



# Saint Maron Maronite Catholic Church

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## WEEKLY BULLETIN - 04/16/2023

# Season of The Glorious Resurrection

### OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY – FRIDAY 10:30AM – 4:00PM

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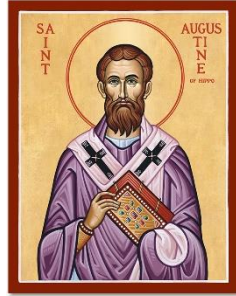
### **FESTIVAL BOARD MEMBERS MEETING**

**Monday, April 17, 2023 @ 6:30PM**

### **Bishop's Pastoral Visit**

**Sunday, May 7, 2023 @ 11:00AM**

## 2nd Sunday of the Resurrection New Sunday – Divine Mercy Sunday



### Saint Augustine (354-430) Bishop of Hippo (North Africa) and Doctor of the Church

Sermon 88

*"Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed"*

The disciples' weakness was so unsteady that, not content with seeing the risen Lord, they still wanted to touch him if they were to believe in him. It wasn't enough for them to see him with their eyes, they wanted to put out their hands to his limbs and touch the marks of his recent wounds. It was after he had touched and acknowledged his scars that the unbelieving disciple cried out: "My Lord and my God!" Those scars revealed the one who, where other people were concerned, healed every wound. Could the Lord not have risen without scars? Yet he saw within his disciples' hearts wounds that those scars he had preserved in his body would heal.

And what does the Lord answer that confession of faith of his disciple, who says: "My Lord and my God?" "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." Who is he talking about, my friends, if not of us? And not just of us but of those, too, who will follow us. For shortly afterwards, when he had disappeared from mortal sight so as to strengthen faith in the heart, all those who became believers believed without seeing and their faith had great merit. To acquire it they reached out to him, not a hand with which to touch him, but only a loving heart.

### **SUNDAY READINGS**

**First Reading**

2 Corinthians 5:11-21

**Gospel Reading**

John 20:26-31

### **SANCTUARY CANDLE**

The Sanctuary Candle is burning for  
Kevin and Sabrina BouNader

## DIVINE LITURGIES

**Saturday, April 15, @ 6:00PM,**  
liturgy is offered in memory of Jason Ballan. May his soul rest in peace  
**Sunday, April 16, @ 11:00AM,**  
liturgy is offered in memory of deceased Hanna, Rahil and Gabriel Mrad requested by Boutros and Ramona Semaan. May their souls rest in peace.

**Saturday, April 22, @ 6:00PM,**  
liturgy is offered for a special intention.  
**Sunday, April 23, @ 11:00AM,**  
liturgy is offered in memory of Azizeh Soof requested by Cheryl Jacobs Viscomi and sons. May her soul rest in peace.

## WEEKLY COLLECTION

April 8-9, 2023

Easter Collection	\$ 3,578.00
Fuel	\$ 60.00
Insurance	\$ 120.00
Holy Week	\$ 704.00
PayPal	\$ 425.00
Coffee Hour	\$ 13.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,900.00</b>

Rice Bowl	\$ 49.00
Holy Land	\$ 325.00

## BISHOP'S APPEAL

GOAL	\$ 3,500.00
Amount Received	\$ 2,320.00
Balance	\$ 1,180.00

## BAKE SALE

Income	\$ 4,286.52
Expenses	\$ 946.83
Net Profit	\$ 3,339.69

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### DABKE SIGN-UP

One of our festival traditions is the Dabke performance of our children. To keep this tradition alive, there will be a sign-up sheet in the Church Hall.



Practices will begin on Friday, April 14, 2023 at 6:00PM.

### FESTIVAL BOARD MEMBERS MEETING

In preparation for our Annual Festival, the Board Members will be meeting on **Monday, April 17, 2023 @ 6:30PM.** Please notify Fr. Andrawos whether you can join us or not.

### PASTORAL VISIT

His Excellency Bishop Gregory Mansour will celebrate Divine Liturgy on **Sunday, May 7, 2023 at 11:00AM** followed by a luncheon in the Hall.

### DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

If you are sick and homebound and wish to receive communion at home, please contact: the Church Office at 215-389-2000 or Fr. Andrawos at 978-241-2977.

### EPARCHIAL LOAN

Loan Principal and Interest Owed:  
\$ 57,125.00  
Total Amount Paid as of  
March 2023:  
\$ 35,375.00  
**Remaining Loan Balance:**  
**\$ 21,750.00**

## IN OUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers

Mary V. (Nelson) Scotti, Mike Deviney, Debbie Freedenberg, Allan Emilio Domingez, Rev. Subdeacon Dr. Mallard T. George, Landon Reid, Tamara Lewis, Michael Thomas, Barbara Impriano, Mary McKinney, Jessica McKinney, Angela McKinney, Skyla Simon, Peter Labaki, Nancy Murphy, Marentha Young-Heart, Allison Tretina, Stephanie Deviney, Angela Scorza Anderson, Robert Nigro, Thomas Jones, Raymond Fitzpatrick, Linda Yeckes, Frankie Olivieri, Richy Grande, Marie Eddis, Mia Andrilla, Natalie Ciancaglini, Ashley Iaconelli, Stephen Bressi, Elissar Ayoub, Joanne Simon-Turing, Suzanne Haney, Linda DiBernardo, Joan Speck, David Joseph Cook, Eddie Tayoun, Dennis Strelchuk, Gladys Dalcourt, Denise Furey, Mirta Ruiz, Rita Impo, Jade Kellam, Marion Thomas Branca, Francesca Impo, Lucy DiLuca, Laurent Chidiac, Tom Hart, John Hart, Fadi Jaber, Joseph Realdine, Lisa Alestra, John Nader, Joey Gdowick, Francis Joseph Kerns, Samer Chokeyr, Kathy Newman, Rita Arrigale, Maryann Bratton, Renee Sahar, Sister Nahida Al-Sawa, James Cordisio, Stacey Fuentes, 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 to everyone who worked hard for the Palm Sunday Brunch, the Bake Sale, the Good Friday Lenten Dinner and to all those who have generously donated for the events. You are a real blessing to the parish. May God bless you all and keep you safe.  
Fr. Andrawos

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR



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# 2023 ANNUAL LEBANESE FESTIVAL



**FRIDAY, JUNE 2**  
5pm - 11pm

**SATURDAY, JUNE 3**  
3pm - 11pm

**SUNDAY, JUNE 4**  
1pm - 9pm



April 2023						
Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
17	18	19	20 Hashweh 2:00PM	21 Kibbi 2:00PM	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 Grape Leaves 4:00PM	29	30

May 2023						
Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Hashweh 2:00PM	12 Kibbi 2:00PM	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 Kafta 1:00PM	24	25 Cookies 3:00PM	26 Mamoul 2:00PM	27	28
29	30	31 Chicken Kabob 3:00 PM	June 1 Festival Set Up / Preps 11:00 AM	June 2	June 2	June 4
				<b>Festival</b>	<b>Festival</b>	<b>Festival</b>

**Live Music**

**Dancing**



**Delicious Food**

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\$500  
\$250

**Come join us for our**

*Cinco De Buzco*

Hosted by: The Mad Hatters NYC  
& Lady Hatters  
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When: Friday, May 5, 2023  
Where: Saint Maron's 7013 Ellsworth St  
Phila. PA 19147

Time: Doors open at 6pm  
Pricing: \$30 for 10 Games  
\*We will also be running  
Specials & a JACKPOT!  
This event is BYOB and food

Venmo is preferred  
If 8-10 people and you  
would like to reserve a table  
PLEASE let us know  
\*First come, first serve

John Rivera

@johnrivera-110



venmo



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**FEAST OF  
OUR LADY OF LEBANON**

Sunday, May 7, 2023  
11:00 AM



**HIS EXCELLENCY  
GREGORY J. MANSOUR**

**PASTORAL VISIT**

Divine Liturgy  
followed by lunch  
in the Church Hall



Thank  
you



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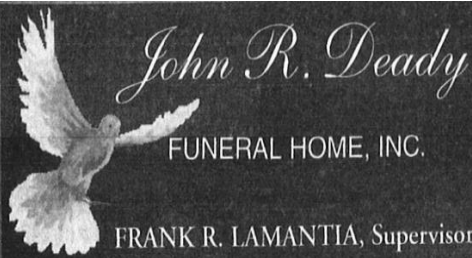
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# UPCOMING EVENTS



## Dabke Practices

Every Friday @ 6:00PM in the Church Hall



## First Holy Communion

Sunday, April 30, 2023 @ 11:00AM



## Cinco De Bingo

Friday, May 5, 2023 @ 6:00PM



## Pastoral Visit

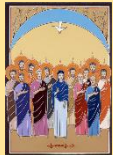
Feast of Our Lady of Lebanon

Sunday, May 7, 2023 @ 11:00AM



## Feast of the Ascension

Thursday, May 18, 2023 @ 7:00PM



## Pentecost Sunday

Sunday, May 28, 2023 @ 11:00AM



## Annual Festival

June 2-3-4, 2023



# Saint Maron

## Maronite Catholic Church



April 15-16, 2023

### First Reading

#### 2 Corinthians 5:11-21

**A reading from the Second Letter of Saint Paul to Corinthians. Your blessing father...**

Brothers and Sisters:

Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore, all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So, 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.

**Praise be to God always.**

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الثانية إلى أهل قورنتس

يا إخواني، بما أننا نعرف مخافة الرب، نحاول أن نقتنع الناس. ونحن معروفون لدى الله، ولكني أمل أن نكون معروفين أيضًا في ضمائركم. ولسنا نعود فنوصيكم بأنفسنا، بل نعطيكم فرصة للاقتحار بنا تجاه الذين يفتخرون بالمظهر لا بما في القلب. فإن كنا مجانين فله، وإن كنا عقلاء فلأجلكم؛ إن محبة المسيح تأسرتنا، لأننا أدركنا هذا، وهو أن واحدًا مات عن الجميع، فالجميع إذا ماثوا. لقد مات عن الجميع، لكي لا يحيا الأحياء من بعد لأنفسهم، بل للذي مات عنهم وقام من أجلهم. إذا فمئذ الآن نحن لا نعرف أحدًا معرفة بشرية، وإن كنا قد عرفنا المسيح معرفة بشرية، فالآن ما عدنا نعرفه كذلك. إذا، إن كان أحد في المسيح فهو خلق جديد: لقد زال القديم، وصار كل شيء جديدًا. وكل شيء هو من الله، الذي صالحنا مع نفسه بالمسيح، وأعطانا خدمة المصالحة؛ لأن الله صالح العالم مع نفسه بالمسيح، ولم يحاسب الناس على زلاتهم، وأودعنا كلمة المصالحة. إذا فنحن سفراء المسيح، وكأن الله نفسه يدعوكم بواسطةنا. فنسألكم باسم المسيح: تصالخوا مع الله! إن الذي ما عرف الخطيئة، جعله الله خطيئة من أجلنا، لنصير نحن فيه برًا لله. والتسبيح لله دائماً.

## Gospel Reading

Saint John 20:26-31

### The Apostle Writes:

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

### مِنَ انْجِيلِ الْقَدِيسِ يُوْحَنَّا

بَعْدَ ثَمَانِيَةِ أَيَّامٍ، كَانَ تَلَامِيذُ يَسُوعَ ثَانِيَةً فِي الْبَيْتِ، وَتُومًا مَعَهُمْ. جَاءَ يَسُوعُ، وَالْأَبْوَابُ مُغْلَقَةً، فَوَقَفَ فِي الْوَسْطِ وَقَالَ: "السَّلَامُ لَكُمْ!". ثُمَّ قَالَ لِتُومًا: "هَاتِ إِصْبَعَكَ إِلَى هُنَا، وَأَنْظُرْ يَدَيَّ. وَهَاتِ يَدَكَ، وَضَعَهَا فِي جَنْبِي. وَلَا تَكُنْ غَيْرَ مُؤْمِنٍ بَلْ كُنْ مُؤْمِنًا!". أَجَابَ تُومًا وَقَالَ لَهُ: "رَبِّي وَالْهِي!". قَالَ لَهُ يَسُوعُ: "لَأَنَّكَ رَأَيْتَنِي آمَنْتَ؟ طُوبَى لِمَنْ لَمْ يَرَوْا وَآمَنُوا!". وَصَنَعَ يَسُوعُ أَمَامَ تَلَامِيذِهِ آيَاتٍ أُخْرَى كَثِيرَةً لَمْ تُدَوَّنْ فِي هَذَا الْكِتَابِ. وَإِنَّمَا دُوِّنَتْ هَذِهِ لِكَيْ تُؤْمِنُوا أَنَّ يَسُوعَ هُوَ الْمَسِيحُ ابْنُ اللَّهِ، وَلِكَيْ تَكُونَ لَكُمْ، إِذَا آمَنْتُمْ، الْحَيَاةَ بِأَسْمِهِ.

**حَقًّا وَالْأَمَانَ لَجَمِيعِكُمْ.**