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## Maronite Catholic Church



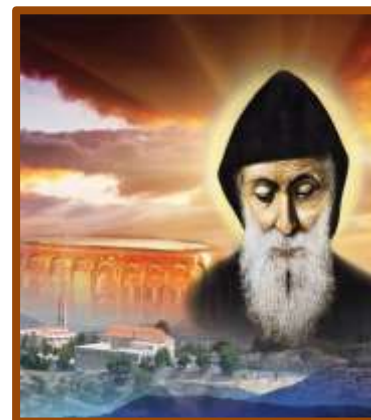
July 17-18, 2021

# NINTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST



## SAINTS OF THE WEEK

This week, the Maronite Church celebrates two Saints, whose lives serve as examples to us for living virtuously, despite different adversities that may come our way. On Saturday, July 17, we celebrate the feast of Saint Marina of Qannoubine. Saint Marina's life was incredibly unique, as she lived her most of her life under the guise of a man, a monk no less, in the Monastery of Qannoubine in the Holy Valley of



Qadisha. Marina was disguised as a man to join her father in the monastery, who left him following the death of his wife, Marina's mother. She was later accused of fathering a child. Instead of defending herself from the crime that she was being accused of, she, humbly, accepted the severe punishment that was pronounced against her by the Abbot: to leave the monastery and to raise the child. She spent the rest of her life living ascetically and looking after the child. Her identity as a woman was only revealed after her death. This same weekend, the Maronite Church celebrates the Divine Liturgy for Saint Sharbel this third Sunday in July, whose Feast Day is July 23rd. The great Saint from Annaya is known throughout the world for his powerful intercessions and countless miracles attributed to them. Like Marina, Sharbel lived a humble and pious life, which also included some torments by his peers. One such example was when one night, Saint Sharbel asked a worker at the monastery to refill the oil lamp that he was using. Although the worker filled it with water instead of oil, the lamp still gave light as usual and kept burning throughout the night. The worker wanted to play a prank on the Saint, perhaps mocking him for his desire to pray unceasingly, but God had other plans.

Both the Saint from Qannoubine and the Saint from Annaya serve as prime examples for us to grow in humility. How easy it would have been for St. Marina to defend herself against her accusers, with clear proof that she could not father a child since she was a woman. Instead, she decided to accept the punishment for the Glory of God. How easy it would have been for St. Sharbel to heed the requests of his peers to pray or fast less, but instead he persevered for the only acclamation he desired was that of God's. Often, the virtue of humility seems unattainable, almost too out of touch with reality. In our workplaces, families, schools, churches, societies, we tend to do what is best for our own individual situations, instead of paying mind to those around us. We are quick to defend our own names and legacies, instead of doing what is truly for the sake of the Greater. C. S. Lewis once explained that "humility is not thinking less of yourself, it's thinking of yourself less." How great of a world would we live in if, like St. Marina and St. Sharbel, we began to think less of ourselves and more about God and neighbor.

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## DIVINE LITURGIES

**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.

**Saturday, July 24, @ 6:00PM,** liturgy is offered for the soul of Maria Maspero requested by Ann Matter. May her soul rest in peace.

**Sunday, July 25, @ 11:00AM,** liturgy is offered for the soul of Francis, Mary and Siham Dib requested by family. May her soul rest in peace.

## WELCOME SEMINARIAN CHRISTIAN HBAITER

Christian Hbaiter is one of our seminarians studying to become a priest in the Maronite Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn. He was assigned to our parish for three weeks. We welcome him to our parish and pray that his time here will be enjoyable and spiritually rewarding. May God bless him keep him safe on his journey to priesthood. Please keep him and all our seminarians in your prayers.

## SANCTUARY CANDLES

The sanctuary candle is offered for Lebanon. The pearl of the middle east is struggling through economic collapse.

## 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, 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.

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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  
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Greeting of Peace

Holy Communion in  
the hand is eliminated

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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,

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July 17-18, 2021

### First Reading

#### 2 Corinthians 5:20-21, 6:1-10

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

Brothers and Sisters:

We are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, 'At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.' See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

**Praise be to God always.**

#### فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الثانية إلى أهل قورنثس

يا إِخْوَتِي، نَحْنُ سَفَرَاءُ الْمَسِيحِ، وَكَأَنَّ اللَّهَ نَفْسَهُ يَدْعُوكُمْ بِوِاسِطَتِنَا. فَتَسْأَلُكُمْ بِاسْمِ الْمَسِيحِ: تَصَالَحُوا مَعَ اللَّهِ! إِنَّ الَّذِي مَا عَرَفَ الْخَطِيئَةَ، جَعَلَهُ اللَّهُ خَطِيئَةً مِنْ أَجْلِنَا، لِنَصِيرَ نَحْنُ فِيهِ بَرَّ اللَّهِ. وَبِمَا أَنَّنَا مُعَاوِنُونَ لِلَّهِ، نُنَاشِدُكُمْ أَلَّا يَكُونَ قَبُولُكُمْ لِنِعْمَةِ اللَّهِ بِغَيْرِ فَائِدَةٍ؛ لِأَنَّهُ يَقُولُ: «فِي وَقْتِ الرِّضَى اسْتَجَبْتُكَ، وَفِي يَوْمِ الْخَلَاصِ أَعْنْتُكَ». فَهَا هُوَ الْآنَ وَقْتُ الرِّضَى، وَهَا هُوَ الْآنَ يَوْمُ الْخَلَاصِ. فَإِنَّا لَا نَجْعَلُ لِأَحَدٍ سَبَبَ زَلَّةٍ، لِنَلَّا يَلْحَقَ خِدْمَتَنَا أَيُّ لَوْمٍ. بَلْ نُظْهِرُ أَنْفُسَنَا فِي كُلِّ شَيْءٍ أَنَّنَا خُدَّامُ اللَّهِ، بِثَبَاتِنَا الْعَظِيمِ فِي الصِّيقَاتِ وَالشَّدَائِدِ وَالْمَشَقَّاتِ، فِي الضَّرَبَاتِ، وَالسُّجُونِ، وَالْفِتَنِ، وَالتَّعَبِ، وَالسَّهَرِ، وَالصَّوْمِ، وَبِالنَّزَاهَةِ، وَالْمَعْرِفَةِ، وَالْأَنَاءِ، وَاللُّطْفِ، وَالرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ، وَالْمَحَبَّةِ بِلا رِيَاءٍ، فِي كَلِمَةِ الْحَقِّ، وَقُوَّةِ اللَّهِ، بِسِلَاحِ الْبِرِّ فِي الْيَدَيْنِ الْيُمْنَى وَالْيُسْرَى، فِي الْمَجْدِ وَالْهَوَانِ، بِالصِّبَةِ الرَّدِيءِ وَالصِّبَةِ الْحَسَنِ. نُحْسَبُ كَأَنَّنَا مُضِلُّونَ وَنَحْنُ صَادِقُونَ! كَأَنَّنَا مَجْهُولُونَ وَنَحْنُ مَعْرُوفُونَ! كَأَنَّنَا مَائُتُونَ وَهَا نَحْنُ أَحْيَاءُ! كَأَنَّنَا مُعَاقِبُونَ وَنَحْنُ لَا نَمُوتُ! كَأَنَّنَا مَحْزُونُونَ وَنَحْنُ دَائِمًا فَرِحُونَ! كَأَنَّنَا فَقَرَاءُ وَنَحْنُ نُغْنِي الْكَثِيرِينَ! كَأَنَّنَا لَا شَيْءَ عِنْدَنَا، وَنَحْنُ نَمْلِكُ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ! وَالتَّسْبِيحُ لِلَّهِ دَائِمًا.

## Gospel Reading

### Saint Luke 4:14-21

#### The Apostle Writes:

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.' And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

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

#### مِنْ إِنْجِيلِ الْقَدِّيسِ لَوْقَا

عَادَ يَسُوعُ بِقُوَّةِ الرُّوحِ إِلَى الْجَلِيلِ، وَذَاعَ خَبْرُهُ فِي كُلِّ الْجَوَارِ. وَكَانَ يُعَلِّمُ فِي مَجَامِعِهِمْ، وَالْجَمِيعُ يُمَجِّدُونَهُ. وَجَاءَ يَسُوعُ إِلَى النَّاصِرَةِ، حَيْثُ نَشَأَ، وَدَخَلَ إِلَى الْمَجْمَعِ كَعَادَتِهِ يَوْمَ السَّبْتِ، وَقَامَ لِيَقْرَأَ. وَدَفَعَ إِلَيْهِ كِتَابُ النَّبِيِّ أَشْعِيَا. وَفَتَحَ يَسُوعُ الْكِتَابَ، فَوَجَدَ الْمَوْضِعَ الْمَكْتُوبَ فِيهِ: «رُوحُ الرَّبِّ عَلَيَّ، وَلِهَذَا مَسَحَنِي لِأُبَشِّرَ الْمَسَاكِينَ، وَأَرْسَلَنِي لِأُنَادِيَ بِإِطْلَاقِ الْأَسْرَى وَعَوْدَةِ الْبَصَرِ إِلَى الْعُمَيَّانِ، وَأُطْلِقَ الْمَقْهُورِينَ أَحْرَارًا، وَأُنَادِيَ بِسَنَةِ مَقْبُولَةٍ لَدَى الرَّبِّ». ثُمَّ طَوَى الْكِتَابَ، وَأَعَادَهُ إِلَى الْخَادِمِ، وَجَلَسَ. وَكَانَتْ عُيُونُ جَمِيعِ الَّذِينَ فِي الْمَجْمَعِ شَاخِصَةً إِلَيْهِ. فَبَدَأَ يَقُولُ لَهُمْ: «الْيَوْمَ تَمَّتْ هَذِهِ الْكِتَابَةُ الَّتِي تُلَيِّتُ عَلَى مَسَامِعِكُمْ».

**حَقًّا وَالْأَمَانُ لَكُمْ جَمِيعًا.**