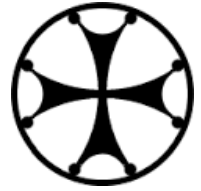




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## **Maronite Catholic Church**



**July 10-11, 2021**

# **EIGHTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST**



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### **United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Vote to Write a Document on the Meaning of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church**

*Statement of Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops*

June 21, 2021

"Last week, my brother bishops and I voted overwhelmingly to issue a teaching document on the beauty and power of the Eucharist. The doctrine committee of the bishops' conference will now begin drafting this document and, in the months ahead, the bishops will continue our prayer and discernment through a series of regional meetings and consultations. In November, the bishops will gather to discuss the document draft.

"The Eucharist is the heart of the Church and the heart of our lives as Catholics. In the Holy Eucharist, Jesus Christ himself draws near to each one of us personally and gathers us together as one family of God and one Body of Christ.

"As bishops, our desire is to deepen our people's awareness of this great mystery of faith, and to awaken their amazement at this divine gift, in which we have communion with the living God. That is our pastoral purpose in writing this document.

"I invite everyone in the Church to pray for the bishops as we continue our dialogues and reflections. I pray that this will be a time for all of us in the Church to reflect on our own faith and readiness to receive our Lord in the Holy Eucharist."

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## DIVINE LITURGIES

**Saturday, July 10, @ 6:00PM,** liturgy is offered for the soul of Ibrahim Hanna requested by St. Maron Office. May his soul rest in peace.

**Sunday, July 11, @ 11:00AM,** liturgy is offered for the soul of Minerva Labbad requested by Butrus and Tatonetti families. May her soul rest in peace.

**Saturday, July 17, @ 6:00PM,** liturgy is offered for the soul of Renee McGinley requested by family. May her soul rest in peace.

**Sunday, July 18, @ 11:00AM,** liturgy is offered as 40-Day memorial for the soul of Jamile Haddad requested by the family. May her soul rest in peace.

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\$2,000.00 was collected so far and forwarded to Lebanon.

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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.

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## 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

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As of  
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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*

+ Gregory John Mansour

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# Saint Maron

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July 10-11, 2021

### First Reading

#### Romans 8:1-11

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

Brothers and Sisters:

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

**Praise be to God always.**

#### فصل من رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل رومة

يا إخواني، إِذَا فَلَا حُكْمَ بِالْهَلَاكِ بَعْدَ الْآنَ عَلَى الَّذِينَ هُمْ فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ؛ لِأَنَّ شَرِيعَةَ رُوحِ الْحَيَاةِ فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ، قَدْ حَرَّرْتَنِي مِنْ شَرِيعَةِ الْخَطِيئَةِ وَالْمَوْتِ. فَإِنَّ مَا عَجَزَتْ عَنْهُ الشَّرِيعَةُ، وَقَدْ أضعَفَهَا الْجَسَدُ، أَنْجَزَهُ اللَّهُ، حِينَ أَرْسَلَ ابْنَهُ فِي جَسَدٍ يُشَبِّهُ جَسَدَ الْخَطِيئَةِ، تَكْفِيرًا لِلْخَطِيئَةِ، فَقَضَى فِي الْجَسَدِ عَلَى الْخَطِيئَةِ، لِكَيْ يَتِمَّ بِرُ الشَّرِيعَةِ فِيْنَا، نَحْنُ السَّالِكِينَ لَا بِحَسَبِ الْإِنْسَانِ الْجَسَدِيِّ بَلْ بِحَسَبِ الرُّوحِ؛ لِأَنَّ السَّالِكِينَ بِحَسَبِ الْإِنْسَانِ الْجَسَدِيِّ، يَرْغَبُونَ فِي مَا هُوَ لِلْجَسَدِ، وَالسَّالِكِينَ بِحَسَبِ الرُّوحِ يَرْغَبُونَ فِي مَا هُوَ لِلرُّوحِ. فَرَغْبَةُ الْجَسَدِ مَوْتٌ، أَمَّا رَغْبَةُ الرُّوحِ فَحَيَاةٌ وَسَلَامٌ. لِذَلِكَ فَرَغْبَةُ الْإِنْسَانِ الْجَسَدِيِّ عَدَاوَةٌ لِلَّهِ، لِأَنَّهَا لَا تَخْضَعُ لِشَرِيعَةِ اللَّهِ وَلَا تَسْتَطِيعُ ذَلِكَ. وَإِنَّ السَّالِكِينَ بِحَسَبِ الْإِنْسَانِ الْجَسَدِيِّ، لَا يَسْتَطِيعُونَ أَنْ يُرْضُوا اللَّهَ. أَمَّا أَنْتُمْ فَلَسْتُمْ أَنَاسًا جَسَدِيِّينَ بَلْ رُوحِيِّينَ، إِنْ كَانَ حَقًّا رُوحُ اللَّهِ سَاكِنًا فِيكُمْ. وَلَكِنْ مَنْ لَيْسَ لَهُ رُوحُ الْمَسِيحِ، لَيْسَ هُوَ لِلْمَسِيحِ. أَمَّا إِذَا كَانَ الْمَسِيحُ فِيكُمْ، فَبِرَغْمِ أَنَّ الْجَسَدَ مَيِّتٌ بِسَبَبِ الْخَطِيئَةِ، فَالرُّوحُ حَيَاةٌ لَكُمْ بِفَضْلِ الْبِرِّ. وَإِذَا كَانَ رُوحُ اللَّهِ الَّذِي أَقَامَ يَسُوعَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ سَاكِنًا فِيكُمْ، فَالَّذِي أَقَامَ الْمَسِيحَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ يُحْيِي أَيْضًا أَجْسَادَكُمْ الْمَائِتَةَ بِرُوحِهِ السَّاكِنِ فِيكُمْ.

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## Gospel Reading

### Saint Matthew 12:14-21

#### The Apostle Writes:

But the Pharisees went out and conspired against him, how to destroy him. When Jesus became aware of this, he departed. Many crowds followed him, and he cured all of them, and he ordered them not to make him known. This was to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah: 'Here is my servant, whom I have chosen, my beloved, with whom my soul is well pleased. I will put my Spirit upon him, and he will proclaim justice to the Gentiles. He will not wrangle or cry aloud, nor will anyone hear his voice in the streets. He will not break a bruised reed or quench a smoldering wick until he brings justice to victory. And in his name the Gentiles will hope.'

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

#### مِنْ إِنْجِيلِ الْقَدِيسِ مَتَّى

خَرَجَ الْفَرِيسِيُّونَ فَتَشَاوَرُوا عَلَى يَسُوعَ لِيُهْلِكُوهُ. وَعَلِمَ يَسُوعُ بِالْأَمْرِ فَأَنْصَرَفَ مِنْ هُنَاكَ. وَتَبِعَهُ كَثِيرُونَ فَشَفَاهُمْ جَمِيعًا، وَحَذَّرَهُمْ مِنْ أَنْ يُشْهِرُوهُ، لِيَتِمَّ مَا قِيلَ بِالنَّبِيِّ إِشَعْيَا: "هُوَذَا فَتَايَ الَّذِي اخْتَرْتُهُ، حَبِيبِي الَّذِي رَضِيتُ بِهِ نَفْسِي. سَأَجْعَلُ رُوحِي عَلَيْهِ فَيُبَشِّرُ الْأُمَمَ بِالْحَقِّ. لَنْ يُمَاجِكَ وَلَنْ يَصِيحَ، وَلَنْ يَسْمَعَ أَحَدٌ صَوْتَهُ فِي السَّاحَاتِ. قَصَبَةً مَرْضُوضَةً لَنْ يَكْسِرَ، وَفَتِيلَةً مُدَخَّنَةً لَنْ يُطْفِئَ، إِلَى أَنْ يَصِلَ بِالْحَقِّ إِلَى النَّصْرِ. وَبِاسْمِهِ تَجْعَلُ الْأُمَمُ رَجَاءَهَا."

**حَقًّا وَالْأَمَانُ لِكُلِّكُمْ.**