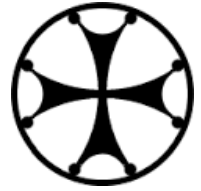




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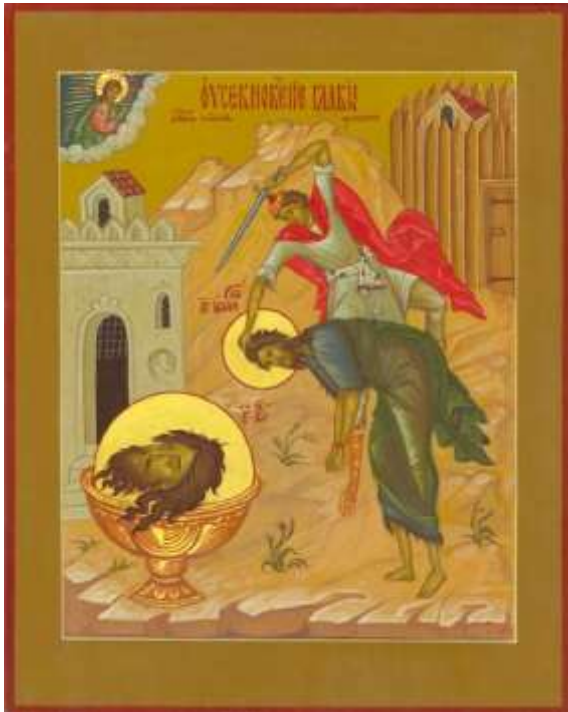
August 28-29, 2021

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

Saint Bede the Venerable (c.673-735)

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Forerunner in death as in life



The great forerunner of grace and messenger of truth, John the Baptist, Christ's shining torch, Now becomes the preacher of eternal Light. The prophetic witness that he never ceased to show In his message, life, and all his mighty works, Is signed today by the blood of his martyrdom. He always went before his Lord: In birth he declared his coming to the world; By his baptism of sinners in the Jordan He foretold the one by whom baptism would be instituted; And by shedding his blood for him with love, John the Baptist also experienced beforehand The death of Christ our Savior, who gave life to the world. A cruel tyrant may well conceal him in a prison, bound with irons, Yet in Christ such chains could never bind a man Whose heart in freedom opens to the Kingdom. How could the darkness and torments of a dungeon dim Gain mastery over one who

sees Christ's glory And receives from him the Holy Spirit's gifts? Willingly he gives his head to the executioner's sword; How could he lose his head Whose Head is Christ? Happy is he who wins today his forerunner's title By his departure from this world of ours. Today his death proclaims what he testified while living: Christ who comes and now is here. Could hell hold fast the messenger who escapes it? The just, the prophets and the martyrs are full of joy As they go with him to meet the Savior. All surround John with their praises and their love And, with him, beg Christ to come at last to those who are his own O great forerunner of the Redeemer, he delays no longer Who sets you free from death for evermore. Led by your Lord, Enter into glory with the saints!

Hymn for the Martyrdom of John the Baptist ; PL 94, 630

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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, 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.

Thursday, September 2, @ 6:00PM, *Divine Liturgy followed by Eucharistic Adoration.*

Saturday, September 4, @ 6:00PM,

Sunday, September 5, @ 11:00AM, liturgy is offered for the soul of Elias Antoun requested by Anthony Wehbe and family. May his soul rest in peace.

SANCTUARY CANDLES

The sanctuary candle is burning for **our Seminarians.**

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 at 6:00PM, we will celebrate Divine Liturgy followed by Eucharistic Adoration.

This month we will offer our prayers for vocations.

ELDERLY COMMUNION

If you wish to receive communion at home, please contact the Church Office at 215-389-2000.

ANNUAL BENEFIT FOR THE EPARCHY OF ST. MARON OF BROOKLYN

Each October, the Eparchy has a Benefit Dinner to raise funds for educating seminarians, expanding ministries, and supporting parishes and missions in need in the Eparchy. Also, 10% of the proceeds are given to help in Lebanon and the Middle East. This year's Benefit Event will be held by Zoom on Thursday, October 7, 2021 at 7:00pm Eastern Time, and will also honor the many dedicated people and organizations who are helping alleviate the suffering in Lebanon during these difficult times.

Please visit

<http://www.stmaron.org/eparchial-benefit>

to register and make a donation. Please support this important event – the Church needs your support this year more than ever. For more information, please email saintmaron@yahoo.com or call 718-237-9913. Thank you.

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.

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.

WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR August 21-22, 2021

Sunday Collection	\$ 1,079.00
Coffee Hour	\$ 10.00
Donations	\$ 200.00
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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](#)

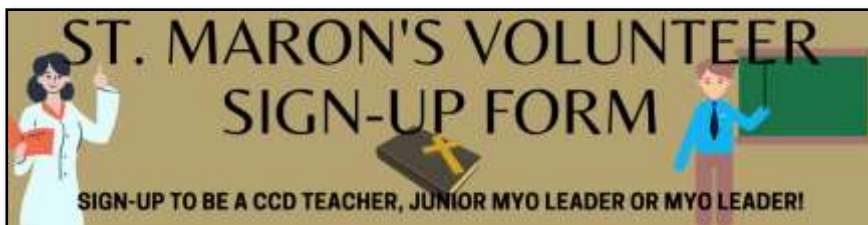


[Click here to register your child for JrMYO](#)



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

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



[Click here to Sign-Up](#)

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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We aim to double our donations for the 2021-2022 academic school year, i.e. more than 50,000\$ to financially support more than 1,000 students. We are counting on your generous donations to secure the schooling of our Lebanese youths.



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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ANNUAL LEBANESE FESTIVAL

Friday September 10, 2021 from 4:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M.

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 1:1-10

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

Brothers and Sisters:

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of people we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place where your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Praise be to God always.

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الأولى إلى أهل تسالونيقى

يا إِخْوَتِي : مِنْ بُولُسَ وَسِلْوَانُسَ وَطِيمُوثَاوُسَ إِلَى كَنِيسَةِ التَّسَالُونِيكِيِّينَ الَّتِي فِي اللَّهِ الْآبِ وَالرَّبِّ يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ: الْبَرَكَاتَةُ لَكُمْ وَالسَّلَامُ! نَشْكُرُ اللَّهَ دَائِمًا مِنْ أَجْلِكُمْ جَمِيعًا، وَنَذْكُرُكُمْ فِي صَلَوَاتِنَا بِغَيْرِ انْقِطَاعٍ. وَنَذْكُرُكُمْ فِي حَضْرَةِ إِلَهِنَا وَأَبِينَا عَمَلِ إِيمَانِكُمْ، وَتَعَبِ مَحَبَّتِكُمْ، وَثَبَاتِ رَجَائِكُمْ، كَمَا فِي رَبَّنَا يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ. وَنَعْلَمُ، أَيُّهَا الْإِخْوَةُ، أَحِبَّاءَ اللَّهِ، أَنَّ اللَّهَ اخْتَارَكُمْ؛ لِأَنَّ إِنْجِيلَنَا لَمْ يَصِرْ إِلَيْكُمْ بِالْكَلَامِ وَحَسَبَ، بَلْ أَيْضًا بِالْقُوَّةِ وَالرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ وَبِمِلَّةِ الْيَقِينِ، وَأَنْتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ كَيْفَ كُنَّا بَيْنَكُمْ مِنْ أَجْلِكُمْ. فَقَدْ صِرْتُمْ نَقْتَدُونَ بِنَا وَبِالرَّبِّ، إِذْ قَبَلْتُمْ الْكَلِمَةَ، فِي وَسْطِ ضَيْقَاتٍ كَثِيرَةٍ، بِفَرَحِ الرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ، حَتَّى صِرْتُمْ مِثَالًا لِجَمِيعِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ فِي مَقْدُونِيَّةٍ وَأَخَائِيَّةٍ؛ لِأَنَّهَا مِنْكُمْ ذَاعَتْ كَلِمَةُ الرَّبِّ، لَا فِي مَقْدُونِيَّةٍ وَأَخَائِيَّةٍ وَحَسَبَ، بَلْ فِي كُلِّ مَكَانٍ أَنْتَشَرَ إِيمَانُكُمْ بِاللَّهِ، حَتَّى لَمْ يَعْذُ بِنَا حَاجَةٌ إِلَى أَنْ نَقُولَ فِي ذَلِكَ شَيْئًا. فَهُمْ أَنْفُسُهُمْ يُخْبِرُونَ عَنَّا كَيْفَ كَانَ دُخُولُنَا إِلَيْكُمْ، وَكَيْفَ رَجَعْتُمْ عَنِ الْأَوْثَانِ إِلَى اللَّهِ، لِكَيْ تَعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ الْحَيَّ الْحَقَّ، وَتَنْتَظِرُوا مِنَ السَّمَاءِ ابْنَهُ، الَّذِي أَقَامَهُ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، يَسُوعَ، مُنْجِيَنَا مِنَ الْغَضَبِ الْآتِي.

والتسبيح لله دائماً.

Gospel Reading

Saint Luke 7:36-50

The Apostle Writes:

One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table. And a woman in the city, who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair. Then she continued kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment. Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, 'If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him that she is a sinner.' Jesus spoke up and said to him, 'Simon, I have something to say to you.' 'Teacher,' he replied, 'speak.' 'A certain creditor had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. When they could not pay, he cancelled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?' Simon answered, 'I suppose the one for whom he cancelled the greater debt.' And Jesus said to him, 'You have judged rightly.' Then turning towards the woman, he said to Simon, 'Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little.' Then he said to her, 'Your sins are forgiven.' But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, 'Who is this who even forgives sins?' And he said to the woman, 'Your faith has saved you; go in peace.'

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

مِنْ إِنْجِيلِ الْقَدِيسِ لَوْقَا

سَأَلَ وَاحِدٌ مِنَ الْفَرِيسِيِّينَ يَسُوعَ أَنْ يَتَنَاوَلَ الطَّعَامَ مَعَهُ، فَدَخَلَ بَيْتَ الْفَرِيسِيِّ وَأَتَكَ. وَإِذَا أَمْرَأَةً، وَهِيَ الَّتِي كَانَتْ فِي الْمَدِينَةِ خَاطِئَةً، عَلِمَتْ أَنَّ يَسُوعَ مُتَكِيٌّ فِي بَيْتِ الْفَرِيسِيِّ، فَجَاءَتْ تَحْمِلُ قَارُورَةَ طِيبٍ. وَوَقَفَتْ بَاكِئَةً وَرَاءَ يَسُوعَ، عِنْدَ قَدَمَيْهِ، وَبَدَأَتْ تَبْلُ قَدَمَيْهِ بِالذُّمُوعِ، وَتُشَفِّفُهُمَا بِشَعْرِ رَأْسِهَا، وَتُقَبِّلُ قَدَمَيْهِ، وَتَدْهِنُهُمَا بِالطِّيبِ. وَرَأَى الْفَرِيسِيُّ، الَّذِي دَعَا يَسُوعَ، مَا جَرَى، فَقَالَ فِي نَفْسِهِ: "لَوْ كَانَ هَذَا نَبِيًّا لَعَلِمَ أَيَّ أَمْرَأَةٍ هِيَ تِلْكَ الَّتِي تَلْمُسُهُ! إِنَّهَا خَاطِئَةٌ". فَأَجَابَ يَسُوعُ وَقَالَ لَهُ: "يَا سَمْعَانَ، عِنْدِي شَيْءٌ أَقُولُهُ لَكَ". قَالَ الْفَرِيسِيُّ: "قُلْ، يَا مُعَلِّمَ". قَالَ يَسُوعُ: "كَانَ لِدَانَيْنِ مَذْيُونَانِ، أَحَدُهُمَا مَذْيُونٌ بِخَمْسِمِئَةِ دِينَارٍ، وَالْآخَرُ بِخَمْسِينَ. وَإِذْ لَمْ يَكُنْ لِهَمَا مَا يُوفِيَانِ، سَامَحَهُمَا كُلِّيهِمَا. فَأَيُّهُمَا يَكُونُ أَكْثَرَ حُبًّا لَه؟". أَجَابَ سَمْعَانُ وَقَالَ: "أَظُنُّ، ذَلِكَ الَّذِي سَامَحَهُ بِالْأَكْثَرِ". فَقَالَ لَهُ يَسُوعُ: "حَكَمْتَ بِالصَّوَابِ". ثُمَّ أَلْتَقَتْ إِلَى الْمَرْأَةِ وَقَالَ لِسَمْعَانَ: "هَلْ تَرَى هَذِهِ الْمَرْأَةَ؟ أَنَا دَخَلْتُ بَيْتَكَ فَمَا سَكَبْتَ عَلَى قَدَمَيَّ مَاءً، أَمَا هِيَ فَقَدْ بَلَّتْ قَدَمَيَّ بِالذُّمُوعِ، وَنَشَفَتْهُمَا بِشَعْرِهَا. أَنْتَ لَمْ تُقَبِّلْنِي، أَمَا هِيَ فَمُنْذُ دَخَلْتُ لَمْ تَكْفَ عَنْ تُقَبِّلِ قَدَمَيَّ. أَنْتَ مَا دَهَنْتَ رَأْسِي بِزَيْتٍ، أَمَا هِيَ فَدَهَنْتَ بِالطِّيبِ قَدَمَيَّ. لِذَلِكَ أَقُولُ لَكَ: خَطَايَاهَا الْكَثِيرَةُ مَغْفُورَةٌ لَهَا، لِأَنَّهَا أَحَبَّتْ كَثِيرًا. أَمَا الَّذِي يُغْفَرُ لَهُ قَلِيلٌ فَحُبُّ قَلِيلًا". ثُمَّ قَالَ لِلْمَرْأَةِ: "مَغْفُورَةٌ لَكَ خَطَايَاكَ!". فَبَدَأَ الْمُتَكَبِّرُونَ مَعَهُ يَقُولُونَ فِي أَنْفُسِهِمْ: "مَنْ هُوَ هَذَا الَّذِي يُغْفِرُ الْخَطَايَا أَيْضًا؟". فَقَالَ يَسُوعُ لِلْمَرْأَةِ: "إِيمَانُكَ خَلَّصَكَ! إِذْهَبِي بِسَلَامٍ!".

حَقًّا وَالْأَمَانُ لِكُلِّكُمْ.