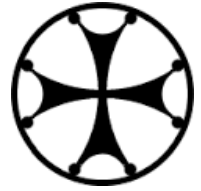




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July 31 – August 1, 2021

ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

REFLECTION

Have you ever seen a ship and thought about how much time it spends out at sea? In fact, a ship is usually only useful when out in the water, otherwise it isn't really doing what is designed to do. A ship spends more time out roaming the seas from destination to destination, than it does docked at port. It is not until a ship has completed its mission or fulfilled its use that it finds itself back at port. How



comparable this is to our spiritual lives! Actually, it is better to call it a spiritual journey. We often find our spiritual journeys taking many twists and turns, going through highs and lows. We may find ourselves at peace one week, only to confront our next big wave the following week. The peace is found at the port, when we are docked at the harbor. In our Maronite tradition and Syriac theology, this analogy is nothing foreign. The ship represents the Church, to who we belong, each and every one of us. The ocean waves represent the dark and often perilous journey that must be navigated through. The captain of the ship is Jesus Christ, the only One that knows the directions that need to be taken in order to ensure the ship reaches its final destination: the harbor. How does this relate to our own spiritual journeys? We most often are the captains of our own ships. How is that working out for us? As the days and weeks go by, the ocean waves can seem to get stronger and more violent. The navigation of our day to day lives can begin to feel helpless and misguided. Do we not desire the peace and safety of the harbor? Do we not desire to be led by the One who knows us better than we know ourselves- assuming we can get our pride low enough to acknowledge this point? The Psalmist David tells us, "In their distress they cried to the LORD, who brought them out of their peril; He hushed the storm to silence, the waves of the sea were stilled. They rejoiced that the sea grew calm, that God brought them to the harbor they longed for." (Ps. 107:30) Are we vulnerable enough to cry out to the Lord, asking him to silence the storm within us? Our final dock at the harbor won't be until the end of this age, but what is to stop us from seeking that same peace by the end of every day? In the end, it is a journey. Along every journey are many stops before reaching the final destination. Do we want to dictate where we want those stops to be or do we want the Captain of the ship to stop where He knows is most beneficial for us?

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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 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, (Feast of the 350 Martyrs) liturgy is offered as for the soul of Msgr. Sharbel Lischaa requested by family. May his soul rest in peace.

Saturday, August 7, @ 6:00PM, liturgy is offered for the soul of Peter Koway requested by Terri Koway. May his soul rest in peace.

Sunday, August 8, @ 11:00AM, (Transfiguration of Our Lord) liturgy is offered for the soul of Edward McGrody requested by the Akkari family. May his soul rest in peace.

SANCTUARY CANDLES

The sanctuary candle is burning for the soul of **Peter Koway** requested by Terri Koway. May his soul rest in peace.

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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every First Thursday of the month we will celebrate Divine Liturgy followed by Eucharistic Adoration.

This week we will offer our prayers for **the Victims of the Lebanese Port Blast**. May their souls rest in peace.

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 Peter Kassis, 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 24-25, 2021

Sunday Collection	\$ 1,094.00
Coffee Hour	\$ 15.00
Donation	\$ 50.00
Online	\$ 260.00
Total:	\$ 1,419.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 3,950.00
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Thursday, October 7, 2021

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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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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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First Reading

Ephesians 2:17-22

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

Brothers and Sisters:

Jesus came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

Praise be to God always.

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل أفسس

يا إِخْوَتِي، لَمَّا جَاءَ الْمَسِيحُ بِشَرِّكُمْ بِالسَّلَامِ أَنْتُمْ الْبَعِيدِينَ، وَبَشَّرَ بِالسَّلَامِ الْقَرِيبِينَ، لَأَنَّنا بِهِ نَلْنَا نَحْنُ الْاِثْنَيْنِ فِي رُوحٍ وَاحِدٍ الْوُصُولَ إِلَى الْآبِ. إِذَا فَلَسْتُمْ بَعْدُ غُرَبَاءَ وَلَا نُزَلَاءَ، بَلْ أَنْتُمْ أَهْلُ مَدِينَةِ الْقَدِيسِينَ وَأَهْلُ بَيْتِ اللَّهِ، بُنِيْتُمْ عَلَى أَسَاسِ الرُّسُلِ وَالْأَنْبِيَاءِ، وَالْمَسِيحُ يَسُوعُ نَفْسُهُ هُوَ حَجَرُ الزَّائِيَةِ. فِيهِ يَتِمَّاسُكُ الْبِنَاءُ كُلُّهُ، فَيَرْتَفِعُ هَيْكَلًا مُقَدَّسًا فِي الرَّبِّ، وَفِيهِ أَنْتُمْ أَيْضًا تُبْنَوْنَ مَعًا مَسْكِنًا لِلَّهِ فِي الرُّوحِ.
والتسبيح لله دائماً.

Gospel Reading

Saint Luke 19:1-10

The Apostle Writes:

He entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax-collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycomore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, 'Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today.' So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, 'He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.' Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, 'Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.' Then Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.'

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

مِنْ إِنْجِيلِ الْقَدِّيسِ لَوْقَا

خَلَّ يَسُوعُ أَرِيحَا وَبَدَأَ يَجْتَازُهَا، وَإِذَا رَجُلٌ أَسْمُهُ زَكَا، كَانَ رَئِيسًا لِلْعَشَارِينَ وَغَنِيًّا. وَكَانَ يَسْعَى لِيَرَى مَنْ هُوَ يَسُوعُ، فَلَمْ يَقْدِرْ بِسَبَبِ الْجَمْعِ لِأَنَّهُ كَانَ قَصِيرَ الْقَامَةِ. فَتَقَدَّمَ مُسْرِعًا وَتَسَلَّقَ جُمَيْرَةً لِكَيْ يَرَاهُ، لِأَنَّ يَسُوعَ كَانَ مُزْمِعًا أَنْ يَمُرَّ بِهَا. وَلَمَّا وَصَلَ يَسُوعُ إِلَى الْمَكَانِ، رَفَعَ نَظْرَهُ إِلَيْهِ وَقَالَ لَهُ: "يَا زَكَا، أَسْرِعْ وَانْزِلْ، فَعَلَيَّ أَنْ أَقِيمَ الْيَوْمَ فِي بَيْتِكَ". فَأَسْرَعَ وَنَزَلَ وَأَسْتَقْبَلَهُ فِي بَيْتِهِ مَسْرُورًا. وَرَأَى الْجَمِيعُ ذَلِكَ فَأَخَذُوا يَتَذَمَّرُونَ قَائِلِينَ: "دَخَلَ لِبَيْتِ عِنْدَ رَجُلٍ خَاطِئٍ". أَمَّا زَكَا فَوَقَفَ وَقَالَ لِلرَّبِّ: "يَا رَبِّ، هَا أَنَا أُعْطِي نِصْفَ مُقْتَنِيَّاتِي لِلْفُقَرَاءِ، وَإِنْ كُنْتُ قَدْ ظَلَمْتُ أَحَدًا بِشَيْءٍ، فَإِنِّي أَرُدُّ لَهُ أَرْبَعَةَ أَضْعَافٍ". فَقَالَ لَهُ يَسُوعُ: "الْيَوْمَ صَارَ الْخَلَاصُ لِهَذَا الْبَيْتِ، لِأَنَّ هَذَا الرَّجُلَ هُوَ أَيْضًا ابْنٌ لِإِبْرَاهِيمَ. فَإِنَّ ابْنَ الْإِنْسَانِ جَاءَ لِيَبْحَثَ عَنِ الضَّالِّينَ وَيُخَلِّصَهُمْ. حَقًّا وَالْأَمَانُ لِكُلِّكُمْ."