَلِّمُكُمْ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ، وَيَذَكِّرُكُمْ بِكُلِّ مَا قُلْتُهُ لَكُمْ. أَلْسَلَامٌ أَسْتَوْدِعُكُمْ، سَلَامِي أُعْطِيكُمْ. لَا كَمَا يُعْطِيهِ الْعَالَمُ أَنَا أُعْطِيكُمْ. لَا يَضْطَرِبُ قَلْبُكُمْ وَلَا يَخَفُ!

**حَقًّا وَالْأَمَانُ لَجَمِيعِكُمْ.**