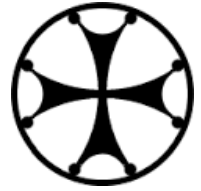




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July 24-25, 2021

TENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

REFLECTION

Did you know that no two individual giraffes have exactly the same spot pattern? No two zebras have the same stripes. This is much like human fingerprints. No two humans, even identical twins, have the same fingerprint. Every living creature is given a unique identity- something that will make them stand out from the rest of their kind. Often in today's society, the uniqueness of the individual is often left undiscovered or hidden away. This can be due to fear or the thought that we need to simply fit in. Though we live in a world that constantly expects us to conform, each one of us has our own unique talents. According to St. Paul, "We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us." (Rom. 12:6) These are



gifts given to us as Beloved children. When a gift is presented to someone, it is meant to be used, not thrown on a shelf somewhere or in a closet to collect dust. The gift-giver usually has put thought and effort into the gift search, hoping to find something that would especially be enjoyed or a perfect fit, a specific fit for the person on the receiving end. As Beloved children, our Heavenly Father gave each of us gifts that are a perfect fit for us, and no one else. He created us with full knowledge of who he wanted us to be, who he wanted us to be in this world. We have been made with our unique gifts so wonderfully and miraculously! (Ps. 139:14) How improper it would be to not put these gifts to use! It might seem easier to conform to those around us and keep our uniqueness hidden away, but our Lord was clear that as the Light of the world we cannot hide, rather we must let our light shine before others, that they may see our good deeds and glorify our Father in heaven. (Mt. 5:16) If only we each tried to focus on the beauty of our uniqueness, oh how we could set this world on fire with His light!

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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, 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.

Saturday, July 31, @ 6:00PM, liturgy is offered for the soul of Chiara Lombardi requested by Amalia Lombardi. May her soul rest in peace.

Sunday, August 1, @ 11:00AM, liturgy is offered as 40-Day memorial for the soul of Msgr. Sharbel Lischaa requested by the family. May his soul rest in peace.

SANCTUARY CANDLES

The sanctuary candle is burning for a special intention.

If you would like to offer the sanctuary candle in memory of your loved one or for a special intention, 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, 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

July 17-18, 2021

Sunday Collection	\$ 1,425.00
Coffee Hour	\$ 25.00
Memorial	\$ 355.00
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Total:	\$ 3,065.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 3,950.00
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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

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As of
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Return to the normal
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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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July 24-25, 2021

First Reading

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

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

Brothers and Sisters:

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Praise be to God always.

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الأولى إلى أهل قورنثس

يا إخوتي : أمّا في شأنِ المَوَاهِبِ الرُّوحِيَّةِ، أَيُّهَا الإِخْوَةُ، فلا أريدُ أَنْ تَكُونُوا جَاهِلِينَ. تَعْلَمُونَ أَنَّكُمْ، عِنْدَمَا كُنْتُمْ وَثَنِيِّينَ، كُنْتُمْ تَتَقَادُونَ مُنْجَرِفِينَ إِلَى الْأَوْثَانِ النُّكْمِ. لِذَلِكَ أُعْلِنُ لَكُمْ أَنَّهُ مَا مِنْ أَحَدٍ يَنْطِقُ بِرُوحِ اللَّهِ، وَيُمْكِنُهُ أَنْ يَقُولَ: «يَسُوعُ مَحْرُوم!»؛ وَلَا أَحَدٌ يَقْدِرُ أَنْ يَقُولَ: «يَسُوعُ رَبٌّ!» إِلَّا بِالرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ. إِنَّ الْمَوَاهِبَ الرُّوحِيَّةَ عَلَى أَنْوَاعٍ، لَكِنَّ الرُّوحَ وَاحِدَ؛ وَالخِدْمَ عَلَى أَنْوَاعٍ، لَكِنَّ الرَّبَّ وَاحِدَ؛ وَالْأَعْمَالَ الْقَدِيرَةَ عَلَى أَنْوَاعٍ، لَكِنَّ اللَّهَ وَاحِدَ، وَهُوَ يَعْمَلُ فِي الْجَمِيعِ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ. وَكُلُّ وَاحِدٍ يُعْطَى مَوْهَبَةً يَتَجَلَّى الرُّوحُ فِيهَا مِنْ أَجْلِ الْخَيْرِ الْعَامِ. فَوَاحِدٌ يُعْطَى بِالرُّوحِ كَلَامَ الْحِكْمَةِ، وَآخَرُ كَلَامَ الْمَعْرِفَةِ، وَقَفًا لِلرُّوحِ عَيْنِهِ؛ وَآخَرُ الْإِيمَانَ فِي الرُّوحِ عَيْنِهِ؛ وَآخَرُ مَوَاهِبِ الشِّفَاءِ فِي الرُّوحِ الْوَاحِدِ؛ وَآخَرُ الْأَعْمَالَ الْقَدِيرَةَ، وَآخَرُ النُّبُوءَةِ، وَآخَرُ تَمْيِيزِ الْأَرْوَاحِ، وَآخَرُ أَنْوَاعِ الْأَلْسُنِ، وَآخَرُ تَرْجَمَةِ الْأَلْسُنِ. كُلُّ هَذَا يَعْمَلُهُ الرُّوحُ الْوَاحِدُ عَيْنُهُ، مُوَزَّعًا لِكُلِّ وَاحِدٍ مَوَاهِبَهُ كَمَا يَشَاءُ.

والتسبيح لله دائماً.

Gospel Reading

Saint Matthew 12:22-32

The Apostle Writes:

Then they brought to him a demoniac who was blind and mute; and he cured him, so that the one who had been mute could speak and see. All the crowds were amazed and said, 'Can this be the Son of David?' But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, 'It is only by Beelzebul, the ruler of the demons, that this fellow casts out the demons.' He knew what they were thinking and said to them, 'Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and no city or house divided against itself will stand. If Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself; how then will his kingdom stand? If I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your own exorcists cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. But if it is by the Spirit of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come to you. Or how can one enter a strong man's house and plunder his property, without first tying up the strong man? Then indeed the house can be plundered. Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters. Therefore I tell you, people will be forgiven for every sin and blasphemy, but blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven. Whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come.

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

مِنْ إِنْجِيلِ الْقَدِّيسِ مَتَّى

حِينَئِذٍ قَدَّمُوا إِلَى يَسُوعَ مَمْسُوسًا أَعْمَى وَأَخْرَسَ، فَشَفَاهُ، حَتَّى تَكَلَّمَ وَأَبْصَرَ. فَدَهَشَ الْجُمُوعُ كُلُّهُمْ وَقَالُوا: «لَعَلَّ هَذَا هُوَ ابْنُ دَاوُدَ؟» وَسَمِعَ الْفَرِّيسِيُّونَ فَقَالُوا: «إِنَّ هَذَا الرَّجُلَ لَا يُخْرِجُ الشَّيَاطِينَ إِلَّا بِبِعْلِ زَبُولَ، رَئِيسِ الشَّيَاطِينِ.» وَعَلِمَ يَسُوعُ أَفْكَارَهُمْ فَقَالَ لَهُمْ: «كُلُّ مَمْلَكَةٍ تَنْقَسِمُ عَلَى نَفْسِهَا تَخْرُبُ، وَكُلُّ مَدِينَةٍ أَوْ بَيْتٍ يَنْقَسِمُ عَلَى نَفْسِهِ لَا يَثْبُتُ. فَإِنْ كَانَ الشَّيْطَانُ يُخْرِجُ الشَّيْطَانَ، يَكُونُ قَدْ أَنْقَسَمَ عَلَى نَفْسِهِ، فَكَيْفَ تَثْبُتُ مَمْلَكَتُهُ؟ وَإِنْ كُنْتُ أَنَا بِبِعْلِ زَبُولَ أُخْرِجُ الشَّيَاطِينَ، فَأَبْنَاؤُكُمْ بِمَنْ يُخْرِجُونَهُمْ؟ لِذَلِكَ فَهُمْ أَنْفُسُهُمْ سَيَحْكُمُونَ عَلَيْكُمْ. أَمَّا إِنْ كُنْتُ أَنَا بِرُوحِ اللَّهِ أُخْرِجُ الشَّيَاطِينَ، فَقَدْ وَافَاكُمْ مَلَكُوتُ اللَّهِ. أَمْ كَيْفَ يَقْدِرُ أَحَدٌ أَنْ يَدْخُلَ بَيْتَ الْقَوِيِّ وَيَنْهَبَ أَمْتِعَتَهُ، إِنْ لَمْ يَرْبِطِ الْقَوِيُّ أَوَّلًا، وَحِينَئِذٍ يَنْهَبُ بَيْتَهُ؟ مَنْ لَيْسَ مَعِيَ فَهُوَ عَلَيَّ. وَمَنْ لَا يَجْمَعُ مَعِيَ فَهُوَ يُبَدِّلُ. لِذَلِكَ أَقُولُ لَكُمْ: كُلُّ خَطِيئَةٍ سَتُغْفَرُ لِلنَّاسِ، وَكُلُّ تَجْدِيفٍ، أَمَّا التَّجْدِيفُ عَلَى الرُّوحِ فَلَنْ يُغْفَرَ. مَنْ قَالَ كَلِمَةً عَلَى ابْنِ الْإِنْسَانِ سَيُغْفَرُ لَهُ. أَمَّا مَنْ قَالَ عَلَى الرُّوحِ الْقُدْسِ فَلَنْ يُغْفَرَ لَهُ، لَا فِي هَذَا الدَّهْرِ، وَلَا فِي الْآتِي.

حَقًّا وَالْأَمَانُ لِكُلِّكُمْ.