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Maronite Catholic Church



August 21-22, 2021

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

Saint Elizabeth of the Trinity (1880-1906)

A reflection for St. Elizabeth of the Trinity on
"Mary who sat beside the Lord at his feet listened to him speak."
during the Carmelite retreat:



So that nothing may draw me out of this beautiful silence within, I must always maintain the same dispositions, the same solitude, the same withdrawal, the same stripping of self! If my desires, my fears, my joys or my sorrows, if all the movements proceeding from these "four passions" are not perfectly directed to God, I will not be solitary: there will be noise within me. There must be peace, sleep of the powers, "the unity of being." "Listen, my daughter, lend your ear, forget your people and your father's house, and the

King will become enamored of your beauty." (Ps 44[45]:11-12)... To forget "your people" is difficult, I think, for this people is everything which is, so to speak, part of us: our feelings, our memories, our impressions, etc.... when the soul has made this break, when it is free from all that, the King is enamored of its beauty... The Creator, seeing the beautiful silence which reigns in His creature, and gazing on her wholly recollected in her interior solitude... leads her into this immense, infinite solitude, into this "spacious place" sung of by the prophet (Ps 17[18]:20), which is nothing else but Himself... "I will lead her into solitude and speak to her heart." (Hos 2:16) The soul has entered into this vast solitude in which God will make Himself heard I "His word," St. Paul says, "is living and active, and more penetrating than a two-edged sword: extending even to the division of soul and spirit, even of joints and marrow." (Heb 2:16) It is His word then that will directly achieve the work of stripping in the soul... But it is not enough just to listen to this word, we must keep it! (Jn 14:23) And it is in keeping it that the soul will be "sanctified in the truth," (Jn 17:17) and that is the desire of the Master... To the one who keeps His word has He not made this promise: "My Father will love him and we will come to him and make our home in him"? (Jn 14:23) It is the whole Trinity who dwells in the soul that loves Him in truth, that is, by keeping His word.

Carmelite Last Retreat, 10th – 11th Days (in The Complete Works, vol. 1; ICS Publications, 1984)

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Eparchial Update

Covid-19 Circular

from His Excellency Bishop Gregory Mansour



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Prot. No. 504/1/21
Circ. No. 21.21

Brother Priests, Deacons and Subdeacons, Consecrated Men and Women, Brothers and Sisters;

In my letter of 28 May 2021 (Prot. No. 356/1/21; Cir. No. 21.16), I reinstated the obligation for all to attend Divine Liturgy on Sunday and Holy Days of Obligations on the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, Sunday June 27, 2021, I also stated the following:

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.

Unfortunately, the new Delta variant of the Corona Virus is that “unforeseen” situation. Therefore, at this time we will retain the status quo, and the above-cited paragraph will not be implemented until further notice.

I thank the priests once again for their faithful service as true pastors during these difficult times.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ *Gregory*

+ Gregory

GJM/rb

DIVINE LITURGIES

Saturday, August 21, @ 6:00PM, liturgy is offered for a special intention.

Sunday, August 22, @ 11:00AM, liturgy is offered for the soul of Youssef Takfour requested by family. May his soul rest in peace.

Saturday, August 28, @ 6:00PM,

Sunday, August 29, @ 11:00AM, liturgy is offered for the soul of Solomon and Nahi Rai requested by Philip and Vivian Rai and family. May their souls rest in peace.

SANCTUARY CANDLES

The sanctuary candle is burning for a **special intention**. Requested by Subdeacon Christian Hbaiter.

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.

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

August 14-15, 2021

Sunday Collection	\$ 724.00
Coffee Hour	\$ 10.00
Online	\$ 610.00
Total:	\$ 1,344.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 3,950.00
Deficit	- \$ 2,606.00



Save the Date

Thursday, October 7, 2021

Join us for the

*Twelfth Annual Benefit Event for
The Eparchy of Saint Maron*

Details to follow

2021-2022 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Registration is Open!

We are excited to announce that the 2021-2022 registrations for our youth programs are now open!

We will be running three programs this year:

Sunday CCD, Junior MYO and MYO!

All registrations will be done online using the links below.

All programs kick-off in September.

This year, all our programs will be using a **Grade-system**, not **Age**, to align with the Eparchial standards.

We can't wait to have all our youth back!



[Click here to register your child for CCD](#)

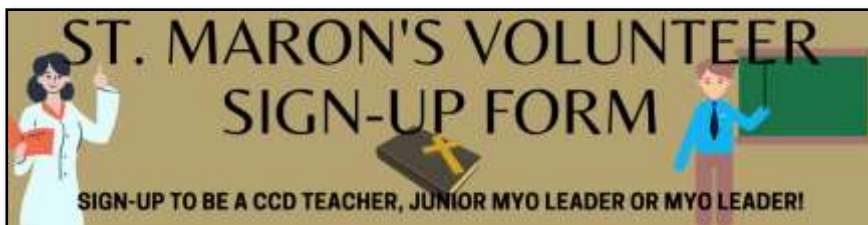


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We are also looking for dedicated parishioners that would volunteer to be a **CCD Teacher, Junior MYO Leader, or MYO Leader!**



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We thank you for your continued commitment to **YOUR** parish community and we cannot wait to get back to normal and seeing our parish family flourish as it always has.

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For more information on our initiative, visit our website

www.banktoschool.com or reach out on banktoschool@gmail.com

PRAYER CARDS

In an effort to promote vocations to priesthood, diaconate, married life, and generous single life, the Eparchy has sent us family prayer cards which you can find in the Church and in the Hall.

If you wish to receive the card by mail, please contact the Church Office at 215-389-2000 or office@saintmaron.org,

Let us all join together in prayer for all vocations, especially priesthood, married life, and parenting.

FAMILY PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

BEFORE AN ICON OR BEFORE A MEAL

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

O God, you desire that each of us
follow your invitation to holiness.
Stir up in the hearts of your people
the grace of a holy vocation.

Grant to us, through the prayer
of your Immaculate Mother, Mary,
and your foster father, Joseph,
the willingness and generosity to give
our time, talents, and our very lives
to the service of our Lord God and Savior,
Jesus Christ, and his Holy Church.

May men and women be inspired
to serve as faithful priests, brothers, sisters,
deacons, subdeacons,
holy married couples, parents and
generous single people.
May they share the truth and beauty
of our Catholic Faith,
so that all people
may know you better, love you more,
and serve you well.

O Lord our God to you be glory,
now and forever. Amen.

(Recite the Our Father, the Hail Mary and
the Glory Be together)

Prayer before Meals:

Bless us O Lord, and these thy gifts,
which we are about to receive, from thy
bounty, through Christ Our Lord. Amen

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Saturday September 11, 2021 from 12:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M.

Sunday September 12, 2021 from 1:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

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First Reading

1 Thessalonians 2:1-13

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

Brothers and Sisters:

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully maltreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us. You remember our labor and toil, brothers and sisters; we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. You are witnesses, and God also, how pure, upright, and blameless our conduct was towards you believers. As you know, we dealt with each one of you like a father with his children, urging and encouraging you and pleading that you should lead a life worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory. We also constantly give thanks to God for this, that when you received the word of God that you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word but as what it really is, God's word, which is also at work in you believers.

Praise be to God always.

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الأولى إلى أهل تسالونيقي

يا إخوتي، أنتم أنفسكم تعلمون، أيها الإخوة، أن دخولنا إليكم لم يكن باطلاً. ولكن، كما تعلمون، بعد أن تألمنا وشتمنا في فيليبي، تجرأنا بالهنا أن نكلمكم بإنجيل الله، في جهاد كثير. ولم يكن وعظنا عن ضلال، ولا عن نجاسة، ولا بمكر، بل كما اختبرنا الله فأمننا على الإنجيل، هكذا نتكلم، لا إرضاء للناس بل لله الذي يختبر قلوبنا. فإننا ولا مرة أتيناكم بكلمة تملق، كما تعلمون، ولا بدافع طمع، والله شاهد، ولا طلبنا مجداً من بشر، لا منكم ولا من غيركم، مع أننا قادرين أن نكون ذوي وقار، كرسول للمسيح، لكننا صرنا بينكم ذوي لطف، كمرضع تحتضن أولادها. وهكذا فإننا من شدة الحنين إليكم، نرتضي أن نعطيكم لا إنجيل الله وحسب، بل أنفسنا أيضاً، لأنكم صرتم لنا أحبباء. وإنكم تتذكرون، أيها الإخوة، تعبنا وكدنا: فلقد بشرناكم بإنجيل الله، ونحن نعمل ليل نهار، لئلا ننقل على أحد منكم. أنتم شهود، والله شاهد، كيف كنا معكم، أنتم المؤمنين، في نقاوة وبر وبغير لوم، نعامل كلاً منكم، كما تعلمون، معاملة الآب لأولاده. وكنا نناشدكم، ونشجعكم، ونحثكم على أن تسلكوا مسلكاً يليق بالله، الذي يدعوكم إلى ملكوته ومجده. لذلك نحن أيضاً نشكر الله بغير انقطاع، لأنكم لما تلقيتكم كلمة الله التي سمعتموها منا، قبلتموها لا بأنها كلمة بشر، بل بأنها حقاً كلمة الله. وإنها لفاعلة فيكم، أيها المؤمنون.

والتسبيح لله دائماً.

Gospel Reading

Saint Luke 10:38-42

The Apostle Writes:

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

مِنْ إِنْجِيلِ الْقَدِّيسِ لَوْقَا

فِيمَا (كَانَ يَسُوعُ وَتِلَامِيذُهُ) سَائِرِينَ، دَخَلَ يَسُوعُ إِحْدَى الْقُرَى، فَاسْتَقْبَلَتْهُ فِي بَيْتِهَا أَمْرَأَةٌ اسْمُهَا مَرْثَا. وَكَانَ لِمَرْثَا أُخْتُ تُدْعَى مَرْيَمَ. فَجَلَسَتْ عِنْدَ قَدَمَيِ الرَّبِّ تَسْمَعُ كَلَامَهُ. أَمَّا مَرْثَا فَكَانَتْ مُنْهَمِكَةً بِكَثْرَةِ الْخِدْمَةِ، فَجَاءَتْ وَقَالَتْ: "يَا رَبِّ، أَمَا تُبَالِي بَأَنَّ أُخْتِي تَرْكَنِي أَخْدُمُ وَحْدِي؟ فَقُلْ لَهَا أَنْ تُسَاعِدَنِي!". فَأَجَابَ الرَّبُّ وَقَالَ لَهَا: "مَرْثَا، مَرْثَا، إِنَّكَ تَهْتَمِينَ بِأُمُورٍ كَثِيرَةٍ، وَتَضْطَرِّينَ! إِنَّمَا الْمَطْلُوبُ وَاحِدٌ! فَمَرْيَمُ اخْتَارَتْ النَّصِيبَ الْأَفْضَلَ، وَلَنْ يُنْزَعَ مِنْهَا".

حَقًّا وَالْأَمَانُ لِكُلِّكُمْ.