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Maronite Catholic Church



June 26-27, 2021

FEAST OF STS. PETER AND PAUL



The Feast of Saints Peter and Paul or Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul is a liturgical feast in honor of the martyrdom in Rome of the apostles Saint Peter and Saint Paul which is observed on June 29th.

St. Augustine of Hippo (late 4th century) says in his Sermon 295: “One day is assigned for the celebration of the martyrdom of the two apostles. But those two were one. Although their martyrdom occurred on different days, they were one.” Thus it is clear that the celebration is of ancient origin. There is some speculation that the date selected may be the anniversary either of their death or of the translation of their relics.

This feast is probably one of the oldest feast days celebrated in the Christian calendar. Saint Clement of Rome (Pope from about 90 to 100) wrote to the Corinthians the most ancient historical testimony to the martyrdom of Saints Peter and Paul:

“Let us leave the instances from the past and come to some of the heroes of more recent times. Take the noble figures of our own generation. Even the greatest and most virtuous pillars of our Church were assailed by envy and jealousy and had to keep up the struggle till death ended their

days. Look at the holy apostles. It was by sinful jealousy that Peter was subjected to tribulation, not once or twice but many times; it was in that way that he bore his witness before leaving us for his well-earned place in glory. And Paul, because of jealousy and contention, has become the very type of endurance rewarded. He was in bonds seven times, he was exiled, he was stoned. He preached in the East and in the West, winning a noble reputation for his faith. He taught righteousness to all the world; and after reaching the furthest limits of the West, and bearing his testimony before kings and rulers, he passed out of this world and was received into the holy places. In him we have one of the greatest of all examples of endurance. Besides these men of saintly life, there are many more of the elect who have undergone hardships and torments instigated by jealousy, and provide admirable object lessons for ourselves (...). Now, all this is not being written as a warning to you alone, my dear friends, but for a reminder to ourselves as well, because we too are in the same arena and have the same conflict before us. So let us be done with these barren and empty fancies, and turn instead to the honorable, holy rule of our tradition, so that we can find out what is good and pleasing and acceptable in the sight of him who made us. Let us fix our thoughts on the blood of Christ; and reflect how precious that blood is in God's eyes, inasmuch as its outpouring for our salvation has opened the grace of repentance to all mankind”.

May their prayers be with us

Happy Feast Day

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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, June 26, @ 6:00PM, liturgy is offered for the soul of Josephine Rudolph requested by her daughters. May her soul rest in peace.

Sunday, June 27, @ 11:00AM, liturgy is offered for the soul of Minerva Labbad requested by Dany and Rania Cherfane and family. May her soul rest in peace.

Saturday, July 3, @ 6:00PM,
Sunday, July 4, @ 11:00AM,
Bishop Gregory's Visit

SECOND COLLECTION

As per the directive of the Eparchy of St. Maron of Brooklyn, this weekend June 26-27, we will have the Holy Father's second collection (Peter's Pence). The entire collection is sent to the Holy Father to assist with emergency financial assistance to aid the most needy throughout the world. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

SANCTUARY CANDLES

If you would like to offer this candle for your loved ones, please contact the Church office.

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 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.

THANK YOU

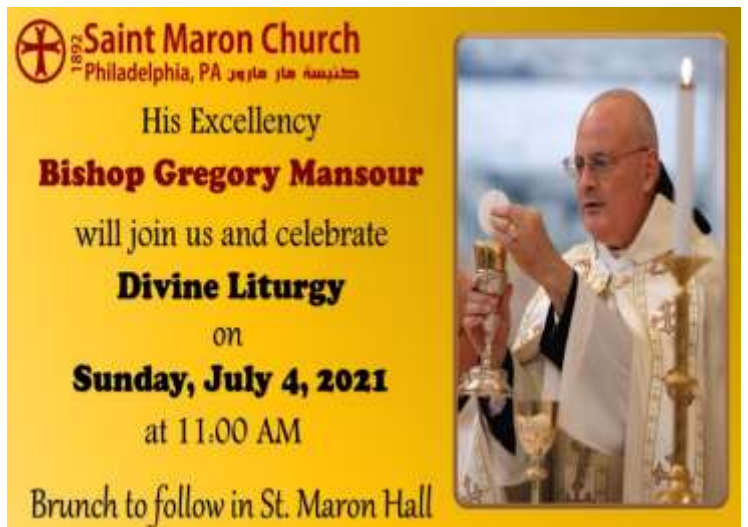
Thank you for everyone who donated to the Church this past week. Our Church's finances rely on the generosity of our community, including Sunday collections and donations. If you are able to donate, please do so via the following link: <https://saintmaron.org/donate> or you can always mail your weekly envelopes/donations to the Church office. Thank you for your continuous support during these challenging times.


WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR June 19-20, 2021


Sunday Collection	\$ 853.00
Memorial	\$ 350.00
Online Collection	\$ 1,295.00
Total:	\$ 2,498.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 3,950.00
Deficit	- \$ 1,452.00




Save the Date
Thursday, October 7, 2021
Join us for the
*Twelfth Annual Benefit Event for
The Eparchy of Saint Maron*
Details to follow



 **Saint Maron Church**
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His Excellency
Bishop Gregory Mansour
will join us and celebrate
Divine Liturgy
on
Sunday, July 4, 2021
at 11:00 AM
Brunch to follow in St. Maron Hall



OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY



We extend our deepest sympathies to the Hanna family on the passing of the Honorary Counselor Ibrahim Hanna. Mr. Hanna was the owner of Cedar's Mediterranean Foods Inc, and was known by his generosity and love to all the churches and nonprofit organizations among those was our church. He was one of our main sponsors for the Annual Festival and never hesitated to provide us with all our needs in every event especially during the COVID pandemic.

We will honor him by offering the Divine Liturgy for the repose of his soul on **Saturday July 10, 2021 at 6pm.**

May his soul be at peace with the Heavenly Father.

Condolences and acknowledgement of prayers can be sent to the Church Office and we will forward them to the family.

Obituary below:

Ibrahim B. Hanna, 87, of Salem, NH, passed away on June 18, 2021, at Beth Israel Hospital in Boston, MA. He was born in Karkha, Jezzine (Lebanon) on December 5, 1934, the son of Bechara and Nazira Hanna. He is survived by his spouse, Layla Tannous, and his two sons, George and Charlie, and their spouses, Ann and Tania. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Ryan, Layal, Ibrahim, and Taline.

Ibrahim was a dedicated, respected, and loved figure in his tenure in Lebanon's Ministry of Justice and Notary Public. He served the government and the people equally. His success and dedication earned him the respect and friendship of those who knew him including presidents, parliament speakers, prime ministers, and centers of the political and diplomatic powers and religious leaders.

At the start of the civil war in 1975, he moved with his family to the United States where he advanced his diplomatic and entrepreneurial skills to unprecedented levels. He ventured in the business of introducing the Lebanese traditional foods to the American consumer by founding the nationally recognized Cedar's Foods. He made the Cedar's symbol a common household name and expanded it outside the US borders, creating equal opportunity employment to both new emigrants and U.S. citizens alike.

Recognizing the need for a consulate in the New England area, he used his abilities to establish a new Honorary Consulate for Lebanon. In 2005, he was appointed by the Lebanese President to become the first Honorary Consul of Lebanon for the New England states. He personally financed the consulate to serve the Lebanese American community and provide them with all their legal and administrative needs. He also promoted essential and vital causes including the right to citizenship for Lebanese emigrants and their descendants, the right to vote abroad, and the necessity for integrating the Lebanese community into the American society.

For Ibrahim, charity had no borders. He continued with his charitable efforts by offering financial help to the needy in the U.S. and Lebanon both directly or through charitable and religious organizations. This financial aid was supported by his personal trust and his family's funds.

He may be gone, but his memory will not fade and his legacy will be there forever.

CLASS OF 2021

8TH GRADE GRADUATES

Maria Topalian Graduated Voorhees Middle School and will be attending Freshman at Eastern High School

Anthony Labbad Graduated from Bala Cynwyd Middle School and will be attending Lower Merion High School

Reese Cherfane Graduated from Rosa International Middle School and will be attending High School East

Solaine Salloum Graduated from Saint Anthony of Padua School and will be attending Saints John Neumann and Maria Goretti Catholic High School

Jennifer Haifa Graduated from Saint Monica School and will be attending Saints John Neumann and Maria Goretti Catholic High School

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Summer Dib Graduated from John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls' High School and will be attending Temple University

John Paul Rai Graduated from Gloucester Catholic High School and will be attending Widener University

Deebeanna Semaan Graduated from Academy at Palumbo High School and will be attending Temple University

Lareine Zakharia Graduated from TimberCreek Regional High School and will be attending Drexel University

George Sawan Graduated from Academy at Palumbo High School and will be attending Temple University

Ricardo Baaklini Graduated from Glassboro High School and will be attending Rowan University

COLLEGE GRADUATES

Julia Stilwell Graduate from Temple University Bachelor degree in Psychology / Neuroscience





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May 2nd, 2021

Reverend Andrawos El Tabchi
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Dear Fr. Andrawos,

I have carefully reviewed the 2020 Annual Report with the accompanying documents. There are no findings or recommendations for your parish at this time.

Thank you for submitting your report in a timely manner and including all the financial reports requested by the Chancery.

Regards,

Ray Espinal
Eparchial Compliance Officer
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All Liturgical practices will be resumed on
June 27, 2021



Divine Liturgy

- The obligation for all to attend Divine Liturgy on Sunday and Holy Days of obligations will be reinstated



Holy Communion

- Holy Communion is to be given under both species, on the tongue
- Unless someone requests, for serious reasons, to receive on the hand



Masking

- Masks are optional
- Unless required by local law



Holy Water Fonts

- To be filled as normal



Live Streaming

- Will be discontinued

As of
August 15, 2021

Return to the normal
exchange of the
Greeting of Peace

Holy Communion in
the hand is eliminated

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28 May, 2021

Prot. No. 356/1/21
Cir. No. 21.16

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*

+ Gregory John Mansour

GJM/rb

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First Reading

5 Corinthians 11:21-30

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

Brothers and Sisters:

To my shame, I must say, we were too weak for that! But whatever anyone dares to boast of I am speaking as a fool I also dare to boast of that. Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they descendants of Abraham? So am I. Are they ministers of Christ? I am talking like a madman I am a better one: with far greater labors, far more imprisonments, with countless floggings, and often near death. Five times I have received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one. Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I received a stoning. Three times I was shipwrecked; for a night and a day I was adrift at sea; on frequent journeys, in danger from rivers, danger from bandits, danger from my own people, danger from Gentiles, danger in the city, danger in the wilderness, danger at sea, danger from false brothers and sisters; in toil and hardship, through many a sleepless night, hungry and thirsty, often without food, cold and naked. And, besides other things, I am under daily pressure because of my anxiety for all the churches. Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to stumble, and I am not indignant? If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness.

Praise be to God always.

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الثانية إلى أهل قورنتس

يا إخوتي، أقول وأخجل، كما لو كنا ضعفاء! وأقول كجاهل: إن كل ما يجزؤ عليه هؤلاء، أجرؤ عليه أنا أيضًا: أهما عبرانيون؟ أنا أيضًا عبراني! أهما إسرائيليون؟ أنا أيضًا إسرائيلي! أهما نسل إبراهيم؟ أنا أيضًا نسل إبراهيم! أهما خدام للمسيح؟ أقول كمن فقد صوابه: أنا أكثر! في الأتعاب أكثر! في السجون أكثر! في الضربات أكثر جدًا! في أخطار الموت أكثر بمرات كثيرة! تلقيت الجلد من اليهود خمس مرات، كل مرة أربعين جلدة إلا واحدة! ضربت بالعصي ثلاث مرات! رجمت مرة واحدة! أنكسرت بي السفينة ثلاث مرات! قضيت في عرض البحر ليلة ونهارًا! فمت بأسفار كثيرة، كنت في أخطار من الأنهار، أخطار من اللصوص، أخطار من أمتي، أخطار من الأمم، أخطار في المدينة، أخطار في الصحراء، أخطار في البحر، أخطار بين الإخوة الكذبة! عانيت التعب، والكد، والسهر مرات كثيرة، والجوع، والعطش، والصوم مرات كثيرة، والبرد، والعري! أضف إلى ذلك، ما علي من الأعباء كل يوم، والأهتام بجميع الكنائس! من يضعف ولا أضعف أنا؟ ومن يقع في الخطيئة ولا أحترق أنا؟ وإن كان لا بد من الأفتخار، فأنا أفتخر بأوهاني!

والتسبيح لله دائمًا.

Gospel Reading

Saint Matthew 16:13-20

The Apostle Writes:

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

مِنَ انْجِيلِ الْقَدِيسِ مَتَّى

جَاءَ يَسُوعُ إِلَى نَوَاحِي قَيْصَرِيَّةِ فَيْلِبُسَ فَسَأَلَ تَلَامِيذَهُ قَائِلًا: "مَنْ يَقُولُ النَّاسُ إِنِّي أَنَا ابْنُ الْإِنْسَانِ؟". فَقَالُوا: "بَعْضُهُمْ يَقُولُونَ: يُوحَنَّا الْمَعْمَدَانُ؛ وَآخَرُونَ: إِيْلِيَّا؛ وَغَيْرُهُمْ: إِرْمِيَا أَوْ أَحَدُ الْأَنْبِيَاءِ". قَالَ لَهُمْ: "وَأَنْتُمْ مَنْ تَقُولُونَ إِنِّي أَنَا؟". فَأَجَابَ سِمَعَانُ بَطْرُسُ وَقَالَ: أَنْتَ هُوَ الْمَسِيحُ ابْنُ اللَّهِ الْحَيِّ!". فَأَجَابَ يَسُوعُ وَقَالَ لَهُ: "طُوبَى لَكَ يَا سِمَعَانُ بَنَ يُونَا! لِأَنَّهُ لَا لَحْمَ وَلَا دَمَ أَظْهَرَ لَكَ ذَلِكَ، بَلْ أَبِي الَّذِي فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ. وَأَنَا أَيْضًا أَقُولُ لَكَ: أَنْتَ هُوَ بَطْرُسُ، أَيِ الصَّخْرَةِ، وَعَلَى هَذِهِ الصَّخْرَةِ سَأَبْنِي بَيْعَتِي، وَأَبْوَابُ الْجَحِيمِ لَنْ تَقْوَى عَلَيْهَا. سَأُعْطِيكَ مَفَاتِيحَ مَلَكُوتِ السَّمَاوَاتِ، فَكُلُّ مَا تَرْتَبُطُهُ عَلَى الْأَرْضِ يَكُونُ مَرْبُوطًا فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ، وَمَا تَحُلُّهُ عَلَى الْأَرْضِ يَكُونُ مَحْلُولًا فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ". حِينَئِذٍ أَوْصَى تَلَامِيذَهُ أَلَّا يَقُولُوا لِأَحَدٍ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْمَسِيحُ.

حَقًّا وَالْأَمَانُ لِكُلِّكُمْ.